

30 DAYS IN JAIL



Emery T. Ringstad (left), assistant Seattle postmaster, stood beside his attorney, Joseph Evich, outside Judge Roy De Grief's court yesterday after receiving a sentence of 60 days in jail, 30 days suspended, and fines totaling \$325 upon his conviction for hit-run and reckless driving.

'One-Arm' Driver Declared Reckless by Traffic Judge

A 25-year-old Montana farmer who drove an automobile with one arm while embracing a woman passenger with the other, was convicted of reckless driving yesterday by Traffic Judge Roy De Grief.

The farmer, James Mc Knight, who is visiting Seattle at 3034 Warsaw Place, was fined \$35, his driver's license was suspended 30 days and he was sentenced to 24 hours in jail, suspended.

The same sentence was meted out to Kenneth Spangler, 27, of 207 Second Ave., a bartender, for aiding and abetting reckless driving. Spangler, owner of the car which Mc Knight was driving, was riding with Mc Knight when the latter was arrested early yesterday near 900 Elliott Ave. W.

Police testified McKnight was steering with only one arm when he was under the influence of liquor when he was arrested.

Mrs. Alfred Wagensen, 36, of 152 W. 203rd St., a housewife, who said she had six drinks of whiskey two hours before the car she was driving collided with one operated by Clair M. Schmidt, of 1523 E. Madison St., was convicted of drunken and reckless driving.

Sentence Suspended

Mrs. Wagensen was fined \$100, her license was suspended one year and she was sentenced to three days in jail, suspended.

Schmidt said he saw Mrs. Wagensen's car "drifting" to the wrong side of the street at 15th Avenue Northwest and West 82nd Street July 29, and stopped before his car was struck. He said Mrs. Wagensen seemed to slump over the wheel just before his car was struck.

Mrs. Wagensen said she drank the whiskey at her sister's house.

and had driven about a mile and a half before the accident. Payment of the fine was deferred 24 hours.

Hadley C. Halgren, 30, of 10219 23rd Ave. N. E., whose car skidded into a railroad engine at Alaskan Way and Massachusetts Street August 9, was fined \$20 for negligent driving.

Halgren said he did not see the engine until he was within 50 feet of it because the engine had been obscured by buildings near the tracks.

Reuben J. Barrett, 27, of Everett, whose car collided with a motorcycle operated by Traffic Patrolman L. J. Magrillo July 31 at Alaskan Way and Washington Street, was fined \$25 for negligent driving.

Drunken Driving Charge Dismissed

A drunken-driving charge against Victor Boatman, 55, of 2628 West Oak St., a plywood press operator, was dismissed.

Lewis Yetter and Wayne Stewart each forfeited \$30 on negligent driving charges. Stewart also forfeited \$10 for driving without a license.

Others convicted yesterday:

Ernest Johnson, 38, of 165 Melrose Ave., was fined \$125, his license was suspended one year and he was sentenced to ten days in jail, suspended, for drunken and reckless driving. Payment of the fine was deferred 24 hours.

Negligent driving—Lawrence O. Rockwell, fined \$25; Wayne L. Newman, 31, of 653 S. W. 138th St., was fined \$15; Manuel Westman, 35, of 8318 22nd Ave. N. W., a stevedore foreman, fined \$50; Robert E. Howatson, 29, of 4027 15th Ave. N. E., a truck driver, fined \$50 and sentenced to five days in jail, suspended. Payment of the fine by Howatson was deferred 24 hours.

Philadelphia Locker Blast Jars Police

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.—(AP)—An explosion in a steel locker of the detective bureau rocked Philadelphia's City Hall today, boomed loudly through the downtown business district and injured several persons, none seriously.

Choking fumes and smoke filled the first-floor corridors of the massive building and Deputy Chief Engineer William Simler, among the first firemen to arrive on the scene, said he detected sulphuric acid.

Some Gas, But No Oil Found Near Queets

QUEETS, Jefferson County, Aug. 22.—(AP)—W. F. Bridewell, spokesman for five Texas oil companies drilling two miles from here, said today there are some indications of natural gas, but no signs of oil in the C. C. Cook No. 2 well on the W. B. Sam land allotment here. Drilling has reached 2,400 feet.

The spokesman said a report drillers had struck a "big gas supply" was exaggerated. He added that he had seen many wells "with far more natural gas" prove to be of insufficient value to continue development.

He said natural gas came bubbling through the mud in core tests taken at several levels, but none had shown traces of oil.

Oriental War Vets Lose Eviction Suits

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The State Supreme Court in a 6-to-1 decision on the hand-picked test cases of Chinese and Japanese-American and Korean war veterans, ruled today that it cannot help non-whites fight eviction from the homes they own in restricted, white neighborhoods.

It refused to intervene in Superior Court proceedings to evict four American-born Orientals and in the cases of two other American-born Japanese whose lands are being confiscated under the State Alien Property Law.

Radio Club to Picnic

The West Seattle Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual picnic all day Sunday at Lake Fenwick, two miles east of Midway on the Seattle-Tacoma Highway. Coffee and dessert will be furnished, club officials said.

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