

Speeding Can Prove Deadly

If there were only one car traveling on a highway, the single driver could open up his many horsepower vehicle without too much worry.

If that car was the only object on the highway, he could open up all the way with hardly a worry

at all. Unfortunately these situations of fantasy never exist. There is always another driver sharing the road somewhere. There is also the danger of some elderly person crossing the highway after checking his roadside mailbox around

the curve just ahead. A stray cow or horse may even be lingering in the road.

Any of these situations present danger for a speeding motorist.

It takes some time to stop a fast-moving automobile. At 90 miles per hour brakes cannot stop

a car before 325 feet of road whiz by. That is longer than a football gridiron.

There is more to stopping a car than just applying the power brakes. The driver must first recognize the danger and then send a warning to his brain. Only then does he jam on the brakes. And only then does the mechanical action begin slowing down the car.

At the maximum speed limit of 60 miles per hour, an automobile covers 88 feet per second. That doesn't leave much time to stop if sudden danger lurks ahead.

Every driver should remember that he is not the only one on the road. Someone once remarked, "The only safe way to drive is to think of the driver ahead as the biggest fool in the world."

Fellow drivers on the highway may think that of you, Aggie. Don't go out of your way to prove it to them!

The Texas Department of Public Safety has officially predicted that 111 Texans will be killed in Christmas-New Year's holiday traffic this year.



One More for the Long, Lonesome Road...

'One for the Road' May Become Fatal

The car was packed with merry happy-go-lucky college students and all of them agreed that "it was high time the celebration began."

After all, since September each of them had been busily engaged in trying to get a few of these hard earned grade points. Christmas was here and a long-awaited two-week vacation was in order.

One of the students suggested that "one for the road" would certainly speed them on the long trip home. A slightly stooped fellow wearing horn-rimmed glasses

voiced a note of disagreement. The others in the car chided him and said he was "being a poor sport."

Not wanting to set himself apart from the crowd, the young student agreed to have a drink with them.

Drink after drink, the partying motorists continued at a fast pace toward their destination and the party seemed to be getting merrier by the minute.

The driver was beginning to pay less and less attention to the road and more and more to the carefree passengers accompanying him. He knew he had always been a good driver so why start worrying now.

The merriment soon turned into tragedy, as is often the case. As the car swerved around an unexpected curve, the front wheel sank into the soft shoulder. The car was thrown on its side and due to excessive speed, rolled down a high embankment.

The result—six lives lost for no apparent reason... except for the absurd statement of "one for the road."

This story could be told anywhere during the next two weeks and possibly be more fact than fiction. It could happen to you, although everyone agrees that something like that is only a possibility.

Whether this case applies to any of you can be entirely left up to your own discretion.

Each year, Aggies have returned from the Christmas holidays and as is often the case, attended the Silver Taps ceremony for one of their departed fellow students killed on our highways.

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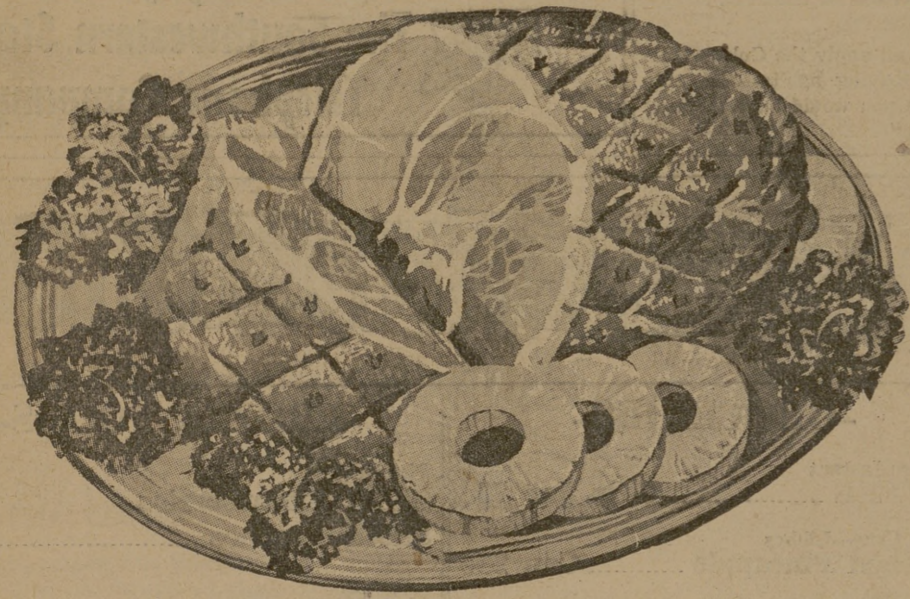
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