

# Statistics Scare Holiday Driver

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I'm scared. I'm going to drive more than 2,000 miles during the Christmas holidays, and I'm good and scared. I could laugh it off and say, "Oh, I'm a good driver. I have to be." But it won't work any more. I'm not so sure now.

Maybe I am a good driver. But what about the "other fellow," that far from mythical man so many accidents are pinned on?

Or maybe I'm not such a good driver. Do I obey all the rules, all

the time? Can I? I must, to stay alive.

I've been reading the statistics. Texas has 5,509 accidental deaths last year . . . more young people are killed in automobile accidents than any other way . . . A&M's Chief Fred Hickman says the odds are that at least one Aggie will be killed over the holidays.

Somebody listens to the statisticians. The insurance company says my station wagon and I have to pay a higher rate, because I'm in the "accident-prone age group."

Underneath their figures, the statisticians hide a lot of blood, pain and suffering. Running into bicycles is not particularly dangerous for my age group—it's next to the last in the causes of automobile deaths for the 15 to 24 age group.

But collisions between bicycles and automobiles is the leading cause of deaths for the 5 to 14 age group.

In other words, if I hit a kid on a bike, I'll probably live through it. But that kid has only a slim chance to live.

Statistics are cold. They're cold because they hide many things. A scream, the contortion of horror just before the crash, the irreparably maimed bodies—they don't show in "Texas had 5,509 accidental deaths in 1953."

I've read the book of statistics. And I'm scared. I wish I could get everyone scared.

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# Safety Patrol Helps School

One of the ways children learn safety is by helping others to be safe.

This is one reason why students at A&M Consolidated school are helping make College Station a safety-conscious city.

The junior safety patrol, now in its first year of operation, is an attempt to show children of the school the value of safety.

Founder of the patrol is Curtis Bullock, College Station patrolman. Bullock has tried for three years to get such a plan into actual operation here.

Bullock supervises the patrol each day in front of the school. The boys do not direct automobile

traffic, but help with pedestrians and bicycles coming to and from the school grounds.

Each group of patrols working at the intersections has a flag to warn motorists.

### Slow Down

"These flags warn drivers to slow down," Bullock said. "If they don't slow down, the boys take their license numbers and report them to me."

Charges will be filed against motorists who repeatedly disregard the signals, he said.

While school buses are loading, the boys keep children in line. One patrol gets on the bus and sees that everyone sits down.

The patrols are selected by W. T. Reidel, junior high school principal. To be eligible, boys must have an average of 80 in their school work and a note of approval from their parents.

Before the safety patrols were formed, Bullock policed the streets by the school each day.

Recently the Consolidated Mothers and Dads club presented Bullock with a certificate of appreciation for the safety work he had done with children.

In addition to his police work with the students, Bullock lectures classes on safety practices.

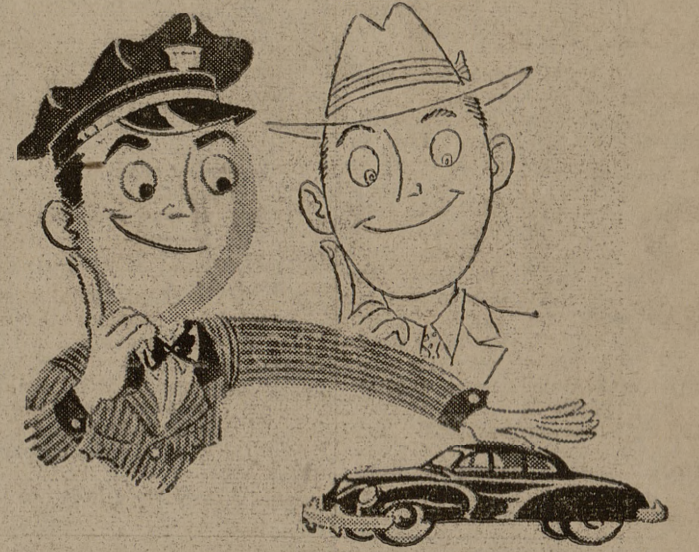
Bullock has been a College Station patrolman for four years.

