

556 PERSONS LOSE PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE ON STATE HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13—During November, 556 persons lost their driving licenses in North Carolina because of drunken driving, the Motor Vehicle Department announced today.

This compared with 906 persons who lost their licenses for the

same offense during November of last year, and brought total drunken driving convictions for 1948 to 7,815.

During the month, 722 licenses were revoked and 181 were suspended.

The monthly revocation and suspension toll, in addition to the 556 persons caught driving drunk in North Carolina, included 54 caught driving outside the State, 37 driving drunk and miscellaneous; 21 driving after license had been revoked; 10 for two offenses of driving drunk; 11 for two offenses of reckless driving; 14 for reckless driving and miscellaneous.

Thirty-five others lost their driving rights for speeding over 75 miles per hour and miscellaneous; 10 for larceny of automobile; 11 for transporting liquor; 16 for being habitual violators of the traffic laws; 19 for two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour; 19 for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility; five for unsatisfied judgment; and three for incompetency.

In addition, 441 other motorists were convicted of reckless driving during the month, bringing reckless driving convictions for the year to 4,519. However, this charge carries no revocation or suspension for the first offense.

A total of 5,378 additional motorists were found guilty of traffic violations which do not constitute revocation or suspension on first offense.

The leading conviction in this class was speeding, with 2,516 offenders, bringing speeding convictions for the year to 28,677.

Other violations: failing to have driver's license, 1,087; driving with faulty equipment, 349; improper lights, 198; running through red light, 208; leaving car on highway unattended, 25; failing to stop at intersection, 33; failing to stop when entering highway, 34; failing to dim lights, 36; and passing school bus, 49.

Of the total violators, 4,772 were North Carolinians, and the remaining 606 were out-of-state drivers.

GAY NEWS

The friends of little Arleen Bishop will be glad to know that she is making rapid improvement: at having been stricken with polio last summer. She has been under treatment at the orthopedic hospital in Asheville. She is expected to be able to return home soon.

The friends of Rev. Joe Bishop will regret to learn that he has been confined to an Asheville hospital for treatment.

Savannah PTA Meets

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Savannah school met Thursday afternoon at 1:30 in the school auditorium. Mrs. Durl Ashe, vice-president, presided in absence of the president. At this time discussion was brought up on getting new equipment for the school grounds. Also plans for standardizing the school were discussed.

Following the business session refreshments were served.

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