Dangerous Driving Case Heard In Case Involving Cyclists On Highway

"Did Best To Avoid Accident," Magistrate Says, But Doubts Rate of Speed

Bernard Laurin, 19, of 170 Maple St. North, was convicted of dangerous driving in Tuesday's police court here and given the option of a fine of $100 and costs or 60 days. His license to drive was suspended for one year.

Laurin was also found guilty of a charge of taking a taxi from Dave's Taxi stand, where he was employed, without the consent of the owner on the night of the accident.

On this Laurin was given suspended sentence and ordered to sign a bond for $50 to keep the peace for six months.

Laurin, employed as a desk clerk by Dave Chaisson, owner of the taxi firm, took one of the taxi's to drive a couple to Schumacher and on his return, about 3 o'clock in the morning, he struck George Sparling and Antoine Paquette, McIntyre miners cycling home from work.

Sparling suffered two heavy lacerations across his face, severe abrasions to both knees, a broken bone under the right eye, paralysis to the left forearm and the loss of the sight of his right eye.

In testifying, Sparling stated he had no recollection of the accident other than he was struck from behind.

Paquette, his partner, stated that he and Sparling were riding close to the right side of the road. He was about four feet from the curb and Sparling had lost his balance momentarily and was riding along in the shallow ditch.

Paquette then stated that he had seen a car light approaching and had swung out to the centre of the road. Sparling's bicycle was struck by the left side of the car, throwing him about fifty feet after he had been thrown back against the windshield of the car. The taxi had proceeded into the bush about a hundred feet from the point of impact after jumping about five feet over the lip of the roadside.

Laurin, a naval veteran of two years service, said he had not seen Sparling at all but had seen Paquette when about six feet away and had thus swerved from the road in an attempt to avoid striking the man and had in turn struck Sparling.

Paquette's bicycle was also hit but Paquette suffered only minor scratches.

Before sentencing Laurin, Magistrate Atkinson exprressed his doubt as to the speed Laurin was travelling at the time. Laurin had stated he was doing about thirty miles an hour.

Stated the Magistrate: "He seems to have done the best he could in an attempt to avoid the accident but I can't help coming to the conclusion that the speed was over thirty miles an hour. He knocked the man fifty feet, and through his windshield.

"I believe he thought the road was clear and was not keeping a proper look-out," the Magistrate concluded.

On the charge of taking one of Dave's taxi's without permission, Dave Chaisson took the stand and testified that Laurin had been employed by him nine days before the accident, on Apr. 23, and had been told his duties were as a desk clerk and that he must not touch the cars.

Following the accident, Chaisson stated that he was informed of the fact that Laurin had violated this ruling on occasions previous to the accident.

One of the drivers from the taxi firm corroborated Chaisson's statements.

When Laurin was called to the stand he said that he had never been informed of the ruling but admitted he had taken the cars previous to the accident. He stated he had taken the car belonging to the previous witness on one or two occasions because the driver did not want to take the call and on another occasion when the driver testifying had been asleep in the stand.

"I want a remand so I can get a lawyer," was the request of R. J. Lamarche, 105 Main Ave., when the court on Tuesday decided to hear the evidence surrounding his alleged attack and charge of causing bodily harm to Miss Anita Larche.

Miss Larche appeared and asked that the charge be withdrawn. She stated Lamarche had hit her but that now she did not wish to press charges.

Lamarche, who, along with F. B. Bertrand, had previously been fined $10 and costs for fighting in front of the Northern Hotel, decided against having the evidence out and so pleaded guilty and made the above statement in stern tones.

Natalius Auger of 412 Birch St., South was assessed $25 and costs on a charge of careless driving and fines of $15 and costs for speeding were levied on Viekko Lehtinen of 208 Balsam St. North, Patrick Robinson of Gold Dale Property, Edgar Hazlewood of 118 Fourth Ave., Schumacher and Philip Rowan of 203 Cedar St. North.

Lorenzo Ladoucer, resident of the Goldfields Block was assessed $10 and costs for driving with four persons in the front seat of his taxi.

Eight gentlemen, convicted on drunkeness, were fined $10 and costs while one charge was withdrawn.

Conrad Seguin, 35 year old bushman, and Roland Gauvin, employees of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Co., were fined $10 and costs each for illegal possession of liquor.

Paul Mageau of Mountjoy Township was fined $10 and costs for using a rifle for hunting purposes without a license for same and Dollard Demers of Mountjoy Township was re-issued with a summons to appear in court next week.

Demers is alleged to have illegally trapped fur-bearing animals.

A case against Harry Martin, second hand store proprietor of Third Ave., was dismissed on a charge of failing to keep a record of the purchase of a radio.

Aurelien Trumelle of 14½ Third Ave., was remanded one week on a charge of theft.

