

TRAFFIC SAFETY PLAQUE IS WON BY NEW JERSEY

Providence, R. I., Is First Among Cities in 1938; Hoosiers Fail to Place.

CHICAGO, March 31 (U. P.).—The National Safety Council today named the State of New Jersey and the city of Providence, R. I., as grand prize winners in the National Traffic Safety Contest. Indiana and cities in that state failed to win any prizes.

All states and 1163 cities participated in the contest which covered the calendar year 1938.

Three other states—Oklahoma in the Southern Division, Iowa in the Midwest Division and Washington in the Western Division—and six cities—Cleveland, Milwaukee, Trenton, N. J.; Saginaw, Mich.; Waukegan, Ill., and Mason City, Iowa—won first-place awards.

New Jersey Gets Two Prizes

In making the awards, the Safety Council grouped the states geographically and the cities by population.

New Jersey, besides winning the Grand National Prize, also won first place in the Eastern Division.

Providence won in the 250,000-500,000 population group, besides winning the National Grand Award for cities.

Cleveland and Milwaukee tied for first place among cities of 500,000 population or more. Trenton was the leader in the 100,000-250,000 population group and Mason City, Iowa, in the 10,000-25,000 group.

Contest rules provide that national grand prizes shall go to the state and city which, "in the opinion of the judges, came nearest to doing the maximum that could be done practically for traffic safety."

Massachusetts won the national grand prize for states in 1937 and Memphis, Tenn., won the grand prize for cities.

Rhode Island "Close Second"

In the contest among states during 1938, Rhode Island was a "close second," and Massachusetts and Connecticut received honorable mention in the Eastern Division.

In the Midwestern Division, Nebraska placed second with honorable mention going to Wisconsin and Michigan. There were no second-place or honorable mention awards in the Western Division.

The list of prize-winning cities: Population 500,000 or Over—Won by Milwaukee and Cleveland (tied); Detroit, third; St. Louis, honorable mention.

Population 250,000 to 500,000—Won by Providence; Dallas, Tex., second; Louisville, Ky., third; Columbus, O., honorable mention.

Population 100,000 to 250,000—Won by Trenton, U. S. A., second; Kansas City, Kas., third; Wichita, Kas., and Wilmington, Del., honorable mention.

Saginaw Gets First Place

Population 50,000 to 100,000—Won by Saginaw; Evanston, Ill., second; Madison, Wis., third; Berkeley, Cal., Kalamazoo, Mich., Manchester, N. H., Lincoln, Neb., Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, honorable mention.

Population 25,000 to 50,000—Won by Waukegan; Elgin, Ill., second; Appleton, Wis., third; Green Bay, Wis., Superior, Wis., Oshkosh, Wis., and Bloomington, Ill., honorable mention.

Population 10,000 to 25,000—Won by Mason City; Austin, Minn., second; Wausau, Wis., third; Stevens Point, Wis., Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Swissvale, Pa., Streator, Ill., and Winchester, Va., honorable mention.

The judges also named a special honor roll of 157 cities with population between 5,000 and 10,000 which went through 1938 without a traffic death.

Plaques to Be Awarded

Bronze plaques will be presented to Governors of the winning states and Mayors of the winning cities at Washington, D. C., April 13.

In naming Providence the grand winner, the judges said it was "long among the leaders in traffic safety" and in 1938 conducted "a remarkable well balanced program of engineering, education and enforcement and astonished the nation by going 111 days without a single traffic fatality."

In 1938, Providence reduced its traffic deaths 60 per cent from the previous year.

"At a time when most American cities were making commendable reductions in their traffic deaths," the judge said, "Providence was so far out in front that its death rate was less than half of the national average."

In 1938, New Jersey cut its traffic deaths to 685, compared with 1216 in 1937 and an average of 1191 for the three years preceding 1938. The death rate per 100,000,000 miles traveled for 1938 was 8.6, compared with the national average for states of 12.7.

RICHARDS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 31 (U. P.).—Richard Hugh Richards, the Englishman who deserted the cook's galley on the Aquitania and traveled across the United States posing as a British newspaper correspondent, today had been charged with illegally entering the country.

Richards' hoax was revealed when Denver and local hotelmen demanded cash instead of excuses when they presented their bills, and caused his arrest. Miss Helen Bowen, Denver beauty operator, said the arrest ended her plans to marry Richards.

"I've been lied to before by men, but this one was the best yet," Miss Bowen said.

MILK WHEY USED AS POISON PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Out of the whey of cow's milk—now virtually a waste product—Government scientists are producing a new chemical to prevent penetration of poisonous gases through clothing. The chemical looks and feels like a transparent art-gum. Mainly its greatest use comes from the impregnation of fabrics so that they are resistant to oil, water and gases.

Dr. Lee T. Smith and H. V. Claiborn of the U. S. Bureau of Dairy Industry will report the technical details of their discovery at the coming meeting of the American Chemical Society in Baltimore, early in April.

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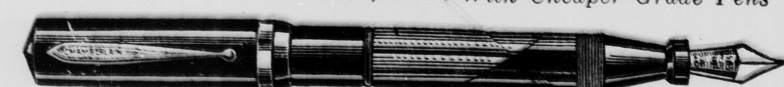
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