

# You Can Go To Prison For Breaking Vehicle Laws

RALEIGH--Think you can't go to prison for breaking motor vehicle laws? Think again! There are about 600 North Carolinians who might argue the point with you. They are in prison today--for breaking motor vehicle laws.

According to the Records Section of the Prison Department, the figure will vary from day to day as persons completing sentences are released and new offenders are admitted. The average, however, approaches 600.

A check of the prison population made on August 22 showed 589 inmates serving time solely for motor vehicle law violations. In a total prison population that will average slightly less than 10,000, this means

that one in every 16 prisoners is a traffic offender.

Your chances of ending your trip behind bars is vastly increased if you mix alcohol with your travel. Well over half of the imprisoned motorists were convicted of driving under the influence--344 out of the 589.

License violations account for the second highest number in prison. On the day of the study there were 131 people serving sentences for such offenses as no operator's license, driving after a license has been revoked and improper licenses.

Moving violations--speeding, pre-arranged racing, reckless driving, illegal passing, etc.--cause 61 Tar Heel citizens to exchange their freedom for a

photograph with a number. Hit and run driving was the downfall of 32 motorists. Failing to stop at stop signs is credited with placing 12 drivers in prison and nine were convicted on charges of improper equipment or insurance.

Neither youth nor maturity offer immunity against imprisonment for motor vehicle law violations. Seven of the jailed motorists were above the age of 60. Thirty-seven were below the age of 20.

The early 20's are the most popular ages for prison-bound drivers. The 22 and 23-year-olds lead the list with 28 inmates each, and age 21 follows closely with 27. No age between 17 and 50 has less than 10 imprisoned for driving offenses.

The average motorists, according to Assistant Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe Garrett, "just doesn't think he will be put in prison for violating motor vehicle laws. And he's wrong--as these records show very clearly."

Garrett believes the reason is that "Most citizens doesn't think of driving violations as crimes. They put motor vehicle laws in a separate category from other laws. A person who would never think of drinking too much and walking down Main Street will drink too much and drive his car down the same street. People who wouldn't think of stealing or trespassing or engaging in a public brawl will break motor vehicle laws without a second thought.

"A shop-lifter knows he or she is committing a crime. They know they run the risk of arrest and imprisonment. And it serves as a deterrent. The average driver, on the other hand, doesn't really feel he's doing anything wrong when he speeds or eases through a stop sign. And when he gets caught, he becomes indignant."

Garrett concludes that "The time has come for a drastic change in average on the part of the motorists. He has to be made to realize that when he drinks and drives, he's committing a crime; that when he goes one mile over the speed limit, he's committing a crime. He has to realize that he can go to jail. Such a change in attitude could save a lot of lives in North Carolina."



These past few days have been spent in a mattress Work Shop directed by Mrs. Judy Wallace of the Duplin County Extension Service. She was instructing 15 Field Aides working under the Consumer Education Program for Community Action Council (better known as the "Poverty Program") in Rose Hill, N.C.

This Consumer Education Program is designed to help low income families by teaching them homemaking skills. For Example: Each Field Aide will be teaching their clients to make mattresses of their own in their own homes.

Proper bedding is a desperate need for the low-income family. Imagine how you would feel if you had slept on a cot which sags in the middle. Would you feel like working the next day? Would you have a lovely disposition- Would you rest well?

Other Work Shops have been held in nutrition, sewing, home nursing, cooking of emergency foods, budgeting, etc. The field aides teach anything related to homemaking. This helps the housewife to make the few dollars she has to go further.

The field aides working in each county are:

### Duplin

- Mrs. Kathaleen Caldwell
- Mrs. Louise Bradshaw
- Mrs. Beatrice MacMillian
- Mrs. Lucille Chasten
- Mrs. Annie Batts

### Sampson

- Mrs. Jimmie McCallop
- Mrs. Sallie McClarey
- Mrs. Margaret Hodges
- Mrs. Rossie Floyd
- Mrs. Fannie Johnson
- Mrs. Elizabeth Hollingsworth

### Pender

- Mrs. Nancy Clark
- Mrs. Margaret Travick
- Mrs. Edna Jarman
- Mrs. Evelyn Hankins

Would you like to volunteer (unpaid) some of your time, money or talents to help others help themselves? If so, contact Mrs. Kara Norris, Director of Consumer Education, 289-3151.

## James Sprunt Institute

Class in Judo

A thirty-six (36) hour class

in Judo will begin October 2, 1968, at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School. The class will be held each Wednesday evening from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for twelve weeks. The instructor for the class will be Mr. Ernie Ray Lanier. Mr. Lanier is a member of the Wallace Police Department and is the holder of the nationally recognized black belt.