Trumelle is alleged to have been caught in the act of stealing accessories from an automobile parked in the used car lot of the C. and R. Motors at the corner of Second Ave. and Balsam St., early Sunday morning.

Of 20 cases of infraction of by-laws, and the highway traffic act, one was adjourned, one withdrawn and two summons' were re-issued for personal service.

The remainder paid $1 and costs.

LET IT RAIN — *Here's the newest of light weight (only 12 ounces) summer raincoats in strawberry pink worn by Elaine Rost, of NBC's "Backstage Wife." The coat is in washable nylon, has blouse back, military yoke, deep armholes and sells for under 11 dollars. The matching fisherman's hat is also a Teentimer Original.*

Timmins Driver Figures In Highway Collision

Cars driven by Francis Werther of 114 Patricia Blvd., Timmins and Henry Brocher of Abitibi Camp 23 were in collision on Highway 101 about 20 miles east of Timmins at about 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

Provincial police state that Werther was coming towards Timmins when side-swiped by Brocher's car.

Damages amounted to $60.

Crosby And Hope To Be Seen At Cartier

For those who have been waiting to see Bing Crosby and Bob Hope in another hilarious "Road" picture, here's great movie news! The globe-trotting zanies of "Singapore," "Zanzibar" and "Morocco" are off again with Dorothy Lamour in a brand new "Road" show called "Road to Utopia," which bows in at the Cartier Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

This safari on celluloid takes the famous trio to the gold-studded Yukon where Bing and Bob are after a gold mine rightfully owned by Dottie but sought by two ruthless deperadoes.

There's one song already famous, called "Put It There, Pal," which Bing and Bob sing to an old-fashioned dance routine with the aid of straw hats and canes. Supporting the Big Three of the Paramount "Road" pictures are such noted players as gorgeous Hillary Brooke, Douglas Dumbrille, Jack LeRue and others.

If it's laughter you're after, folks, put your cares aside and see Bing, Bob and Dottie defrost the frozen North. Hit the "Road to Utopia" during its run at the Cartier Theatre.

Hitch-Hikers Miss Injuries In Crash

Four local hitch hikers were in receipt of anything but a peaceful ride when given assistance in travel in a car driven by Veikko W. Niemi of 201 Main St., South End, on Sunday morning.

Mr. Niemi gave the hikers a "lift" and at about 7 a.m. one of the tires of the car blew out, causing the car to swipe into the guard rails leading up to a bridge about three miles east of Hoyle on Highway 101.

The complete left side of the car was shorn off but fortunately the occupants of the car escaped severe injury, suffering only from a shaking-up and facial scratches.

The cost of repairs to the car is estimated at about $200.

Top-Notch Cast Seen In "Tangier" Here

Special Technicolor Feature Shows North Country Bush Pilot's Work

Maria Montez gets the first modern role of her career in Universal's latest adventure-romance, now showing at the Palace theatre. She appears with a top-flight cast which includes Preston Foster, Robert Paige, Louise Allbritton, Kent Taylor and Sabu.

The action-packed picture deals with a dancer's death-hunt for her hated enemy, a character known as Balizar. Miss Montez is seen as the huntress and the trail leads from Spain to Tangier, where she meets a young American newspaper reporter who also seeks Balizar, not for vengence, but for a story of international importance.

In Tangier, the dancing adventuress and the news-seeking American are aided by a cafe entertainer (Sabu) and their efforts are doubly rewarded. The dancer and the reporter find romance as well as the mysterious Balizar.

As a special added attraction fans will get a thrill out of seeing a section of their own north country in technicolor in the "Forest Commandos" in which a camera man follows up a bush pilot to film his work in fighting fires, making mercy flights, and generally keeping an eye on things to see that Mother Nature doesn't get into trouble in the northland.

Ziegfeld Follies Comes To Broadway

Biggest and best of the musicals, "Ziegfield Follies of 1946" comes to the Broadway Theatre on Saturday. Star-studded from stem to stern, it should prove the tops in entertainment for fans who like 'em gay and lovely.

Included in the cast are the biggest of the big-name players, such as Fanny Brice, Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, Red Skelton, Esther Williams, William Powell, Lucille Bremer, Judy Garland, Kathryn Grayson, Lena Horne, Gene Kelly, James Melton, and Victor Moore.

Filmed in technicolor, movie fans will get a chance to see a cross-section of the nation's beauty, daintily wedged in between comedy skits, and smarter-than-smart dance routines.

Code Of The Lawless Is Cartier Feature

The Cartier Theatre brings for its weekend western fans the feature "Code of the Lawless", starring Kirby Grant, Fuzzy Knight, Poni Adams and Charles Miller.

In this film, a newcomer to the Pecos succeeds in smashing a holding company combine which has been levying unwarranted taxes on the ranchers. He does so by posing as the son of the head of the company.

