

State's Driver Point System Begins to Haunt Offenders

North Carolina's point system, which has been working on "problem drivers" for a little over 90 days, hasn't claimed any licenses yet, but several drivers are at the danger line, the Motor Vehicles Department reported this week.

License chief Elton R. Peele pointed out that "eight or 10" Tar Heel drivers had accumulated at least 11 points since the new law went into effect last June. A point total of 12 permits the vehicles agency to start suspension action.

Peele also said that about 315 official caution letters had been sent to drivers with four points against them. And 55 drivers with seven points in their record had been called in for trouble-shooting conferences with licensing officials.

A majority of those with seven points had elected to attend one of the department conducted driver improvement clinics, Peele said. Successful work in the clinics erases three points from the driver's record.

Purpose of the point system, according to Peele, is to improve the habits of those who persistently drive dangerously. This is accomplished by assigning a number of demerit points for specific traffic violations. Thus if a driver, even after an official warning, continues his unsafe practices his points accumulate. When they total 12 the

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DRAFT BOARD TOO LATE

Des Plaines, Ill. — When the local draft board sent him a call for induction into the army, Charles V. Rouille sent the summons back. He has been in the army for 36 years and is stationed in Germany. The call was mailed to his home.

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Fremont, Wis. — By next year, people who live along the Wolf river won't have to leave their boats to do their banking.

The Fremont branch of the Appleton State Bank is building a "boat drive-in" office on the site of an old cheese factory.

ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN

Berkeley, Calif. — For 40 years after her husband left her the day after their wedding, Mrs. Rosie Palmer could not decide whether to have the marriage annulled.

She finally did recently, and four hours later, the 66-year-old woman was married again to Grover Hart-

point system acts to remove him from the highways.

"The good driver, on the other hand, has no reason to be concerned with points at all," Peele declared, "because the sane and intelligent driver has no points and gets no points. Actually, the point system affects only those who will not or cannot drive safely."

North Carolina is one of 26 states having similar programs for driver control. The point system has been termed by leading motor vehicle administrators, including Dr. Wallace Hyde of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, as the fairest and most impartial way of dealing with problem drivers yet discovered.

KEY 49 YEARS LATE

Tiffin, Ohio. — A key was mailed back to the Hotel Morcher, but Postmaster Paul Parkin does not know what to do with it. The hotel has been closed for 49 years.

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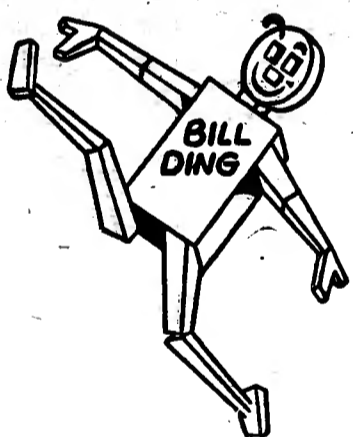
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