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APPELLATE COURT ON AUTO SPEED LAW

DEPENDS ON CONDITIONS

Whether Car Is Going Too Fast; However, Drivers Warned Courts May Interpret Differently

"It is a matter of common knowledge that there is no law on our statute books the terms of which are subject to such wide-spread misunderstanding as Section 22 of the Motor Vehicle act," says the Appellate court of Illinois in a decision rendered in the case of Stansfield vs. Wood. "There is no speed limit in miles fixed by this section of the statute. This misconception is not confined to the ordinary citizen, but is shared by officials as well. It is a matter of common knowledge that upon the outskirts of many of the cities of the state are signs stating limits in miles, and upon our new state highways are signs stating that the speed limit is 35 miles an hour.

Depends on Conditions
 "It does not follow that because a rate of speed in miles stated in the statute as prima facie unreasonable and dangerous that such a rate of speed is in fact unreasonable and dangerous in their case, or that a lesser rate of speed in every given case is reasonable and not dangerous.

"A rate of speed of 50 or 60 miles an hour with a heavy high powered car on a cement roadway in the country where there are no side roads or farm crossings or farm buildings, with no traffic of any kind upon the highway, with a careful driver might not be unreasonable or dangerous, while a rate of even 3 miles an hour upon that same highway in the same locality while a flock of sheep or cattle were driven thereon might be an unreasonable and dangerous rate of speed and therefore unlawful."

Clear Pronouncement
 "The words of the court could not be any clearer," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, "and this ruling should give the various courts of the state a broader conception of our speed laws.

"The motorist, however, should not take this decision as official sanction on fast driving. If he is arrested for driving in excess of the prima facie rate of speed, the burden is on him to show that he was in fact driving at a reasonable speed considering traffic conditions.

Courts May Differ
 "This decision of the Appellate court does not mean that every court in the state will follow this ruling literally. If it is a question of deciding between the motorist's statements and the arresting officer's statements, the court will very likely favor the officer.

"The legal department of the Chicago Motor club receives numerous reports of highway accidents in which the element of speed plays a most important part; not speed in the ordinary sense, but speed in the wrong place, as is brought out in the ruling quoted.

"Here is a typical case: A motorist attempts to pass two or three cars going in the same direction; a car looms up from the opposite direction; the motorist trying to pass the string of cars is caught in a pocket, and a collision results.

Situation Overlooked
 "A situation overlooked by many drivers often develops in this way: One driver moves over to the left hand side of the road in order to pass a car; another driver on a side road hidden from view turns into traffic and meets the oncoming car before there is time to stop. It is almost impossible to judge the speed of cars coming toward you, and as the cars you are passing very seldom slow down, a mistake in judging speed will lead to an accident.

"Speed bears little relationship to recklessness when there are no cars on the highway; passing traffic is a real test of recklessness."

FARM CONFERENCE FINISHES DUTIES

Many of Its Recommendations Put Into Effect and More Likely to Be

The Department of Agriculture reports that the President's Agricultural Conference has been dissolved upon the recommendation of Honorable Robert D. Carey of Wyoming, Chairman. It is stated that no further sessions will be called. Many of the recommendations made by the Conference have been put into effect and others probably will be at as early a date as possible. The recommendation dealing with co-operative marketing will be submitted to Congress shortly after that body convenes. The recommendation of the Conference for the creation of an organization of rediscount agencies by the Federal Farm Loan Board to relieve the cattle industry has been acted upon favorably. The Interstate Commerce Commission has been directed to revise the freight structure to give the lowest possible rates upon agricultural products. A plan to lease unappropriated public lands and national forests for grazing purposes, both of which have been endorsed by the Conference, will be presented to Congress when that body convenes.

ROCKLAND ROAD SOON OPEN TO MUNDELEIN

Ready Now to Edge of Libertyville Except Short Piece Unpaved; Soon In Use

Rockland Road from the fine highways along the north shore will be available to the motoring public within a week or so, when the new highway is opened to the public. The concrete road is finished from the Kohout Greenhouse, where it joins the present cement road, to west of the DesPlaines river. There is a short piece about three blocks long, at this point that has not been paved, the rainy weather of the past two months compelling the contractors to cease operations until next spring. The street is completed, however, from Third street to Milwaukee avenue, where it joins with the existing paved road to Mundelein. It is reported that the short piece of road will be put in shape so as to permit driving over it this winter.

