Holiday Motorists Warned To Drive With Extra Care

"Even a thousand Christmas presents would be no substitute to your family for YOUR presence. For this reason, I urge everyone planning to take a motor trip this holiday season to drive with extra care."

R. B. Roaper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety association, and chief safety engineer for Humble Oil & Refining company, made that comment on the holiday Traffic Hazards program being conducted by The Texas Safety association, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety council.

"In December, the weather man throws his whole book of tricks at drivers and walkers," said Roaper. "We can expect rain, snow, sleet, ice and hail.

"And to add to the problem we find more than half the day in either dusk or darkness in December. Putting all of these factors together, it doesn't make for easy driving."

Roaper said the best all-around safety advice he could give motorists was "slow down—adjust your speed to conditions." But he added these suggestions for motorists planning holiday trips:

1. Plan your trip so that as much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.

2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy, or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.

3. Be certain your car is in tip-top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.

4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.

5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

"Thousands of American homes will be saddened by traffic deaths at this time of year," Roaper continued. "Many of these traffic deaths need not occur—will not occur—if every citizen in Texas gives some thought and effort to safe driving."

Christmas in France Takes On Festive Air

By CARL HARTMAN

PARIS—(AP)—Christmas, which used to be largely a religious occasion in France, is turning more and more into the festive, tree-decorating and gift-exchanging holiday celebrated in the United States.

The traditional practice of leaving gifts for children on New Year's Eve has become almost as rare, at least in the cities, as the wooden shoes in which the gifts used to be placed. Christmas cards and tree ornaments, once available only in special shops patronized largely by foreigners, are now sold everywhere in Paris.

Some bewail all this as part of the "Americanization" of France. The younger set doesn't seem to mind, especially since there's a chance of collecting gifts on Christmas and New Year's too.

World War II had something to do with the change. Most means of celebrating were scarce and expensive during the German occupation, particularly the food for a good "reveillon"—the big meal that is supposed to follow Christmas midnight Mass—but trees were available. Many Frenchmen were impressed with the big ones the Germans put up in their barracks.

The French have added some gimmicks of their own. This year, there are Christmas trees made entirely of sugarcandy, edible during and after the season. There are also chocolate tree ornaments, wrapped in gaily colored paper.

Department stores put out a big spread of toys, with elaborate moving displays in their windows that jam sidewalk traffic. One even has a big sign stretched across its facade "Santa Claus official Headquarters." Like the British, the French call Santa Claus "Father Christmas" Pere Noel.

No Plans To Make Pageant Broadcast

The community Christmas pageant will not be broadcast over the radio as originally planned, according to Mrs. David H. Morgan.

The sponsors of the pageant, held Dec. 12, had planned to broadcast because many people were unable to find seats at the performance.

The broadcast plans were cancelled because of the difficulty of getting the 170-person cast together during the holidays and other technical problems, Mrs. Morgan said.

Cash Gift Awarded A&M Foundation

A gift of $5,000 from the Hoblitzelle Foundation, Dallas, to the A&M Research Foundation was announced this week by Archie M. Kahan, director of the organization with headquarters here.

The $5,000 gift, Mr. Kahan said, was made in recognition of the tenth anniversary of the A&M Research Foundation, which was chartered in November, 1944.

Karl Hoblitzelle, president of the Texas Research Foundation, is one of the councilors of the foundation.

Charles Wallmo Selected For Big Bend Study

A new study of the colorful Big Bend area of Texas has been approved by the State Board of Control.

Board approval was granted recently for "An Ecological Survey of the Big Bend Region of Texas," to be conducted by the A&M Wildlife Management Department.

W. B. Davis, head of the department, said the study will begin early in 1955. It is a joint effort by the National Park Service, the Texas Game and Fish Commission and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (through Dr. Davis' department).

Charles Wallmo of the department has been chosen to conduct the project, which will seek to determine relationships between plant life, wildlife and predators. All domestic grazing in the area has been suspended for 10 years, pending a second study to determine trends. Field work will be centered around the Game Commission's Black Gap Management Area and the Big Bend National Park, Davis said.

Jointly with the study, 25 Bighorn sheep from Arizona will be released in the Black Gap area.

Wallmo is a native of Mason City, Ia. He holds a BS degree from Utah State Agricultural College at Logan; a master's degree in zoology from the University of Wisconsin, and now is completing research on the Scaled Quali in the Alpine area for his Ph.D. from A&M.

He was a biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1947, then was Game Biologist for the Arizona Game & Fish Commission until he entered A&M in 1951. He is a veteran of World War II.

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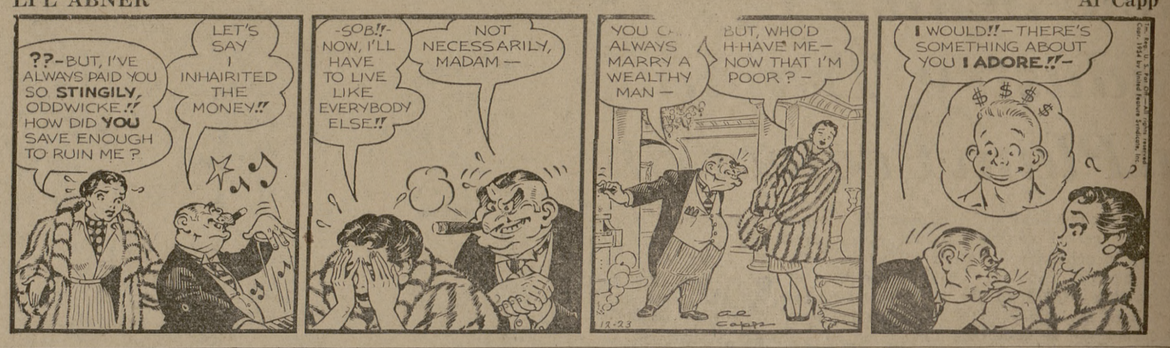

