

Connecticut Highway Crackdown On Speeding Produces Results

Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—When you drive into Connecticut a highway sign warns: "Don't speed. Conviction means loss of license."

Connecticut isn't kidding. For three months motorists in this state have been experiencing an unusual crackdown on highway speeding.

Traffic judges are under threat of losing their jobs if they

"fix" speeding tickets. Any motorist convicted of speeding gets his driving license suspended—30 days for first offenders, 60 days for repeaters.

Gov. Abraham Ribicoff ordered the unprecedented crackdown three months ago and the first returns are just in. During the three months, there were 10 less traffic deaths than during the corresponding period of 1955.

"This is highly gratifying," Ribicoff said, "but we still have a long way to go." The accident statistics also show that of the 19 fatalities that did occur last month 16 were blamed on speeding.

A Bit of Irony

The governor says the campaign will go on indefinitely. "When drivers realize we mean business and start obeying the traffic laws the number of accidents will continue to drop," he says. "It's ironic that drivers won't slow down to save their lives but they will slow down to save their licenses."

Ribicoff ordered police and judges to lower the boom on speeders when Connecticut, winner of many national safety awards in the past, came up with a total of 320 highway deaths in 1955, an increase of 78 over the previous year.

Slate Police Commissioner John C. Kelly calls it "the most effective crackdown I've seen in my 35 years as a policeman. You can look at traffic anywhere and tell it's moving slower."

No More Dismissals

Ribicoff, in discussing his war on speeding, tries to make two things clear. First, judges have not been told to find everyone guilty. "What I was concerned about was the widespread dismissal of warrants. Too many cases were being thrown out."

His second concern is seeing that Connecticut doesn't get a reputation as a "speed trap." The truth is, he said, the campaign has resulted in fewer arrests for speeding. The motorists themselves are taking it easier.

Not everyone is happy with the governor's program. "You just lost one vote," one motorist wrote Ribicoff. "You're a lousy guy," another wrote, "if you don't do favors you won't be governor long."

Some motorists praise his idea. "I used to find myself driving hell-bent for election all the time," a traveling businessman said. "Now for the first time I realize what Connecticut looks



Height of Fashion . . .

Douglas fir roof beams and decking have become outstanding features of pictorial art on the American home, new style. Pick up any one of the many fat and gaudy "homes" magazines, architectural or popular, and the exposed beam, post and deck of west coast lumber strike the eye from page after page. The big timbers from Oregon, Washington and Northern California forests dominate magazine views of the home interiors simply because the eye of the beholder naturally rises from floor and walls and furnishings. The old-time home ceiling, in most illustrations, has gone with the wind—and the plaster. Young America has learned to identify Douglas fir with the roof beam. West coast hemlock has been made a popular decking choice. So it is with western red cedar for siding, paneling, fencing and outdoor furniture.

Homes architects of the hour have met a tidal wave of response on the theme of "outdoor living," which in terms of design engineering means more spacious living, fewer traffic jams, in the daily routines of members of the family.

Big wood beams are the magic key. At low cost they are now being extended outdoors from sidewalks—sometimes even to the yard's wood-screen posts.

Uplifting Example . . .

To illustrate, here's the April issue, 258 pages strong, of "House Beautiful." It is one of nine spring home-making publications on the slab table of the old boom-and-shack where I beat prose from a 1909 Model Oliver Visible Typewriter. A leading credit line on its featured modern home says:

like—I never saw it before because of the blur."

"Roof beams and decking, Douglas fir, West Coast Lumbermen's Association, Portland, Ore."

The house is on a 50x150 foot lot and has just 1650 feet of space for family living. The front walk leads through center of lot, lengthwise, past carport and between two side wings. Roof beams extend from carport over the walk as a trellis. Huge, widely spaced posts provide for an open-side carport. Across the walk and a garden rectangle rise vertical cedar boards of the second wing's wall. Greens, blossoms and browns blend handsomely under the springtime sun.

Inside, the living room space takes wing on wood to the roof peak. The beams, made so beautiful to see by the magic of architect, builder and decorator, look like Standard grade plank to a lumberman's eye. Knots and checks are beauty in the home world of today, as they should be, for they are of the true nature of tree growth, and beauty abides in the natural.

Camera Trail . . .

The pictures lead to bedrooms, past bookshelves of an inner court, to 30-foot kitchen and dining nook. Everywhere the eye is drawn to beam and deck. The latter, in a page-wide color view, is uniformly honey-hued, making one wonder if it might not actually be west coast hemlock.

The beams—in early New England they were termed "summer beams"—are stained a striking shade of green. The natural characteristics of Douglas fir stand out, modified, softened, to add to the whole picture. And the green blends well with the plantings that show through glass exterior walls.

In short, here is just one sample out of a score that might be

Quotes From the News

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Monaco—Father Francis Tucker, palace chaplain, on the coming marriage of Prince Rainier III and Grace Kelly: "God will keep them together just as the water was changed to wine."

Atlantic City, N.J.—Sen. Estes Kefauver on recent Democratic campaign criticism by Adlai Stevenson: "I think his statements look like statements of desperation."

Jerusalem—Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion in a warning to Egypt: "For every blow the Egyptian army delivers against us, we shall return two."

