

Cost of Bad Driving To Increase \$1.75 On or About Sept. 1

Long Range Plan May Allow Insurance Firms to Sock Speeders With Higher Premiums

By ROBERT BLOEM

The cost of unsafe driving is going up. On or about Sept. 1 the acts of the 1943 General Assembly will become the laws of the state. When that happens, every motorist who pays a ticket or a fine for a moving traffic violation will get an extra rap of \$1.75.

What's more, a record of the conviction or ticket will go in the individual driver's permanent record in the statehouse. Chronic offenders who have kept two jumps ahead of the courts won't be able to fool that record in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Later, according to the plans of Secretary of State Charles Fleming and Safety Responsibility Director Mahlon Leach, the cost of unsafe driving will go up still more. Motorists who just can't resist speeding, stunting and the other antics that make them a menace on the highways are going to get socked and socked hard on their insurance rates.

Long Range Drive

It's all part of a long-range drive to stop the use of the state's highways as a bloody ground for marauding road hogs, speeders, reckless and drunken drivers.

The plan got under way when former Secretary of State Thomas E. Bath installed modern records keeping in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He set up a system under which keeping of individual safety records on all Hoosier drivers is possible.

Early this year Mr. Fleming carried the job a step further. He helped push through a law which assesses an extra \$1.75 court costs for all moving traffic violations. Twenty-five cents stays with the court clerk, judge, justice of the peace, mayor or whatever official certifies the conviction to the state.

Dangerous Drivers Known

The other \$1.50 goes to the Division of Safety Responsibility under the BMV. The law fully certifies. It requires a record of them to be kept so the state will know who the dangerous drivers are and can act accordingly.

"D" day on the new law is Sept. 1 or as soon after that as Gov. Schricker can proclaim the new laws in effect.

Cost of operating the Division of Safety Responsibility now runs about \$150,000 a year. Of this the insurance companies pay \$80,000 to \$85,000. Naturally they pass this cost on to drivers who pay premiums for liability and accident insurance.

Now the insurance companies are to be relieved of that cost. Bulk or all of the cost of running the safety division will be charged to the unsafe drivers.

Mr. Fleming believes the results should be reflected very quickly in lowered liability insurance premiums.

Later, as the records pile up, insurance companies will be encouraged to give drivers with clean safety records still further reductions. They will be permitted to make up the difference by socking the chronic unsafe drivers with higher premiums geared to the amount of risk involved.

Drivers who build up really bad records won't have to worry about insurance, Mr. Fleming warns grimly. He's just going to take them off the road.

"That goes double for drunks," he said. "Under the law, the department can suspend a license for a year on a second drunken driving conviction. A year it will be. Even after that the driver still will have to cover himself with a blanket of liability insurance or he'll be off the road indefinitely."

Courts Must Report

Right now Mr. Leach estimates his division receives about 4000 reports of convictions on moving traffic violations each month. For the first six months after the new law goes into effect, he estimates the number will jump to 10,000 a month or more. As more courts and J. P.s get the idea of the law and full reporting becomes effective he expects to tag 15,000 to 20,000 convictions a month in the drivers' record files.

Many courts not now reporting convictions will be forced to do so under the new law.

In traffic court and cafeteria court here in Indianapolis alone, for example, 44,938 fines were paid in 1948 for moving traffic violations. These ranged from serious offenses like drunken driving to merely running a red light or having faulty brakes.

But the significant thing is that none of these convictions brought a black mark on drivers' records. Those days will soon be gone forever, Mr. Fleming warns.

If the same record of convictions and tickets paid holds up in future years, local drivers alone will have to kick in an extra \$78,000 a year in fines and costs. About \$47,000 of this will go to the state to keep the safety records and relieve safe drivers of this expense.

Parking fines and standing violations don't count. But the minute that car starts to move—look out! The state will be watching.

Steel Strikers Returning to Jobs

GARY, Aug. 6 (UPI)—A spokesman for the Carnegie-Illinois sheet and tin mill said tonight that normal operations halted by a walkout of the plant's 7600 workers since Wednesday, were expected to get under way by midnight.

He said that 80% of the some 1000 workers employed on the shift starting at 4 p. m. today had reported for work.

The walkout began Wednesday afternoon following the fatal injury of John Austin, a worker in the steel-finishing department. Austin was crushed under a heavy coil of wire.

Orval J. Kincaid, sub-director of the United Steelworkers Union (CIO) charged earlier that Mr. Austin's death was due to "management speedup tactics."

Do You Remember?



Photo by John Spicklemire, Times Staff Photographer

Jack Rider of 1109 Mills Ave., ... an old feature of the new Army — KP.

Combat-Wise Veterans Smile as 6000 Citizen-Soldiers Man Tanks and Guns

By IRVING (The Old Sarge) LEIBOWITZ, Times Staff Writer
CAMP ATTERTON, Aug. 6 — Six thousand Hoosiers who weren't raised to be soldiers are marching, shooting and causing here like veterans.

