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Changes In 1948 Auto License Tags And Fees In Effect

This Year N. C. Motorists Will Again Display Two Tags

When car owners go to buy their 1948 license plates, they will find that "there've been some changes made."

For the first time since 1942, next year's motorist will be able to sport two license tags—one on the front and one on the rear of his vehicle. He will also find that there has been a change in license plate rates.

Instead of a different rate for every passenger car of different weight as in the past, the new license fee law, passed by the 1947 General Assembly, fixes three basic figures—\$10, \$12 and \$15 for private passenger vehicles—and a flat \$60 fee for taxicabs and other service and "for hire" passenger vehicles.

These new rates mean that the plates for many light or low-priced automobiles will cost a few cents more than in the past, while those for the heavier, higher priced vehicles in most instances will be slightly less.

Into the \$15 bracket fall Cadillacs, Lincolns and buses and hearses of all makes. Also included are Checker Cab, Duesenberg, Pierce Arrow, Rolls Royce, Stevens Duryea and Yellow Cab, all of which are no longer manufactured.

In the \$12 fee bracket are the Buick, Chrysler, Lincoln Zephyr, Packard and several makes which are no longer manufactured, chief of which are LaSalle, Graham Paige, Franklin, Hupmobile and Reo.

Into the \$10 bracket fall all other makes—the Fords, Chevrolts, Plymouths, Dodges and Studebakers.

The new rates tend to put all makes of cars on a flat fee basis, and will greatly simplify licensing procedures for both motorists and licensing officials.

Col. L. C. Rosser, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, said that all registration cards for 1948 will be mailed by December 1 to the State's 877,563 vehicle owners. He urged motorists to "hold on to them, for you cannot get your 1948 plates without presenting that registration card." The card is of double importance next year, because all motorists must present it when they submit their vehicles to the State's mechanical inspection lanes. No vehicle can be inspected until the owner has first presented his registration certificate.

Col. Rosser asked motorists who do not receive cards within a reasonable length of time, or by the fifth of December, to get in touch with the Department of Motor Vehicles, giving a description of the car along with its motor number.

The 1948 license plates will have orange letters on a black background. They have been manufactured by the inmates of Central Prison and have already been distributed throughout the State to the branch offices, where they will go on sale December 1. Col. Rosser urged all motorists to get their tags early to avoid congestion, and added that persons caught driving on old tags after January 31 will be subject to indictment.

County Boards To Meet On Monday

Both the County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education will hold meetings next Monday, December 1. Several important matters will be up for discussion in both meetings.

In addition to routine fiscal affairs, the County Commissioners will also appoint list takers for the task of listing property for taxes during January.

The Board of Education, no doubt, will make a decision regarding a lease on Memorial Field to the Norfolk Baseball Club, which desires to return to Hertford for spring training next March. Officials of the Norfolk Club have already expressed themselves as favoring a training camp in Hertford providing the field can be leased for the purpose.

District Meeting Of Methodists December 2

A district set-up meeting of the ministers and laymen of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church will be held at the Hertford Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 2. The meeting will open at 10 A. M. and a program of work for the ministers and laymen for 1948 will be mapped out.

Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the local church.

Methodist Bazaar Next Thursday Evening

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Hertford Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken salad supper and bazaar at the local church Thursday, December 4, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. C. O. Fowler, president of the group. The public is cordially invited.

Members of the WSCS planning to donate gifts for the country store to be conducted in connection with the bazaar are urged to label gifts "country store" and place same in the Beginners' Room of the church on the morning of December 4th.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Secretary of State George Marshall, in London for a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers, has been advised, it was reported this week, to seek a quick showdown with Russia on the questions of peace treaties for Germany and Austria. Mr. Marshall's advisors urge that in the event the meeting appears headed for a stalemate he (Marshall) should seek a long adjournment. Observers have little hope of the London meeting accomplishing anything toward a peace treaty, and believe it will be the last unified meeting of the foreign ministers in an attempt to write the peace for the former Axis allies.

An announcement was made this week that Canada, seeking to halt advancing food prices, has restored price control on many items of fruits and vegetables. Meanwhile, in the United States Congressional committees are still pondering the program advanced by President Truman for halting mounting prices in this country. Grain prices, on American markets, reached a new high on Monday and increased prices were noted on some meats.

Reports from Washington indicated that Congress will approve President Truman's program of aid for Europe with quick action, probably scheduled in giving aid to France, Italy and Austria. The measure is reported favored in the Senate but may strike some opposition in the House.

France had a new government this week, headed by Robert Schuman, who formed a coalition cabinet following elections recently which saw the Communists lose some of its following. Riots in several French cities have been quelled and order is reported restored in most of the country.

