Minor Traffic Violations Returned to Justices and Police Magistrates

Change in Traffic Code Effected by Legislature

Jurisdiction over minor violations of the motor vehicle Traffic Code has been returned to justices of the peace and police magistrates in a bill which has just passed both branches of the Illinois legislature and is now before the Governor for his signature, says Carl A. Barrett, president of the Illinois Automobile club. Being an emergency measure, it will become effective the day the governor signs it.

"Under the Traffic Code, as passed, jurisdiction over minor violations was restricted to courts of record-circuit, county, city and municipal—because a jail sentence was included in the penalties and justices of the peace and police magistrates cannot, under the law, impose jail sentences," explained Mr. Barrett. "Further, one of the fines provided was \$500, while these lower courts are restricted to maximum fines of \$300.

"By returning these minor violations to these lower courts, these cases will be expedited and considerable inconvenience to motorists removed. Courts of record sit in county seats, frequently many miles from the home of the motorist who may have received a 'ticket' for a traffic violation. Then, too, these higher courts are too often clogged with other litigation, necessitating unreasonable delay in the disposition of traffic

"Experience under courts of record, as provided in the Traffic Code, has convinced everyone that minor traffic violations should be handled by justices of the peace and police magistrates, and the amended bill received practically unanimous support in the legislature.

"Charges of reckless driving, driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident (hit and run) will continue to be tried in courts of record, as heavy fines and imprisonment are provided for each of these violations.'

Broadcasts Will Mark Merit System Progress

A new series of radio broadcasts and a special eight-page issue of the Illinois Voter marks the progress in Illinois of the campaign of the National League of Women Voters to abolish the spoils system and establish a merit system for government service. The broadcasts will be heard over WJJD from 10:00 to 10:30 Monday mornings.

Jerome G. Kerwin, professor of Political Science in the University of Chicago will go on the air February 10, with "The Spoils System" as his topic. This follows the initial broadcast of the series on February 3, when The Extent and Need for Civil Service" was discussed by Mrs. Paul Gebhard of the Oak Park League of Women Voters and George Benson managing editor of "State Government," official magazine of the Council of State Government.

Announces Appearance of New Low Cost Steinways

Raymond E. Durham of Winnetka. president of Lyon and Healy, just returned from a national meeting of Stanway piano dealers in New York where a new Steinway Grand was introduced. Mr. Durham reports: "with the present upward swing of the piano business, it is reasonable to estimate that the combined Steinway piano orders represented by dealers present will amount to \$3,000,000 this year." Lyon and Healy formally introduced the new piano this week.

Apollo Club Will Present Handel's "Israel in Egypt"

The Apollo Musical club, under the direction of Edgar Nelson, will present Handel's oratorio "Israel in Egypt" at Orchestra hall Tuesday evening, March 3. In several respects this will be an unusually interesting

This will be the first complete performance in Chicago of this great choral work, depicting as it does an important period in the history of the Children of Israel. The concert will also be of special interest to all who enjoy choral music as the story is very largely told by the chorus. There are more than twenty numbers which will be sung by the club. The well known duet for two basses, "The Lord Is a Man of War," will be sung by all the basses of the club.

Throughout

Chicago Symphony orchestra will Shawnee Club Bowlers furnish the orchestral accompaniment Several of the numbers have been written with a most unusual and interesting organ accompaniment, which will be played by Mr. Robert Birch. In addition, there will be solo numbers for two sopranos, a contralto and a tenor. These parts will be taken by Hilda Ohlin and Betty Pietsch, sopranos; Sydnie Smith Cooley, contralto, and Glenn Bennett, tenor.

This work of Handel's is considered by many to be his greatest choral composition. Romain Rolland calls it the "most gigantic effort made in oratorio" and another authority refers to it is "the most perfect example of choral oratorio." This is the Apollo club's sixty-fourth season and there is every reason to expect that their rendition of "Israel in Egypt" will be a masterly one and one which will be greatly enjoyed by music lovers.

Tickets for this performance are now on sale at the box office in Orchestra hall, as well as the Apollo club's office on the balcony of Lyon &

to Meet Evanston Teams

Two teams of bowlers representing the Shawnee Country club will clash with teams from the Evanston Country club Saturday evening, February 15, at 8 o'clock at the Evanston club's alleys. The two clubs will play again on February 22 at Shawnee.

TO VISIT WEST

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Powers, 307 Cumberland avenue, Kenilworth, are leaving on Saturday for California. They are going to San Francisco, Del Monte, Los Angeles, and then to Phoenix, Ariz., before returning home March 15, at which time their son, John, Jr., returns from Lawrenceville for this spring vacation.

SOJOURN IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gardiner of Evanston have gone to Melbourne, Fla., to stay until March 1. Mr. Gardiner is Prudential Insurance agent in Wilmette, a position he has held the past 11 years.

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