

Drivers and Firms Pay Overload Fines

"Overload charges against trucking companies dismissed; driver guilty."

This notation appears frequently in local court records, dealing with violations of state weight restrictions.

District weighmaster Ken Reno explains why the driver bears the brunt of the law:

"This practice started years ago. We write tickets on the driver, primarily, because he is the one who is moving the load."

"In the case of the com-

pany we have to prove intent."

Reno said prosecution is more effective when focused on the driver.

"His offense is that of actually moving the load on the highway which is a misdemeanor," Reno explained. "The maximum fine for the driver is \$100 and usually court costs are \$15."

Some times the firm pays the fine; some times the trucker.

"No points are assessed

against the driver," Reno noted.

If the firm is found guilty, the charge is based on a per-pound scale, established by the state.

The fine schedule calls for \$5 in costs and four cents charge per pound for overweight between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds. The first 1,000 receives no fine.

Overweights between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds cost six cents a pound; 4,000 to 5,000 cost eight cents; and any-

thing over 5,000 pounds, costs 10 cents per pound.

Chrysler Corp. of Detroit has just paid \$823 plus costs of \$15, pleading guilty to an 11,900-pound overload, in the court of Redford Township Justice of the Peace Randall Kohler.

One of the car company's trucks was stopped by one of four state inspectors operating in Wayne County, who carry portable "loadmeters" to check out the trucks.

The name of Angelo DiPonio Equipment Co. of Livonia pops up frequently as an overload offender.

This is understandable because the firm has 60 trucks on the road.

Angelo DiPonio, the firm's president, says the state is not facing up to improvements in roads, equipment and tires and that the offenses are mostly during the winter and spring when weight restrictions are in effect.

"The Michigan Road-builders feel the county and state should take another look at the situation," he said. "Haulers pay a lot of tax dollars and it costs citizens a lot of money when trucks are going down the roads with half loads."

He said truckers are still asked to live with restrictions imposed 25 or 30 years ago.



STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE—Schoolcraft College Dean of Student Affairs Edward V. McNally, and Director of Admissions Barbara Gell appear pleased with the progress of remodeling operations which will provide new quarters for the Office of Student Affairs. The former student center, adjacent to the Lois L. Waterman Campus Center, is being renovated under a \$68,000 contract to provide the space needed for the expanding functions of the office, now housed in the Administration Building. Dean McNally expects to move his staff into the new quarters by late May.

18 Get Awards from Schoolcraft

Eighteen area businessmen and women recently received certificates of completion at the conclusion of a 10-week business management seminar at Schoolcraft College.

The seminar for owners and managers of small businesses was sponsored by the college, the Small Business Administration and Chambers of Commerce of Garden City, Livonia, Northville, and Plymouth. Fred Stefanski, evening college director, was seminar coordinator.

Plymouth Mayor James Houk was the main speaker

Thurston's Wardrop Wins Award

Robert Wardrop, 9847 Nathaline, Redford Township, who is a senior at Thurston High School, was among the 40 Michigan high school seniors winning a first year scholarship from the Chrysler Corporation Fund.

The Michigan winners are among 88 students in 19 states who will receive scholarships totaling \$63,500 from the fund. The winners are sons and daughters of Chrysler Corporation employees or of employees of retail dealerships handling Chrysler-built cars and trucks.

The 1967 winners will attend 47 colleges in 24 states with scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,500. The awards are renewable through the students' undergraduate years. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation selected the winners for their leadership, citizenship and outstanding scholarship.

The average Michigan winner ranked in the top six per cent of the senior class. Nearly 60 per cent are members of the National Honor Society and almost 50 per cent of the boys participated in varsity sports.

Wardrop will enroll in Oakland University in the fall where he will major in mathematics.

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