

DON'T HIT THAT RAIL!**Drivers Liable For Damage To State Highway Property**

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If through negligence you drive into any highway facility, and cause damage, you are liable for the damage resulting. And many motorists are rapidly becoming aware of that fact as the State Highway department has speeded up its program against such offenders.

During the past year damage to highway guard rails, bridges and sign posts by being struck by automobiles has almost doubled. W. C. Enfield, chief counsel for the highway department declares.

But by cracking down on such offenders, Enfield says it is hoped that this practice can be reduced materially.

Some Not Prosecuted

Of course, if an automobile strikes and damages a highway facility through no fault of the driver, no claim is pressed against the autoist. But otherwise, claims are made, and if the offender or his insurance company, declines to pay, the highway department takes it into court.

Apprehension of a driver who through negligence, or excessive drinking, or, now and then, through sheer maliciousness, is generally accomplished by the maintenance men in the highway department. Frequently the car involved in such an accident is so badly damaged that it is left at the scene of the accident and the location of the owner is comparatively simple.

But when the damage to the highway facility is found and no car is in sight, these maintenance men become sleuths and begin searching about, checking out ages in an effort to find a car that has been damaged. Because generally the car hitting a facility is as badly damaged as is the guard rail, bridge or other facility.

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cate the car the maintenance department reports to the engineering headquarters in Salem and in turn this information is turned over to the legal department.

Amacher in Charge

Robert P. Amacher, an assistant attorney general assigned to the highway department, has been placed in charge of this work. In the cases cited he assigns the lone inspector of the legal department who generally comes up with the guilty person.

Speaking of malicious drivers, Amacher recalls one case in which a truck driver hauling logs drove into a weighing station in Southern Oregon. The inspectors removed several logs from the load when they found it overweight.

So incensed was this driver that he crawled into the driver's compartment, wheeled his truck right into the weighing station, partially demolishing it, causing about \$200 of damage. This driver was arrested and convicted for destroying public property and had to pay for the damage, to boot.

Bridge Stops Bandit

In another case in Portland a motorist spent a number of hours drinking in a tavern and finally pulled a gun and held up the maintenance men in the highway department. Frequently the car involved in such an accident is so badly damaged that it is left at the scene of the accident and the location of the owner is comparatively simple.

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There were 85 claims pending at the beginning of the three-month period. Ninety new claims were filed during the quarter, involving \$37,327.42.

Without resorting to litigation, the department collected on 66 claims amounting to \$10,034.91. At present there are 33 claims ready for filing in the courts.

Drivers Responsible

Enfield said in a number of cases, persons against whom claims have been filed, have neither insurance protection or cash to meet the claims. In such cases arrangements are made for monthly installment payments made to the accounting division of the highway department.

"Even though many persons do not seem to realize they are responsible for damage done to highway facilities through their own negligence," Enfield said, "there is no difference between causing such damage and that resulting when a motorist hits another car and damages it through negligence. The highway department must protect the state's property and cannot allow careless drivers to wreck damage and escape without paying."

Auxiliary Election

Held at Willamina

WILLAMINA (Special) — Mrs. Jess Myers was re-elected president of the Firemen's Auxiliary at the meeting of the group held at the fire hall this week. Mrs. Carl Stroschne Jr. was elected vice-president, and Mrs. Albert Felton, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Albert Endres will be chairman of the community Halloween party for the children this year. It is sponsored annually by the auxiliary.

The ladies voted to pay for school lunches for any needy child at the grade school cafeteria.

3 B47s to Fly To Australia Without Stop

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three B47 jet bombers will fly nonstop from Idaho to Australia in November for the opening of the Olympic Games.

An Air Force spokesman said Thursday the 8,300-mile trip will be the longest point-to-point flight ever flown by Strategic Air Command bombers.

The bombers will start the 16-to-17-hour flight from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and will refuel at selected rendezvous points over the Pacific.