This class is sponsored by

James Sprunt Institute. There will be no registration for this class.

### Guitar Class

A class in guitar will begin at James Sprunt Institute October 7, 1968 and continue through December 16, 1968. This class will meet each Monday night from 7 until 10 p.m. in the student lounge. Mr. Simon Quinn will be the instructor. This is another tuition-free class.

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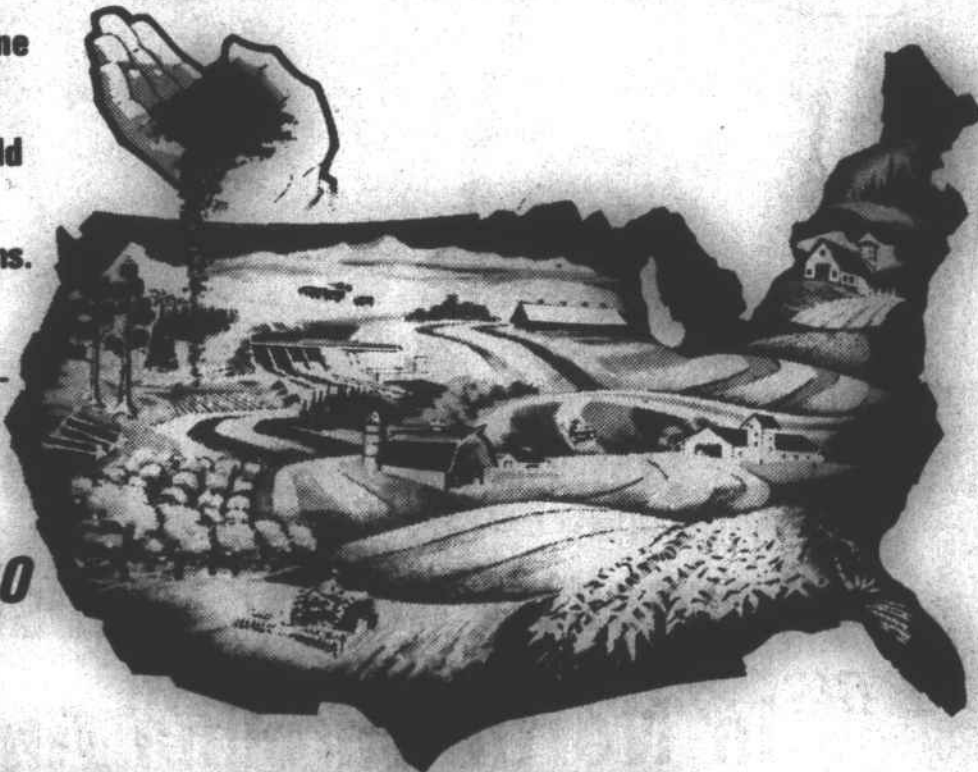
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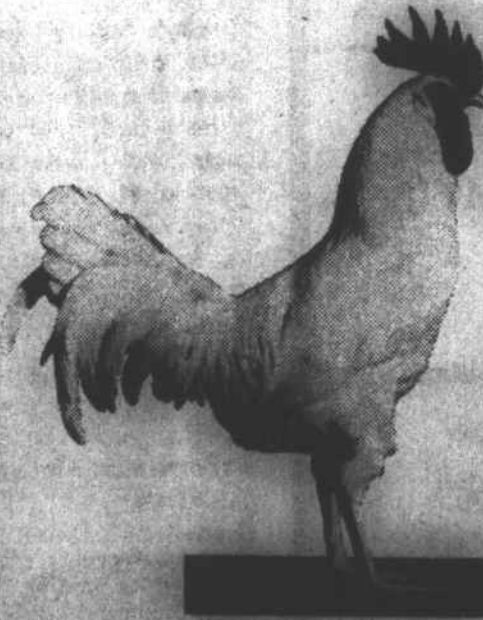
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### Mr. Leland Grady

Mr. Leland Grady, owner and operator of the Beulaville FCX says "the poultry business means more than can easily be put into words."

Leland has operated the FCX in Beulaville for the past fifteen years. He carries a very good line of household appliances. He also has a good line of building supplies. The Poultry industry has created a demand for both of

these lines, and for many other items found only at FCX. Mr. Grady is an elder in Hallsville Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the town board, the Moose Lodge, Ramblewood Country Club and is Secretary of the Woodmen of the World 935.

His wife, Isabelle teaches school in Richlands. They have four children, Mary Ina, Mrs. Jerry Lee Jones of Columbus, Ohio; Annette-Mrs. Larry Holt; Jimmy- a sophomore at East Duplin; and Janet, a third grader at Richlands Elementary School.

Poultry is really big business in this area. It would be hard to say just how big.

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