

Driver License Revocations Pass The 100,000 Mark

Drunken Driving Tops List In November With 838

The grand total of revocations of drivers' licenses in North Carolina passed the 100,000 mark in November, the Department of Motor Vehicles reports.

Nine hundred twenty-five revocations in November brought the grand total to 100,345. Suspensions numbered 229, bringing the grand total to 18,112.

Drunken driving again topped the list of revocations. A total of 838 persons lost their driving privileges from this cause as compared with 673 in the month of November last year. Sixty-two persons were convicted of two offenses and one of three.

Other violations bringing about revocations or suspensions were: driving after license revoked, 46; driving after license suspended, 14; two offenses of reckless driving, 24; reckless driving involving personal injury and property damage, five; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 38; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 10; larceny of automobile, 10; involuntary manslaughter, one; manslaughter one; grand larceny, one; transporting liquor, 28; improper use of operator's license, four; unsatisfied judgment, seven; incompetency, six; habitual violator, six; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 99. A total of 574 reckless driving cases were listed, but these do not require revocation or suspension on one offense.

In addition 7,113 cases of moving violations, which do not constitute revocations or suspensions on first offense, occurred in November. Speeding led the list with 2,301. Failing to have driver's license was second with 1,655. Other violations were faulty equipment, 772; improper lights, 412; running through red light, 486; passing a loading or unloading school bus, 115; driving on wrong side of the road, 83. Of the total number of violators, 888 were from out of the state and 6,225 were North Carolinians.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

It takes brains as well as shooting ability to get a ruffed grouse in your bag. So to the few sportsmen who try to understand this wily bird, in contrast to the many who merely blunder through ruffed grouse cover and chance it, I suggest this: Since the open season is seldom more than a few weeks long, why not spend some leisure hours during the other weeks of the year in studying the grouse.

When, on one of your pre-season rambles, a ruffed grouse flushes from a feeding ground and speeds up the run or flashes over a hill to left or right, he is telling you he is one of a covey which was raised here; that the covey has regular flyways as foxes have runways, and that the next grouse flushed will very likely follow the same course. Now, when the open season comes, you will know enough to have your companion quietly posted there before you approach the cover with dog and gun.

Another characteristic trait of the grouse is that as long as he thinks himself unseen he will remain hidden while you pass; but the moment you stop or change your saunter to a quickstep, he thinks you have discovered him and he'll be off.

Dr. William J. Long, well known naturalist, claims that from the way a grouse rises, you may often judge where he will make a landing. If he noisily rises high on a parabolic flight, after about 100 yards straightaway he turns left or right and volplanes down to earth. But if his take-off is low, he will usually slant up into a tree, preferably an evergreen.

The bull-roaring take-off of the ruffed grouse has two effects on a sportsman: it startles him, and it

makes him shoot too fast—and miss. The best grouse shot I ever knew would walk up to a pointing dog with his double hammer gun slanting muzzle down from a crooked arm, and he never brought it up to cock both hammers until after the grouse had flushed.

Ruffed grouse have several feeding places, and their habits are as regular as the rounds of a postman. Their food changes with the season but at any season they like variety. From one feeding ground they go to the next in order. If disturbed in the later morning, they head to one of their resting or loafing places. All grouse probably have at least two such refuge stations. There you may find them at any midday hour.

Jehovah's Witnesses Meet In Greenville

Several delegates from Edenton and vicinity will attend the three-day semi-annual convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, December 16-18 in Greenville, N. C.



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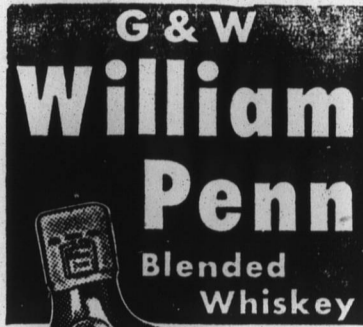
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The convention will be held in the Greenville High School auditorium, and more than 500 delegates from 23 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in Eastern North Carolina, Circuit One, will attend.

The main discourse of the convention will be at 3:00 P. M., when D. E. Stull will deliver the widely advertised free public address, "Liberty to the Captives." Three half-hour discourses will climax the convention Sunday evening by F. A. Julian, minister from the Greenville congregation; G. D. Miller of Brooklyn, N. Y., and D. E. Stull of Brooklyn.

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