

MOTORISTS BACK NEW LICENSE BILL

FARMERS ALSO SUPPORT IT

Approved Barr Bill for Regulation of Licensing of Drivers Has Many Good Points

Organized motorists in Illinois are backing up in support of the driver's license bill, known as Senate Bill 480, introduced by the senate committee on license and miscellany to which the bill was referred the various license and examination bills.

Barr Bill Amended

The Wolf bill was tabled by the committee, which voted on the Barr bill with certain amendments offered by various groups interested in this subject, as a committee bill, with a recommendation that it do pass.

Conditions of Application

The committee bill provides that any reputable person not less than fifteen years of age may be licensed as a motor vehicle operator upon filing an application under oath setting up a personal description of himself, that he is more than fifteen years old, can read the English language, and is not under blind, that he has the unimpaired use of both hands and both feet, and has driven a motor vehicle more than six months prior to the date of his application, that he is not afflicted with epilepsy, has never been convicted of a felony, and has never had his license revoked.

May Apply to Secretary

Applicants who are unable to make the affidavit because of physical infirmity or for other causes, may make application to the Secretary of State, under oath, setting up the facts. The secretary of state will then permit the applicant to take a chauffeur's examination, and if he passes he will be entitled to a regular driver's license.

To Note Violations

Judges will be required to endorse upon the license of operators, convicted of violations of the motor vehicle act, the date of the conviction and the amount of the fine imposed. This report is also turned in to the secretary of state, who may suspend the license for three months if the driver has been convicted of three violations of the motor vehicle act within the year, or for any cause for which a license may be suspended or revoked by a court.

May Revoke Licenses

"This bill," continues Mr. Hayes, "is easy to put into force, it has teeth, and it puts into the hands of the courts and the secretary of state, the power most feared by reckless drivers, the power to suspend or revoke the license. It will drive reckless motorists from the city streets and country highways. It will be welcomed by all right thinking motorists who realize that they are now being forced to shoulder the blame for the actions of the small minority who are careless or incompetent. This bill will do much toward cutting down the number of accidents in Illinois. The revocation of licenses is a club which is successfully used in other states, and it has been used in England for a number of years. Wherever it is in force it is universally praised by safety workers. At the recent annual meeting of secretaries and club managers of the American Automobile association, in Washington, D. C., Herbert W. Baker, secretary of the New York State Automobile association, who has made a very intensive study of the results of licensing automobile drivers, states that in his opinion the one outstanding value of a licensing law was the provision which enabled the courts to revoke a driver's license."

Claimed many children have faulty posture. Some think they should assume the old fashioned posture over Father's knee.

RADIO COMPASS IS AID TO NAVIGATION

Description of New Device for Use of Marines and How It Operates; Service Given Freely

Destruction Island, Puget Sound, Washington, no longer bears out the threat of its name, for recently the Navy Department has erected there and at Key West the latest two radio compass stations to be added to the long list that safeguard the navigation along our coasts, flinging information and warning far out to sea.

From Bar Harbor, Maine, to Jupiter, Florida, from Cape Hinchinbrook on the frowning coast of Alaska, to the sunshine and soft airs of Imperial Beach, California, the number of radio compass stations established mounts to nearly fifty, and in development of design, manufacture and installation of equipment, reduction of operating costs, etc., in a service that bids fair to become the greatest known aid to navigation and ranks among the finest achievements of the Navy.

Affords Security

The radio compass affords the mariner a security hitherto unguessed when he encounters trouble at sea. By the aid of the stations along our coasts, the location of a ship within range of any two or more can be determined as accurately as through any other means when out of sight of land. To the shipmaster or captain of a liner driven from his course by storm, without exact knowledge of his location or means of observation to determine his course to port, to the steamer with valuable cargo, hesitating to attempt the entrance to a fog-bound port because uncertain of his location, the knowledge that he has only to call the radio compass station to get almost precise bearings under any conditions is kept comfort that can be appreciated only by having been experienced.

Service Given

The Navy Department gives this service free of charge. England and France make an approximate charge of one dollar for each radio bearing given. The reliance placed by our mariners upon this service can be estimated by the fact that during the twelve months following December 1, 1922, 134,021 radio compass bearings were given to ships at sea. Security, safety, saving of life and time and money—the radio compass embodies all these to our shipping and that of other countries touching at our ports. There have been many instances where the warning of the radio compass station has prevented shipwreck. The ship driven off her course in severe storm, followed by perhaps days of overcast skies making it impossible to obtain a bearing by instruments, could formerly only estimate her position with small hope of coming within 50 or 100 miles of the correct station. Prior to the invention of the radio compass the master was in sorry state; now he need only to ask and receive his proper bearings within a mile or so, depending upon his distance from shore.