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How to keep your fingers on your hands seems to be a big problem in this "do it yourself" era. Each year 180,000 people are injured making their own furniture.

The Christmas season, with all its joys, Christmas cheer—and increased accidents, is coming.

You can enjoy your Christmas to the fullest if you will just observe a few safety precautions.

When hanging tree ornaments stand on a sturdy stool or ladder. Wear low heeled shoes.

Buy safe toys for the children. See that playthings have no jagged edges. Check eyes, buttons and beads on dolls and stuffed toys, since youngsters have a love of swallowing these small objects.

When buying your decorating materials make sure they are flame proof. Avoid using candles near decorations. String inflammable decorations near the ceiling well away from guests' cigarettes.

... Prevent This

And This . . .

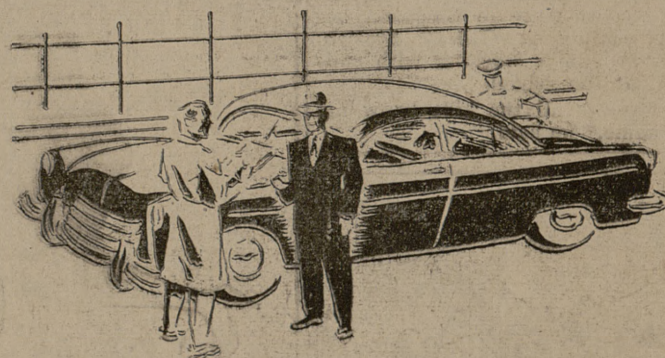
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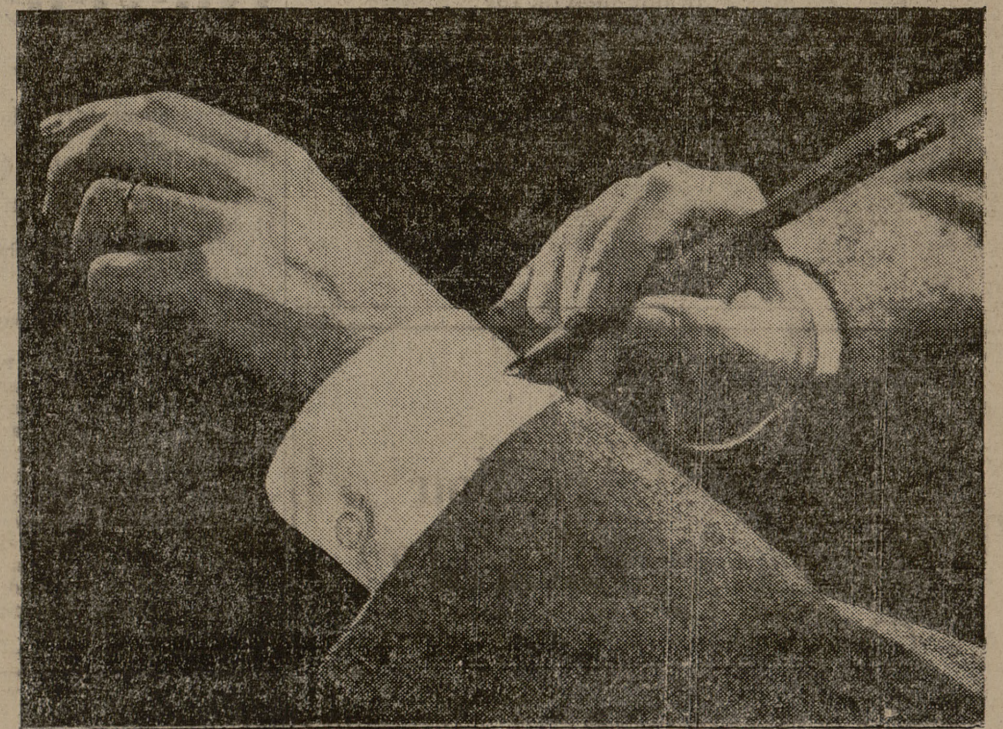


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