Tax reduction is being considered again by the Ways and Means Committee and a fight is expected to develop as Republican leaders attempt to drive through a measure calling for general reduction on all income taxes. Administration officials still oppose any reduction pending the determination of the costs of aid to Europe.

Basketball Season Opens December 9th

Perquimans High School, closing its football season this week, will swing into basketball practice next week in preparation for the opening of the playing season on December 9. It was reported this week by E. C. Woodard, principal, who is also president of the Albemarle Rural Conference, in which the Indians and Squares will play.

The Indians will meet Hobbsville in the opening game of the season, the game to be played on the local court.

The girls' team has been practicing for the past two weeks under the coaching of Miss Faye Jessup. The boys' squad will begin practice sessions next week under Coach Joe Levinson.

Girl Scouts Donate Food Basket To Needy

Members of the Hertford Troop of Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon and prepared food baskets which were given as Thanksgiving presents to two needy families of the county, it was announced today by Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Troop Supervisor.

The girls collected the food items which went into the baskets and made up the attractive looking gifts during the meeting hour this week.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL

Members of the Hertford Fire Department were called to the home of Mrs. E. A. Byrum Tuesday morning to extinguish a fire caused by a defective chimney. Considerable damage from smoke and water was reported. The firemen quickly extinguished the blaze.

Indians Close Grid Season With Game At Scotland Neck

Perquimans Wins Non-Conference Game at Franklin 13-0

Coach Joe Levinson's Perquimans Indians football squad closes the 1947 season this week with a conference game at Scotland Neck on Thursday. The local team is reported in good shape for the contest with the Scotland Neck boys, and the Indians are hopeful of adding another conference victory to their belt.

The Indians marked up their sixth victory of the season last Friday night at the expense of the Franklin, Virginia, outfit, the final score being 13-0 for Perquimans. Both touchdowns scored by Perquimans came through pass interceptions. The Indians marched down the field on numerous occasions, chalking up a large number of first downs, but a determined Franklin defense halted the Perquimans drive short of the goal line. Robert Evans, Indian center, tallied the first touchdown for Perquimans when he intercepted a Franklin pass and raced about 30 yards for six points. This score came in the third quarter, both teams failing to score during the first half. Later, in the fourth and final quarter, Pitt, Indian end, intercepted a Franklin pass and ran 35 yards for the second and final score made by the Indians.

The offense of the Franklin team was no match for the Perquimans defense and Franklin failed to carry the ball into the Indian territory but one time during the entire game. They moved down to the 45-yard line on one occasion but the Indians halted the drive and that ended the Franklin threat to score.

Coach Levinson is pointing his players for the game this week despite the fact that Scotland Neck has been among the weaker teams in the Conference this season. A win over Scotland Neck will give Perquimans a firm grasp on second place in the conference and there is a possibility the Indians can end up in a tie for the first place spot.

Christmas Seal Sale Begins This Week

The annual Tuberculosis Seal campaign for Perquimans County got under way here this week, according to Mrs. C. A. Davenport, chairman of the drive, and will terminate on Christmas day. The goal of the county is approximately the same as last year and the committee is hopeful of oversubscribing this amount.

Mrs. Davenport stated that hundreds of letters were mailed out this week to residents who will be asked to keep the seals enclosed and send \$2.00 to her in the enclosed envelope. If the recipient does not wish to donate, she said, he is asked to return the stamps to the chairman.

Perquimans school children will also be asked to cooperate in the drive again this year, and they will be requested to report all funds to the committee by the day the Christmas holidays begin.

Of the money received through the drive, 75 per cent will be retained in Perquimans County to aid in carrying out the TB work here. Twenty per cent will be retained by the State office and the remainder will be forwarded to national headquarters of the Tuberculosis Association.

PTA Commended For Work On Music Plan

Members of the Hertford PTA have received a letter from Edgar J. Hill, former director of the Hertford USO, commending the PTA on the work of securing a public school music instructor for the local schools.

Mr. Hill wrote, "My congratulations to the PTA for keeping the desire for a music teacher alive through the months. I know you are pleased to have achieved the goal."

The goal was achieved recently when the Board of Education secured Mrs. G. W. Hopkins to serve as part time music instructor at the schools in Perquimans County. The project was one long sought, by members of the PTA.

Robert Humber Guest Speaker Last Sunday

Robert L. Humber, prominent Baptist leader of Greenville, was the guest speaker at the Hertford Baptist Church at both the morning and evening services last Sunday. Mr. Humber filled the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. W. Duling.

