

CAMDEN BUSMEN

URGED TO OBEY LAW

Commissioner Bacharach
Also Tells License Seekers
to Be Careful in Driving

Counsel for Trolley Company
Objects to Transferals;
Man Dies on Train

Sitting in Camden to pass on applications of busmen for license transfers to operate passenger lines, Utility Commissioner Harry Bacharach yesterday urged on car operators the necessity of obeying the laws and using strict care in the driving of cars.

"It is absolutely necessary that drivers and operators of cars shall be capable and careful," said the commissioner. "They must also be 100 per cent. American citizens and should at all times operate with due regard for the law. The welfare and lives of women and children as passengers are in their hands."

The commission also advised seekers of rights to transfer existing lines that there is an element of chance in these deals by reason of the fact that the Public Service Railway Company is attacking the right of the legality of the transfers. Mr. Bacharach said that if the court sustains the contention of the trolley company all transfers will be nullified. It is the claim of the company that the commission should first determine the need of the service of bus lines for which transfer applications have been made.

Counsel for the trolley company opposed the application of Horace L. Brewer for the privilege of diverting some of his cars from the Westfield avenue service to take East Camden students to the high school. After Brewer said such a service would not mean any profit to him, but would be of convenience to the students, the railroad lawyer fought the petition on the ground that there was no need for such a service. He further argued that it would take business from the company. Stating that he felt there is a need for the service, Commissioner Bacharach said he would recommend that the petition be granted.

When R. E. Holmes, of Fairview, asked for permission to establish a bus line from Clayton to Elmer, objection was made by counsel for Alfred W. Hill, of Woodbury, who operates a bus to Clayton. Holmes will be given opportunity to show need for the service.

Judge of the Peace George Wright opposed the granting of a license to Nicholas Kubiak to operate a line from Berlin to Camden, by way of Clementon. Mr. Wright said that Kubiak catered to patrons of Clementon Park and did not operate his car regularly through the week.

"You are an enemy of all bus operators, are you not?" asked Lawyer William B. Knight, counsel for the busmen.

"I am not," replied the magistrate, "but I do insist that they obey the township rules and give us decent service." Decision on the application was reserved.

After the plaintiff had withdrawn the charge, Judge Kates, in Camden, yesterday suspended sentence on John Shea, who was alleged to have stolen \$30 and meat supplies from Norwood Bennett, proprietor of a store of which Shea was manager. "I am willing to give this man another chance," said Mr. Bennett to the Court. After the judge advised Shea to make restitution the accused man expressed his thanks and left the court room with his former employer.

Widely known in Camden, where he formerly lived and for many years a salesman in a clothing store at Philadelphia, John W. Murphy was fatally stricken on a West Jersey and Seashore electric train while en route to Philadelphia from his home at Wenonah yesterday morning. Mr. Murphy was conversing with friends when his head fell back on the seat and he became deathly pale. Fellow passengers went to his aid and a railroad physician was waiting when the train reached Camden. The doctor pronounced Mr. Murphy dead and the body was sent to the morgue. Coroner Bentley gave a certificate of death. Deceased was sixty years old.

An injury sustained to his abdomen while sliding into home plate in a baseball game was the cause given by Willie Spencer for being in arrears in alimony when he was adjudged in contempt of an order of Chancery Court yesterday at Camden. Spencer is a pugilist and lives at Gloucester. His wife is seeking a divorce and was allowed \$10 weekly by the court pending hearing of her suit. She charges that her husband is in arrears.

Asking the Court to give Spencer more time in which to satisfy the alimony order, counsel for the defendant contended that by reason of the injury received in the ball game his client has been unable to follow the fighting game for thirteen weeks.

"Did the run count?" asked the Court after Spencer told of the mishap. The pugilist replied that he was out at the plate and that by coming in contact with the catcher he was hurt internally. Vice Chancellor Leaming gave Spencer a month's grace, and the fighter promised that in that time he will make payments on the arrearage.