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Presumed Innocence? Some Can't Count on It

A man is presumed innocent until proven guilty. This great American principle of jurisprudence applies to traffic courts as well as criminal courts.

When a Michigan police officer issues a citation charging a driver with a violation of a traffic law, the driver has two options when he appears in court to answer the charge.

He may plead guilty and pay the penalty prescribed by law. Or he may plead "not guilty."

IF HE CHOOSES the latter, he is presumed innocent until he is proven guilty. But there are a few conditions in the operation of this principle.

One of these conditions is provided for the driver who causes a rear-end collision, the driver who is being currently characterized as the "Bumper Pusher" on posters

erected throughout the state by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

The bumper pusher who is involved in a rear-end collision is prima facie considered guilty of negligence by virtue of Michigan's statute, Section 402 (a) of the Michigan vehicle code which states:

"IN ANY ACTION, in any court in this state when it is shown by competent evidence, that a vehicle traveling in a certain direction, overtook and struck the rear end of another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or lawfully standing upon any highway within this state, the driver or operator of such first mentioned vehicle shall be deemed prima facie guilty of negligence."

The term "prima facie" is a legal expression describing evidence sufficient to establish a presumption of fact or to establish the fact is in question until overcome by competent evidence to the contrary.

In cases of rear-end collision, the fact that the collision occurred is sufficient evidence to establish that the driver of the vehicle which struck the other vehicle is guilty of negligence as shown by these facts alone.

REAR-END collision can result from a number of contributing factors. Wet or icy roads, poor visibility, speed-too-fast-for-conditions are some.

But the most frequent cause of a rear-end collision, a cause which includes the factors of visibility, road conditions and speed, is the traffic violation of "following too closely."

The driver who fails to maintain a safe distance between his car and the car ahead is asking for a rear-end collision. He is depending on the skill of the driver ahead of him to avoid trouble; he assumes that the driver ahead will be able to stay ahead.

THE BUMPER PUSHER, by refusing to maintain a safe distance ahead, commits himself to a rear-end collision which will undoubtedly result wherever the driver ahead fails to stay ahead.

In 1958, this kind of negligence killed 12 people and injured 2,410 in Michigan. Such negligence results in an estimated economic loss to Michigan citizens of \$1.6 million.

That 'Go, Go, Go' Cost \$130 Million

LANSING—The Michigan State Highway department let more than \$130 million in new road and bridge contracts during 1959 despite a federal contract control system which caused postponement of four scheduled lettings involving about \$40 million in contracts, Highway Commissioner John C. Makie said recently.

The lettings were canceled in the last quarter of 1959 shortly after the controls were announced along with a reduction in federal interstate aid funds.

SUBSEQUENTLY, Makie announced his intention to try to keep the state road building program on schedule in 1960 by stepping up issuance of state highway bonds and apply for federal aid on a deferred basis. This deferred or delayed aid could not be collected until after 1961.

The contracts let this year provided for more than 150 miles of interstate and arterial four-lane expressways.

Highway Department officials have estimated that \$275 million in new roads will be put under contract in 1960, which includes more than 350 miles of Interstate and arterial expressway routes.

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They Danced All Right

At the Bloomfield Township Teen club's second dance, Karen Martens, 1240 Lenox, Bloomfield township, and Alan Armstrong, 2525 Ramsbury, Troy, (pictured here), took first place in the dance contest. The recently formed teen club, sponsored by the Bloomfield Lions, is designed to fight the boredom that breeds juvenile delinquency. One hundred, sixty teens turned out for the second dance. (See "Talk of the Towns" for the full story.)

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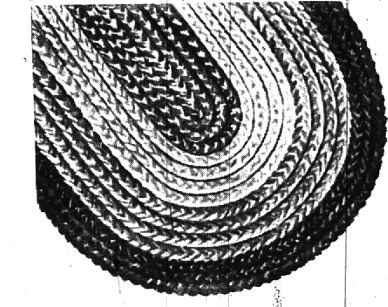
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