

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

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Dover, Delaware  
July 1, 1946

To the Chairman and Members of the  
State Highway Department  
Dover, Delaware

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit herewith a report of the activities of the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Highway Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946.

Respectfully,

GEORGE S. WILLIAMS  
*Commissioner*

## REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS—RESIDENTS

- 173 Intoxicated Driving
- 34 Leaving Scene of Accident
- 13 Taking Car Without Consent
- 49 Permitting Illegal Use of Car
- 11 Driving During Period of Revocation
- 51 Failed to Renew Insurance
- 3 Lending Driver's License
- 5 Failed to Pass Examination Required Because of Two Accidents
- 40 Bad Driving Record
- 4 Judgments
- 17 False Statement on Application
- 10 Miscellaneous

## REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS—NON-RESIDENTS

- 30 Intoxicated Driving
- 1 Leaving Scene of Accident
- 20 Failed to Renew Insurance

## RE-ISSUES AND RELEASES—RESIDENTS

- 89 Re-issued—Not required to file after four years
- 73 Insurance Filed
- 27 Three Years Filing
- 5 No Insurance Required
- 9 Writ of Certiorari Filed
- 5 Nolle Prossed
- 3 Suspension Lifted—Lending drivers' license
- 27 Suspension Lifted—Permitting illegal use of car
- 12 Suspension Lifted—Taking without consent
- 38 Suspension Lifted—Bad driving record
- 29 Miscellaneous

## REVOCATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

### ACTIVITY REPORT

- 4,848 Letters
- 440 Inter-Office Correspondence
- 96 Accident Letters
- 417 Assignments
- 608 Change of Address
- 1,452 Change of Name by Marriage
- 2,872 Revocation Cards

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 403    | Responsibility Cards                  |
| 236    | Title Cards                           |
| 12,886 | Information by Telephone              |
| 34     | Stop Cards                            |
| 431    | Correction of License Letters         |
| 191    | Certificates of Revocation            |
| 215    | Responsibility Letters                |
| 226    | Revocation Letters                    |
| 66     | Suspension Letters                    |
| 145    | Original Insurance Certificates Filed |
| 143    | Renewal Insurance Certificates Filed  |
| 102    | Notices to Renew Insurance            |
| 34     | Certified Copies                      |
| 19     | Notify Commissioner                   |
| 1,314  | Duplicate Licenses                    |
| 33     | Stencils Cut                          |
| 625    | Bulletins                             |
| 20     | Bills                                 |
| 9      | Detailed Reports                      |
| 9      | Activity Reports                      |
| 260    | Licenses Corrected                    |
| 8      | Revocation Reports                    |
| 24     | Tags Returned                         |

## REGISTRATION DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| 20,356 | Registrations        |
| 2,163  | Duplicate Cards      |
| 9,626  | Out Going Letters    |
| 740    | Assignments          |
| 762    | Interoffice Mem      |
| 1,711  | Information Letters  |
| 1,892  | Change of Address    |
| 50,478 | Titles Issued        |
| 5,970  | Liens Satisfied      |
| 1,213  | Refund on Tags       |
| 6,457  | Information on Phone |

## MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

### AUDITING DEPARTMENT

#### Transactions for the Fiscal Year

(7-1-45 to 6-30-46)

