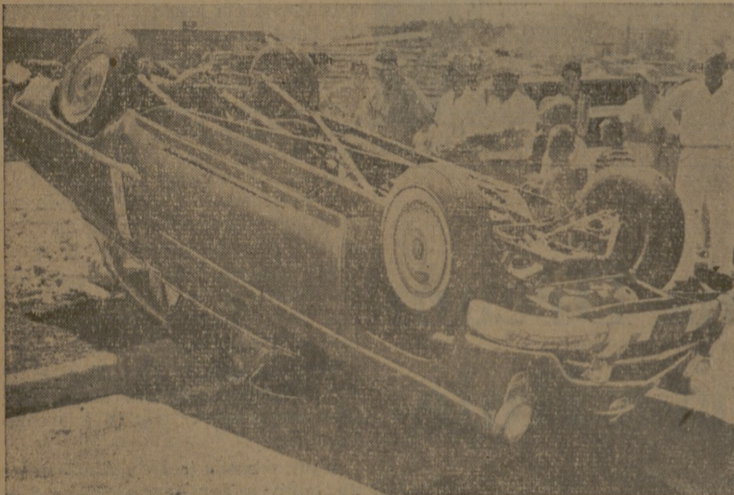


DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY—Four speeding automobiles, following each other too close were unable to stop and the result was a crash and this driver's (left car) wife was killed instantly . . .



DRIVER UNHURT—And this car was turned over, but the driver was unhurt, yet his grandmother was killed and his daughter never heard the ambulance arrive . . .



BURNED COMPLETELY—While this car's driver also was safe, his wife was burned to death, as people watched. His boy will be blind in one eye . . .



REMAINS SHOWN—The few remains of the wife along with the carcass of the car are not too pretty . . .



THE SAME END—And as a reminder, the ambulance officials and police perform their grim duty. Cause of accident: Speeding and following cars too close. Results: Four dead. Conclusion: Grim, laughless holidays.

Auto Death Ruins Record For CS In '52

There have been only about 15 automobile accidents in the College Station city limits this year, said Curtis Bullock, College Station patrolman.

One person has been killed and one hospitalized as a result of these accidents, Bullock added. The only fatality this year occurred in a train-automobile accident at the depot. The man killed was a resident of Caldwell.

"College Station people are very particular about the way they drive," Bullock said. "But we have had a little trouble this year with speeders."

Bullock hoped there would be no accidents over the holidays.

"So far we have been very lucky as far as holiday accidents are concerned," he said.

Bicycle Safety Emphasized

College Station has realized that if you teach safe driving practices to your children, they will be safe drivers when they grow up, according to Curtis Bullock, College Station patrolman.

Of course, children don't drive automobiles, but the rules of the road for bicycles are the same as those for cars, he said.

Bullock has started a bicycle safety program in the schools. He is making talks and showing movies on safe driving practices.

Reflector tape has been put on the bicycles of all the children at A&M Consolidated school. The tape is designed to reflect light from automobile headlights.

As a further incentive to safe driving, safety certificates will be given to those riders who complete the school year without a safe driving infraction recorded against them.

Any infraction of the safety regulations can be reported by teacher or parent, he said.

Speed Can Kill You

Man Behind Wheel Causes American Holiday Horror

"Speed kills . . . it can kill you—driver, rider, the innocent bystander."

Highways across the nation will prove this again in the closing weeks of 1952. Why? How? The answer is easy:

You will be driving one of the more than 49 million motor vehicles which will be crowding the nation's highways. This is one vehicle for every four Americans, quite a few over the six million vehicles in operation only 34 years ago in 1918.

One of Two in Texas

In the largest state in the union, almost every other Texan has an automobile. The state ranks fourth in automobile population with more than 3,500,000 registered. The state's car population has increased 100 per cent since 1942. With every other Texan driving

Some Aggies May Die In Holiday Accidents

Harrington Praises 'Exceptional Safety'

President of the College M. T. Harrington lauded today students and staff members for the exceptional safety record they have maintained.

"When we consider the number of automobiles on our campus," the president said, "and the amount of driving done on the weekends, we think the record is outstanding."

Dr. Harrington said the approach of the holiday season demands extra caution of the students and staff members to help prevent traffic accidents.

Peak for Accidents

"The holiday season is the peak period of the year for traffic accidents, and it calls for extra caution on everybody's part. Less speed, more care and courtesy, alertness and not indifference in observing our traffic laws are factors that will help prevent traffic accidents," Harrington said.

In issuing his annual Christmas message, the president said the safety issue of The Battalion was "appropriate with the majority of students, faculty and staff members using the highways during

Eighty-Eight Per Cent Travelers Go By Car

Recent figures show 88 per cent of the vacationers of America today travel by car to and from their destinations.

In 1947 only 75 per cent of the population used cars to make their vacation trips, but today with faster cars flying over the highways, the amount has rocketed upward.

the holidays, going home for Christmas."

"The greatest joy and happiness of the holiday season comes from being at home with our family and loved ones. I hope you will observe every precaution in order not to have your or their happiness changed to sadness.

"My wish for each and everyone of the members of the A&M College family, students, faculty, and staff is that you will have your happiest and most enjoyable Christmas season."

Accidents Can Happen To Anyone

Accidents can happen at the oddest times to the "safest" people.

Proof enough was the experience of safety driver Sam Abay for the National Safety Council in Waco this year. He was on the lookout for safety features in the city.

While driving the new safety inspection car, the driver swerved to keep from hitting a taxi and banged the auto of Jim Meers, retired fire chief of Waco.

But the safety man wasn't fazed. He just ripped the seal of the new first aid kit and treated himself.

