

New Traffic Code Goes Into Effect In State July 1

Speeders starting July 1 will have to pay higher fines, according to District Court Judge E. R. Bashaw.

The new traffic code goes into effect July 1 with its uniform traffic violation ticket and a new schedule of bail and fines.

"Although this will be harder on some traffic law violators it will be easier on those charged with comparatively minor infractions," Bashaw said.

"Much more of the traffic court business can be done by mail under the new system. It will be possible to accept pleas of guilty or innocent and to consider statements mailed in by witnesses. Based on this evidence, it will also be possible to determine how much the bail or fine should be."

All of this is explained on the back of the new uniform traffic ticket. The more informal processing of cases does not apply to hit and run, reckless driving and driving while license is suspended. Such offenders will still have to appear in court.

A new minimum bail schedule also has been established. Minimum bail for registration and license violations is \$5. Now it is from \$10 to \$15, generally.

Minimum bail for equipment deficiencies, such as faulty brakes and lights, is about the same, \$10. Minimum bail for violation of basic rules is \$15, about the same as at present.

One of the biggest changes is in the speeding fines. Bashaw noted. Fines for those going up to 20 miles an hour over the speed limit will be \$25; from 21 to 30 miles per hour, \$50, over 30 miles per hour excessive speed \$100.

Racing on the highway now brings a fine of \$55, and under the new recommended code it will be \$100.

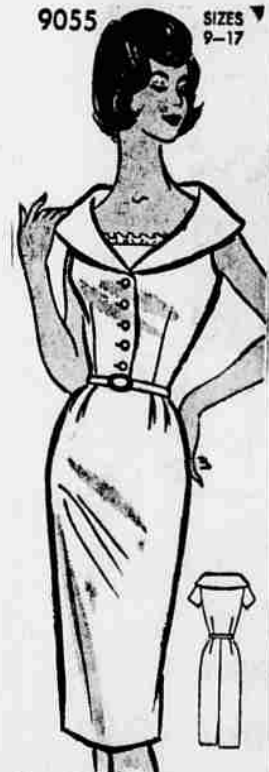
Passing violation fines will be about the same. The new minimum will be \$20. Such an offense now brings an average fine of \$15.

The reckless driving fine will be increased from the present minimum of \$55 to \$150.

Minimum fine now for first offense of driving while license is suspended is \$105. Presently this increases to \$255 for the second offense and jail for any subsequent offenses. The new schedule sets a minimum fine of \$150.

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said in his court it will still be \$500.

Other violations will bring a minimum fine of \$15. The district court judge emphasized that this bail schedule is merely recommended to establish a uniform practice throughout the state's traffic courts. Ultimately it is up to the discretion of the presiding judge.

Using the recommended bail schedule, the arresting officer will write out the minimum bail or fine for each offense. This will act as a complaint so will eliminate much of the paper work done by the district attorney's office now as well as saving the various police agencies and courts time.

4-H Club News

Cracker Jacks
The last regular meeting of the Cracker Jacks 4-H club was held to plan our picnic. Kathy Rentz served refreshments and we made scrambled eggs.

On June 23, the picnic was held at Hawthorne park. Wieners and Pepsi Cola were served for lunch with all the trimmings of olives and pickles. We also had ice cream.

Lynda Farfan, Reporter

California Man Is Returned Friday

Benjamin Herbert Erskins, 26, was extradited Friday by Orange county, Calif., authorities on charges of armed robbery. The Jackson county sheriff's office reported Saturday.

Erskins had been held here on \$52,000 bail while awaiting extradition. He is wanted for a series of grocery robberies early in 1958. The sheriff's office said. His two partners were arrested in 1958 and sentenced to the California state penitentiary.

Gold Hill Man Enters Guilty Plea in Court

Robert Howard Christensen, 19, Gold Hill, pleaded guilty in district court Thursday to charges of petty larceny and imposition of sentence was suspended for six months.

Christensen was arrested by Sheriff's deputies Wednesday night on charges of taking a revolver and holster Sunday from the home of Glen Purinton, box 131, Rogue River.

A new ceramic-coated muffler is said to be good for 100,000 miles and to be low enough in price for use on passenger cars.

Local Man Among High Shooters at Ft. Lewis

Fort Lewis, Wash.-Lt. Paul J. Blair, Medford, was the third highest individual shooter in the 41st Infantry Division's first annual pistol match, won by the Second Battle Group, 106th Infantry.

Leutenant Blair fired a score of 298 as his first of 1,162 points. Also on the four-man team was Sgt. Duane D. Franklin, Medford, who had a score of 277. Both are members of Company E of Medford's National Guard.

unit, here for two week's summer camp.

Other scores on the winning team were Capt. Horace J. Pendergrass, Eugene, 285, and Sgt. Howard McWhorter, Roseburg, 302. McWhorter was second in the individual competition.

The victory in the pistol match gave the Second Battle Group, comprised of National Guard units from Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon and Cottage Grove, a clean sweep in the shooting competition. Earlier, the unit had taken the annual 41st Division rifle trophy by upsetting the deadly eastern Oregon shooters, who had won nine straight years.

Pfc. Larry Lane of Roseburg and M/Sgt. Jack Burns of Central Point fired on the winning rifle team.

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