

Motorists Urged To Examine Cars

"Wise motorists," says Coleman W. Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, "will begin examining their vehicles now and make any repairs needed to pass the North Carolina Motor Vehicles Mechanical Inspection which commences on January 1, 1948."

The inspection law passed by the 1947 General Assembly provides that every North Carolina motor vehicle must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter.

"Motorists who have already been re-examined for driving licenses," says Mr. Roberts, "have found out that the State means business in its highway safety program. We have every reason to believe that the coming inspection of motor vehicles will be fair one in every respect but very exacting. Your job is to see that your motor vehicle is in proper mechanical shape to pass that examination."

Forty "safety lanes" will be established throughout the State on the basis of motor vehicle population. They will be moved from place to place, and the time and place of each station will be publicized, making the service easily available to you. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged during 1948 and 1949, and thereafter 75 cents will be collected for each inspection.

All vehicle owners are urged to take their cars or trucks to an in-

spection station as soon as one in a nearby area is operating. The inspection of each vehicle will take a short time — only about five to ten minutes; and it is not necessary that the car-owner appear at the station. The vehicle may be driven by any licensed operator.

Mr. Roberts stresses the fact that particular emphasis will probably be placed on the following divisions and standards have been set as follows:

LICENSES. Registration card and driver's license is needed. Both must be current. License plates must be securely fastened, not obstructed or mutilated.

HORN. Must be clear and audible not less than 200 feet away. No harsh sound or whistle will be allowed.

MIRROR. Rear view mirror must give unobstructed view of highway behind.

WINDSHIELD AND WINDSHIELD WIPER. Windshield must be of safety glass and free of poster or stickers, except required by law. Driver's view must not be impaired by breaks or discoloration. At least one windshield wiper in good working order to provide clear vision for driver in inclement weather is required. Rear and side glass in the car must be kept clear of posters and stickers, unless required by law.

STEERING MECHANISM. Misalignment between right and left from wheels shall not exceed 30 feet per mile. On rear wheel alignment, side-slip must not exceed 30 feet per mile and rear axle shall be reasonably square with vehicle frame. There must be no looseness or excessive movement in the steering assembly and no broken parts or any conditions that would cause difficult steering.

EXHAUST SYSTEM. A muffler in good working order is required and a leak proof exhaust system.

TIRES. Must be free from exposed fabric or bulges which might weaken them.

LIGHTS. Two headlights are needed of approved type and good working order; each capable of producing at least 3,750 apparent beam candlepower of driving beam. The tail light must be red and plainly visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear. Stop lights, if approved, must be red and plainly visible for a distance not less than 500 feet. A device should be provided so that driving lights can be dimmed when passing.

BRAKES. Braking effort must be not less than 54 percent of vehicle weight for four wheel brakes and not less than 30 percent of vehicle weight for two wheel brakes. Brake equalization on all wheels should be in proportion both for vehicle with four wheel brakes and those with two wheel brakes. The brake pedal should provide a pedal reserve of not less than one-third of the designed pedal travel and all motor vehicles must have a hand brake in good working order.

TURN SIGNALS. If used, must be in good working order and plainly visible. Trucks constructed so that hand signals are not plainly visible must be equipped with approved turn signals.

AUXILIARY LIGHTS. Must be on front end and high intensity portion of beam shall not shine more than 75 feet ahead of vehicle. These lights are not required.

CLEARANCE LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS. Must be used on exces-

sive width motors and certain trailers or semi-trailers must be equipped with reflex-reflectors.

SWITCHES AND WIRING. Must comply with approved assembly requirement, be in good working order and wiring must be maintained in safe condition.

Mr. Roberts wishes to remind motorists that the State inspectors do not make repairs. He believes that motorists will save themselves unnecessary inconvenience by having their vehicles put in tip-top mechanical shape before visiting the inspecting lane.

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traditional carol

There were three wise men from afar
Directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day
Until they came where Jesus lay
And when they came unto that place
Where our beloved Messiah was
They humbly cast them at his feet
With gifts of gold and incense sweet

—JOB WORK PHONES 167 & 283—



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