

Englishwoman Gets Stiff Fine 'For Drunk-Drive'

500 POUND FINE AND BAN FOR LIFE

(This little sketch is from an English newspaper and well illustrates the severity of penalties being imposed on hit-and-run, drunk drivers in England.)

Leicester, Eng.—The wife of a director of a shoe firm, stated by her doctor to be extremely excitable and to have "a wicked temper," was fined 500 pounds and disqualified from driving for life at the Quarter Sessions here today. She was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of drink.

The woman, Mrs. Evelyn Hilton, 43, of Station-road, Thurcaston, Leicester, was also ordered to pay 75 guineas costs. She was stated to have been fined 25 pounds four years ago for a similar offense.

Evidence was given that Hilton's car was seen in Highcross-street, Leicester, zigzagging across the roadway. It had collided with

two stationary vehicles and carried on without stopping.

A man who saw the collision said he caught up with Hilton, who stopped at her husband's business premises. When he asked her to go with him and see the damage she had done she replied: "Nonsense, the two men that hit me were rotten drivers."

"Shouting and Screaming"

A policeman was called to the premises and was said to have found Hilton upstairs shouting and screaming. She was holding a telephone, shouting: "Why can't I get this damned number?" She told the policeman: "I have plenty of witnesses. I have my dog for one."

Dr. A. McQueen said he had treated Hilton for three years. She got hysterical over very little. He had given her sedatives from time to time, but she was a difficult person to deal with. He had not known anger or hysteria to cause a driver to hit two cars and then drive on.

Mr. R. C. Vaughan, Q.C., defending, said: "A flame of fury was perhaps lit by the match of the accidents. If she had not had a drink she might still have vented her fury on the police."

The assistant, Recorder, Mr. J. M. G. Griffith-Jones, passing sentence, said: "One can hardly conceive a worse case. If two people had been where those vehicles were you might well have found yourself before a court of assizes charged with manslaughter, with the death of two people on your conscience."

General hospitals which routinely X-ray the chests of every patient admitted for any cause find two to three times as many people with TB as do chest X-ray surveys made among the general population.

Surprise Party

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Cardwell Friday evening, giving Mr. Cardwell a very pleasant surprise in honor of his birthday anniversary. Dancing was enjoyed by all in spite of the terrible storm raging.

Lovely old-fashioned accordion and harmonica music was played by Frank Thompson and son Dan.

Refreshments were served and many beautiful gifts were received.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Salvage, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Phettiplace and daughter,

Judy; Mrs. Olive Weise, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ault, Dan Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lucas and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones.

Those unable to attend, although sending gifts, were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nichols and family, Mrs. Dan Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Salvage, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keller, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas.

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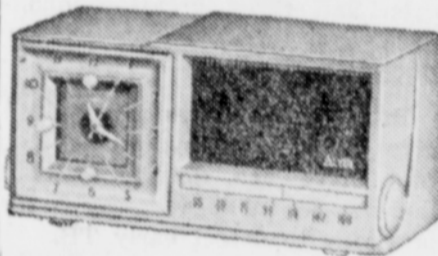
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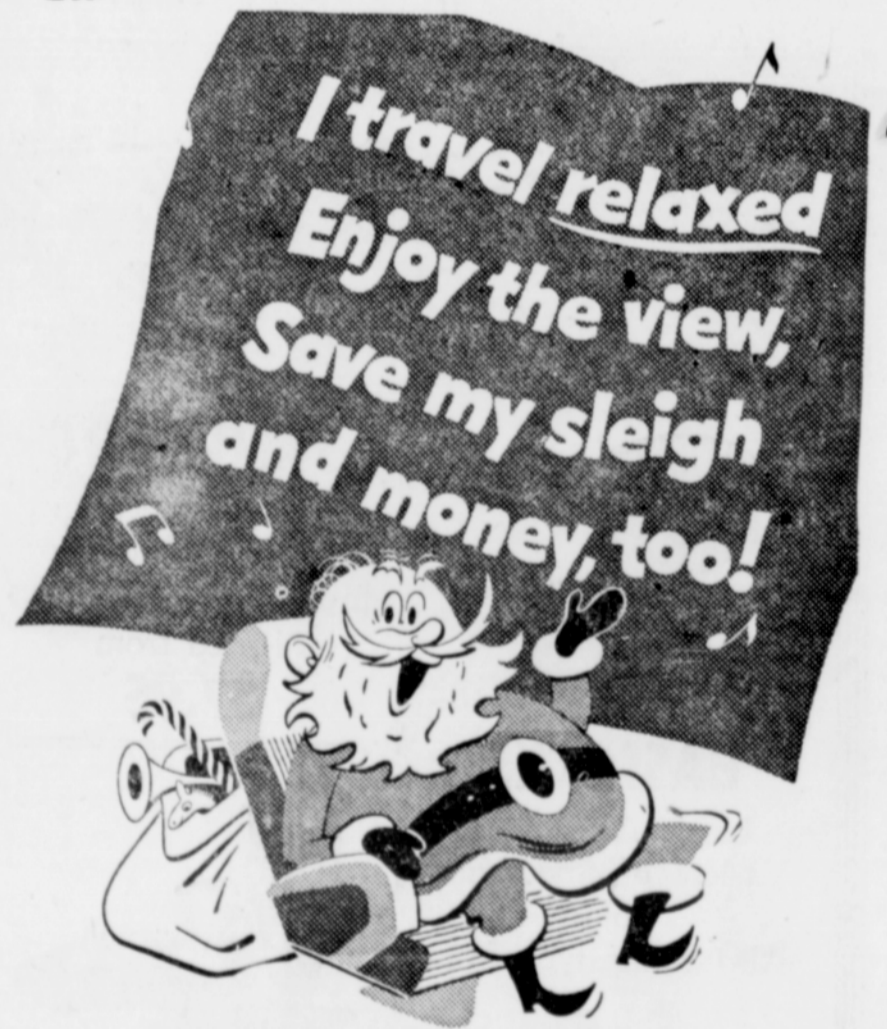
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