

License Revocations Highest In October

October's revocations and suspensions were the highest of any month recorded to date, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles has reported.

Revocations for October reached 1,216. August, 1950, was the next highest month, with 1,140 recorded. The monthly total of suspensions amounted to 467, while August listed 428.

Drunken driving accounted for 786 of the violations which ended in revocation or suspension of driver's licenses. Seventy-five of the defendants were convicted on second offense. Last year, during October, 618 were convicted of driving drunk. Fifty-nine of those were convicted on second offense.

Sixty-six persons were convicted of driving after their licenses were revoked and four of driving after licenses were suspended. Aiding and abetting in drunken driving convicted two persons. Three persons were convicted of hit and run, involving personal injury and one of hit and run involving property damage. Thirty-three persons were found guilty of two offenses of reckless driving.

Other convictions were as follows: Reckless driving, involving personal injury and property damage, 45; speeding over 75 miles per hour, 65; two offenses of speeding, over 55 miles per hour, 38; involuntary manslaughter, one; manslaughter, four; transporting liquor, 40; aiding and abetting in transporting liquor, six; unsatisfied judgment, 25; habitual violator, 15 and failure to maintain financial responsibility, 136.

In addition, 8,894 persons were found guilty of moving violations which do not require revocations or suspensions on first offense. Of the number, 7,910 were North Carolinians and 984 were out-of-state drivers.

Speeding headed the list with 2,940 cases, as compared with 2,316 during the same month of last year. Failure to have driver's license was second with 1,795. Reckless driving was listed in 796 cases, and running through a red light in 87. Faulty equipment was listed in 589 cases. One hundred and seventy-four persons were found guilty of improper passing as on a hill or curve, 308 had improper lights, 386 failed to stop for a stop sign, and 132 for passing a school bus while it was loading or unloading.

Precautions Should Continue To Prevent Spreading Of Polio

New cases of infantile paralysis throughout the nation are running higher today than they did at the same time during last year's record epidemic, and precautions, therefore, should be followed by parents and children for at least another month, it is recommended by Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"Contrary to popular belief, polio is not just a summertime disease," he explained. "We are having more polio now than was reported in June or July, even though the numbers are on the decline from August and early September."

"This has been a strange polio year. At the beginning of the summer it looked as if there might be less than the number of cases reported in recent years. Now it is quite apparent that 1950 will be the second highest polio year we ever have had, second only to 1949."

According to the Public Health Service Report, there were 606 cases of polio reported in North Carolina as of October 15, 1950. At the same time last year, there were 206 polio cases reported in North Carolina.

Dr. Van Riper said that early in the summer the National Foundation distributed widely a leaflet entitled "A Message About Polio," containing recommended precautions for families to take when polio was around. He urged that parents who had put it aside as being "no longer necessary" refer to it again now.

Among the precautions listed in the leaflet is that of keeping children with their own friends and away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close daily living.

This precaution is based on the fact that many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness, and can pass it on. Dr. Van Riper pointed out that school attendance does not conflict with this advice, since children in school are not in close daily living situations and are with people they have been with right along. But he advised against unnecessary trips, visits and exposures to new groups outside school hours.

"Keeping from getting chilled should be easier now than during the summer," he added, "since in most places the swimming season has ended. If one is caught in the rain, however, wet clothes should be removed at the earliest possible moment. Good rules to follow now as well as in the summer include keeping clean—particularly through washing hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet—keeping from getting over-tired by work, hard play or travel and watching for early signs of sickness so that a doctor can be consulted promptly."

Polio is on the decline, Dr. Van Riper repeated, thus there is no cause for alarm. But the unusual extension of the high incidence period this year makes it worth while to continue reasonable precautions, he said.

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The project finished during October

was from the Washington County line via Old Bay and Travia to U. S. 64.