Six RF84F jet fighters from the Far East Air Force in Japan will join the B47s in Australia. The nine craft will fly over a number of Australian and New Zealand cities during the week they are expected to be "Down Under."

The previous longest point-to-point bomber flight was in June 1954 when three B47s flew 6,800 miles from March AFB, Calif., to Yokota, Japan, without stopping. Another B47 jogged back and forth between England and North Africa to set an endurance record of 47 hours. It was estimated to have flown 21,163 miles.

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9 Quit Draft Posts In Alabama Protest Of Negro Deferment**NAACP Lawyer Gets Indefinite Postponement**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Strong feeling against postponement of Army induction for a young Montgomery Negro attorney has brought nine resignations from the Selective Service system in central Alabama. More resignations were being considered today.

The Fred D. Gray case has also provoked several telegrams and letters to Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national Selective Service director, who recently postponed induction of Gray indefinitely.

The resignations, which started here Monday with three members of Gray's draft board, were all with comments that Hershey had improperly overridden the authority of the local board. Some were accompanied by criticism at what was termed "political influence" that reached into the White House.

Next day the Barbour County

Local 51 classified Gray 1-A after he had become prominent as legal spokesman for Negroes in the nine-month-old boycott here. The National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People obtained a review of the case and the classification was sustained by the highest appeal board.

Then after Gray was ordered to active duty Hershey asked that the case be reopened. He said he had been informed that the 23-year-old attorney was now full-time pastor of a Negro church, replacing the absent minister. Ministers are draft-exempt.

The local board took the stand that it was too late to introduce new evidence and refused twice to reopen the case. Three board members walked out with bitter comments of "NAACP pressure" when Gray didn't go into the Army Monday as they had ordered.

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Torpedo Fuel Propels Jeep In IRS Flub

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. (AP) — Robert Clark, Bloomfield used auto parts dealer, could hardly hold his jeep yesterday after he filled the tank with some new fuel he had bought from the Crane Naval Ammunition Depot.

"I couldn't keep the darn thing under 40 miles an hour," Clark said after he got it stopped. Annoyed at the Navy, he called a Terre Haute company and tried to sell the rest of 900 gallons he had picked up as surplus on bid of \$156.80.

The company's buyer smelled the stuff and called the Internal Revenue Service, which had authorized the sale. The IRS notified the Navy, which agreed to take back its \$25,000 worth of torpedo fuel and refund Clark's \$156.80.

Several persons had learned the difference between ethyl alcohol and premium gasoline, and the only problem left was to tame the jeep.

Selwyn Jones, Michigan State distance runner from Hamilton, Ont., will captain the 1957 Spartan track team.

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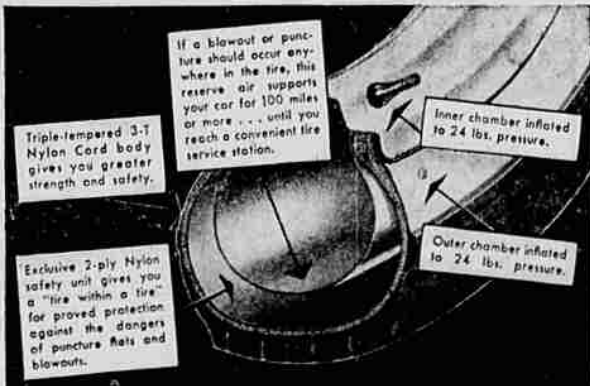
See in the demonstration test above how the new Captive-Air Safety Tire—slashed through with a knife—carried this car for 110 miles! The car you see in the circle is coming off New York's Triborough Bridge—with a gaping hole in its right front tire. We cut a two-inch slash right through the side of that tire . . . but we know that both driver and car are safe. The reserve air in the inner chamber lets the car thread safely through heavy traffic without danger or delay. Fact is, that car rolled on for three hours — 110 miles at legal speeds — without further damage! Here's dramatic proof you no longer have to change a tire along the road!

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