Hunter Found Not Guilty Of Using An Unplugged Gun

Eight Cases Disposed of By Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

A verdict of not guilty was returned by Judge Charles E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning in the case of the State versus Jack Hoffer, who was charged with hunting with an unplugged gun. The warrant was drawn by Game Protector Evans, who testified he cited the youth into court after having examined Hoffer's gun and found three shells in the gun, but failed to locate a plug. Evans testified that Hoffer said he was hunting, but this was denied by the defendant, who stated he was on his way hunting. A second State's witness testified that the youth could not have been hunting at the time he was cited into court. Considerable time was taken up in hearing this case and Judge Johnson announced, in rendering the verdict, he desired the public to understand that it has been the practice of the court and would continue to be, to give the defendant in such cases the benefit of doubt and verdicts would be rendered on that basis.

Other cases heard at the session Tuesday included those of H. H. Hayes, who paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding.

Court costs were assessed against the prosecuting witness, Emma Mae Felton, Negro, in the case charging Bessie Ferebee, Negro, with trespass.

Joe Brower, Jr., was fined \$25 on a charge of reckless driving, \$250 of the amount being ordered paid to the Hertford Livestock & Supply Company for damages Brower did to one of the trucks owned by the company in a collision last Friday night.

Cedric Moore was taxed with the costs of court after submitting to a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign.

J. H. Stallings paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court after pleading guilty to driving with insufficient brakes.

David Jones, charged with speeding, submitted and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Hayward Davenport paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Winslow Rites Held Wednesday P. M.

Funeral services for John Franklin Winslow, 63, who died at his home near Hertford Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. Winslow, a prominent farmer and lumber man, was a lifelong resident of the county. He was a member of the Anderson Methodist Church and of the Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M. He was the son of the late John and Martha Caroline Winslow.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Copeland Winslow, four sons, Harry W. Howard and John N. Winslow, all of Hertford, and C. T. Winslow of St. Brides, Va., two daughters, Mrs. S. F. Harrell of Princess Anne, Va., and Mrs. J. C. Day of Norfolk; two brothers, E. L. and L. H. Winslow, both of South Mills, one sister, Mrs. J. D. Rogerson, of Hertford.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Farm Meeting Called For Next Tuesday

I. C. Yagel, County Agent, today reminded farmers and local business men of the important meeting scheduled for the Agriculture Building next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Extension Service leaders will be present for a round table discussion on farm problems to be faced during 1948. The reduction of allotments of acres for tobacco and peanuts will be among the problems discussed. The public is urged to attend this meeting.

Supper And Bazaar Scheduled Tuesday

Ladies of the Winfall Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken salad supper and bazaar at Holly Cafe in Winfall next Tuesday evening, beginning at five o'clock, it was announced today.

Proceeds from the event will go into the church fund. The public is cordially invited.

TRIPLE A OFFICE COMPLETES PLANS FOR PEANUT REFERENDUM ON DECEMBER 9th

Care Packages Given By Grammar School

The students and teachers of Perquimans County Central Grammar School recently donated \$90 for the purchase of Care packages to be distributed in Fano, Italy, a city where J. P. Snipes, principal of the school, was stationed during the war.

Care is a non-profit organization which distributes relief packages in Europe. Authorities recognize Care as one of the most reliable agencies of its kind. Any individual or organization desiring information about how Care works may obtain it by writing to Care, 50 Broad Street, New York 4-N. Y.

Funeral Services For Henry Bond Held Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Henry Alexander Bond, 33, who died November 17 in San Francisco, California, of a heart attack, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford by the Rev. E. L. Wells of Edenton, assisted at the graveside in Edenton by the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton.

Bond was a son of Harry T. Bond of Hertford, and Mrs. John Moran of Washington, D. C. He was a graduate of the Perquimans County High School, where he gained attention as a football player, and later played for Wake Forest College while a student there. He also was a student at the Norfolk Division of the College of William and Mary.

He served six years during World War II in the Pacific Theatre with the United States Coast Guard, and received his honorable discharge November 14 after completing a trip to Honolulu, and was taken by death three days following his discharge from service.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Burke Bond; his father, Harry T. Bond of Hertford, and his mother, Mrs. John Moran of Washington, D. C.; a brother, Walter T. Bond of New York, and several aunts and uncles.

Bond was dressed in uniform of the United States Coast Guard. His casket was draped with an American flag.

During the services at the Lynch Funeral Home the choir from the Hertford Baptist Church sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Face to Face." The choir was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. H. W. Lynch.

Active pallbearers were W. F. Ainsley, Julian Blanchard White, Noah Felton, Phillip Thatch, Hazel Matthews and Atwood Lassiter.

