

## Future Auto Drivers May Have To Undergo Test of Personality

Trenton, N. J.—(U.P.)—Drivers who like to dominate others, feed on excitement and jump to hasty conclusions may have difficulty in obtaining a license in the not-too-distant future.

While the prospect of a personality test for drivers is still in the theoretical stage, Capt. Joseph Dauphers, of the State Motor Vehicle Inspection Service, thinks it may some day become a reality.

Capt. Dauphers, who heads the unique Driver Clinic Pro-

gram in New Jersey, feels the psychology of the driver is as important, if not more important, than his physical condition.

With this aim in mind, the clinics in Trenton and Woodbury have been collecting data from accident repeaters, drivers involved in fatal accidents and from persons who have been without a license for 10 years or more.

In addition to the physical test given the applicants—depth perception, field of vision, reaction time—they are also given a battery of tests designed to reveal significant data about their personalities.

"We hope to discover some patterns among the persons who have more accidents than the average driver," Capt. Dauphers said.

"If we do trace out personality patterns for accident-prone drivers we may someday be able to spot them before they are given licenses," he added.

Data from the tests are studied by psychologists at New York University who have been making a study of the problem since 1952, when the Driver Clinic program began. While the program is a continuing one, a report is expected from N. Y. U. in September.

Just what impact the report will have on the state's motor vehicle laws is pure conjecture

at this point. However, there is growing evidence that increased recognition is being given the

psychological factor in automobile accidents.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner recently pointed out that motor vehicle inspections had a "psychological value" since they made the motorist "safety conscious."

Carrying this reasoning a step further Assemblyman William V. Musto recently asked the state legislature to give "increased emphasis to human engineering" and less to the mechanical factor in the study of automotive safety.

Some day the glimpse into the mind of the man behind the wheel may prove more important than the view beneath the hood of his vehicle.

### Furniture Bought For Circuit Court

The county court today announced purchase of furniture for the new circuit courtroom in the courthouse annex and the circuit judge's chambers.

The purchases include 12 Bank of England type wood jury chairs with swivel jury base and ventilated seat cushions; a leather standard high back judge's chair; posture chairs for

the clerk, court reporter and judge's secretary; 10 upholstered chairs without arms. Ten new natural oak benches have been installed in the courtroom for spectators.

New furniture in the judge's chambers includes a steel desk finished in walnut with amber-tan linoleum top for the judge and a similar desk for the judge's secretary.

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### Several Ships Damaged in Trip Through Arctic Ice

Point Barrow, Alaska — The 56-ship armada supplying the distant early warning radar line has crushed 75 miles through the Arctic ice east of here, but several ships were damaged, the Navy has reported.

Propellers of both the ice-breakers Burto Island and the Atka were damaged as they smashed through the frozen barrier between here and Wainwright. The Burto Island was sent back to Seattle for repairs and was due there Sunday. The Navy said her port propeller needs replacing.

The radar stations along the northern rim of the continent were being supplied from the freighters and the 6,800 crewmen of the flotilla were working at top speed to discharge 30,000 tons of cargo and 10 million gallons of bulk petroleum before the ice pack freezes solid.

When the flotilla broke through the 75-mile wide ice barrier last week it moved into relatively clear waters, but southwesterly and westerly winds still were holding the ice close to the shore west of here.

### Jury Completed for County Judge's Trial

Hillsboro — (U.P.) — The trial of Washington county Judge Harry M. Seabold moved into its second day today with the selection of a jury completed.

The judge was indicted by the county grand jury on a charge of accepting an unlawful real estate commission from the sale of a tract of land the county had formerly owned.

Judge Seabold has entered a plea of innocent.

His attorneys yesterday contended that at the time of the transaction the county did not own the land and therefore the judge could not be guilty of using his official capacity to promote a commission for himself.

It was also contended that Judge Seabold is no longer a partner in the real estate firm with his son.

### Elkins Seeks To Quash Indictments

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland nightlife figure James B. Elkins and his employee, Raymond F. Clark, took steps here yesterday to quash indictments charging them with wire tapping.

Elkins and Clark were both indicted on the wire tapping charges earlier this year after a raid on Clark's residence May 22 produced wire recordings.

The grand jury in session at that time returned indictments against the pair but the raid was later construed to have been illegally executed.

Clark's attorney yesterday presented a motion to suppress the evidence and return or destroy the goods seized. Elkins' attorney asked for two days in which to file similar action.

Judge Frank J. Lonergan set arguments on the motions for Aug. 24.

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