

## Road Commission Adopts New Rules On Highway Signs

The State Highway Commission recently served notice on sign posters, and all other persons who own, put up or control roadside advertising signs on the highway right of way. In a resolution adopted at the January meeting of the Commission, any adjacent land-owner who allows or permits an advertising sign to be erected on the highway right of way is now just as responsible as the firm or person who erects the sign.

The Commission stressed its plans to chase all signs, buildings, and other unauthorized intruders off its right of way. Under the new ruling, the owner of a roadside business can be prosecuted when an advertising sign is placed outside his place on highway property, even though he may claim he doesn't own the sign.

Formerly, only the advertising firm or the sign board company which owned and erected the sign was guilty. The Commission already has laws under which owners of offending signs, gas pumps and the like can be prosecuted for trespassing on its highway right of way.

Before the recent ruling making the land-owner jointly responsible was made, the penalty was limited to \$10. Now, that may run as high as the judge thinks wise. Separate penalties may be imposed for each day the sign is allowed to stand after it is ordered removed.

Also, the Commission said many a Tar Heel has found himself in a hopeless situation because he neglected to buy or build on the kind of road he wants.

Many people have bought low cost homes in poorly engineered housing developments. They are told that arrangements have been made for keeping up the streets. Only later, to the new home-owners learn that the streets are nobody's responsibility. When they come to the nearest highway office with requests that their streets or roads be added to the highway system, all too often their requests have to be denied. Why? Usually, because the streets are not built to State Highway Commission standards or because at least 60 feet has not been set aside for street right of way. After the Commission can't take over the streets, even if they wished to, because the right of way may be half the width the Commission requires.

Lest other Tar Heels stumble into a similar predicament, the Commission urged prospective home-owners to remember:

1. Don't buy a lot or house off a paved city street or off a paved State road unless you know for sure that the road you get will be all you want.
2. Don't buy or build in a subdivision until you know for a fact that definite arrangements have been made for maintaining the roads and streets.
3. Don't assume when you build that the Highway Commission will take over the upkeep of the road past your new property. The Commission has so many such requests that many must be declined or at least delayed.
4. If you locate on a dirt road maintained by the State, don't assume the Highway Commission will pave it. Try to locate on a road that already is paved.
5. If you do locate in a subdevelopment outside city limits, be sure the

streets are to State Highway Commission standards and that at least 60 feet has been set aside for road and street right of way. Otherwise, the streets probably never will be taken over by the Highway Commission.

The problem says the problem could be checked if counties and cities would establish really workable planning and development boards.

## It Is Good Business To Stay In Good Health

It's much less expensive to stay well than to get well. Illness and poor health are expensive for the family, says Virginia Wilson and Jewell Fessenden, State College extension nutritionists.

Keeping well is no mystery or secret. It is mostly a matter of good planning, management and practicing a few common sense rules of health. The extension specialists suggest these:

Eat three well-balanced meals each day. Wear comfortable and appropriate clothing; practice sanitation; take time for relaxation and recreation; avoid strain, fatigue, fear and worry; get the necessary sleep and rest; take advantage of immunizations; avoid contacts with contagious diseases; see your dentist twice a year, your physician once a year.

"Actually the health of your family and your community is a national affair. The health of a nation is no stronger than the health of its individual citizens. Good health is one of our nation's greatest assets," according to the specialists.

"Since it's so expensive—physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially—to be in poor health, few of us can afford to be sick. Good health is more than freedom from disease or simply not being sick. It is a condition of the mind and body which permits one to live most and serve best. It is your duty every day to keep well and fit for your job, whatever it may be.

"Keep a watchful eye on your health—get fit and then stay fit," advise Miss Wilson and Mrs. Fessenden.

Extension Service, says the farmers of his area who usually cure their pork and produce lard for sale during the year are now marketing their hogs live weight. What's more, says Edwards, they're making more money and working a lot less.

Many of the farmers are taking advantage of the high price of pork and get rid of their market weight hogs. They are eating beef (once a scarce food commodity on farms in North Carolina) and chicken and have plans for curing some pork later in the winter.



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Purchases of the small denomination bonds also increases, the combined total for the \$25 and \$50 issues rising to \$1.6 billion for the 1953 fiscal year as compared with \$1.4 billion in the previous year.

## High Prices For Pork Bring Farm Changes

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R. McK. Edwards, Martin County Negro farm agent for the agricultural

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