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Campaign to Stop Violation Of Highway Laws Started in North Texas by Inspector

Overloaded trucks, vehicles without two license plates, faulty headlights and unlicensed chauffeurs are going to draw stiff fines provided by the State highway law under a campaign started Wednesday by L. G. Phares, chief license and weight inspector of the Highway Department, he announced.

Where trucks are carrying loads greater than those for which they have been licensed or in any case where the load is more than 6,000 pounds on any one wheel, the operator is subject to a heavy penalty.

License fees are based upon the load which the truck is designed to carry, ranging for those with solid rubber tires from 40c per hundred pounds carrying 6,000 pounds, to \$5 a hundred for those carrying more than 22,000 pounds. They are required to have tires which allow one inch to each 650 pounds of the load.

Only by the strict enforcement of these regulations, Mr. Phares said, can the vast investments in Texas highways be protected.

Must Have Two Numbers.

The inspector carries a couple of small scales when on inspection tours on which two wheels of the truck are rolled, weighing one end at a time. They are less than two hundred pounds yet have a weighing capacity equal to the largest truck that is manufactured. They have been found to be almost as accurate as the Government tested platform scales which are used to check up whenever the truck owner is inclined to doubt the correctness of the readings.

Another violation of the highway law which Mr. Phares expects to stop in the present campaign is the practice of some truck owners to make one truck license serve for two vehicles by placing only one number plate on each. The law

specifically provides that each motor vehicle must bear two number plates. Where one is lost the owner may obtain duplicates through affidavit at the highway office in the courthouse.

Several violations of the law were found by Mr. Phares Wednesday, both as to number plates and overloading. One truck was found to be carrying a weight of 9,550 pounds on one wheel while another wheel on the same truck was supporting 7,500 pounds, a big surplus over the maximum of 6,000 pounds allowed.

Licensed Chauffeur.

"Some truck operators and others employing drivers for commercial vehicles do not seem to be aware of the section of the highway law that requires that chauffeurs be licensed and wear a badge," Mr. Phares said. "This section must be enforced and we will start checking up on all drivers. Police Commissioner Clarence Parker has promised co-operation, particularly in the case of trucks being operated with only one license plate and arrests will be made in such instances by the police."

The Highway Department, the inspector said, has been losing funds which it should receive through the practice of some second-hand automobile dealers failing to register the transfer of cars which they buy, taking the transfer in blank from the seller and passing it directly to the person to whom the dealer sells. In this way the records fail to show that the dealer was ever in possession of the car after he has found a buyer. Many dealers, he said, also are violating the law by keeping in their possession cars from other States which they have purchased without getting a Texas license. Even offering such unlicensed vehicle for sale lays the dealer subject to a fine of \$2,000 and one year in jail.

Air Tourists Coming Friday

Flying Club's Plans Complete for Receiving National Cruisers.

America's leadership in the construction of commercial airplanes will be demonstrated to thousands in Dallas and surrounding territory Friday afternoon when the third national air tour party will arrive, probably fourteen planes in number, from Memphis.

Lloyd Long, chairman of the executive committee of the Dallas Flying Club, which is sponsoring the Dallas stop of the tour, announced Wednesday that every detail from the fueling of the ships to the policing of the crowds at the field has been worked out.

The general public is invited to attend the banquet to be given in honor of the air visitors Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Baker Hotel. The charge will be \$2.50 a plate and reservations may be made through the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Postmaster John W. Philp will preside at the function. While in Dallas all members of the tour will be at the Adolphus Hotel, where they will have a private breakfast Saturday morning preparatory to the hop-off at 10 a. m.

At Love Field itself, however, will be the largest crowd of sightseers as the planes begin arriving shortly after 3:30 o'clock Friday.

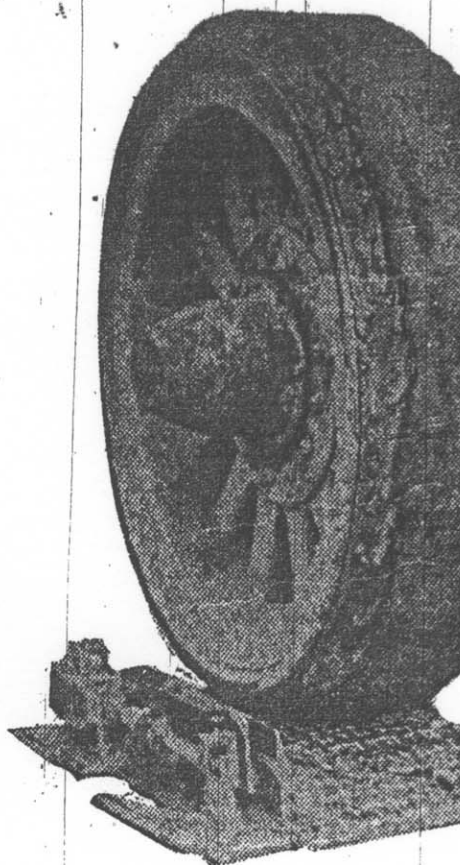
The ships on the tour range in size from the smallest heavier-than-air machines to the mammoth aerial yachts which will carry eight and ten passengers and their baggage. After the planes are safely on the ground the public will be allowed to inspect the machines while Love Field flood lights will be burning late at night for detailed inspection.

The tour program calls for a stop over Thursday night at Memphis with departure for Dallas during Friday morning. A stop at Pine Bluff, Ark., is the only one planned between Memphis and Dallas. No other Texas city will be visited.

Mr. Long's committee on local arrangements includes: Honorary Judges, Postmaster John W. Philp, Mayor R. E. Burt, Martin Weiss and A. J. Langford; referee, Jack Moran; chief timer, Charles B. Braun, division traffic manager for the National Air Transport; chief starter, Street Commissioner Arthur J. Reinhart; field manager, Lieut. Tom Hardin; police, G. Wooten; entertainment, Robert J. Smith.

Mission Library to Be

Little Scales Test Big



The little apparatus under the truck wheel is one of a couple of such machines, small enough to carry in the back of a small roadster yet capable of weighing, one end at a time, the largest truck in Dallas County loaded to greatest capacity. Wednesday it was being used by L. G. Phares, chief license and weight inspector of the State Highway Department, to see if the highway laws were being violated through the overloading of trucks.

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County Criminal Court Disposes of 926 Cases In First Three Months

With only twenty-five active cases now remaining on the docket, a total of 926 cases have been disposed of during the first three months of the existence of the Criminal County Court, Judge N. G. Williams said Wednesday. The new court was created three months ago by the Fortieth Legislature.

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Texan to Investigate Rubber Culture Methods

Dr. J. S. Karling, professor of botany, Columbia University, New York, is in Dallas en route to Central and South America, and is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lundell in Highland Park. Dr. Karling has been granted a leave of absence from Columbia University to lead an expedition into the virgin forests of Central and South America to study the distribution of native rubber and gum trees and to investigate the possibilities of plantation methods on a large scale.

Prof. Karling will leave shortly for Belize, British Honduras, where men and equipment will be

Examining Trials for Alleged Illegal Sales Of Liquor Postponed

Examining trials of Z. E. (Jack) Marvin Jr., F. V. Wofford, A. O. Franklin and D. H. Williams on charges of violation of the Volstead act have been postponed to Aug. 3, it was announced Wednesday by United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith. The four men, all connected with the Marvin drug stores, are alleged to have made irregular sales of whiskey in complaints lodged by Federal prohibition agents.