

630 Lose Driving License In January For Driving Drunk

During January, 630 persons in North Carolina lost their driving licenses for drunken driving, the Motor Vehicle Department has announced.

This was a decrease of 304 over the 934 persons convicted of drunken driving during January of 1948.

A total of 1,093 drivers in North Carolina lost their driving privileges during January because of traffic law offenses and practices detrimental to highway safety. Revocations totaled 849 and suspensions 244.

These included 65 persons caught driving drunk out of state, 57 driving drunk and miscellaneous, 34 driving after license was revoked, 33 speeding over 75 miles per hour and miscellaneous, 22 for transporting liquor and 10 for being habitual violators of the traffic laws.

Twenty-five drivers lost their licenses for two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour; 48 for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility; 11 for two offenses of reckless driving; and 19 for reckless driving and miscellaneous.

Twenty-eight motorists lost their licenses for two offenses of driving drunk, which means that their licenses are automatically revoked for a three year period; and two drivers lost their licenses for three offenses of drunken driving. For a third conviction, the motorist's license is revoked permanently unless at the end of five years he can prove that he has been of good behavior during that period and is entitled to consideration for a new license application.

During the month, 672 persons were convicted of reckless driving, more than twice the 334 persons convicted of reckless driving in January of last year. Reckless driving, however, requires no revocation or suspension on first offense.

In addition to the major violations which are cause for revocation or suspension, there were 7,610 other violators who were convicted but not deprived of their driving rights. Speeding took the greatest toll, with 3,012 offenders.

Other offenders: Failing to have driver's license, 1,261; driving with faulty equipment, 399; improper lights, 191; running through red light, 318; failing to dim lights, 63; passing on curve, 39; and passing school bus while loading or unloading, 51.

Butchering Safety Is Urged By Agent

Observance of a few simple rules of safety will prevent many of the accidents which usually occur on the farm during the butchering season, I. C. Yagel, county agent for the State College Extension Service, suggests.

According to the National Safety Council, one of the most frequent

causes of injuries is slippery footing. To avoid this danger, remove the ice and sprinkle ashes on the ground where the butchering is done. If the job is done indoors, sand, sawdust or crushed rock salt will improve the footing. Fat and meat trimmings should be kept off the floor.

The county agent called attention to the following additional suggestions recommended by the National Safety Council:

All hoisting equipment should be checked and put in good repair.

Keep all knives in a suitable rack when not in use.

Observe every precaution in the handling and use of firearms. Keep them unloaded when not in use.

Use a tamper to force meat into the grinder.

Keep children away from all butchering operations.

Use extreme care with scalding water.

Do not use gasoline or kerosene to quicken a smoldering fire.

Always cut or chop away from the body.

Avoid strain from overlifting.

Apply first aid immediately to all cuts, scratches or burns.

Governor Kerr Scott Supports Expansion Of Ports In State

Convinced that expansion and modernization of the state's port resources will fit neatly into his pattern of progress for North Carolina, Governor W. Kerr Scott is urging the General Assembly to give "substantial encouragement" to ports improvement plans formulated by the North Carolina State Ports Authority.

Through his spokesman, George Ross, marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, the Governor recently suggested to joint sessions of the House and Senate appropriations and conservation and development committees that the ports program "is a matter that deserves urgent consideration," and that it should be accorded "substantial encouragement".

The Governor, making a personal appearance at Camp Lejeune, told legislators and others gathered at the huge Marine Base that "let us all hope it will not require another war to bring about expansion of our port facilities." He also said that "we need to do that now for the peaceful expansion of North Carolina's commerce throughout the world."

Col. George W. Gillette, executive director of the State Ports Authority, and outstanding business and industrial leaders of the state appeared at the joint legislative meetings to urge favorable consideration of the Authority's request for an appropriation of \$7,500,000. This is necessary, they said, to provide adequate port facilities at Morehead City and Wilmington, which will enable North Carolina to compete on a more equitable basis with adjacent states, and

recapture millions of dollars those states now receive in direct revenues and other economic benefits.

They included A. G. Myers, well-known textile operator of Gastonia; J. Harry White of the Brown-Williamson Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem; W. O. Huske of Fayetteville, and others.

Myers told the legislators that North Carolina "is the only state on the Atlantic, Pacific or Gulf coasts, as well as the Great Lakes, which does not have adequate port facilities."