Honorary pallbearers were Cecil Jenkins, Fletcher Spruill, Frank W. Gregory, Jr., J. P. Tinkham, Jimmy Long, Ralph Green, Charlie Wood and Dick Hines.

Yagel Advises Farmers On Fire Protection

The onset of winter increases fire hazards by more than a third, County Agent I. C. Yagel warned this week. "Winter means heated homes and barns and also an increase in fire hazards—a 34 per cent increase. Cracked chimneys, corroded flues, defective furnaces and improperly discarded hot ashes are the villains. Make sure that your heating plant is in good working condition," advised Mr. Yagel.

An annual farm fire loss of over \$90,000,000 is more than any country can afford—especially during the present food crisis," Mr. Yagel declares.

"Fire prevention on the farm is only half the job for complete fire safety. A farmer must make provisions to protect his farm if he wants to keep it. He must take the time to instruct his family and his farm hands in the use of fire-fighting equipment. A farmer must see to it that a sufficient number of approved fire extinguishers are on his property and that they are placed in strategic locations."

County Agent Yagel reminded all farmers that the first five minutes of a fire are the most important. "You can do more to control a fire in the first five minutes than can be done in the next five hours. Fight that fire the minute you discover it."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott announce the birth of a daughter, born Wednesday, November 19, at the Medical Center, Elizabeth City. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely and are expected home this week.

Polling Places Open From 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.; Delegates and Committeemen to Be Elected

Perquimans County Triple A officials are completing plans for the peanut referendum set for December 9, it was revealed today by W. E. White, secretary of the local committee. Polling places for the referendum will be announced next week.

Mr. White stated that allotments for 1948 have been mailed to peanut growers and these allotments were based upon figures arrived at from acres produced in 1944, 1945 and 1946. The total allotment for Perquimans County is 7,300 acres. The 1942 allotment was 7,778 acres.

In connection with the peanut referendum vote, Mr. White also added, selection of delegates to the county convention and community committeemen will be made at the same time peanut producers vote on the allotment question.

Producers are being urged to vote in the referendum regardless of their position or opinion regarding the allotments. The local committee is urging all farmers to cast ballots one way or the other, in order that government officials will know definitely the stand the majority of the producers desire.

The polls will be open from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M. with all persons engaged in the production of peanuts in 1947 eligible to cast votes in the referendum. The eligibility list of rules for the voting states that "any person who as owner (other than a landlord of a standing-rent or fixed-rent tenant), tenant or sharecropper shares in the proceeds of peanuts produced in 1947 on a farm on which the acreage of peanuts picked or threshed is more than one acre, is considered as engaged in the production of peanuts in 1947" and is, therefore, eligible to vote.

If the referendum is carried by a two-thirds majority marketing quotas will be placed upon all peanuts grown in the years 1948, 1949 and 1950.

Only one member of each family is allowed to participate in the election and all voters must cast their ballots in the community section in which he resides. There will be no voting by mail, proxy or agent.

Community committeemen will serve as poll-holders and will be chosen later.

New Pastors Start Duties In County

The Rev. D. L. Fouts, new pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, arrived here last week and assumed his duties as minister to the church, preaching his first sermon last Sunday. Mr. Fouts came here from Weldon, where he occupied that position for the past four years.

He succeeded the Rev. B. C. Reavis, who was minister at the local church for five years and has now been assigned the Fifth Avenue Church at Wilmington.

The Rev. E. B. Edwards, who replaced the Rev. J. D. Stott in the churches of the Perquimans charge, also began his duties as minister to those churches on Sunday.

Program Announced For Dance Revue

The program for the dance revue scheduled at the Hertford Grammar School on the night of December 5, was announced today as follows: Tap dancing by Caroline Warren, Betty Smith, Mary Upton, Mary Ann Eller, Marilyn Holt, Sortins Boys, Betty Lee Smith, Pat Stewart, Ann, Betty Harford and Mary Ann and June; toe dancing by June Inman and Mary Upton; Spicden by Dixie, Pat and Betty; Rhumba, Marilyn Holt; Russian, Margaret Broeher; Strut, Sortin Boys; Hula Dixie Galleys; Riff-Rhyme, Mary, Anne and Betty. Acrobatic, Marilyn and Pat Stewart Holt; Strut Toe, Dixie; Top Hat by Anna and Mary Elizabeth.

VFW Sponsoring Dance Thanksgiving Night

Members of the Perquimans Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored another public dance at their Post club room on Thanksgiving night.

The series of dances sponsored by the local VFW Post have been well attended and added to the social activities of the community.