|                            | Mail          | Dover         | Wilmington    | Georgetown    | Total          |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Registrations</b>       |               |               |               |               |                |
| Pleasures (1 yr.) .....    | 4,449         | 7,775         | 31,196        | 11,197        | 54,617         |
| Pleasures (½ yr.) .....    | 383           | 883           | 2,460         | 815           | 4,541          |
| Pleasures (¼ yr.) .....    | 32            | 81            | 200           | 38            | 351            |
| Commercials (1 yr.) .....  | 1,055         | 2,160         | 5,232         | 3,481         | 11,928         |
| Commercials (½ yr.) .....  | 281           | 842           | 1,082         | 981           | 3,186          |
| Commercials (¼ yr.) .....  | 30            | 67            | 58            | 64            | 219            |
| Trailers (1 yr.) .....     | 347           | 926           | 1,134         | 1,194         | 3,601          |
| Trailers (½ yr.) .....     | 54            | 133           | 163           | 138           | 488            |
| Trailers (¼ yr.) .....     | 2             | 9             | 4             | 7             | 22             |
| Tractors .....             | 41            | 174           | 53            | 80            | 348            |
| Motor Cycles (1 yr.) ..... | 22            | 65            | 264           | 89            | 440            |
| Motor Cycles (½ yr.) ..... | 4             | 0             | 7             | 0             | 11             |
| Motor Cycles (¼ yr.) ..... | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0             | 1              |
| Dealers .....              | 169           | 30            | 214           | 228           | 641            |
| Extra Wgt., etc. ....      | 65            | 48            | 90            | 67            | 270            |
| Exempt .....               | 98            | 244           | 458           | 236           | 1,036          |
| Transfers .....            | 6,131         | 610           | 5,067         | 1,474         | 13,282         |
| <b>Totals.....</b>         | <b>13,163</b> | <b>14,047</b> | <b>47,683</b> | <b>20,089</b> | <b>94,982</b>  |
| <b>Operators</b>           |               |               |               |               |                |
| Operators (Annual) .....   | 14,960        | 10,426        | 29,218        | 12,182        | 66,786         |
| Chauffeurs (Annual) .....  | 2,871         | 4,315         | 10,101        | 4,765         | 22,052         |
| Applications .....         | 15            | 2,767         | 6,500         | 2,239         | 11,521         |
| Operators (Permanent)...   | 377           | 2,095         | 11,781        | 2,736         | 16,989         |
| Chauffeurs (Permanent)...  | 161           | 879           | 3,062         | 938           | 5,040          |
| <b>Totals.....</b>         | <b>18,384</b> | <b>20,482</b> | <b>60,662</b> | <b>22,860</b> | <b>122,388</b> |
| <b>Titling Department</b>  |               |               |               |               |                |
| New Car Titles .....       | 516           | 231           | 1,656         | 761           | 3,164          |
| Used Car Titles .....      | 9,639         | 1,693         | 10,375        | 3,246         | 24,953         |
| Corr. Titles .....         | 431           | 489           | 779           | 822           | 2,521          |
| Dup. Titles .....          | 772           | 7             | 271           | 109           | 1,159          |
| Liens .....                | 3,360         | 195           | 1,830         | 1,089         | 6,474          |
| Satisfactions .....        | 5,970         | 0             | 0             | 0             | 5,970          |
| Exempt Titles .....        | 53            | 5             | 58            | 16            | 132            |
| Supp. Titles .....         | 440           | 2             | 5             | 2             | 449            |
| <b>Totals.....</b>         | <b>21,181</b> | <b>2,622</b>  | <b>14,974</b> | <b>6,045</b>  | <b>44,822</b>  |

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**  
**AUDITING DEPARTMENT**  
**Transactions for the Fiscal Year**  
**(7-1-45 to 6-30-46)—(Continued)**

|                                      | Mail         | Dover        | Wilmington   | Georgetown   | Total         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                 |              |              |              |              |               |
| Lost Tags .....                      | 283          | 12           | 375          | 204          | 874           |
| Dup. Reg. Cards .....                | 666          | 578          | 1,272        | 617          | 3,133         |
| Reference Money .....                | 66           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 66            |
| Postage .....                        | 18           | 0            | 0            | 0            | 18            |
| Temporary Veh. Permits               | 183          | 362          | 2,457        | 370          | 3,372         |
| Lost Inserts .....                   | 64           | 117          | 378          | 83           | 642           |
| Bad Check Collections.....           | 11           | 0            | 4            | 2            | 17            |
| Exch. Opr. Cards .....               | 4            | 317          | 574          | 380          | 1,275         |
| Dup. Opr. and<br>Chauff. Cards ..... | 520          | 470          | 1,082        | 500          | 2,572         |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                   | <b>1,815</b> | <b>1,856</b> | <b>6,142</b> | <b>2,156</b> | <b>11,969</b> |
| <b>Grand Totals</b>                  |              |              |              |              |               |
| (Year 1944-45) .....                 | 61,365       | 31,190       | 102,016      | 40,463       | 235,034       |
| And Percentages .....                | 26.1%        | 13.3%        | 43.4%        | 17.2%        |               |
| <b>Grand Totals</b>                  |              |              |              |              |               |
| (Year 1945-46) .....                 | 54,543       | 39,007       | 129,461      | 51,150       | 274,161       |
| And Percentages .....                | 19.9%        | 14.2%        | 47.3%        | 18.6%        |               |
| <b>Increase or Decrease</b>          |              |              |              |              |               |
| Over 1944-45) .....                  | -6.2%        | +9.10%       | +3.9%        | +1.4%        | +16.6%        |

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**  
**AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