"If we had these facilities," he said, "my organization and practically every other business, industrial and agricultural interest in the state would save tremendous sums of money just in reduced freight charges on the raw materials we consume and on our finished products."

Myers also said that in recent years industries valued at more than \$100,000,000 had been established in South Carolina principally because the Port of Charleston provides facilities "which North Carolina does not have." Many of these industries, he added "would have settled in North Carolina if this state had adequate port facilities."

White told the committee that "exports of tobacco alone would justify the expenditures asked," asserting also that the investment will be "self-liquidating".

M. C. Cunningham of the Alabama State Docks Commission, told the joint committee that expansion and improvement of the Port of Mobile had been "an outstanding success." This port is state-operated, he said, and has "fully paid its way, in addition to earning between three and four million dollars."

Savings in freight rate reductions alone, Cunningham said, had amounted to "many millions of dollars" for the State of Alabama.

BIBLICAL SUNDAY AT CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday, February 20, will be Biblical Sunday at Catholic services that will begin at 8 A. M. in Davenport Funeral Home, Columbia, and consist of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, including sermon on "Everybody Ought Read Bible Daily", Holy Communion, concluding in 45 minutes, followed by Sunday School, the same program to be repeated at 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, stated Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who invites everybody to all services. Confessions will be heard in Columbia from 7:35 to 7:55 and in Edenton from 10:30 to 10:55 A. M. Week-mornings: Mass, Communion, Rosary in Edenton.

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Certificate Of Safety Will Again Be Given

Industrial plants which made conspicuous advances in on-the-job safety during 1948 are eligible for the "Certificate of Safety Achievement" which is presented annually to qualifying establishments by the North Carolina Department of Labor.

Announcement of the opening of applications for the safety award covering the year 1948 was made this week by Mrs. Rose Wharton, Safety Inspector representing the Department of Labor in the First District.

"The Department of Labor is now receiving safety award applications from a number of industrial concerns on the basis of their plant safety records for last year," Mrs. Wharton said. "Plant officials who believe that their establishment has qualified for the Certificate of Safety Achievement by making the specified accident rate reductions may obtain the necessary application blanks from the district office of the Department of Labor at Greenville, or by writing direct to the Department at Raleigh."

Mrs. Wharton explained that industrial plants may qualify for the safety award in any one of three ways: (1) By having had a perfect record of no lost-time accidents during 1948; (2) by having reduced their

accident frequency rates 20 per cent or more below their rates for the previous year; and (3) by having maintained during 1948 an accident rate at least 75 per cent below the State average for their industry.

"Qualifying establishments which already have received the Certificate of Safety Achievement for previous years will not be awarded a new certificate this year," Mrs. Wharton said. "Instead, they will be presented with a ribbon for attachment to their old certificate. The ribbon will bear an inscription indicating the number of consecutive years during which the establishment has qualified for the Labor Department's safety award."

The Department issues two types of awards, Mrs. Wharton added. One type is for establishments having 50 or more employees. This certificate is presented as a joint award from the North Carolina Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor, and is signed by both Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford and Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin. The other award, presented by the State Labor Department only, is for plants having fewer than 50 employees and is signed by the Commissioner of Labor.

The Labor Department's safety awards program is one phase of the Industrial Manpower Conservation Program, through which the Department, assisted by a 25-man advisory board of safety experts from leading industries, is working to reduce the accident frequency rates of all North

Carolina industries, Mrs. Wharton said. More than 400 North Carolina firms were awarded the Safety Achievement Certificate last year.

WHO KNOWS

1. What is the political lineup of the 81st Congress?
2. Who is the Speaker of the House?
3. Who is the President pro tem of the Senate?
4. Name the Republican leaders of the House.
5. Who are the GOP Senate leaders?
6. How many women are members of the 81st Congress?
7. What is the leading occupation of the members of Congress?
8. Of what committee is Repr.

THE ANSWERS

1. Senate: Democrats, 34; Republicans, 42.
House: Democrats, 262; Republicans 171.
2. Sam Rayburn, (D), of Texas.
3. Kenneth R. McKellar, (D), of Tenn.
4. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., and Charles Halleck.
5. Robert A. Taft and Arthur H. Vandenburg.
6. Nine.
7. 201 are lawyers.
8. House Ways and Means.

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Meeting Of Board Of Equalization And Review

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County will meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in the Court House on Monday, March 14, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing complaints and the equalization of property values, and said Board will adjourn from day to day until this work is completed.

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