Only when the racketeers have been trapped does he reveal himself as an agent of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Rounding out the program is a Hugh Herbert comedy, "When the Wife's Away", Fox News, and Chapter No. 4 of "The Monster and the Ape", which will prove just as thrilling as the previous chapters.

South Porcupine Man Has Invention For Assisting In Blood Grouping

In 1930, John Newman of South Porcupine successfully completed an amplifier for a doctor's stethoscope, and in the time that followed, the invention met with some success, to use Mr. Newman's own words.

Last week Mr. Newman came into the Advance offices to display his latest work which is, in part, about the same size as the container for a Jack-in-the-box, but whose function is to provide a uniform and correct movement of the microscope slide during agitation of serum and blood for blood grouping.

Anyone who has ever been blood grouped knows that a drop of blood is taken, placed on a slide with serum and then rolled in semi-circular motion for a period of about ten minutes. Thus Mr. Newman's agitator has been designed to relieve the person making the test of having to handle the slide.

On the top of the box is a fixed holder for the slide while the serum and blood are mixed. From this the slide is placed on a second holder affixed atop a universal joint. The next movement is the rotation of a wheel, by a small handle, set in the front of the box. This causes the slide to rotate upon the joint in uniform and orthodox manner.

The employment of the wheel and universal joint came as an easier method of agitation after experiment and success with an agitator calling for the use of fingers to obtain rotation.

This runner-up to the present work was completed in September, 1945, and proved very serviceable with little effort needed for its operation.

This primary agitator is about two inches wide, four inches long and about three inches high.

The slide holder is mounted so that it will tilt on a cradle which is in turn mounted so that it in turn will tilt on a base.

The whole of this forming a universal joint.

All these agitators have been used by the St. John Ambulance Brigade of which Mr. Newman is an ambulance officer, having been connected with the Brigade since its inception in the Porcupine.

The present agitator came from over a year's work and has been in use of by the Eastern Porcupine Nursing Division.

As for the value of blood grouping, Mr. Newman sated, "it enables a compatible donor to be located by phone, radio broadcast or from the files of the local S.J.A.B. The information regarding donors is passed on by the S.J.A.B. to the local hopitals in South Porcupine and Timmins."

"This work is carried on free of charge," he continued, "by the nursing divisions of the S.J.A.B. and it is hoped that all men, women, and children, will take full advantage of this service."

By way of contrast Mr. Newman bared some of the conditions before blood grouping began.

On one occasion, he stated, blood tests of donors were carried on from 9 o'clock at night until 4:30 o'clock in the morning, which meant that the patient requiring a transfusion had to wait several hours.

On another occasion 72 volunteers were tested for a transfusion to an injured miner in one of the northern towns, and by the time the transfusion was performed it was too late, Mr. Newman explained.

In concluding, Mr. Newman praised the work of the Nursing Divisions of the S.J.A.B. during war years; and at the present time working in conjunction with the Red Cross, blood clinics, and hospitals in South Porcupine and Timmins in an effort to relieve the shortage of nurses.

Rain Gives Firemen Restful Weekend

Heavy rains on Friday night thwarted any attempt at a bang-up firework celebration and thus resulted in no activity for local firemen.

A chimney fire at the Jack Pine Inn in Mountjoy township brought firemen out at 11:10 p.m. on Saturday night and a small car fire on Sunday constituted the weekend activity of the local fire department.

The car fire occurred at the corner of Cameron and Wilson Ave.'s, caused from a short circuit in the dash board clock. The cost of repairs to damage is estimated at about $35.

Car Turns Over On Back Road Curve

Following the almost identical route of a car which in 1943 swerved from a curve leading from the back-road from Timmins to South Porcupine and caused the death of two of the occupants of the car, an automobile operated by George Moore of Pamcur property, plunged along the shoulders of the curve and over a six foot embankment at about 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The car rolled over the embankment before coming to rest.

Mrs. George McLean, sister-in-law of Mr. Moore, was uninjured but Mr. Moore was removed to hospital suffering from a scalp wound necessitating 15 stiches.

Cost of repairing damage to the car is said to be about $190.

Youngster Injured By Bow and Arrow

A bow and arrow game between young boys on Monday afternoon resulted in one of the youngsters suffering injuries to one of his eyes and being admitted to St. Mary's hospital.

Fortunately the sight of the eye will not be impaired and it is expected that the youth will be released from hospital this weekend.

The injured boy is Clifford Anderson, 10 year old son of Mrs. F. Anderson of 45½ Bannerman Ave.

Mrs. Anderson stated the boys were playing with bows and arrows in the street when one of the arrows, fired by another boy, struck her son in the eye.

Fishing through the ice, an upper New England angler pulled in a set of false teeth. Either that or the shark got away.

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