Washington—Rep. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) on possibility of U.S. intervention in the event of war in the Middle East: "If Israel gets arms so they can defend themselves, I do not think we need to send American youngsters over there."

Speeding Violators To Pay By the Foot

Bowling Green, O.—(U.P.)—Motorists will have to pay by the foot for speeding violations under a new system devised by Mayor Lorin Janzer. The plan calls for a fine of 15 cents per foot for each foot of difference between the safe stopping distance at the speed limit and the safe stopping distance at the speed which the motorist was driving.

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cited from nine spring magazines to demonstrate that the mighty modern trend of American home design is not just in wood, not just in west coast forest products either, but in old-time west coast lumber—big, rough, tough lumber!

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NO ADMITTANCE—Actor Hugh Marlowe (right) finds himself locked out of the Alcazar Theater in San Francisco by doorman C. P. Bernitt (left) as the result of a backstage battle between Marlowe and his leading lady, Marjorie Lord, in the "Anniversary Waltz." The fracas allegedly followed Miss Lord's objections to being kissed "too passionately" in certain scenes by Marlowe. Actor Andrew Duggan replaced Marlowe in the male lead.

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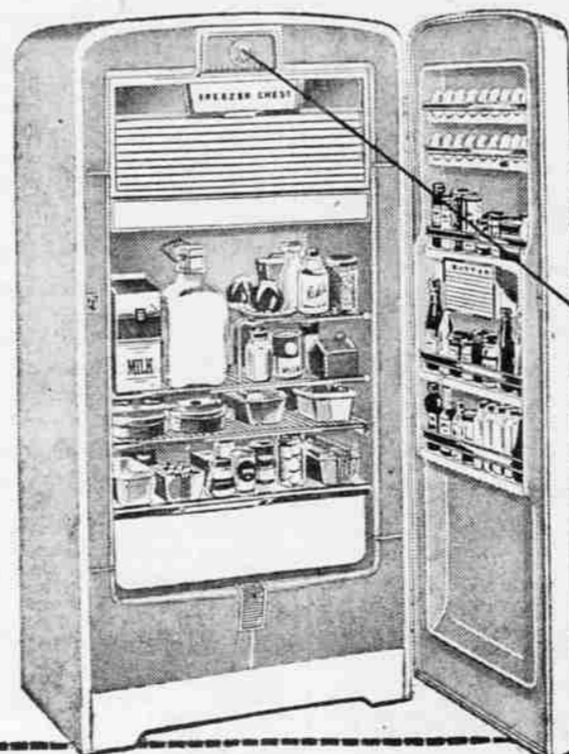
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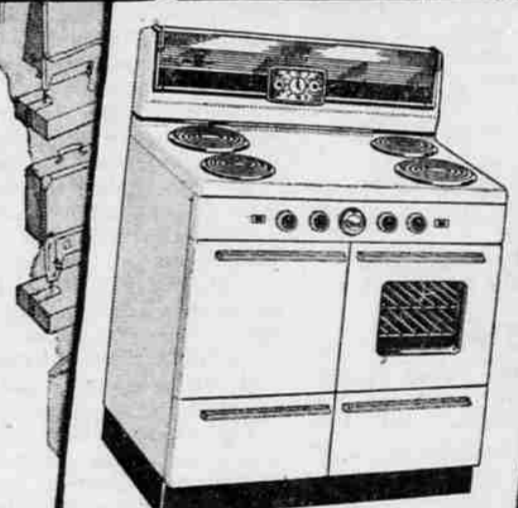
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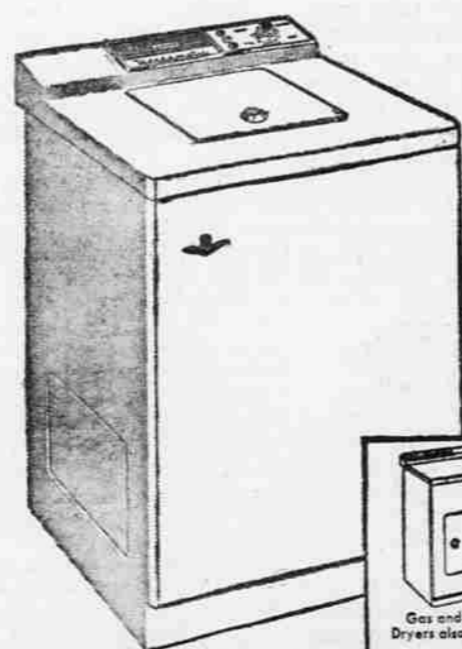
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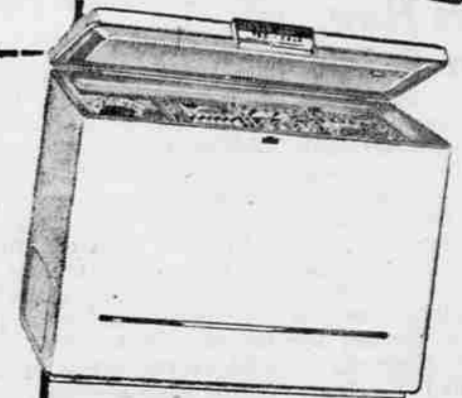


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