

## Driving While Drunk Costs Many Drivers License Revocation

### 759 Convicted In June Compared With 581 In June Last Year

Drunken driving accounted for more revocations of driver's licenses in June than any other one offense, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reports.

A total of 759 persons were convicted of drunken driving last month in the State as compared with 581 convicted on the same count in June of 1949. Fifty-three of the defendants were convicted on second offense.

Revocations for drunken driving brought to 1,044 the total of revocations for June. Four hundred and fifty-five persons had their licenses suspended.

Forty-five persons were convicted of driving after their licenses were revoked and 11 of driving after license suspended. Two persons were found guilty of hit and run charges, involving personal injury, and two hit and run, involving property damage.

Other convictions were as follows: Two offenses of reckless driving, 19; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 59; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 51; larceny of automobile, 28; manslaughter, 2; transporting liquor, 68; unsatisfied judgment, 16; incompetency, 4; habitual violator, 19; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 148.

In addition, 7,758 persons were found guilty of moving violations, which do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 6,362 were North Carolinians and 1,216 out-of-state drivers.

Speeding topped the list with 3,069 cases. Failure to have driver's license was second with 1,177. Faulty equipment was listed in 686 cases and improper lights in 291. Twenty-five persons were found guilty of passing a school bus, 487 ran through a red light, 92 were driving on the wrong side of the road, 57 were passing on a hill, 59 were driving too close for safety, 27 failed to dim lights and 38 failed to give right-of-way.

family can participate, regardless of age or physical endurance.

Anyone would scoff at the idea that picnics can be unsanitary or downright dangerous. That's going to extremes. But, on the other hand we must realize that the intrusion of ants and insects or a sudden rainstorm aren't the only things that might ruin the fun of picnicking.

The food supply is, of course, the most important part of any picnic. People who are ill should never prepare or serve the food because skin infections and other illnesses are easily spread through food. Foods which can spoil easily and thus cause illness should be kept out of the picnic basket.

While on the subject of food, it's unwise to "sample" the pretty but unfamiliar berries on trees and shrubs which grow in picnic areas. Most of these berries are harmless, but there are some poisonous ones which can do serious harm to the eaters.

Most people realize that it is dangerous to drink from unknown streams or brooks. But temptation might be strong to "take a chance" if the drinks run out during or after a picnic. It must be remembered that the most innocent looking streams can be contaminated by deadly germs. Drinking water should be brought from home unless there is a pure water supply in or around the picnic grounds.

It has often been said that the best picnic grounds are always surrounded by poisonous plants. While this is not literally true, it's a good idea to watch out for poison ivy, oak or sumac before "setting the table."

Minor wounds—insect bites, cuts from bottle openers, scratches from brambles—seen to be a part of many picnics. No matter how small the scrape might be, it is wise to cleanse the affected area with a mild soap and apply an antiseptic salve or lotion, to prevent infection, as soon as possible.

For all serious "picnic accidents", or minor ones which might lead to complications, the doctor should be consulted immediately.

Summer picnics are designated for fun and relaxation. They always are (barring insects and rain) when participants use a little thought in preparing the food selecting the spot, and guarding against accident and infection.

## Rusk, Other Speakers On Farm Week Program

Because of the crisis in Korea, the appearance of Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, on the North Carolina Farm and Home Week Program early next month is expected to attract unusual interest.

Rusk will be one of the featured speakers at the annual event, to be held on the State College campus, Raleigh, July 31-August 3. Advance room reservations are now being accepted and should be sent to Miss Maud Schaub, Box 5157, State College Station, Raleigh.

Although Rusk has not announced the subject for his address, any remarks he may make on conditions in the Far East will be considered significant because of his position in the government. He will speak in William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on Tuesday evening, August 1.

Several other speakers of national prominence also will appear on the program.

Dr. J. Ken Stern, president of the American Institute of Cooperation, will discuss "The Role of Farmer Cooperatives in Society" at a general session beginning at 10:30 A. M., Tuesday. Governor W. Kerr Scott will speak on Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, first woman to hold the post of Treasurer of the United States, will deliver the final address on Thursday evening.

Talent contests will be held daily during Farm and Home Week. They are open to any adult or junior farm group or individual and may include choruses, solos, instrumental music,

recitations, folk dancing, tricks, or stunts. Prizes totaling \$400 have been donated by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the North Carolina State Grange. Entry forms should be sent to Eugene Starnes, Box 5125, State College Station, Raleigh, at once.

## Stealing Flowers Nets Jail Sentence

Recently a story appeared in The Herald regarding theft of flowers and other damage done at the old Smith Cemetery, which Mrs. Joseph P. Guley of Norfolk wants to transform into a place of beauty.

For the benefit of the has-been or would-be marauders who stole flowers from the Guley property, the following was clipped from the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch in the July 15 issue:

**FLOWER LOVERS SENT TO JAIL**  
"Their love of flowers—other people's flowers—today sent two men to jail for 12 months each."

"They were Randolph Barrington, of the 800 block of Fourth Street, and Roosevelt Jackson, of the Queen's City section of Princess Anne County. Each man was given three months in jail on each of four charges following their hearings before Police Justice Leonard H. Davis today.

"They are charged with stealing 150 azaleas from the nursery of H. F. McFarlane, 2920 Lens Avenue, and 12

azaleas from T. F. Dixon, 2129 East Indian River Road. McFarlane said his azaleas disappeared 50 at a time on three different occasions."

Not only have flowers been stolen from the Guley property, but a number of times flowers have been stolen from graves in Beaver Hill Cemetery. The above item is, therefore, reprinted as a warning to those who might be tempted.

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