

Traffic Fines Being Indexed

Fifteen of the 23 Municipal Court Districts in Los Angeles County — r soon will be — joined in a cooperative system of mutually indexing traffic citations. Local courts have joined the program.

"The mutual indexing system makes possible quick notification of prior offenses for use by judges in determining penalties to be set upon traffic violations," Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said.

Each Municipal Court District has had available only records of offenses within its own jurisdiction.

Municipal Court Judge Joseph A. Sprangle Jr. of Pasadena, a leader in the mutual indexing system, has informed Hahn that the eight districts which have not joined the program handled approximately 16 percent of the 1,260,000 traffic citations issued last year in the County.

THE DISTRICTS not yet in the system are Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Culver City, East Los Angeles, Inglewood, Pomona, and South Gate.

Judge Sprangle has, by letter, again asked the presiding judges of those districts to consider joining the county-wide mutual indexing system on a voluntary basis.

"Before this system was established," Hahn said, "a judge had no quick way of knowing how many violations a defendant had on a county-wide basis. He only had on record the past offences within the jurisdiction involved, and the offender could have had a previous record of violation in other sections of the County."

Solons Take New Look at State's Drug Regulations

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Narcotics and other addictive drugs give us a whole series of legislative, law enforcement, and education problems. They are particularly important here in California, because of the close proximity of the largest population concentration of our state to foreign sources of supply for the dangerous drugs.

These problems have become particularly acute in recent years because of the inroads illicit drug peddlers, and the organized crime rings behind them, have been able to make among our juvenile population. Our legislative committees have spent much time and effort during recent years, studying the best methods of treating addicts, and of bringing the criminal element connected with the drug traffic into court for effective penalties. Local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities have worked closely with these committees.

AT OUR 1961 session, we increased the penalties for violations of the laws relating to narcotics to clamp down tighter on the vicious drug trade. After our adjournment, the Special Study Commission on Narcotics reported on the dangers created, so far as addiction and crime are concerned, by two other classes of drugs, the hypnotics, such as seconal, and the stimulants, such as benzedrine. The Commission reported on the statistics submitted by law enforcement agencies as to increased use of such drugs by juveniles.

A series of measures have just been introduced in the Senate, embodying the Committee's recommendations. The measures have already been endorsed by several associations of law enforcement officials. They will first be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

THESE BILLS would first set up a new statutory class of drugs, "restricted dangerous

drugs." Felony penalties would be provided for illegal possession or trafficking in such drugs, and for forgery of prescriptions calling for them. Prohibited would be the refilling of prescriptions for these drugs on an "as needed basis." Another drug, now a favorite substitute among users of "hard" narcotics, and rated by authorities as potentially dangerous as morphine, would be restricted even further.

A recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court held that the states can require narcotic addicts to submit themselves for treatment of their disease in rehabilitation facilities, under penalty of law. The proposed laws would expand California's program by opening the existing facilities to addicts to the hypnotic and stimulant drugs.

OVER-THE-COUNTER sales of drugged cough syrups would also be stopped by the proposed bills. The California retail drug trade has agreed that these syrups are being greatly abused by addicts, and that non-narcotic syrups of equal medicinal values are available.

Another bill in the series would govern the search of cars involved in narcotic arrest cases. It would provide that any evidence of a narcotic violation found in a car not garaged in a house would be admissible in court.

The course of these measures through our legislative processes may not be entirely smooth. Some legislators apparently feel that more study of the problems is required. However, the law enforcement agencies have made their recommendations, which bear much weight.

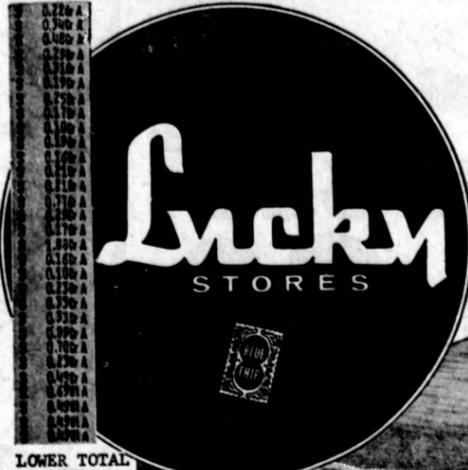
Makes Honor List

Dorothy Attridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Attridge of 22920 S. Meyler, has been named to the dean's honor list at La Verne College, La Verne, Calif. A freshman, Dorothy was one of 41 students with a high scholastic record.

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