We hear about the "coups" made by the wizards of finance, but the ordinary citizen would better be satisfied with the chicken coops in his back yard.

One explanation of the earthquakes is that the earth is shocked by the way folks are behaving now. Not many folks blow out the gas any longer, but a good many are buying bootleg stuff that is just as dangerous.

NOTICE SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 74

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highwood, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a supplemental special assessment be levied to pay the deficiency of the first assessment to pay the cost of the work and interest for the grading, draining, paving with Portland cement concrete and otherwise improving Railway Avenue from the north line of Ashland Avenue southerly to the north line of Highwood Avenue, together with returns to property line of all street intersections (except Washington Avenue) all in the City of Highwood, County of Lake, and State of Illinois, which improvement was provided for by an ordinance passed heretofore on the 20th day of June, A. D. 1925, and the lawful expenses of such proceeding, the ordinance for said supplemental special assessment being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City, and having applied to the County Court of Lake County, for an assessment of the costs of said improvement, according to benefits, and a supplemental special assessment thereof having been made and returned to said Court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 20th day of June A. D. 1925, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will permit.

Said supplemental special assessment is payable in one installment. All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

HENRY RASMUSSEN, Officer appointed to make said assessment. Dated at Highwood, Illinois, June 4th, A. D., 1925.

COMBINING AGAINST GASOLINE TAX BILL

AUTO ORGANIZATION BUSY

Thirty-one Counties Represented at Meeting Held Last Week; Objectionable Features Shown

Automobile organizations took up the cudgel against the gas tax in Illinois with renewed vigor last week, at a meeting of the representatives of the Chicago Motor club from the thirty-one counties of the club territory in Illinois. Speakers were, Senator Harold Kessinger, of Aurora; Major E. C. Thornton, of the Danville Motor club; E. B. Bodley, of the Chicago Automobile Trade association; and Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

Senator Kessinger said that if the gas tax were put on in Illinois, the state license fee should be removed. Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, said:

"According to provisions of Senate Bill 165, known as the Cuthbertson bill, farms and all others buying gas for tractors, gas engines, or for any other purpose other than for use in motor vehicles, must state what they are going to use the gas for, take a receipt for the money they pay, and then after thirty days the buyer must send his receipts, together with a sworn statement, to the Secretary of State, at Springfield, and ask for a refund.

"After these statements are audited and approved he will be entitled to a refund for all gasoline used for other purposes than in automobiles or trucks. It makes every farmer and other user of gasoline for industrial purposes an accountant, and it involves considerable red tape to get this refund."

Hard on Tenant Farmer

This bill is supposed to have an appeal to farmers, because it repeals the twenty-five cent road maintenance tax and substitutes the gasoline tax. Records show that 42.7 per cent of the farmers in Illinois are renters, and this bill takes off part of the property tax from the landlord farmer and adds a tax on the tenant farmer.

The gasoline tax simply adds ten or twelve million dollars to the burden of Illinois citizens, and in doing so relieves but one class, the landlord farmers, of part of the burden they should share, and puts an extra burden on the man least able to bear it—the tenant farmer.

Detriment to Counties

If the Cuthbertson bill becomes a law, the counties will be without hope of ever getting any more than the present law provides, no matter how large the automobile registration in the county may grow. The counties clamoring loudest for the gas tax are those counties in which no road tax has been levied. The road tax, if assessed in the counties last year, would have raised a little more than ten million dollars, whereas only about six million dollars was levied. The counties that refused to levy, now want the motorist to build roads over which, in all probability, they will never travel. Why should the motorists in Will, DeKalb, DePage, Peoria or Cook county, pay for some road down in Clay county that will serve only a handful of local farmers?

SANE PREPAREDNESS WILL BRING PEACE

The safest preventive for war is adequate preparedness, according to Dwight F. Davis, acting Secretary of War. In a speech to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Davis said:

"We believe the power which will more effectively check the main causes of war in this hemisphere is for America to stand prepared. Our aim for sane preparedness do not run counter to any other sound plans of the Council of Churches, the League of Nations, the World Court, the Council of the American Society of International Law, nor any other learned councils, bodies, or societies. We are united in our efforts to establish a reign of law and order throughout every land.

"We are firm in the conviction that the gospel of the brotherhood of man is rapidly gaining ground. We believe that those who entertain the idea that world peace will never dawn are just as far in error as those who would have us believe that its rays are now grandly illuminating the horizon.

