

STATE ACTION REDUCES TRAFFIC SECOND OFFENDERS

Repeaters Less Than 1 Per Cent of 11,567 Kept From Driving

Finney Reports Motorists Are More Careful Following Tabulation of License Suspensions

By Bureau.

The State Auto License Commission's file system on traffic violations which lead to drivers' license suspensions is helping reduce the number of second offenders, Frank Finney, Commissioner, said today.

Records of the first six months of 1939 show that the number of second violations is less than one per cent of a total of 11,567 suspensions ordered during this period. He declared that drivers, knowing their first offenses are tabulated, are careful to avoid a second offense.

"This is considerably less than the second half of 1938," Mr. Finney said. "However, we will be able to tell the full effectiveness of the system when we compare suspensions incurred in the first half of 1940 with the first half of this year."

Set Up in January, '38

The filing system was set up when the new drivers' license law became effective in January, 1938. Complete records are available now on every motor vehicle code violator whose license has been suspended or revoked, he said.

License suspensions and revocations from Jan. 1 to June 1 this year totaled 321,312 days, Mr. Finney said. The Commission ordered suspensions totaling 43,005 days, while the balance of suspensions and revocations were ordered by State courts.

The most common offense leading to suspensions and revocations was reckless driving, which includes failure to stop at preferential thoroughfares, failure to give proper hand signals, passing on hills or curves and driving in wrong lanes.

888 Lose Auto Rights

Motor vehicle operation was denied 888 persons during the first half of the year who were convicted of operating cars without permits or driving on licenseless vehicles.

A total of 1,381 drivers had their licenses suspended or revoked for drunken driving. Of these, 830 were involved in accidents.

Mr. Finney said the Commission had given 70,556 examinations to prospective drivers. A total of 5415 applicants were denied licenses because of physical defects while 1,182,762 drivers' licenses were issued.

BRIDGES HEARING NEARING 3D WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22 (U.P.).—The Government's deportation hearing for Harry Bridges neared the end of its second week today still with no indication when the prosecution's case would end.

The Government's eighth witness, Eugene George Dietrich, international organizer for A. F. of L. longshoremen, returned to the stand today for cross-examination.

He testified yesterday that Bridges' wife once threatened to "show Harry up for what he is" and "show everybody on the waterfront what his real purposes are" by revealing the contents of what she called "his Communist book."

SURPRISE! I'M IN EUROPE!

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y., (U.P.)—The Yankee Clipper took off today for Europe with an unidentified man among its passengers. The man had his name kept off the passenger list and it was reported he wished to surprise his family by cabling them tomorrow of his arrival in Europe.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

DEATHS TO DATE
County City
1939 52 31
1938 62 41
July 21
Dead 1 Accidents 9
Injured 0 Arrests 81

FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convict-
Violations Tried Fines
Speeding 9 9 \$34
Reckless
Driving 4 2 88
Failing to stop
thru street 28 26 \$77
Running red
Light 14 11 \$37
Drunken
driving 3 3 \$20
All others 58 47 \$42
Totals 116 98 \$218

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Emil Gassett, 43, of 1501 S. Talbot; Ruth Thomas, 44, of 1232 N. Broad; Wilbur Hines, 28, City: Mary Costico.

22, City.

John De Wees, 24, of 3128 N. Illinois; Clarissa Schuler, 23, of 1515 University; Earl H. Hall, 23, of 144 E. Market; Mrs. Ferdinand Schuler, 21, of 310 N. Delaware.

Donald Chance, 22, of Noblesville; Ind.; Mrs. Donald Chance, 21, of Noblesville.

David Barnes, 47, of 7709 Caroline; Vernon Jericks, 40, of 1509 Cornell; George W. Johnson, 22, of 1509 N. Mount; Helen Sanders, 18, of 47 S. Mount.

Richard Giesler, 22, of 2841 N. Delaware; Lillian Holland, 25, of 2841 N. Delaware.

George Reibold, 34, of 729 Carlyle Place; Burton Perrine, 38, of 729 N. East; Harold Winkler, 30, of 1212 N. California; Charles Todd, 22, of 1908 Boulevard.

Edwards Hastings, 23, of 1049 Villa; Marjorie Gadsberry, 22, of 1524 Florence; Mrs. Edward Gadsberry, 21, of 1524 Florence; Cleora Hatchett, 23, of 743 W. 25th; Reed Adams, 31, of 1206 N. Capitol; Mrs. Reed Adams, 22, of 1206 N. Capitol; Raymond Varvel, 23, of 1728 W. Washington; Mary Leslie, 18, of 208 Minkler.

BIRTHS

Donald, Julia Jackson, at St. Vincent's.

Earl, Henrietta Darden, at City.

Barbara, Grace, at 1206 N. Broad, Ohio.

John James Holland, at 339 Douglas.

