



Court Load Hits Peak

Business may be slow in Smithtown but not in the traffic court.

Traffic court business hit an all-time high Tuesday night in Smithtown when more than 225 persons appeared to answer summonses issued in January, 1961 by the County police force.

The deluge of defendants forced Justice of the Peace Peter Nowick to ask the aid of JP Floyd Sarisohn to help process the summons-bearing crowd.

The court session began at 6:30 P.M. and lasted till after 3 P.M. as Judge Sarisohn handled the minor violations in the Judge's chambers while Judge Nowick presided on the bench.

Judge Nowick estimated that the court session would have lasted till after midnight if Judge Sarisohn had not come to share the load.

Traffic court is held each Tuesday night in Smithtown with the two town JPs alternating on the bench. The usual Tuesday night case load is approximately 25.

JUDGE DONS ROBES: Smithtown Justice of the Peace Floyd Sarisohn became the first JP in the County of Suffolk to wear judicial robes on the bench this past week as he sat in the Town Hall Court. Judge Sarisohn donned the robes in line with a recommendation of the Suffolk County Magistrates Association. The robe was purchased by Judge Sarisohn with his own money and not with town funds.

Photo by George Power