

Drunken Driving Convictions Drop

707 Found Guilty Compared With 722 In April Last Year

Drunken driving convictions took a slight downward turn during April with 707 persons found guilty of the offense as compared with 722 in the same month last year, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

Fifty-five of the defendants were convicted on second offense.

Revocations for drunken driving brought to 942 the total of revocations for April. Two hundred and fifty-eight persons had their licenses suspended.

Forty-six persons were convicted of driving after their licenses were revoked and 19 of driving after license suspended.

Other convictions were as follows: Two offenses of reckless driving, 20; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 62; two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour, 17; larceny of automobile, three; transporting liquor, 39; unsatisfied judgment, 14; incompetency, four; habitual violator, 11; failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility, 52. A total of 848 persons were convicted of reckless driving, which does not require revocation or suspension on first offense.

In addition, 10,625 persons were found guilty of moving violations, do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 8,262 were from North Carolina and 2,363 were out-of-state drivers.

Speeding topped the list with 3,759 cases. Failure to have driver's license was second with 1,899. Faulty equipment was listed in 956 cases and improper lights in 450. Five hundred and nineteen persons ran through a red light, 78 were found guilty of passing a school bus and 84 of passing on a hill.

April Record Month For Cars On Highways

With motor vehicle registration only 10,568 short of a million, the Motor Vehicle Department reports that more vehicles used the highways of the State during April than during any month in history.

Registration figures mounted to 989,432 as compared with 882,759 on the same date last year, an increase of 106,673.

Although seasonal use of highway does not reach a peak until August, figures from James S. Burch, engineer of statistics and planning of the State Highway Commission, revealed that on an average day in April, 68,102 vehicles passed the State's 20 full-time electric counting machines, as compared with 7,623 last August and 59,075 last April. The figures represented a 15 per cent increase over April of last year.

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East Carolina Teachers College conferred degrees last week upon 240 graduates of the 1949-50 term. Ceremonies in the Wright auditorium, attended by an audience from the campus, the city of Greenville, and other localities, marked the forty-first annual commencement at the College.

Among the graduates was Miss Delorene Phtisic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Phtisic.

26,168 Drivers Given Licenses In April

A total of 26,168 driver's licenses were issued in April by the driver's license examiners of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department has announced.

Of the number, 22,208 went to operators, bringing to 875,180 the number of operator's licenses issued since the re-issuance program began. Duplicate operator's licenses were issued to 2,568 persons. Chauffeurs were granted 1,290 new licenses and 102

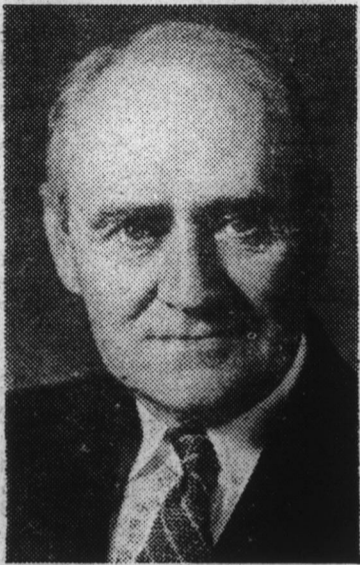
Net revenue from the issuance of licenses was \$40,846.50, with \$37,658.50 coming from original operator's licenses, \$1,346 from duplicate operator's licenses, \$1,791.50 from original chauffeur's licenses and \$50.50 from duplicate chauffeur's licenses.

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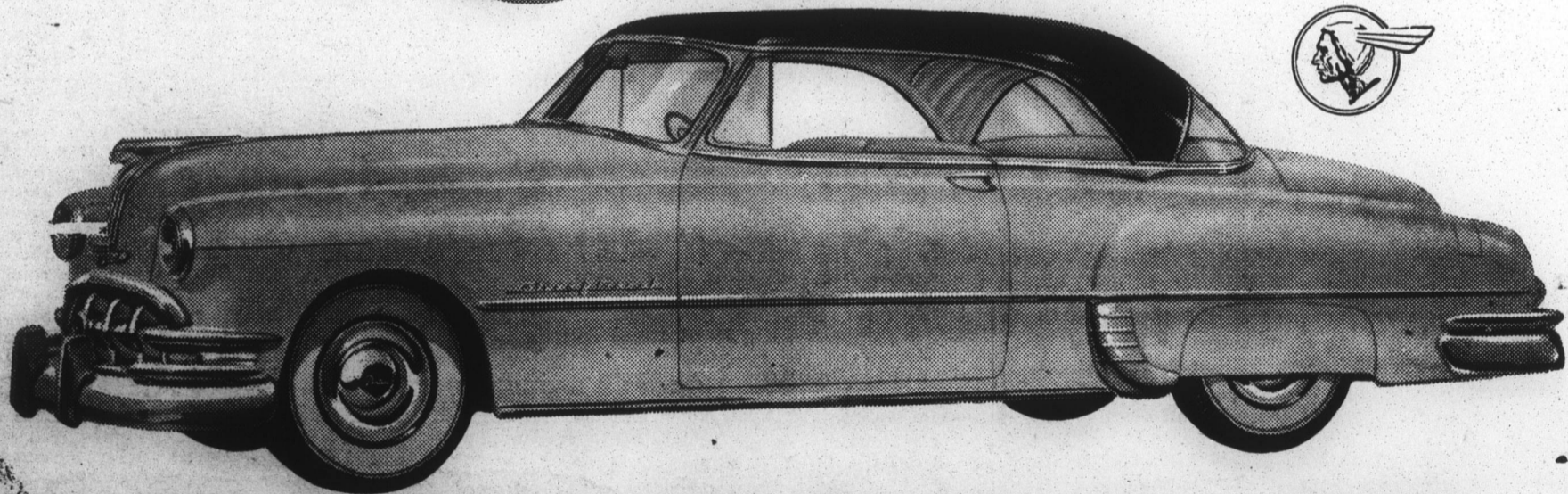
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