"Peace, which makes despotism impossible, which protects the minority as well as the majority; peace with liberty and not peace in chains; peace with honor, not peace at any price; peace with 'charity toward all and malice toward none'—such is the peace which the peoples of the earth are yearning for and which all sound plans are endeavoring to bring about.

"America stands alone among nations in its position of economic independence. We have set the example in reducing armament to the minimum for self-defense. We know the horrors of war; we know, on the other hand, that some wars have preserved nations."

HIGH PRICE PAID FOR HIGHWAY BONDS

Ten Million of Bonds Sell for \$998,810; Much Competition for Illinois Road Securities

Illinois last week established the highest price ever received for State highway bonds, when a block of Ten Million Dollars of Bonds was sold to a group composed, with one exception, of Illinois financial institutions headed by the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, for \$998,810 or a rate of 99.881. The interest yield on the bonds will be approximately 4.068 per cent. The bonds were 4 per cent serial bonds, the maturities being \$1,000,000, due each year from 1945 to 1954 inclusive.

Much Competition

Four groups, representing forty-eight of the leading financial institutions of the country, participated in the public auction bidding. Col. C. R. Miller, Director of the Department of Public Works and Buildings, presided at the sale and all of the State officials were present. The sale was concluded on the 6th auction bid, after which a conference of the State officials was held and the award made.

Option on More

In conformity with the terms of the bidding, the successful bidder also accepted a 15 day option on a block of \$10,000,000 additional bonds of the same maturities at the same price.

Governor Small in commenting on the sale made the following statement: The highest rate previous to this time was 95.688 which was offered in 1922 for a block of the \$60,000,000 bonds. The average of all bonds sold of the \$60,000,000 issue was approximately 97.50. This emphasizes the excellent price received in today's sale, and shows that Illinois' financial rating has not been impaired in the least by the investments of the proceeds of previous bond sales in durable hard surfaced roads. I predict the most successful year of highway construction in 1925.

SAYS KISSING OF CHILDREN HARMFUL

Arthur Brisbane in "Today" Column of Herald-Examiner, Scores Practice

Promiscuous kissing of children is attacked by Arthur Brisbane, in his "To-Day" column in the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

He quotes the slogan adopted by German scientists in their battle against contagious diseases, "Don't let your children be kissed by strangers," and says a better motto would be: "Don't let your children be kissed by anybody."

He continues: "Kissing children that do not belong to you is offensive and dangerous stupidity and that applies to politicians and all others.

"You need not be diseased to be a carrier of disease. Your own system may resist germs that would be fatal planted on the delicate mucous membrane of a child.

Question asked why golfers wear short pants? "Well, if they wore the floppy trousers, they might not be able to see the ball.

COMPARE AUTO DRIVER WITH AN ENGINEER

Reprint Entitled "I Am The Engineer" Worthy of Consideration

The following article appears on the back of menus used in the dining cars of the Pennsylvania R. R. and is worthy of consideration.

"I Am The Engineer"

This is the title of an editorial recently published in the Minneapolis Tribune urging upon motorists "ordinary caution and respect for your fellow citizen's rights" to avoid automobile accidents that seem to pile up as the summer approaches.

The editor says: "Somehow the thought persists that most of these accidents would be avoided if we approached automobile driving with proper respect for the job we are undertaking as we take the wheel.

"Consider the locomotive engineer. This man was required to spend years in training before he was given the throttle. He is trained not only for mastery of his machine but to gain the sense of responsibility that is necessary in his profession. Hundreds of lives are in his hands.

"Do you ever ride with a locomotive engineer in the cab? He is on a rigid time schedule. He must be in a certain place at a certain time. His vehicle is on steel rails and cannot run off the road, and yet he never takes his eyes off the track ahead. He knows every dangerous turn and slows down to a safe speed. He knows every dangerous crossing and blows the whistle to warn those on the highway. A sober, responsible man who knows what would result if he were to err.

"Do you ever think of yourself as the engineer as you take your family or friends for a ride in your automobile?

"Do you ever think of yourself as the engineer as you approach a street car loading and unloading passengers?

"Do you ever think of yourself as an engineer as you approach a main highway on a cross-street?

"You are an engineer! "If every man driving an automobile would say: 'I am the engineer,' as he approached a grade crossing, there would be no stories in the newspapers of entire families wiped out.

"If every man would say: 'I am the engineer,' as he approached dangerous intersections, there would be few tales of pedestrians run down. "Think it over."

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