

HEAVY SENTENCE IS IMPOSED UPON RECKLESS DRIVER

W. G. Hanson Given 15
Days in Jail and \$100
Fine by Judge Ryan

Declaring it to be his purpose to "make the highways of Nevada safe for the careful drivers" and to "clear up some of the mess that has been allowed to continue on the Boulder highway," Judge Frank M. Ryan this morning sentenced W. G. Hanson, found guilty of reckless driving as a result of an auto wreck on the dam road on September 15, to serve 15 days in the county jail and pay a fine of \$100 in addition... A. A. Hinman, attorney for the defense, filed notice of appeal.

The accident occurred when Hanson ran his auto into the rear end of a car belonging to J. W. Browner as both cars were proceeding toward Las Vegas. The force of the impact turned the Browner car completely over and only a miracle, officers said, saved the seven occupants of the Browner machine from death or serious injury. The Hanson car, according to the witnesses, was proceeding at a rate of speed estimated to be in the neighborhood of 65 miles an hour, while the Browner machine was going between 25 and 35 miles an hour.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT Attorney Roger Foley made an eloquent plea for a jail sentence for the defendant in order to "make safe the lives of persons driving on the Boulder highway."

After this plea, Hinman argued that the court "should not make a goat of this defendant," that reckless driving was a continued offense on the dam road and that because "this defendant is caught is no reason why he should be made an example of," because he was an established business man who had invested much money in the city.

Foley replied to that argument with the statement that "there should be one law for all" and "because this man happens to be a business man is no reason for any leniency on the part of the court. In fact," Foley said, "it is up to our leading business men to set examples for the others."

JUDGE RYAN, in assessing the fine and jail term, declared that he was afraid to drive on the dam road because of the manner most citizens broke all traffic regulations and drew a picture of the highway splattered with blood and wrecked autos because of reckless and drunken driving was not curbed.