Howard, Ruby Glotter, at 129 S. Ohio.

Orville, John, at 1206 N. Broad.

Hugh, Olive Dougherty, at 531 N. Key-

stone; Ruth Jackson, at Methodist.

Girls.

Oscar, Barbara Dicus, at 1635 N. Arsenal.

Paul, Dixie Everett, at 1350 Roach.

Henry, Mrs. John, 52, of 1206 N. Broad.

Edward, Geneva Johnson, at City.

DEATHS

George A. Johnson, 82, at 1320 Nordyke,

Edward Loyd, 46, at City, malignant hyper-

trophy.

John W. Austin, 10, at 37 W. 11th, skull

fracture.

John R. Hunt, 56, at 1029 Tremont, cere-

bral hemorrhage.

George H. Singer, 66, at City, lung

access.

Proof Holy Bonds Are Tied Costs Extra



Proof of an Indiana marriage costs extra. You can buy this certificate for \$1

SIDELINE AIDS COUNTY CLERKS

May Collect \$1 to \$3 for Certificate Due to a Quirk in Law.

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two sections. One the clerk fills in. After the ceremony the minister must fill in the other section and mail it to the County Clerk within three months.

While the couple is waiting for the clerk to enter his information they stand before a counter on which are piled different types of marriage certificates. All those on the counter sell for \$3. All are folders of leather and suede in white, brown or blue with gold lettering, incised in heavy paper embossed envelopes.

The blue or brown suede folders and those of white leather have "Wedlock" stamped on them in gold. They are bound with colored cord and engraved printing on embossed certificates.

The white leather folders, although stamped with gold, are less expensive, yet more flowery. They are titled "Certificate of Marriage." The inside is printed rather than engraved and garlands of roses are entwined in the lettering.

Cherubs Nearby

The clerk then reaches beneath the counter and lays a printed paper certificate, suitable for framing, before the couple. It is printed in black and gold with a gold green border and costs \$1.

Across the top is a scene in which a mustached swain and his bride are drawn in a shell boat by two swans. A pair of cherubs hover nearby trailing flowers over the water. Space is provided for certification by the clerk and the minister.

As the clerk lays this before the couple he says:

"You get your license and this certificate for \$3 or for your license certificate for \$5." He points to the stack of folders.

With the certificates in the folders is a card reading:

"Wear something old, wear something new, wear something borrowed, wear something blue."

"With the best wishes of the world, for all the world loves a lover."

The clerk then explains to the couple that unless they purchase some certificate, either the \$1 or \$3 one, they will have no record of their marriage. The certificate which everyone receives, without charge, is to be returned by the minister.

Income Goes to Clerk

In explaining the routine the clerk said that "most people think they get a certificate with their \$2."

The couple then picks out a certificate to their liking and the condition of their purse.

The income from the purchase of certificates goes to the County Clerk.

When questioned regarding the procedure Mr. Eittinger declared that "unless some form of certificate is sold to couples they have no record of their marriage. Although the law requires that ministers return the free certificates within three months there are thousands of marriage licenses recorded on our books for which no certificate has been re- turned.

"Unless a couple has a certificate they never can prove their marriage. Only a certificate will hold in a court of law."

No Compulsion, He Says

He pointed out that since the early 1900's the Clerks had been selling some form of certificates. The income from their sale does not have to be reported to any governmental agency except as part of a regular Federal Income Tax return.

Many persons want and ask for the certificates, he stated, not only because of their value as a legal document, but because of sentimental reasons.

"Our office is perfectly above board about this matter," he said. "We do not compel anyone to buy a certificate. Any time anyone feels he did not get his money's worth he can get his money back. Occasionally persons have come to me saying they did not want the \$2 certificate, but would rather have the less expensive one. Whenever that happens I am glad to exchange them."

He said the certificates in his office were "the best that money can buy."

"All are genuine leather and are stamped with pure gold. The lettering inside is not printed, but is engraved."

Says Lawyer Settled Own Suit as J. P.

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DANZIG SEIZES CARLOAD OF 10 POLISH YOUTHS

Rumors of Peace and Pacts Called Nazi Schemes by London and Paris.

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turned to Germany, but would remain a free port open to Polish commerce, and the status of the Polish corridor would be modified, presumably giving Germany free access to East Prussia without impairing Poland's communications with the sea.

Other provisions, the newspaper said, would give Italy representation on the Suez Canal directorate and participating rights in the French-owned Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad; establish a neutral zone in North Africa opposite Gibraltar to insure British sovereignty there; guarantee the Franco-Polish borders permanently and those of other European countries for 25 years, and limit armies of the signatory powers to a maximum of 300,000 men each for 25 years.

Nazis Taunt With Russia

While the anti-peace powers blamed the peace reports on Germany, the Nazis themselves were preparing for a week of dramatic air raid drills.

Of general interest in view of the deadlock in negotiations to