

Drunken Driving Results In 7,820 Revocations In 1950

Figures Released By Department of Motor Vehicles

A total of 7,820 persons lost their licenses to drive during 1950 as a result of convictions of driving under influence of alcohol, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

The figure brought to 11,435 the total revocations for the year. In addition 4,035 suspensions were listed. The year's revocations raised the grand total of revocations since the program was started in July, 1935, to 112,570 and the grand total of suspensions to 22,359.

Convictions of moving violations for the year totaled 110,543, as compared with 83,196 in 1949. A conviction of a moving violation does not constitute revocation or suspension on first offense.

A total of 775 persons had their licenses revoked in December, 494 of which were convicted of drunken driving. Two hundred and ninety-six had their licenses suspended. A total of 6,771 persons were convicted of moving violations in December. Speeding topped the list with 2,364 convictions. Other convictions included 1,209 failing to have driver's licenses; 603, reckless driving; 378, faulty equipment; 284, improper lights; 339 failing to stop for stop sign; and 82 passing school bus. The violations did not constitute revocations or suspensions on first offense.

Sheffington Lectures Group Of Optometrists

A very interesting and instructional lecture lasting more than two hours was presented by Dr. A. M. Sheffington, of St. Louis, Mo., director of the Optometric Extension Program, Thursday night at Hotel Elliott, Suffolk, Va., before a large crowd of optometrists and teachers from Virginia and North Carolina.

The development, training and distortion of vision was the principal topic of the talk. Dr. Sheffington declaring that "all seeing is learned and the progress takes years and years of training. We train the child to do everything else under the sun, but we neglect to teach them to see." He said that the school rooms with their poor lighting and seating arrangement have ruined many a child for life by causing a cruel twisting and distortion of their visual mechanism and even their bone structure. He cited the ten year survey of 160,000 school children in Texas under the direction of Dr. Darrell B. Harmon as conclusive proof of what the school room is doing to children's vision. He said that elaborate records had been kept and X-ray photographs made of thousands of children's spines and other bone structure that had been twisted out of shape by sitting in a school room and at a desk that was designed 50 years ago.

Dr. A. F. Downum, local optometrist attended the meeting.

Native Materials Cut Fencing Costs

As North Carolina's livestock industry expands, more and more farmers are facing the problem of keeping down fencing costs. Best way to do this, says N. C. Teter of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, is to use native materials whenever possible and build sturdy fences that will last.

A good time to give attention to fencing problems, says Teter, is during the winter season when other work is slack.

It costs no more to put up a good strong fence than to erect a shoddy, poorly stretched fence that has to be repaired constantly," says the State College agricultural engineer. "If fences are well planned and carefully built, they will last 15 to 20 years without too much attention—and that's where the farmer saves money."

Posts are the limiting factor in fence-building, since they usually are the first part to break down. However, Teter says the Tar Heel State is fortunate in having available plenty of native materials which can be used for making long-lasting posts.

Poles obtained by thinning a pine stand make excellent, long-life posts when properly treated, says the agricultural engineer. Of the untreated woods used for posts, black locust has the longest life. Because of the plentiful supply and ease of treating, however, pine poles probably are the most practical for use in North Carolina.

According to Teter, the "cold soak" method of treatment is most suitable for small farms, since it is simple and requires little extra equipment. Probably the most effective preservative is pentachlorophenol used in a 5 per cent solution with an oil solvent.

Detailed instructions for treating posts may be obtained from the county farm agent or the Extension Forestry Office at State College in Raleigh.

Very Reasonable

In Cleveland an uninhibited lady driver stopped abruptly at a busy intersection and, oblivious of the long line of cars honking their horns behind her, proceeded to slip on a new pair of nylons.

When an annoyed traffic cop ordered her to drive on, she explained it this way:

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Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The County Board of Education held its regular meeting Wednesday, January 3, in the superintendent's office at 10:00 A. M.

