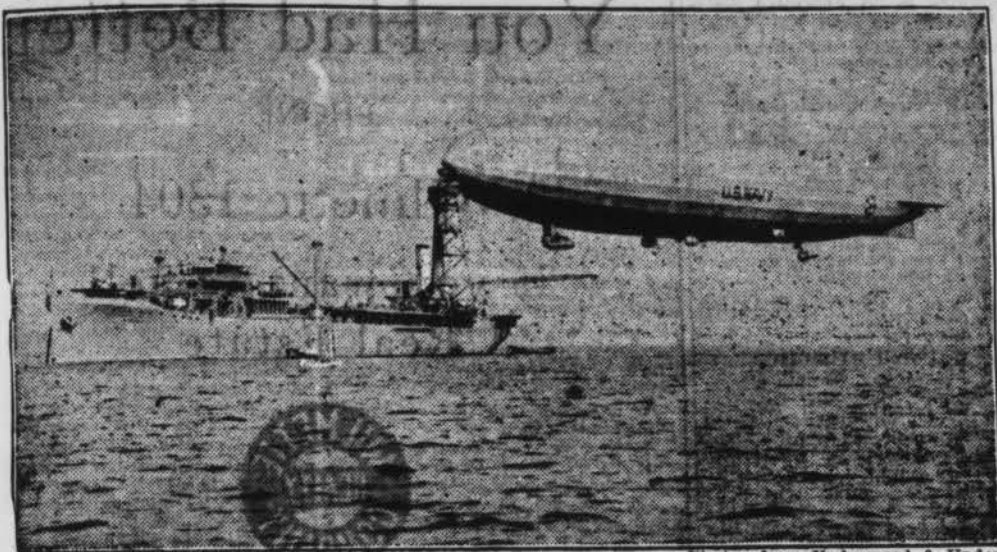


## Shenandoah Moored Fast to Air Pier



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Photo shows the great Dirigible Shenandoah as she appeared while moored to the mooring mast of the U. S. S. Patoka in Narragansett Bay. The Patoka has been converted into a sea mooring pier for the great ship.

## CITES NEED OF LAWS ON BRAKES

Increased and widespread interest in automobile brakes has been aroused recently as a result of an investigation of the brake laws of the country by the legislative committee of the American Automobile association.

The primary purpose of the investigation, it is stated, was to reveal to the American car owner and all those vitally interested in traffic safety the dangerous variation in brake regulations and the utter need for uniformity. But, the committee reports, it has been discovered that there are no brake laws worth unifying.

### Results Startling

When the digest of state laws regarding automobile brakes was submitted to Thomas P. Henry, president of the A. A. A., he declared that in view of the supposed interest in safety the facts with regard to brake regulations are nothing short of startling.

"I feel confident," Mr. Henry said, "that the legislative committee has unearthed one of the basic reasons for the abnormal number of traffic accidents and I am hopeful that the news of this investigation will cause motorists and authorities everywhere to make every effort to put brake regulations on a plane where they will be worthy of general adoption."

According to the report of the committee, practically all of the States use the stereotyped formula that brakes shall be "good and sufficient" or "adequate," terms which the committee believes are subject to too wide an interpretation where such interpretation must of necessity be made by policemen and brake inspectors.

Commenting on the findings of the A. A. A. investigators, Mr. Henry said:

### Only State with Real Law

"Connecticut is the only state which has a definite requirement as to brake performance. The law in this state specifically provides that every motor vehicle, except motorcycles, shall be equipped with at least two sets of brakes operated independent of each other and of sufficient power to lock the wheels while the

car is in motion, yet this regulation is now admitted to be generally inadequate and is not being enforced.

"It makes no provision for braking systems which are more effective than those which merely lock the wheels and cause sliding or skidding, as for example, some of the four-wheel brake layouts. Locking of wheels has been generally regarded by engineers as a dangerous feature."

"The Massachusetts law provides that automobiles shall be equipped with two sets of brakes, each one of which shall be sufficient alone to stop the vehicle within the proper distance but the law fails to specify what the proper distance is and thus it becomes a matter of personal interpretation by the police or the courts."

### Several States Lack Laws

"Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Colorado, Texas and Wyoming have no laws relating specifically to brakes."

"In none of the laws is the ability of the driver considered. It is assumed that if brakes are 'adequate' safety will follow as a natural consequence, whereas good brakes are no assurance that they will be used. Drivers operate their brakes with varying degrees of skill, with the result that a driver with brakes that may not measure up to the requirements when normally handled will contribute more toward the safety of the highways than excellent brakes in the hands of persons who are tardy or perhaps reckless in handling them."

The personal element will have to be considered in any brake regulations that can qualify for uniform adoption by the states.

### To Sponsor Tests

"In co-operation with the American Engineering Standards committee, the Bureau of Standards and the Society of Automotive Engineers, the American Automobile association will sponsor the development tests that are expected to shed some light upon this important but neglected question."

## B. Frank Brown, Former Resident, Passes Away

B. Frank Brown, 58 years old, for 12 years principal of the Lake View high school in Chicago, was given a Masonic burial by the Wilmette lodge 931, A. F. and A. M. Wednesday afternoon.

He died Sunday night at St. Luke's hospital.

Mr. Brown had been a resident of Wilmette for six years, but for the past eight years has been living near the high school. He was a member of the Lake View faculty for 25 years and was mentioned for assistant superintendent of schools under Superintendent Mortenson. Before coming to Chicago, Mr. Brown was a teacher in the high schools of Columbus, Ohio.

He was a former president of the principals' division of the National Educational association and a member of the University club and the Wilmette Masonic lodge.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna S. L. Brown, and a son, Bruce.



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