

## MOTOR VEHICLE

The Motor Vehicle Department experienced a general increase in the overall transactions but not nearly as high an increase as was recorded during the previous fiscal year.

The Department's grand total of business transactions increased only 3.4% over the previous fiscal year's increase of 8.5%. While this doesn't look too bad, it must be remembered it is still an increase.

During the past six months, the Department has employed five new drivers license examiners who were required to complete a training program which consisted of classroom work, orientation from outside

interests whose principle job is to promote driver safety and on-the-job training. These employees will be conducting re-examinations for drivers as is required by the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. Their salaries are paid on a matching fund basis by the Federal Government.

During the month of June 1968 the Registration Section was busy formulating procedures and accepting applications for the new "Vanity" tags. The so called "Vanity" tag enables an owner to obtain any combination of letters from one to five for his license plate, provided he doesn't request anything that has been issued previously. These are made available to the public for an additional fee of \$25.00. This law goes into effect July 1, 1968.

Programming for the new teleprocessing equipment is being done and is currently ahead of schedule. File maintenance programming is being done by the programming staff of the Controller's Office and the Engineering Division. Employees of the Department are anxiously awaiting the day when the file searches will be performed with a "push of the button."

The design has been completed for the new Motor Vehicle Inspection Lane, which will be located close to the new highway administration building. Also completed are the designs for the two lane additions to the New Castle Inspection Lane.

April 6, 1968 marked the first anniversary of the point system for Delaware drivers. During the period, 912 drivers were suspended for the accumulation of 12 points.

*And out of the fog came four; a unnoticed car, a panic stop, a stalwart tree and death do us part.*