**Approximate No. One Year and One-Half Year Registrations**  
**Issued During Fiscal Years 7-1-44 to 6-30-45**  
**and 7-1-45 to 6-30-46**

| Classification     | 7-1-44 to 6-30-45 | 7-1-45 to 6-30-46 | Increase or<br>Decrease |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                    | One Year          | One Year          |                         |
| Pleasures .....    | 52,629            | 54,617            | +1,988                  |
| Commercials .....  | 11,106            | 11,928            | + 822                   |
| Trailers .....     | 3,181             | 3,601             | + 420                   |
| Tractors .....     | 339               | 348               | + 9                     |
| Motor Cycles ..... | 364               | 440               | + 76                    |
| Dealers .....      | 415               | 641               | + 226                   |
| Exempt .....       | 932               | 1,036             | + 104                   |
| Totals .....       | 68,966            | 72,611            | +3,645                  |
| Per Cent .....     | 86.8              | 89.2              | + 2.4                   |

| Classification     | 7-1-44 to 6-30-45 | 7-1-45 to 6-30-46 | Increase or<br>Decrease |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                    | One-Half Year     | One-Half Year     |                         |
| Pleasures .....    | 7,112             | 4,541             | -2,571                  |
| Commercials .....  | 3,046             | 3,186             | + 140                   |
| Trailers .....     | 372               | 488               | + 116                   |
| Tractors .....     | 0                 | 0                 | .....                   |
| Motor Cycles ..... | 5                 | 11                | + 6                     |
| Dealers .....      | 0                 | 0                 | .....                   |
| Exempt .....       | 0                 | 0                 | .....                   |
| Totals .....       | 10,535            | 8,226             | -2,309                  |
| Per Cent .....     | 13.2              | 10.1              | - 3.1                   |

NOTE: Approximately 593 registrations of various types were issued for one-quarter year for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, or about 7/10 of 1%.

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

**Approximate Distribution of Motor Vehicles in Reference to Expiration of Registration**

JUNE 30, 1946  
REGISTRATION AND INSERT GUIDE

| Period Expir.             | Sussex County | Kent County | New Castle County | Total  | State and Exempt | Class.        | As of 7-1-45 | As of 7-1-46 | Increase or Decrease |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Reg. Expir. 9-30-46.....  | 4,418         | 5,917       | 17,444            | 27,779 |                  | Pleas. ....   | 53,867       | 55,017       | + 2.1                |
| Reg. Expir. 12-31-46..... | 2,197         | 2,221       | 4,484             | 8,902  | 1,014            | Comm. ....    | 12,887       | 13,651       | + 5.9                |
| Reg. Expir. 3-31-47.....  | 8,630         | 8,457       | 14,678            | 31,765 |                  | Trlrs. ....   | 2,248        | 2,759        | + 2.2                |
| Reg. Expir. 6-30-47.....  | 1,269         | 1,172       | 1,773             | 4,214  |                  | Tractors .... | 285          | 264          | - 7.3                |
|                           |               |             |                   |        |                  | M-Cycles .... | 305          | 395          | +29.5                |
| Totals.....               | 16,514        | 17,767      | 38,379            | 72,660 | 1,014            | Totals .....  | 69,592       | 72,086       | + 3.5                |

(NOTE: Dealers are not included in the above number of vehicles registered)

**Approximate No. Vehicles Registered**

| As of        | 1943   | 1944   | % of Increase or Decrease over 1943 | 1945   | % of Increase or Decrease over 1943 | % of Increase or Decrease over 1944 | 1946   | % of Increase or Decrease over 1943 | % of Increase or Decrease over 1945 |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| July 1 ..... | 68,904 | 68,902 | —2<br>Vehicles                      | 69,985 | +1.5                                | +1.5                                | 72,660 | +5.4                                | +3.8                                |

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**  
**AUDITING DEPARTMENT**  
**Approximate No. Permanent Tags Issued**  
**(Classified by Types)**  
**Fiscal Year 7-1-45 to 6-30-46**

(Approximate No.)