State Auto Deaths Estimated At 202

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Some of the 1900 students who have cars on the campus may not return to A&M Jan. 5 because of holiday automobile deaths, said Fred Hickman, chief of campus security.

Approximately 900 faculty and staff members have automobiles, jumping the total of A&M vehicles on the highways this season to 2800, he said.

These accidents could add the finishing touches to the crimson holiday picture painted for Texas highways by the Department of Public Safety.

Two hundred and two persons will meet violent deaths in Texas during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays if the estimate of the Texas Department of Public Safety is correct.

Homer Garrison Jr., director of the state agency, released the annual holiday death toll prediction of his chief statistician, N. K. Woerner.

Persons to Die

Woerner says for the 10 day period from 12:01 a. m. Dec. 23 to midnight Jan. 1, 105 persons will die in traffic accidents in the state; 55 will meet violent deaths due to miscellaneous causes such as fires, drownings and explosions; and another 42 will be victims of suicides and homicides.

To date 2,546 persons have met violent death in 92,242 Texas traffic accidents. Injured totaled 28,645. This is six per cent over last year.

From a total of 2,670 pedestrian accidents, 379 persons were killed and 2,404 injured. Collisions between automobiles killed 1,142 persons and injured 17,295. Complete number of these accidents totals 67,452.

Railroad Trains

Railroad trains crashed with automobiles snuffing out the lives of 99 people. Of these 471 accidents, 237 persons were injured. Streetcar - automobile accidents numbered 230. From this figure, 33 persons were injured and one was killed.

Animal drawn vehicles collided with automobiles to injure 34 persons and kill one. Fifty-one accidents of this type have occurred so far this year.

Bicyclists Die, Too

Two wheeled bicycles met with their four wheeled counterparts to blot out the lives of 22 persons. In 396 accidents involving bicycles, 341 people were injured.

Even animals entered this crimson picture of Texas slaughter. Animals were a principal factor in causing 1,151 automobile accidents. From this number 13 persons were killed and 152 were injured.

Motor vehicle collisions with See TEXAS DEATHS Page 4

Highways More Important To Texas Economy

Highway transportation is becoming more important daily to Texas economy, according to J. H. Kultgen, president of the Texas Good Roads Association.

Kultgen points out that there are now 1,788 communities, including 43 County Seats, in Texas that have no other form of transportation. They must rely entirely upon highways to carry both passengers and commodities to and from markets.

"There is no longer any particular competitive disadvantage in this, however," Kultgen said. "There was a time when a town having no rail transportation, had little hope for its future. Today an integrated highway system has changed that picture. It is fine for a town to have railroad connections. But it also is fine if they can have water ways or be on an airline. The fact they are not, however, will no longer keep them from prospering in the fullest measure."

As an indication of the importance of efficient highway connection, there is no direct passenger train service now between Austin, the capital of Texas, and Houston, the largest city. Huge mail trucks and planes carry the bulk of the mail, while highways and airlines carry all the passenger traffic directly between these two points.

Unauthorized Play Endangers Safety

Unauthorized play is one of the greatest dangers to personal safety at A&M, said Fred Hickman, chief of campus security.

Climbing college buildings and utilities in unit flag raising contests is especially dangerous, he said.

So far this year two students have been seriously injured in these unauthorized activities. Robert L. Francis, freshman from El Paso crashed through the roof of the Mechanical Engineering Building and fell 22 feet to the floor while attempting to retrieve a unit flag. This accident occurred Nov. 24.

Clarence Gay, sophomore from Fort Worth, was injured Oct. 1 when he fell 10 feet to the bottom of a steam tunnel during a inter-unit riot.

Students' speeding on the campus are also a danger factor in personal safety, Hickman said. Cases involving speeding are turned over to the student's dorm counselor who accesses punishment.

Patrolman Hired For School Kids

In order to protect school children, A&M Consolidated School has hired a patrolman to be at the corner of Highway 6 and Jersey during the times children go to and from school.

C. A. Rohloff, a Brazos County deputy, is on duty from 7:45 to 8:30 a. m., 11:30 to 1:00 p. m., and 2:45 to 4:00 p. m. on school days to assist the children.

Traffic Deaths Double On Christmas Holidays

It's not always fair weather when families get together, so drive carefully on your Christmas trip.

The National Safety Council warns that Christmas is America's family get-together holiday. That means a lot of travel under hazardous conditions of poor visibility and treacherous road surfaces. That's why the death toll from traffic accidents is greater at Christmas time than for any other holiday of the year.

Heavy travel, tricky weather, early darkness and holiday festivity combined to bring death to 351 persons during the four-day Christmas holiday last year, the Council said. Many persons again will enjoy a four-day holiday this year—long enough to tempt millions of motorists to drive considerable distance for the rendezvous with Santa Claus and a turkey dinner.

Death Toll Doubled

"Our records show that the traffic death toll for Christmas eve and Christmas day is about twice the annual daily average," said Ned H. Dearborn, Council president. "This calls for special caution on everybody's part—driv-

er and pedestrian alike.

"To keep death from taking your holiday, or someone else's is a simple thing. All that is required is extra caution and courtesy, plus a little more time during the holiday rush—just enough more time to be extra careful when driving on the highway or crossing streets.

Watch Traffic

"If you're walking, watch for traffic—and wait for the green light before crossing streets. Carry packages so they do not obstruct your view. Motorists cannot always see you, especially during early evening darkness.

"If you're driving, start early and take it easy. Be extremely cautious in bad weather and darkness.

"If you imbibe Christmas spirit in liquid form, stay away from the steering wheel of a car. Don't let holiday spirit—or spirits—replace common sense and caution.

"Assume personal responsibility for a safe celebration for yourself and others. Make Christmas happy for everyone.

"Don't let death take your holiday."