

4% Of Motorists Arrested Are Guilty

Violators of guilty were brought against 94 per cent of the motorists charged with violations by the Highway Patrol and tried during April, the Department of Motor Vehicles has reported as it released the monthly Patrol report.

A total of 6,873 persons, brought to trial in April on charges made during the month or in previous months, were found guilty. Only 488 were found not guilty of charges placed against them. Persons found guilty were sentenced to 92 years, two months and 21 days.

Patrolmen traveled a total of 1,383,367 miles during the month and spent 97,298 hours on duty. Driver's licenses examined numbered 92,283. A total of 71,463 vehicles were inspected and 28,697 lights were corrected. Equipment tickets were issued in 1,908 cases and light tickets in 454.

Arrests made during the month totaled 6,936. Patrolmen investigated 6,883 complaints and 6,265 warning tickets and 6,040 citations were issued. A total of 596 of the arrests made were on charges of drunken driving.

Vehicles weighed numbered 2,454 and 748 were found to be overloaded. Courtines were extended in 13,572 cases, first aid was rendered in 26 and fires extinguished in four.

Accidents investigated totaled 1,499 in which 57 persons were killed and 812 injured.

Value of cars and property returned to individuals amounted to \$62,628. Fines turned over to county school funds totaled \$169,332.95 and costs turned into county general funds in counties where cases were tried amounted to \$77,725.04. Highway rev-

enue collected on overloaded and improperly licensed vehicles was \$18,888.04.

NOTES ON SOIL CONSERVATION

In 1947 a group of farmers in Perquimans and Chowan Counties whose lands drain into Burnt Mill Creek decided to try to get a canal cut through Burnt Mill Creek to improve the drainage situation. The group asked the Albemarle Soil Conservation Service District to help them with their drainage problem. Soil Conservation Service Engineers made a preliminary study of the drainage area and told the farmers how much it would cost. The landowners decided that the best way to get the job done would be to organize a drainage district since there was a large number of farms involved. In 1948, while the drainage district was being organized, the Soil Conservation Service Engineers made a complete drainage survey of the proposed project and prepared detailed plans and estimates.

The drainage system includes a main canal approximately 14,000 feet in length and three laterals which are about 7,800 feet in length. This work will include the clearing of 34 acres of right-of-way and approximately 31,000 cubic yards of dirt excavation. This drainage project when complete should improve the drainage of 1,500 acres of cultivated land on 27 farms. The contract for this job was let recently and the work is to start this month.

The Soil Conservation Service Engineers are surveying the center line through the swamp now for the contractor to start the clearing of the right of way.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Peabody of Washington, D. C., announce the birth of a son, Howard Nelson, on Sunday, June 3. Mrs. Peabody is the former Miss Mozelle Smith of Route two, Hertford.

Warning Is Issued About Dead Animals

Several times the Health Department has been in receipt of complaints about persons disposing of dead animals in swamps, streams or on open ground. The most recent insanitary practice was reported in the Long Swamp Area of Pasquotank County. Such practices are in violation of the Public Health Laws of North Carolina. The State Law covering disposition of dead animals and fowls is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the owner or person in charge of any animals that die from any cause and the owner, lessee, or person in charge of any land upon which any animals or fowls die, to bury the same in a depth of at least three feet beneath the surface of the ground, or to completely burn said animals or fowls, within twenty-four hours after the death of said animal or fowls, or to otherwise dispose of the same in a manner approved by the state veterinarian. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove the carcasses of dead animals or fowls from his premises to the premises of any other person without written permission of the person having charge of such premises and without burying said carcasses as above provided."

Complete cooperation of persons having dead animals or fowls to dispose of is asked in complying with the law in order to avoid insanitary con-

ditions, which result in such practices. Graduation exercises for 66 Highway Patrol trainees were held Friday night, at 7 o'clock at the Patrol School in Chapel Hill.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the speed of light?
2. How fast do radio waves travel?
3. Who is deputy Supreme Commander of the Allied powers in Europe?
4. Where was Thomas A. Edison born?
5. Who was the author of the opera, "Porgy and Bess"?
6. Who wrote "The Village Blacksmith"?
7. From what is the finest writing paper made?

ANSWERS

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66 PATROLMEN GRADUATE

Captain W. B. Lents, Commander of Troop C and Officer in Charge of the School presided. Certificates for completion of the phase of work conducted by the Institute of Government were presented the graduates by Dr. Albert Coates, Director of the Institute.

The school began six weeks ago

and is the first of two schools to be held in connection with increasing the Patrol to its authorized strength of 528 men.

Graduates will be sworn in as members of the State Highway Patrol and receive station assignments at a date to be announced later.

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