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| Pleasures .....    | 6,484  |
| Commercials .....  | 2,399  |
| Trailers .....     | 1,107  |
| Tractors .....     | 116    |
| Motor Cycles ..... | 190    |
| Totals.....        | 10,296 |

**Approximate No. Cars Junked and Sold Out of State, on**  
**Which Refunds Were Granted**  
**(Fiscal Year, Ending 6-30th)**

| Year     | 1943  | 1944  | 1945 | 1946  |
|----------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| No. .... | 1,814 | 1,443 | 770  | 1,397 |

### Approximate No. Business Transactions for Fiscal Year Ending 6-30th

| REGISTRATIONS |        | OPR., CHAUFF.<br>AND APP. |         | MISCELLANEOUS |        | TITLES, ETC. |        | TOTALS  |         |
|---------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1945          | 1946   | 1945                      | 1946    | 1945          | 1946   | 1945         | 1946   | 1945    | 1946    |
| 88,096        | 94,982 | 102,746                   | 122,388 | 10,709        | 11,969 | 33,483       | 44,822 | 235,034 | 274,161 |

Percentage of Increase in Grand Total of Business Transactions  
for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1946 over Fiscal Year ending  
June 30, 1945 ..... 16.6%

**MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION  
AUDITING DEPARTMENT**

**Approximate No. of New Car Titles and Used Car Titles Issued for Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

| Month           | NEW CAR TITLES |      |      |       | USED CAR TITLES |        |        |        |
|-----------------|----------------|------|------|-------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                 | 1943           | 1944 | 1945 | 1946  | 1943            | 1944   | 1945   | 1946   |
| July .....      | 90             | 75   | 45   | 92    | 1,627           | 1,794  | 1,810  | 1,621  |
| August .....    | 57             | 104  | 68   | 80    | 1,434           | 1,921  | 1,710  | 1,641  |
| September ..... | 59             | 102  | 61   | 94    | 1,490           | 2,150  | 1,654  | 1,785  |
| October .....   | 74             | 84   | 109  | 89    | 1,798           | 1,885  | 1,479  | 2,029  |
| November .....  | 51             | 88   | 37   | 190   | 1,459           | 1,553  | 1,305  | 1,660  |
| December .....  | 48             | 51   | 29   | 136   | 1,026           | 1,513  | 1,210  | 1,751  |
| January .....   | 51             | 70   | 60   | 240   | 1,294           | 1,443  | 1,493  | 2,339  |
| February .....  | 24             | 62   | 64   | 185   | 1,203           | 1,438  | 1,285  | 2,130  |
| March .....     | 30             | 31   | 41   | 342   | 2,143           | 2,080  | 2,253  | 3,276  |
| April .....     | 64             | 38   | 79   | 497   | 2,669           | 2,203  | 1,855  | 2,635  |
| May .....       | 90             | 25   | 48   | 666   | 1,930           | 1,947  | 1,614  | 2,055  |
| June .....      | 57             | 15   | 51   | 553   | 1,552           | 1,865  | 1,569  | 2,031  |
| Totals.....     | 695            | 745  | 692  | 3,164 | 19,625          | 21,792 | 19,237 | 24,953 |