In a special quarterly progress report issued recently, Dr. Henry W. Jordan, Highway Commission chairman, announced the paving of 4,658.5 miles of road during the last 20

months. This sets a new all-time roadbuilding record for the State of North Carolina.

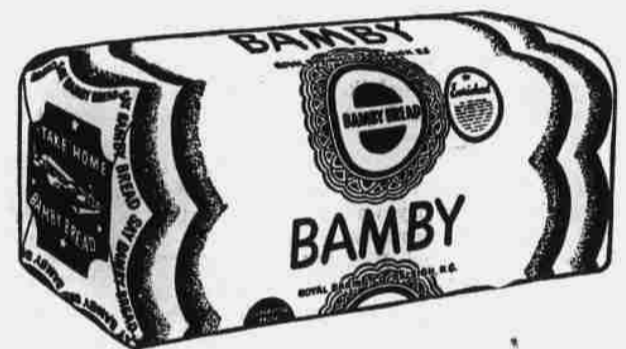
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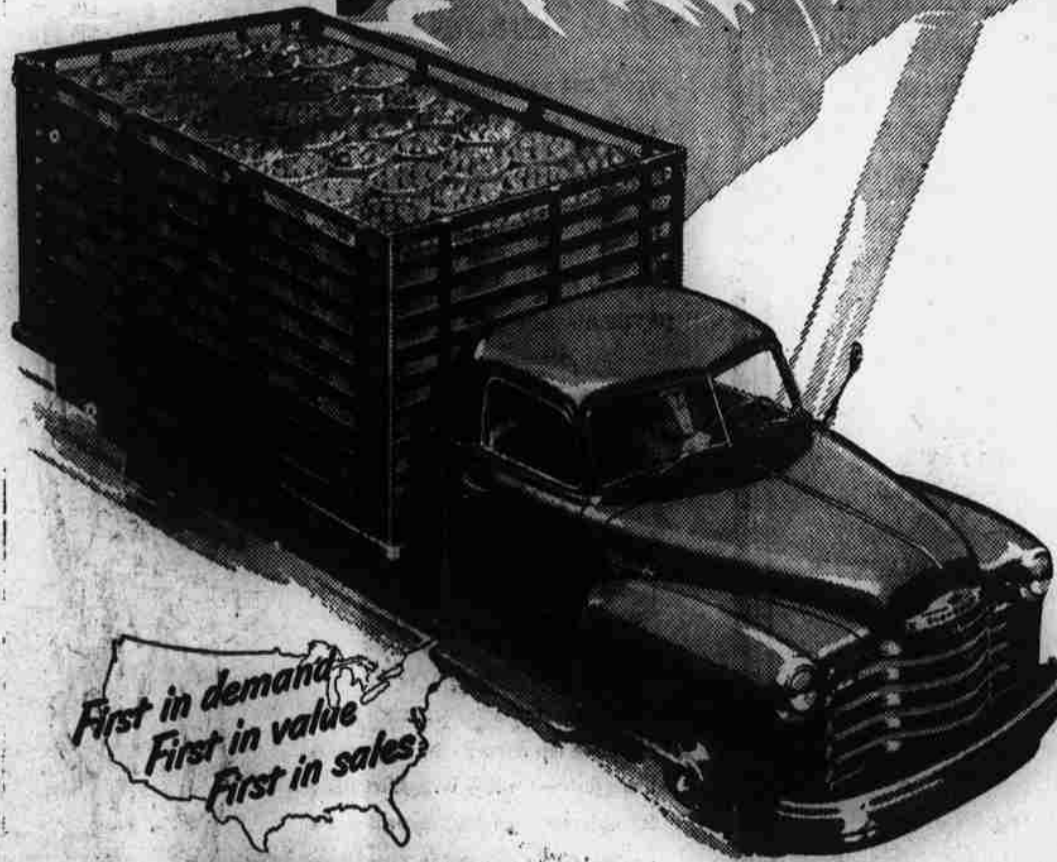
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