

VASCAR Device Now In Use On Highways

"And to think it caught me while I was talking about it!"

A young Tar Heel motorist got acquainted quickly with the State Highway Patrol's new speed-timing device, VASCAR, on the first day the instrument was authorized for arrest purposes.

Trooper D. J. Bryson of Asheville tells this story of a 17-year-old Alexander youth he arrested for speeding with VASCAR on December 1.

"This is December 1," the youth was quoted as telling a friend in the car, "the day the Highway Patrol starts using that new machine. I've got to be careful and not let them catch me with that thing."

His friend remarked, "You may already be caught, there's a blue light flashing behind you."

Trooper Bryson says he asked the driver how fast he was traveling, and the young driver reported between 70-75 mph.

"I then showed him the VASCAR with a reading of 73 mph, and all he said was 'That's right, where do I pay the ticket?'" the trooper stated. "He entered a plea of guilty and paid the fine and costs."

Major Edwin Guy, who heads the Patrol's enforcement division, reports the initial phases of VASCAR utilization by the Patrol to curb speeders on the highways "has been highly successful."

"During the first two weeks of December," the Patrol officer said, "there have been 195 speeding arrests with VASCAR. About half of these cases have been disposed of in court, and there have been no contested cases."

The Patrol began using VASCAR for arrest purposes on December 1 after many months of testing and training with the new instrument.

Governor Moore authorized the use of the new speed-timing device in mid-October when he called for a "no quarters" attack on the chronic and habitual traffic law violator.

At that time, the governor announced the purchase of 100 VASCAR units and the doubling of Breathalyzers in use by the Patrol. Seventy of the chemical testing instruments are in the field now.

VASCAR is a mechanical computer, about the size of a cigar box, which is situated in the patrol car so that it can be utilized as easily as can the trooper's radio.

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Huffstetler's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Ernest Huffstetler, 74, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Temple Baptist church of which he was a member, interment following in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Mr. Huffstetler died Saturday morning at 5:45 a.m. in the Kings Mountain hospital after several years illness.

He was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Huffstetler. He was a retired grocer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Hord Huffstetler; a brother, Theodore Huffstetler of Kings Mountain; and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Bridges of Charlotte.

Rev. Frank Shirley officiated at the final rites.

Dewey Hill's Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Dewey Pearson Hill, 63, of Shelby, brother of Murphy Hill and Mrs. E. H. Yarboro of Kings Mountain, were held Monday at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of Lutz-Austell Funeral Home at Shelby.

Mr. Hill died Saturday in Gaston Memorial hospital.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Raymond Hill and Cecil Hill, both of Virginia, Jimmy Hill of Burlington; one daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Hines of Virginia; three additional brothers, Forrest Hill, Foy Hill and Paul Hill, all of Shelby; and two additional sisters, Mrs. Sally Page of Shelby and Mrs. Clayton Kanipe of Fallston.

GOP PRECINCTS

East and West Republican Precincts will hold meetings January 18th at 8 p.m. in the courtroom of City Hall, a spokesman for the groups said.

THANKS FRIENDS

SP/4 Steven Devenney, who is stationed with the Army in Vietnam, has stated appreciation to the many friends, the Scouts of Boyce Memorial ARP church and the American Legion Auxiliary for their cards and Christmas packages during the holidays, he said in a letter to his family.

tes the average speed of the vehicle being timed. It can do this by timing the vehicle moving between two specific points. With time and distance in the machine, the trooper simply throws a switch and the sweep arm points to the average speed.

The Patrol is now operating 75 units with the remaining 25 scheduled for delivery in early 1968.

"These units are spread throughout the state and are in the hands of trained operators," Major Guy said.

The troopers are trained and certified by the N. C. Department of Community Colleges. This training includes a full day in the classroom, over-the-road training with an instructor along and 30 days use on the highways.

After the 30-day period, each trooper must pass 25 controlled speed-timing tests in order to be certified.

"Each of these tests must be completed with less than a 2 mph error," Major Guy said. "So far the average grades have been running less than one mph."

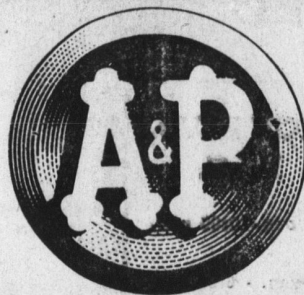


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