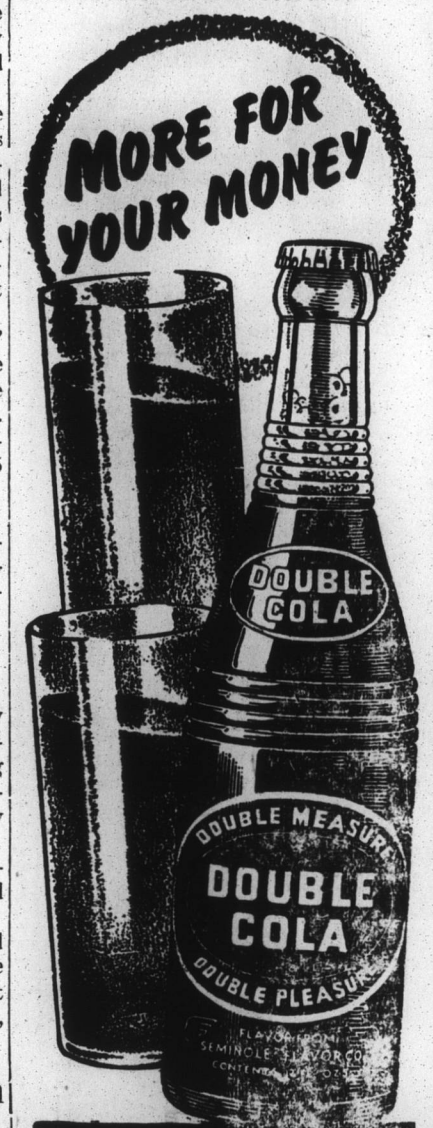
The meeting was called to order by the chairman, G. B. Potter, with the following members present: D. H. Berryman, Carey Evans, G. E. Nixon, J. I. Boyce and Conroy Perry.

The superintendent read the minutes of the previous meeting, and same were approved upon motion made and passed.

The December reports of the local school fund treasurer and county school fund treasurer were read and examined, and upon motion made and passed same were approved.

The resolution at hand from the Moore County Board of Education with references to petitioning the General Assembly of 1951 to enact a law making it mandatory that all

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State public school buses shall be routed to go by or to the residence of all school children located on State maintained roads, was read by the superintendent. Since such recommendation had already been compiled with in Chowan County, the resolution was tabled.

The superintendent with other members of the Board reported that the contractors on the White Oak Negro school were making progress in the construction of the new building as well as might be expected under the weather conditions.

The superintendent read the bills for the month of December, same were approved upon motion made and passed in the amount of \$4,122.26. Capital outlay, \$291.75; teacherage fund, \$7.76; gymnasium fund, \$52.97; Rocky Hock School building fund, \$194.01; vocational teachers' salary and travel,

\$1,237.00; lunchroom program, \$731.09; veterans program, \$785.95; veterans depreciation fund, \$55.32; and general expense, \$769.41.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was in order. G. B. POTTER, Chairman W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary

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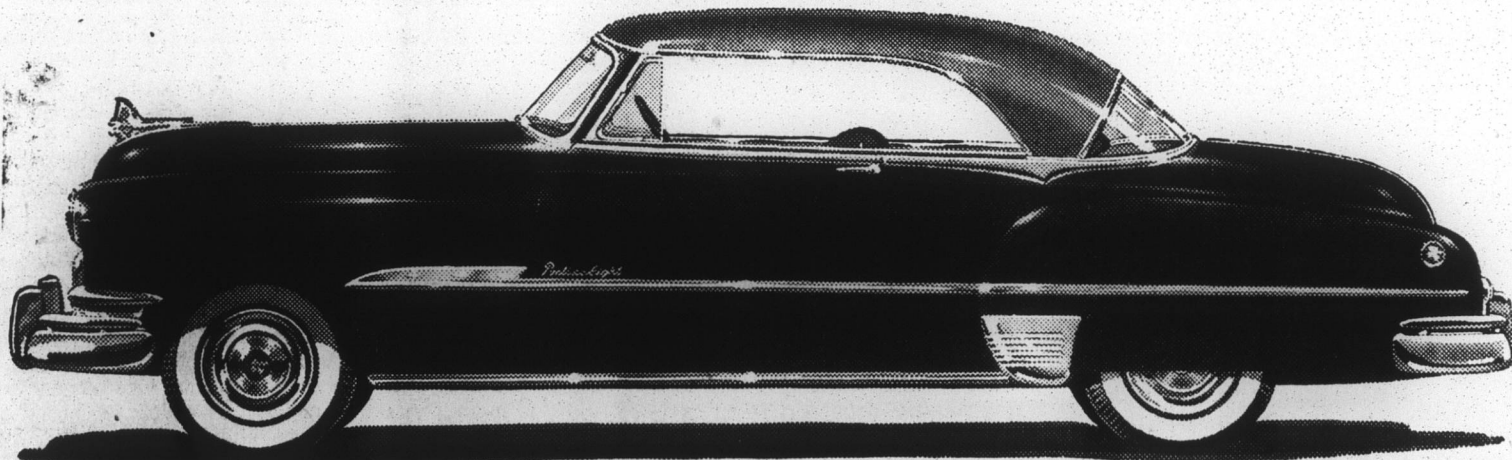
A PENALTY OF 1% WILL BE ADDED ON 1950 TAXES NOT PAID BEFORE FEBRUARY 2. ANOTHER 1% WILL BE ADDED MARCH 2 AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/2 OF 1% WILL BE ADDED FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MONTH TAXES ARE UNPAID.

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