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Motorists Had Violations

RALEIGH — More than 320,000 Tar Heel motorists were arrested on some 340,000 traffic law violations by the State Highway Patrol during 1969, according to Patrol Commander Edwin C. Guy.

The number represents slightly more than one out of every 12 drivers licensed to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina.

Speeding violations comprised more than half of all offenses made. Guy said most were traveling between 65 and 75 miles per hour when detected. More than 17,000, however, were charged with speeding in excess of 75 miles per hour.

More arrests for drunken driving were made in 1969 than in any previous year. The number arrested on that charge—25,317—represented the second largest single citation category for the year.

Although arrests for speeding and drunken driving reflected the Patrol's increased emphasis on placing emphasis on these offenses, records compiled by the Patrol showed that increases were registered in most categories of traffic law violations. The 1969 total for all arrests was two per cent above the 244,000 motorists charged in 1968.

Total fines and court forfeitures amounted to more than \$5 million—an average of about \$16.50 for each person tried during the year.

As of January 1, 1970, more than 50,000 charges brought by the Patrol had not been brought to trial or were pending court appeals. About 40 per cent of these outstanding cases were the result of arrests made in Decem-

Tax Records Necessary

Greensboro — Many taxpayers lost all or part of their deductions for charitable contributions last year because they failed to keep the necessary records.

Substantiation of charitable contributions is one of the most frequent problems encountered in the audit of tax returns, J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue, reminded North Carolina taxpayers today.

Another problem in the contribution area that appeared on last year's returns was the claim of the full amount paid for a ticket to a charity ball, theatre benefit, or banquet as a charitable contribution.

Mr. Wall said that only that part of the ticket price in excess of the value received by the buyer may be considered a charitable contribution.

"When \$10 is paid for a ticket to a charity banquet and the meal would normally cost \$4, then only \$6 may be considered a charitable gift," he said.

To help taxpayers avoid this mistake on 1969 returns, IRS has requested all charitable organizations selling tickets to fund-raising affairs to clearly indicate on the ticket the amount that is deductible. Identifying the deductible portion of the ticket price should end this problem, Wall said.

Mr. Wall said that many cases, however, were as much as 12 months old. A large number of the lingering cases, according to the Patrol Commander, involve charges for which drivers could have their licenses suspended or revoked.

"Oz" Cast Is Selected

B. Michael Wood, director of the Sacred Heart College Theatre, in Belmont, announced today that the cast for The Wizard of Oz has been chosen. This production is sponsored by Delta Psi Omega, the national honorary dramatics fraternity, and the Masquers of Sacred Heart College, in cooperation with the Gaston Little Theatre.

The part of "Dorothy" is played by Miss Debbie Payne of Gastonia. Debbie is a Freshman at Gaston College. The "Scarecrow" is played by Dwight Whitworth, from McAdenville. He is in the eleventh grade at Holbrook High School in Lowell. Leslie Montgomery of Gastonia is the "Lion." He is a senior at North Carolina Central University in Durham. The part of the "Tin Man" is played by Tom McNamara. Tom is a Freshman at Belmont Abbey College. The "Wizard" is played by Lee Young, from Bessemer City. He is a Freshman at Gaston College.

Mrs. Judy Ferguson of Mt. Airy is playing the part of "Aunt Em." Mrs. Catherine Brown of Gastonia plays the "Wicked Witch of the West," and Carole Perry of Charlotte plays "Glenda the Good Witch." Carole is a Freshman at Sacred Heart College.

The Wizard of Oz is being produced in multi-media. That is, every aspect of the theatre is being used—lighting, photography, cinema photography, as well as live acting. The set and the lighting effects are being created by Miss Sue Katzman, a member of the faculty of Sacred Heart College.

Performances of The Wizard of Oz will be on April 16, 17, 18 and 19 at 8:15 at the Gastonia



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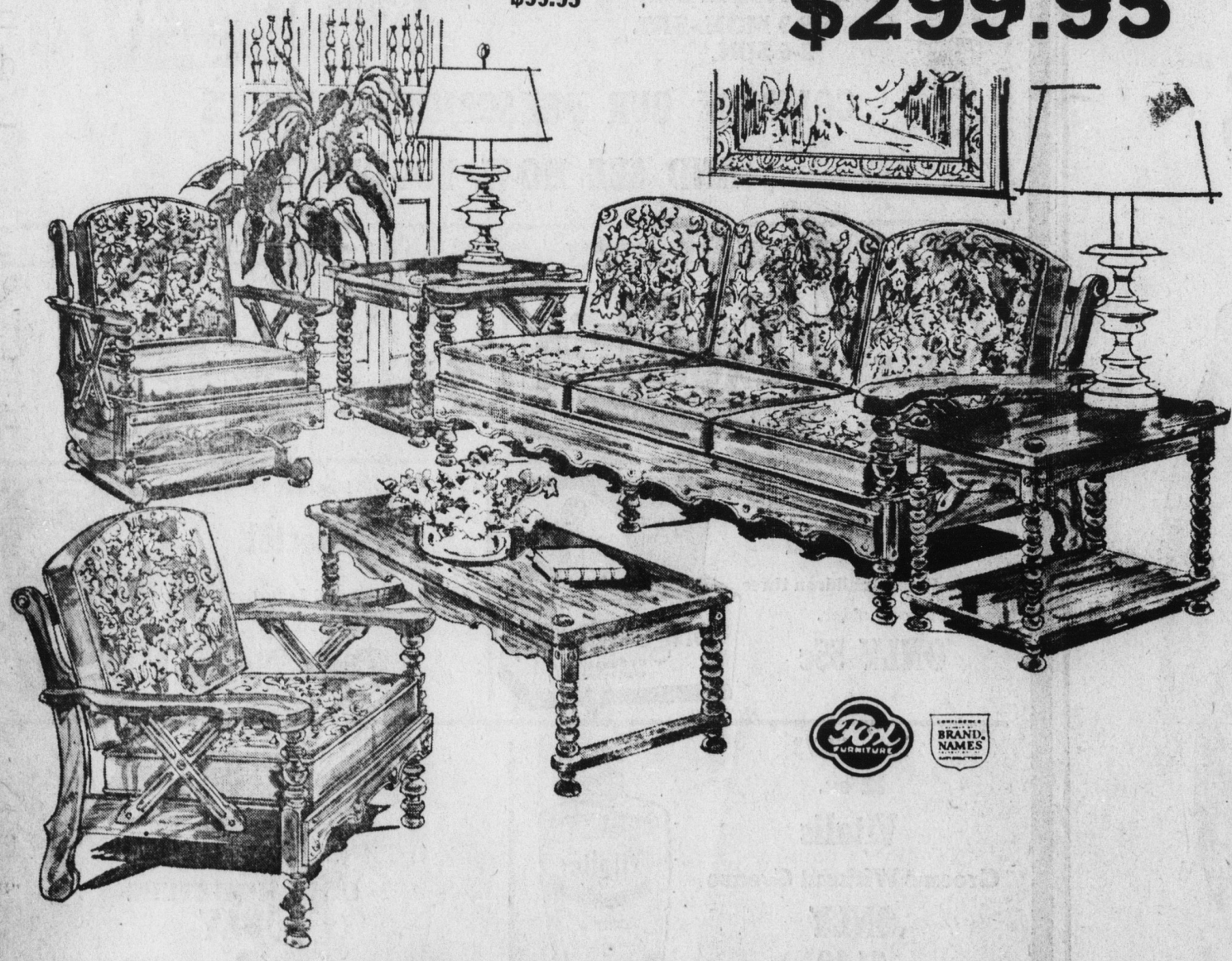
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