## STUDENT DRIVER TRAINING STATE OF DELAWARE—1945-46

| Name of School   | No. Enrolled | Discontinued Course | Has License | Took Test  | Failed Test | Failed Driving | Incomplete (Road or Class) | Received Certificates |
|--|--------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Harrington .....   | 15           | 4                   | 0           | 11         | 0           | 0              | 0                          | 11                    |
| Greenwood .....  | 37           | 6                   | 0           | 31         | 3           | 2              | 0                          | 27                    |
| Seaford .....  | 23           | 5                   | 0           | 18         | 0           | 0              | 0                          | 18                    |
| Bridgeville .....  | 37           | 12                  | 0           | 25         | 1           | 0              | 0                          | 24                    |
| Delmar .....   | 31           | 1                   | 0           | 30         | 0           | 0              | 0                          | 30                    |
| Laurel .....   | 48           | 9                   | 0           | 39         | 0           | 1              | 0                          | 38                    |
| Selbyville .....   | 39           | 4                   | 11          | 34         | 20          | 0              | 1                          | 21                    |
| Georgetown .....   | 59           | 11                  | 0           | 48         | 18          | 4              | 0                          | 43                    |
| Lewes .....  | 26           | 4                   | 2           | 20         | 5           | 0              | 2                          | 16                    |
| Rehoboth .....   | 22           | 5                   | 1           | 17         | 7           | 1              | 0                          | 15                    |
| Lord Baltimore .....   | 26           | 20                  | 1           | 6          | 1           | 0              | 0                          | 5                     |
| Millsboro .....  | 41           | 23                  | 2           | 18         | 4           | 1              | 0                          | 15                    |
| John M. Clayton .....  | 25           | 10                  | 0           | 15         | 7           | 0              | 0                          | 15                    |
| Alexis I. duPont .....   | 44           | 2                   | 0           | 36         | 1           | 5              | 4                          | 32                    |
| P. S. duPont .....   | 31           | 0                   | 0           | 31         | 4           | 2              | 2                          | 27                    |
| Brown Vocational .....   | 45           | 14                  | 4           | 27         | 0           | 0              | 1                          | 26                    |
| Wilmington High .....  | 99           | 36                  | 0           | 62         | 8           | 10             | 7                          | 46                    |
| Caesar Rodney .....  | 41           | 8                   | 0           | 32         | 0           | 2              | 0                          | 29                    |
| Newark .....   | 53           | 3                   | 0           | 48         | 0           | 4              | 0                          | 46                    |
| Dover .....  | 22           | 1                   | 7           | 21         | 1           | 1              | 0                          | 13                    |
| Middletown .....   | 30           | 9                   | 4           | 20         | 0           | 0              | 0                          | 17                    |
| Claymont .....   | 46           | 0                   | 0           | 44         | 14          | 1              | 4                          | 27                    |
| William Penn .....   | 38           | 11                  | 0           | 25         | 3           | 3              | 0                          | 23                    |
| <b>Total.....</b>  | <b>878</b>   | <b>198</b>          | <b>32</b>   | <b>658</b> | <b>97</b>   | <b>37</b>      | <b>21</b>                  | <b>564</b>            |
| Wilmington High (Road Instruction only. Received classroom instruction during 1944-45 course) .....  |              |                     |             |            |             |                |                            | 21                    |
| Brown Vocational (Road Instruction only. Received classroom instruction during 1944-45 course) ..... |              |                     |             |            |             |                |                            | 3                     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>   |              |                     |             |            |             |                |                            | <b>588</b>            |

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**DRIVER IMPROVEMENT BUREAU**  
**July 1st, 1945 to July 1st, 1946**

CASES REVIEWED ..... 584

CASES REQUIRING ACTION ..... 584

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Accidents .....           | 129 or 22.09% |
| Repeated Violators .....  | 31 or 5.31%   |
| Bad Driving Records ..... | 406 or 69.52% |
| Miscellaneous Cases ..... | 18 or 3.08%   |

584

RE-EXAMINATIONS ..... 172

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Passed .....   | 151 or 87.79% |
| Rejected ..... | 21 or 12.21%  |

FORM LETTERS MAILED ..... 584

**AGE GROUP**

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Teens .....     | 55 or 9.42%   |
| Twenties .....  | 223 or 38.18% |
| Thirties .....  | 164 or 28.08% |
| Forties .....   | 85 or 14.55%  |
| Fifties .....   | 38 or 6.51%   |
| Sixties .....   | 16 or 2.74%   |
| Seventies ..... | 3 or .52%     |
| Eighties .....  | 0             |
| Nineties .....  | 0             |

584

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| MALE .....    | 571 or 97.77% |
| FEMALE .....  | 13 or 2.23%   |
| WHITE .....   | 410 or 70.21% |
| COLORED ..... | 173 or 29.62% |
| INDIAN .....  | 1 or .17%     |

Of 342 violators receiving #1 letter 326 required no further action  
 Of 64 violators receiving #2 letter 57 required no further action  
 Of 31 violators receiving #3 letter 7 required no further action  
 Of 129 drivers who had been involved in 2 or more accidents during  
 a 24 month period, 49 were found to be negligent to such  
 extent that action was taken against them, to wit, 21 sus-  
 pensions and 28 probations.

18 special letters requiring examinations for physical disabili-  
 ties, etc.

INTERVIEWS ..... 174

CASES REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER ..... 98

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Drivers put on probation ..... | 36 or 36.73% |
| Licenses suspended .....       | 60 or 61.22% |
| Licenses revoked .....         | 2 or 2.05%   |

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY MANDATORY REVOCATIONS

## **SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION**

**July 1st, 1945-46**

During the year members of the following were addressed on Safety:

Lions Club

Rotary

Kiwanis

Municipal Police

Boys Clubs

Members of Driving Class

School Students

39 lectures were given to 5,982 persons

Movies were also shown

## DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

| Month           | JULY 1, 1944-JULY 1, 1945 |          |           | JULY 1, 1945-JULY 1, 1946 |          |           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                 | Examinations              | Failures | Failure % | Examinations              | Failures | Failure % |
| July .....      | 1027                      | 138      | 13%       | 1279                      | 228      | 18%       |
| August .....    | 1055                      | 158      | 15%       | 1330                      | 265      | 20%       |
| September ..... | 914                       | 166      | 18%       | 1403                      | 309      | 22%       |
| October .....   | 684                       | 137      | 20%       | 1393                      | 285      | 20%       |
| November .....  | 914                       | 160      | 18%       | 1369                      | 252      | 18%       |
| December .....  | 585                       | 91       | 15%       | 1178                      | 207      | 18%       |
| January .....   | 759                       | 85       | 11%       | 1825                      | 327      | 17%       |
| February .....  | 565                       | 94       | 17%       | 1490                      | 344      | 23%       |
| March .....     | 1099                      | 126      | 11%       | 2139                      | 434      | 20%       |
| April .....     | 960                       | 158      | 16%       | 1911                      | 448      | 22%       |
| May .....       | 1167                      | 228      | 20%       | 1820                      | 471      | 26%       |
| June .....      | 1344                      | 229      | 17%       | 2072                      | 463      | 22%       |
|                 | 11,073                    | 1,770    | 16%       | 19,204                    | 4,033    | 21%       |

73% increase in examinations over the corresponding period of July 1, 1944-July 1, 1945.

### Causes for Failures

#### 1944-45

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Vision .....     | .5%   |
| Road Signs ..... | .8%   |
| Road Rules ..... | 11.6% |
| Driving .....    | 2.8%  |
|                  | 15.7% |

#### 1945-46

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Vision .....     | .49%   |
| Road Signs ..... | .6 %   |
| Road Rules ..... | 16.29% |
| Driving .....    | 3.44%  |
|                  | 20.82% |

Applicants requiring glasses ..... 2,018

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS**

**July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1946**

Table showing examinations given and order in which applicant passed or failed:

|                  | EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED |       |    |   |   |        |        |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------|----|---|---|--------|--------|
|                  | 1                     | 2     | 3  | 4 | 5 |        |        |
| Vision .....     | 14,619                | 42    |    |   |   | Passed | 14,661 |
|                  | 93                    | 2     |    |   |   | Failed | 95     |
| Road Signs ..... | 13,626                | 55    |    |   |   | Passed | 13,681 |
|                  | 112                   | 4     |    |   |   | Failed | 116    |
| Road Rules ..... | 10,669                | 1,710 | 93 | 6 | 1 | Passed | 12,479 |
|                  | 2,942                 | 174   | 11 | 1 |   | Failed | 3,128  |
| Driving .....    | 5,818                 | 361   | 42 | 3 |   | Passed | 6,224  |
|                  | 609                   | 48    | 3  | 1 |   | Failed | 661    |

|                             |        |                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| EXAMINATIONS GIVEN.....     | 19,204 | REQUIRED GLASSES .....      | 2,018  |
| Passed operator test.....   | 9,455  | Total number passed.....    | 12,184 |
| Passed chauffeur test.....  | 2,729  | Driving permits issued..... | 2,987  |
| Driving permits issued..... | 2,987  | Total number failed.....    | 4,033  |
| Total number failed.....    | 4,033  |                             |        |
|                             | 19,204 |                             | 19,204 |

DRIVING TEST GIVEN ..... 6694

**RE-EXAMINATION FOR:**

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Drunken driving .....  | 147   |
| Accidents .....        | 83    |
| Leaving scene .....    | 14    |
| Reckless driving ..... | 8     |
| Service men .....      | 1,211 |
| Student drivers .....  | 162   |

**AGE GROUPS**

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Teens .....     | 5,031  |
| Twenties .....  | 8,375  |
| Thirties .....  | 3,699  |
| Forties .....   | 1,428  |
| Fifties .....   | 526    |
| Sixties .....   | 125    |
| Seventies ..... | 19     |
| Eighties .....  | 1      |
| Total.....      | 19,204 |
|                 | 19,204 |

Original applicants ..... 5,671\*

\* This record only kept since 1/1/46.

**EXCHANGE OF LICENSE:**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Delaware operator to<br>chauffeur ..... | 1,144 |
|---|-------|

**SEX:**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Male .....   | 14,602 |
| Female ..... | 4,602  |
|              | 19,204 |

**SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS:**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| School bus operators.....  | 18    |
| New residents holding valid<br>out of state driver's li-<br>cense obtaining Delaware<br>driver's license, driving<br>test waived ..... | 3,366 |