

TRUCK WEIGHTS AGAIN AN ISSUE

Motorists Told to Help Protect Roads

"It seems about time that the million or more motorists of Illinois should wake up to the necessity of becoming active in opposition to any additional legislation at our state capitol, which contemplates either increasing or decreasing the weight of trucks on highways," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club.

"Some three sessions ago when this matter was first actively considered the State Highway department participated in the discussion before the committees of the General Assembly, with the result that a law was passed fixing the weight and speed limits of trucks in such manner as to permit the economical operation of motor trucks and at the same time safeguard the investment which had been made in paved highways. The load limitations at that time were endorsed by a great majority of truck users; and since that time they have equipped themselves at great expense with vehicles which comply with the law. Some operators were compelled to modify their whole fleet of trucks.

"Since the passage of this legislation Illinois has made remarkable progress in road constructions. Also, expensive scientific tests have been conducted with the result that the pavements now being constructed will carry the motor trucks now permitted by law indefinitely at low reasonable maintenance cost.

"The maximum weight of trucks now permitted is 24,000 pounds. The law further specifies that the maximum load coming upon any one axle shall not exceed 16,000 pounds, and that the load per wheel shall not exceed 800 pounds per inch of width of tire. There is absolutely no necessity for any increase in the present truck loadings and the majority of the truck users are entirely satisfied with the present law.

"There has recently been concerted action taken by a comparatively small number of truck operators and manufacturers who desire to increase greatly the present legal loads. Bills to this effect have been introduced in the General Assembly and are being actively pushed.

"During the past few years Illinois has made an unparalleled record in highway construction. Millions upon millions of dollars, collected from the motorists in the form of license fees and from the sale of bonds which will be retired by motor license fees, have been invested in highways and pavements are now in daily use. These pavements will carry the present legal loads indefinitely with low reasonable maintenance cost. However, should the load limit be increased, the life of these pavements would be jeopardized and there would be grave danger of rapid destruction of the State Highway system. Since the construction and maintenance of our state highway system is being paid by the motorists of the state in the form of motor fees without one cent of direct taxation, it is highly important that the motorists safeguard their investment in highways by writing immediately their senator and representatives to oppose this obnoxious legislation."

N. U. Students Present Year's Final Dramatics

The 1924-25 Northwestern university dramatic season will be a matter of history, when the final curtain drops on the Thalian Dramatic society's production of "Bunty Pulls The Strings," this evening in Annie May Swift hall, on the Evanston campus.

"Bunty Pulls The Strings" is a Scotch comedy, containing some keen and canny Scotch humor and dialect, from the typewriter of Graham Mofat. The play was a success of a few years back on the professional stage. Martha Oliver, a Southern miss from Alabama, will have the title role as the canny Bunty. Roland Mackwitz will play opposite her as her lover. William Angus, of the English department, will play Tammis, the stern old master of Bunty's household.

Others who are included in the cast are Ruth Girard, Catherine Miller, Wesley Swason, Elvera Woolner, Carlisle Bloxom, Verne Thomas and Edna Gilbert.

Coolidge Constant User of Telephone Services

President Coolidge is a continual user of "Main Six," the White House 'phone, and although President McKinley and Harding used the famous 'phone freely, Coolidge broke their records soon after his residence in the executive mansion.

Presidents Hayes, Cleveland, Roosevelt and Wilson used the telephone comparatively little.

The Delta Delta Delta sorority is in charge of a card party at the Evanston Woman's club on Saturday afternoon, May 23.

Kenilworth Announces Annual Appointments

Appointments for the coming year were made by President James C. Murray at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenilworth Monday evening. Committees appointed were: Finance—George R. Benson, E. M. Sweet, Charles D. Howe; Public Service and Buildings—I. C. Darling, Karl B. Korraday, George R. Benson; Police and Fire—E. M. Sweet, Ralph R. Hawxhurst, Charles D. Howe; Streets, Lighting and Sewerage—Karl B. Korraday,

George R. Benson, I. C. Darling; Water Supply—Ralph R. Hawxhurst, George R. Benson, E. M. Sweet.

Other appointments were: Harry E. Weese, village treasurer; Elmer E. Jackson, village attorney, Ira C. Darling, building commissioner; Mrs. A. S. McKenna, plumbing inspector; F. L. Streed, village manager, collector and health officer.

Shatter Moving Records in Chicago This Season

Chicago, Ill.—The May 1 scramble for new homes here smashed all previous records, according to public service companies who are most affected by a custom of having leases expire on that date, when it appears that all of Chicago moves.

The People's Gas Light and Coke company received 70,000 orders to turn gas on or off during the moving week. Employees from all departments were delegated to this work, and meals were cooked on time.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Company received 53,294 moving orders during April, exceeding the same month of 1923 by 9,058.

Woman Retains Job as Kenilworth Inspector

Mrs. A. S. McKenna was re-appointed plumbing inspector of Kenilworth for the ensuing year, at a meeting of the Village board Monday evening. Mrs. McKenna has served in this capacity since shortly after the death of her husband, about three years ago. It is thought that she is the only woman in this part of the country holding such a position. She does not do the actual inspection work herself, but assumes the responsibility of retaining an inspector

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