Libertyville, which used to be more or less isolated in rainy weather, is now a prominent highway center. Four ribbons of concrete stretch away from the village, making it easily accessible to tourists attracted by its natural beauty and the many picturesque estates in this vicinity.

FRENCH SHELLS RUIN ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Many of the best preserved monuments of Roman and early Christian civilization in Syria have been destroyed during the past few months by French aerial bombardments against the rebellious Druse tribesmen, according to reports received by the Near East Relief. Several American mission stations and churches have been burned and the Christian population routed.

The Roman occupation of the territory now in the theater of military operations lasted for about 500 years, until 625 A. D. The remains of nearly 100 towns have been found there, but the territory has never been adequately surveyed by archaeologists because of its inaccessibility under Turkish rule. Many of the ruins were in excellent preservation and they comprised a record of great potential value.

NOH DANCE, NOT JAZZ IS ANCIENT JAP HOP

An interesting lecture on the "Noh" Dance was given by Lucy Fletcher Brown, in Fullerton Hall, Art Institute last Tuesday afternoon. The Noh Dance is not a new form of American jazz, but a very old Japanese dance in vogue in the island Kingdom in the 14th and 15th cen-

turies. It consisted of simple movements and significant gestures made by the dancers, who, however, were usually dressed in magnificent and elaborate costumes. They portrayed legendary stories and tales in which ghosts and apparitions played prominent parts, and were simple and delightfully naive in plot.

NEW LAWS GOVERNING RADIO MUCH NEEDED

But Hoover Thinks They Should Not Be Many nor Unweildy Should Favor Listeners

The recent national radio conference held in Washington brought forth many ideas that will be of value to this very important industry, for radio is now an established industry as well as a source of instruction and entertainment to the people.

Radio has grown by leaps and bounds until in the opinion of Secretary Hoover, Chairman of the Radio Conference, it will be necessary that new radio laws be enacted. Mr. Hoover is desirous that Congress will give to his department wider powers at the coming session of Congress. He feels, however, that these powers, regulatory in their character, should be as few in number as possible. He is not in favor of littering up the statute books with unnecessary laws. He simply wants enough to secure the results that are needed. Thus, Mr. Hoover desires that radio be made as beneficial as possible and while he desires to aid the industry, he, nevertheless, has in mind the protection of the radio listener.

Radio is playing such an important part in the affairs of the people today that some action by Congress must be taken to safeguard the rights of the people.

ETCHING EXHIBIT AT ART INSTITUTE

Those who admire etchings should not miss the splendid exhibition of etchings and aquatints which are now being exhibited in the Print Room of the Art Institute. The present showing of them has been selected from the number presented to the museum by the Chicago Society of Etchers. While the Society bears the name of "Chicago", its activities are by no means confined to local territory, for its membership includes the foremost etchers, not only of America, but of many foreign countries. And it is the work of these members that is being shown at the Art Institute.

Great number of people desire to succeed in business provided they can get by without doing any work.

EXHIBITS OF WORKS OF PAINTERS SOON

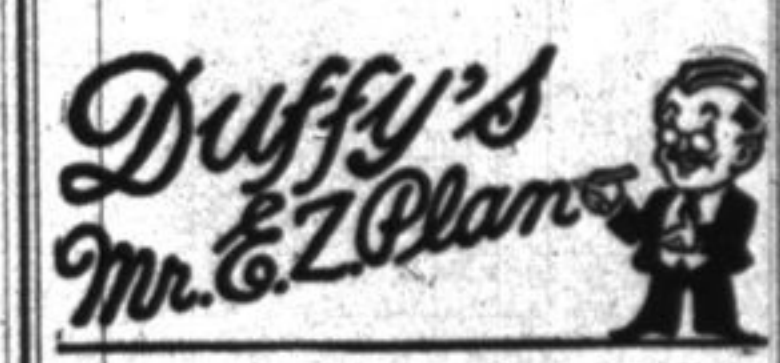
There will be a number of one-man shows exhibited at the Art Institute beginning December 22 and continuing until January 26. There will be paintings by Randall Davey, DeWitt and Douglass Parrish, William S. Horton, Roy Brown and G. A. Fjastad. With this group of one-man shows will be exhibited a selected group of sculpture by Alfonso Ineloni, and sculpture by Gaston Lachaise will be shown in the Arts club gallery during the same period.

Probably the kids would be more interested in history, if they would take up the record of the football season just closed.

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