

A M E R I C A N A

TWO WOMEN were arrested in Passaic, New Jersey, for gabbing away while driving their cars side by side down a street.

DONALD DROWN is the country club swimming instructor in Wheaton, Md.

SCORES of women have written to the US Weather Bureau asking that next year's hurricanes be named after them.

AND as if they didn't have enough trouble with snowstorms, in Oswego, NY, a second-grade class who were building an interplanetary vehicle ran into difficulties, with the boys protesting that "the girls want to put up curtains in our spaceship."

TOM COLLINS has just been appointed to the New Jersey State Liquor Board.

DING DONG is a town in Bell County, Texas.

A DUNCAN, Oklahoma, reporter, stopping people on the street to see how many could name at least one of the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, was told by one woman: "I really wouldn't know. I just moved to Duncan."

DURING the Christmas rush in Milwaukee, Detective Rabbitt arrested a shop-lifter named Warren Easter.

WHEN a Brockton, Mass., postman hollered through the door of a residence, "Got a letter with some postage due", the lady of the house shouted back, "Bring it back tomorrow. I can't open the door today—it's the parakeet's day out of the cage."

MISS JANICE ONION is a secretary at the Washington Restaurant Assn.

OTIS ELEVATOR CO.'s main office in Washington, D. C., is in a one-story building.

OAKLAND, California, police came across a hobo who was carrying an electric blanket in his bundle.

A CHICAGO garage is offering a 15 per cent reduction in parking fees for cars less than 14 feet long.

ONE-THOUSAND FEET below, a truck crossed a white line on U.S. 31, south of Indianapolis, Indiana.

At the same instant, Indiana State Police Sergeant Art Raney, at the controls of a red and cream Piper Cub, clicked a stopwatch button that started the hands moving.

WATCH OUT FOR THE SKY COPS

by Bob Hudson

The Indiana State Police spot unsuspecting traffic violators from the air using the "giant yardstick" as rule of the road

Exactly 8.2 seconds later the truck crossed another white line. Raney, one hand on the control stick while his other held the watch, checked the elapsed time and consulted a chart on the control panel. He unhooked a mike and put it to his lips.

"Seventy-thirty-two," Raney said:

Trooper Fred Neal in Car 732 up the highway a mile answered.

"There's a black, flat-bed truck, about a '41 model, heading your way," Raney said. "I've timed it at 55."

Neal acknowledged. Raney gunned the Cub's engine, banked the plane into a turn and followed the truck along the highway.

A minute later, Raney saw Neal step out of his parked patrol car and flag the truck to a halt. Raney circled overhead, watching his partner tell the trucker he had been driving ten miles an hour over the truck speed limit.

This actual arrest by the Indiana State Police sky patrol is similar to others which occur every day the weather permits Hoosier State Police to fly. Indiana is a pioneer in this new technique of traffic law enforcement.