The citizen-soldiers, members of Indiana's National Guard Division, have taken over this sprawling war-built camp in much the same manner as their older brothers did during World War II.

Led by combat-wise veterans, teen-age youngsters fresh out of high school, off the farm, and from the city factory are manning tanks and long-range artillery guns.

Yet there is a quiet, business-like atmosphere about this camp that is new to old Army men. Officers scoff at the mention of *Esprit de Corps*.

They're too young to understand it," they say. "They're just new to taking orders."

But the accent is on youth. Youngsters hold key positions in all units. And they seem to be playing at being soldiers.

No one pretends to understand the exaggerated militarism of the youngsters, least of all the combat men.

CHAPLAIN Anthony L. McLoughlin of Danville, a veteran of the Philippines campaign, says the enthusiasm displayed by the men stems from the short duration of the encampment.

They know that in two weeks they will be home," he said. "Meantime they play at being soldiers."

Otherwise the camp is exactly the same as any other Army post in the nation. There is the usual *guard duty and military tactics*.

Franklin and Columbus are within easy hitch-hiking distance and civilian bus lines are available for guardsmen who prefer the more conventional methods of travel.

Recruit Arthur Reams, 6-foot 5-inch Indianapolis Powder and Light Co. worker, was thrilled with "Army life" until the top sergeant told him to fall out for a ten-mile forced march.

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Hawaii in State Of Emergency

Governor Acts After Seizure Bill Passes

HONOLULU, Aug. 6 (UPI)—Gov. Ingram M. Stainback tonight declared a state of emergency in Hawaii as a result of the paralyzing 98-day-old longshore strike.

The Governor signed a proclamation declaring the emergency less than four hours after affixing his name to an emergency strike bill giving him power to seize and operate the islands' strikebound stevedoring companies.

Gov. Stainback declared that work on the waterfront was not resumed immediately he would issue the order seizing the struck dock firms.

The governor is empowered by the seizure act to take over all facilities relating to the docks, if necessary, but Atty. Gen. Walter Ackerman said it would not be before Tuesday.

Harry Bridges, president of the striking International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, was not immediately available for comment on the governor's emergency proclamation. But Mr. Bridges, now in Honolulu to direct the dock tie-up, previously has termed the seizure bill "strike-breaking."

The emergency measure would allow the striking longshoremen to return to work for the government, but observers believed the dock workers would not refuse to work.

JUMP INJURIES BOY

Seven-year-old Richard Newbold, of 2029 Linden St., suffered a fractured arm today when he jumped from the top of a doghouse in his back yard into a hole. He was treated at General Hospital.

SEEK PACIFIC PACT

SEGUL, Korea, Aug. 6 (UPI)—A 44-year-old woman threw herself beneath the wheels of a speeding Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad train tonight and was decapitated in what authorities said was a suicide.

She was identified as Mrs. Olive Lawson of Terre Haute by her husband, Charles. He said she had been ill following a nervous breakdown recently. The family moved here six months ago from Clay City, Ind.

Police Seize Two In Second Floor Raid

Two men were arrested last night in a police raid on a second floor room at 2031 S. Meridian St. Thomas Quinn, 30, of 1244 Marlow Ave., was charged with operating a gaming house and possessing gambling equipment. Edward O'Connell, 42, of 41 S. Attic Ave., was charged with visiting a gaming house.

Police seized racing forms, a radio with telephone attached and other equipment.

Shirley Hopes to Attempt Channel Swim This Week

Takes Last of 'Acclimating' Workouts And Coach Says She's in Wonderful Shape

By ROBERT MUSSEL, United Press Staff Correspondent

DOVER, England, Aug. 6—Shirley May France took the last of her "acclimating" practice swims today and said she hoped to try to swim the English Channel the last of next week.

Running out of the water after a four-mile swim against the tide, the 18-year-old Somers, Mass., high school girl said she felt so good she could have gone on swimming "all day long."

"I have trouble getting her out of the water," said her coach, Harry Boudakian. He added: "she's in wonderful physical shape, but I wouldn't like to set a date until I take her outside the breakwater, probably tomorrow."

If weather conditions are right, Mr. Boudakian said, Shirley will be given a 10-mile test in the channel proper. Her cross-channel attempt will take her about 22 miles.

So much interest has been shown in Shirley that channel experts have warned against too many boats in the English Channel which will follow her from Cap Nez, France, to Dover.

Shirley's entourage will consist of two boats, a large schooner and a rowboat, but the owners of several motorboats have indicated they will join the fleet.

Indiana Woman Ends Life Under Train

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Disaster Struck in the Heart of a Densely Populated Farming Area

Roads Clogged

Everywhere roads were clogged with fleeing human columns. They moved without knowing where they were going. Many fell by the roadside exhausted.

Plazas and parks were jammed.

Because of the fear of epidemics, bodies were buried as fast as possible in huge trenches. Others were cremated.

In Ambato, garden spot of Ecuador, is 3832 feet above sea level, in an Andean valley, surrounded by large fruit and vegetable orchards.

Disaster struck also in the heart of a densely populated farming area.

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