

This Is The Law

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TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES

A passenger carries his suitcase into a car on a train and places it in a rack above his

suitcase disappears while the passenger is in the dining car or in the smoking compartment?

No. The entire and exclusive control of the suitcase had not been delivered to the railroad. The suitcase was in the personal custody of the passenger.

The railroad had not assumed the full liability of a common carrier as to the safety of the suitcase.

A railroad is liable only for negligence when baggage is not checked and remains under the control of the passenger.

To impose upon a railroad the duty of seeing that no passenger left the train with baggage other than his own would be subjecting passengers to a scrutiny and surveillance which the ordinary traveler would have a right to resent. The ordinary care required of railroads in respect to baggage that has not been checked does not demand such officious interference.

The same doctrine is applicable to buses.

A passenger boards a train and a porter upon the train takes his hand baggage, along with that of other passengers, and places it in the vestibule, intending to remove it from the car when the passenger reaches his destination. If the baggage disappears before the passenger reaches his destination, may the passenger recover from the railroad?

It was held in one case that there was no negligence on the part of the railroad sufficient to hold it liable for the loss.

In another case it was held that there was at least a presumption of negligence on the part of the railroad which called for an explanation by it.

Neither of these cases were from North Carolina. There have been no such cases in the North Carolina courts.

It has been quite generally held that a street car company or a city bus company does not assume custody of baggage carried by those who ride on its conveyances, irrespective of the fact that temporary surrender of the luggage is made to an employee, such as the driver, for the purpose of assistance to the passenger.

White Finishes Basic Training

(FHN) CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. May 14 — Marine Pfc. Melvin F. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White of 414 Wilson St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has graduated from Basic Disbursing

Advise All Of Name Change

RALEIGH — When you change your name from Miss to Mrs. you'll want your family and friends to know about the important event.

But there are some other persons who are interested in your change-of-name too, says Mrs. Justine J. Rozier, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University.

For example, the persons who handle social security records will need to be informed.

Bank records, driver's license, car title, stocks and bonds, all credit and membership cards, even the simple identification card in your billfold are in line for a name change, the specialist notes.

Records of employment where you work need updating, too. The personnel office can also help you with tax-deduction forms and any revisions that may be required in beneficiaries on group insurance policies.

When wedding bells ring, it's a good time for a review of all money matters, Mrs. Rozier states. Changing of old accounts, opening of new, joint or separate, may only be a start in revisions for the new financial picture. Check beneficiaries on individual life policies, too.

And when you move from old home to new, be sure you bring those valuable papers and records along with you from your parents' home.

T & H Sets Opening

T & H Grocery will hold a grand opening in its new building in the Oak Grove community this weekend—Wednesday through Sunday.

The promotion features a free drawing, no purchase necessary, plus free refreshments soft drinks, cookies and ice cream. Drawings for 10 gallons of gasoline each day will feature the opening.

Tommy Hawkins is owner-operator of the new firm.

School at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

He is a 1970 graduate of North Carolina Central University at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Lithium Taps Ed Uhland

BESSEMER CITY, N. C. — H. Edward Uhland, who joined Lithium Corporation of America one year ago as Vice President—Mining, has been elected Executive Vice President by the Board of Directors. The announcement was made at the executive headquarters in New York by Edwin E. Smith, President. Lithium Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gulf Resources & Chemical Corporation, Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Uhland make their home in Lincolnton, North Carolina. Mrs. Uhland is a native of North Carolina and comes from an old line North Carolina mining family. She is a graduate geologist from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In making the announcement, Mr. Smith cited Mr. Uhland's contribution to the rapid expansion of the company's mining and milling operations. Lithium Corporation produces and markets lithium metal and chemicals in an integrated mine-mill-manufacturing facility in Bessemer City, North Carolina.

"Mr. Uhland's broad foreign and domestic managerial experience in the exploration, development and production of industrial minerals and chemicals is essential to the company's plan for growth," Mr. Smith said.

In his new position, Mr. Uhland will have direct responsibility for all operations at Bessemer City, North Carolina, including mining, manufacturing, research and development.

Mr. Uhland has spent his entire working career in the exploration and development of national resources and has gained international recognition in his field. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry.

Holiday Ahead May Cost Many Lives

When passing the law setting Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, it was probably just an oversight that Congress didn't pass another one to prevent 1,200 automobile accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns may cost 25 lives and injure 600 other persons on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday weekend.

The state will count its holiday toll from 6 p. m. Friday May 28, through midnight Monday, May 31, for a 78-hour period. In a 51-hour period last year, the casualty count came to 19 killed in 14 fatal crashes and 513 injured in 861 accidents.

Leading causes of accidents were speeding, driving left of center, failure to yield right of way, failure to see if movement could be made in safety, following too closely, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Noting that North Carolina's traffic deaths have been running as much as 53 ahead of last year, Thomas E. Watkins, president of the motor club and the National Automobile Association, said: "This Memorial Day weekend signals the opening of the summer vacation season and roads will be clogged with cars heading toward the beaches and mountains. Please stay alert and drive with extra care to avoid these extra traffic hazards and protect yourself and your loved ones!"

BAKE SALE
Methodist Youth Fellowship of Central Methodist church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon in front of Belk's. Home-made pies and cookies will be featured.

Gospel Sing Set Saturday

Four gospel singing groups will appear on the program at a big Gospel Sing Sunday evening at 7:30 at Kings Mountain Commu-

ity Center. The program is under sponsorship of W. T. Boulware. Featured on the program will be the Jordanians of Baltimore, Md., Inspiration Gospel Singers of Charlotte, Starlighters of Kings Mountain and Five Stars of Shelby.

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