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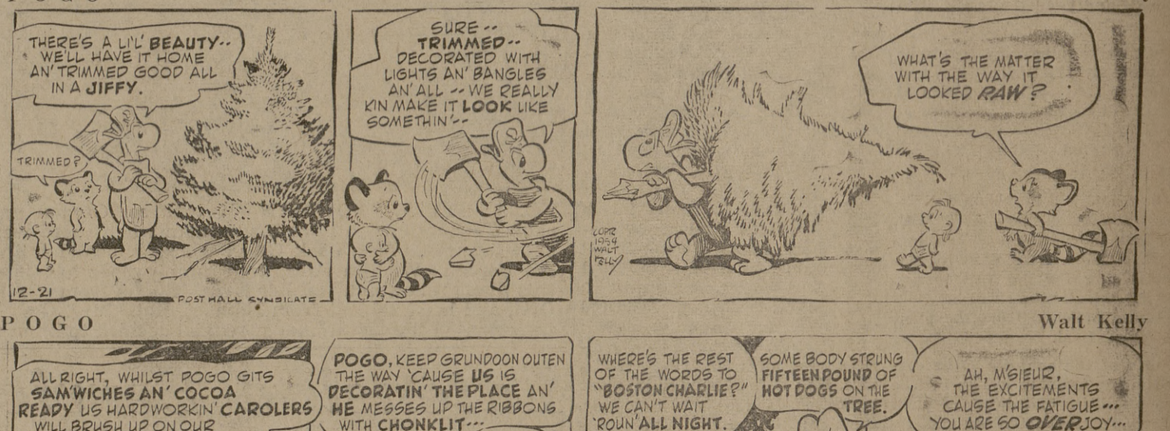

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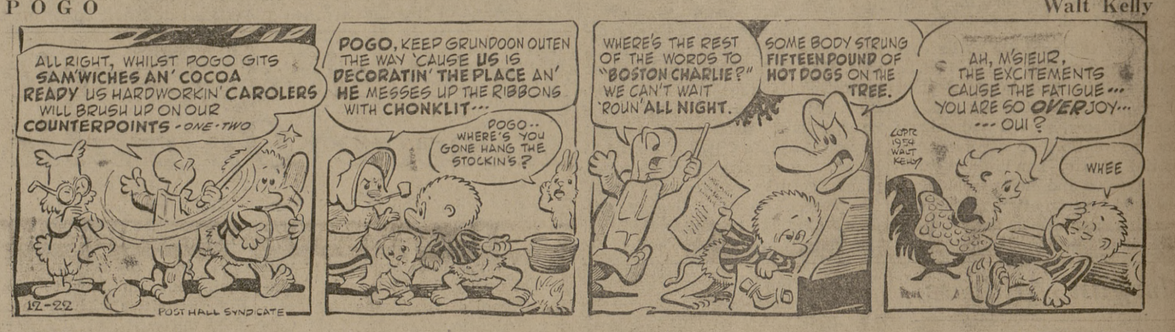

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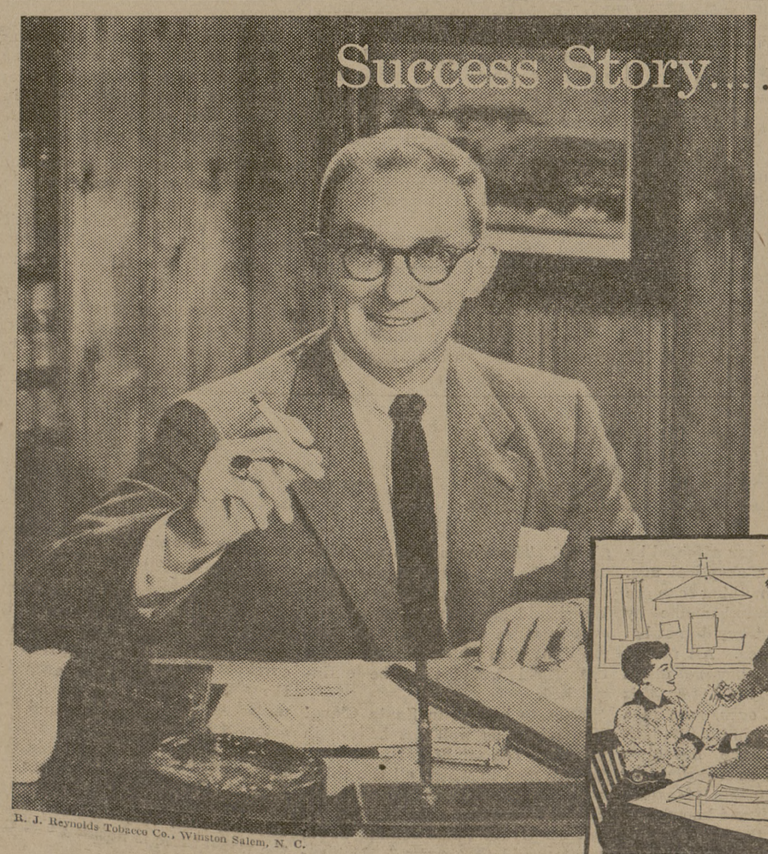

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