

4,973 Drivers Fail To Secure Renewal License In February

Nineteen percent of drivers applying for licenses to drive during February failed to pass their examinations, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

A total of 23,336 motorists were successful in obtaining licenses to drive. The majority were persons whose surnames begin with N, O, P and Q who were seeking renewal of licenses under the re-issuance program. A total of 4,973 applications for licenses were denied. Persons who previously had held licenses failed for the following reasons: Signs, 618; rules, 692; road test, 520; equipment, 39. Persons who had never held licenses before failed for the following reasons: Signs, 526; rules, 683; road test, 1,155; equipment, 43.

Learners permits were issued to 11,541 persons. Road tests were given 18,317 persons. Operator's license were given 19,740 persons, duplicate licenses to 2,629 persons and chauffeurs licenses to 966 persons. Revenue collected by drivers license examiners amounted to \$42,726.50.

Large Number Vets Own Own Farms

Ninety-three per cent of the World War II veterans taking on-the-farm training under the GI Bill, as of the beginning of 1950, either owned their own farms or were operating farms which they in some way controlled, according to the Veterans Administration. The remaining 7 per cent were training on farms owned by others.

The total number of veterans in farm training was 347,000.

Nearly all the veteran farm owners, Veterans Administration reported, had small family-type farms. The veteran on them did most of the work himself, with some help from members of his immediate family.

In this program, however, the farm must be large enough to meet the requirement of being properly equipped and large enough to keep the veteran busy on a full-time scale. It must also be productive enough to bring a satisfactory income, at least by the end of the training program.

Another requirement is that the farm is of a nature to permit instruction in all aspects of farm management, of the type in which the veteran is being trained. His agricultural instructor visits the farmer at regular intervals for practical demonstrations and inspection, in addition to the weekly class room work which is required.

Bankers Interested In Conserving Soil

"North Carolina farmers are just as poor as their soil is, and bankers, being sensitive to economic conditions,

encourage conserving the soil and giving it an opportunity to achieve full production." G. Harold Myrick, Lincolnton banker and chairman of the agriculture committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association, said this week.

Explaining why the Bankers Association sponsors an annual soil conservation speaking contest for high school students, Myrick said bankers are "keenly aware of the value of agriculture to the State as it relates to the whole economy and recognize that agriculture is the major base in such economy."

"In speaking contests," he asserted, "we have stressed the techniques of soil conservation, its economic value to the State, and this year we emphasized soil wastage and its social aspects. The bankers of North Carolina will continue to boost every phase of economic development to the end that our great State will rate second to none in economic stability, prosperity, and financial leadership. This can be accomplished only through better farming, the very foundation of our economy."

Myrick pointed out that more than 4,500 students in 80 counties participated in this year's contest. In addition, Negro students in 16 counties were given an opportunity to compete in a special division for the first time. The Negro contest, he added, will be enlarged gradually until it covers the whole State.

Myrick praised the bankers of the State, county farm and home agents, Extension Service personnel of State College and A. and T. College, principals and teachers, and the students themselves for cooperating so wholeheartedly in carrying out the program.

Drive Now On To Aid Disabled Vets

World War I veterans have reason to be interested in another "big push"—the state-wide drive on the part of all veteran service officers to aid all eligible veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and unable to earn a living.

Working with service officers of the counties as well as all veterans organizations, the North Carolina Veterans Commission has prepared and distributed a comprehensive bulletin on this type of benefit to living disabled veterans. As to veterans who are eligible, it states: "A veteran of World War I or II, released from service under conditions other than dishonorable, determined by the Veterans Administration to have one or more non-service-connected disabilities that permanently and totally prevent him from earning a livelihood, may be awarded a pension of \$60 monthly, provided his income is not over \$1,000 annually if single, or \$2,500 annually if he has a wife or dependent child."

Age of the veteran is an important factor in qualifying, and requirements are relaxed materially at ages 55, 60 and 65.

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SOCIETY MEETS

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Johnny Baker last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. T. C. Ferry, president, opened the program by reading two short poems on Spring. During the business session it was voted to give each baby of the society members a life membership in the society.

Mrs. Russell Baker was chairman of the program and she gave an interesting talk on the topic, Christian Advance in Japan.

The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Biltmore House, George Vanderbilt Estate at Asheville, N. C., contains 110 bedroom suites. It requires around five hours to visit all the rooms in the house.

Health and Beauty

By Dr. Sophia Branson

CARE OF THROAT AND NECK

"Well, whatever she uses on her face, she neglects to put on her neck and throat," was the catty remark about a lady whose face was passing far but whose throat and neck screamed to the observer that Father Time was leaving his marks upon them.

If neglected, the throat takes revenge by proclaiming the age of the possessor with unerring accuracy. Lines and wrinkles come which finally fall into folds and deep creases. No woman can be even passably good looking with a throat such as I have described.

A surprising number of women bestow some care upon their faces, but never extend such attentions to their throats, and the result is bound to be disastrous. The neck is peculiarly susceptible to discoloration of various kinds. It is the favorite place for the deposit of ugly born spots, which give the effect of grime and dirt. It is a common thing to see women with half the neck covered on the sides by brown pigmented splotches. What must be done about it?

Get up in the morning and thank your Creator for all the mercies that He has so abundantly bestowed upon you, then go to an open window, raise your hands and arms to a level with the shoulders and breathe deeply. With your lungs full of air, contract the hands and arms and breathe out with resistance. You do this by try-

ing to hold your breath while you slowly expelling it from your lungs.

If you are standing before a mirror you will perceive that the muscles of the neck and throat swell out and become very tense and hard. Repeat this exercise a number of times, then repeat with the difference that you percuss the chest and abdomen while you breathe out.

Throw the head back as far as possible, contract the body, then open and close the mouth with resistance until tired. These exercises will fill out the throat, improve the neck and round out the chin. When you retire at night, apply plenty of massage cream and rub the throat muscles upward and the neck with circular movement upward and backward until the whole surface is covered. Open and close the mouth with resistance trying to

open the mouth while holding it shut, the same. This loosens the muscles and brings in fresh blood to the tissues.

At night cleanse the face, neck and throat with massage cream. Remove cleanser, then put on your astringent or what ever beautician you please, provided they are safe and scientific. You will be rewarded in a few weeks by a greatly improved appearance.

It's Bad Luck To Start A Grass Fire

That's right! Bad luck for everyone. The farmer who burns his fields carelessly damages the fertility of his soil. When the fire spreads to his wood lot, he is burning "money in the bank," as flames kill seedling trees—his future timber crops.

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