

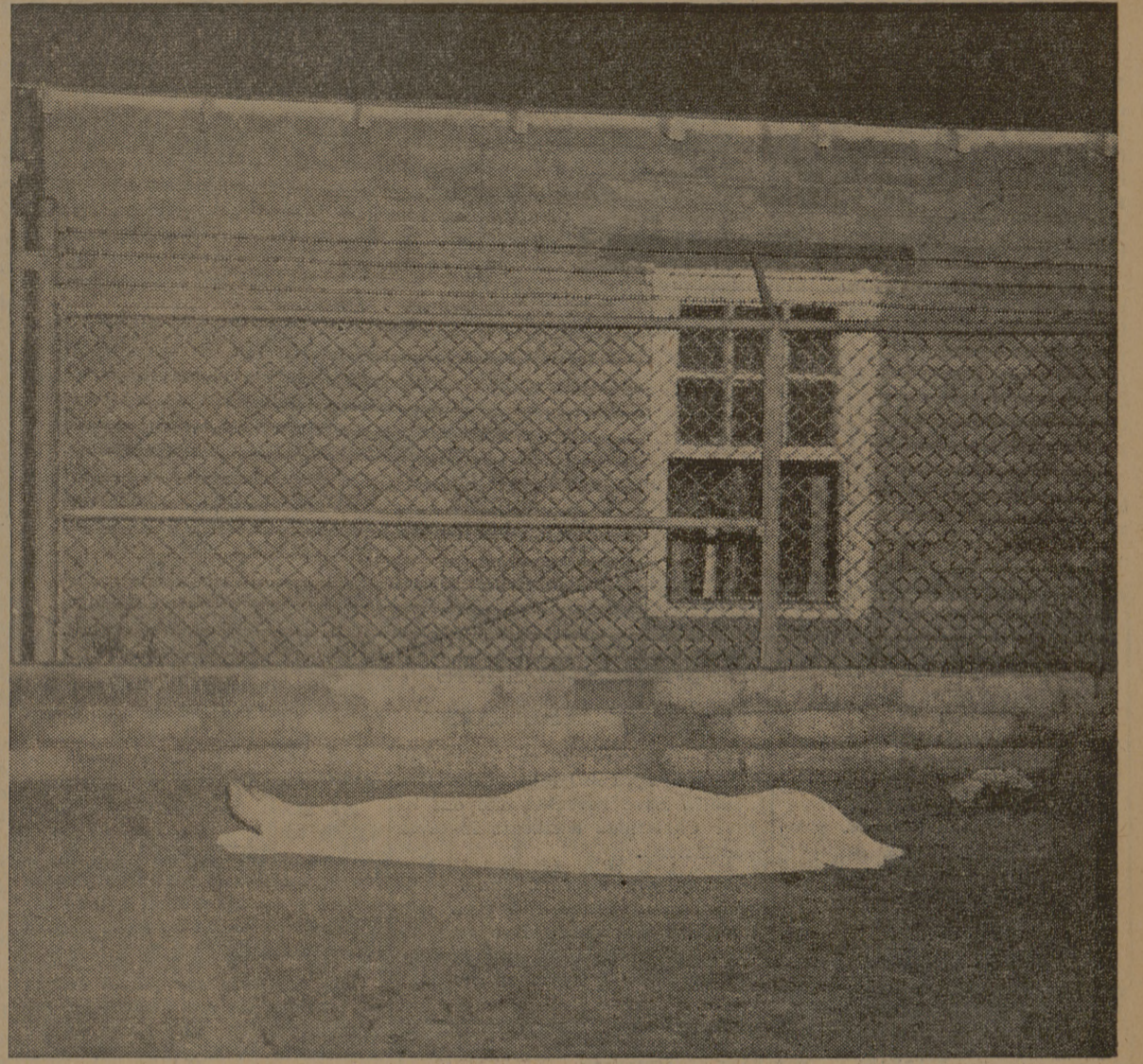
ALL IT TAKES IS ONE MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS

Do You Want To Be A Highway Death Statistic?



The End Of The Last Ride

This car, like its four occupants, is beyond repair. It won't take but one accident to rid the world of a car-load of Aggies if those Aggies are loaded. Driving while drinking causes many holiday accident.



A Shrouded Statistic

The white sheet covers one more individual statistic who couldn't slow down to get where he was going.

Radar Is Weapon In Battle Of Speed

Texas highway patrolmen, leaders in the use of anti-speed radar in the United States, have put the electronic snare to good use. In the College Station area Patrolman Wynn Williams frequently operates a new one-car radar unit that enables him to clock vehicles in front or in back of him. Williams explained: "All I have to do it pull over to the side of the road and stop. The radar beam can be directed either to the front or the rear. "Then, after a car has been

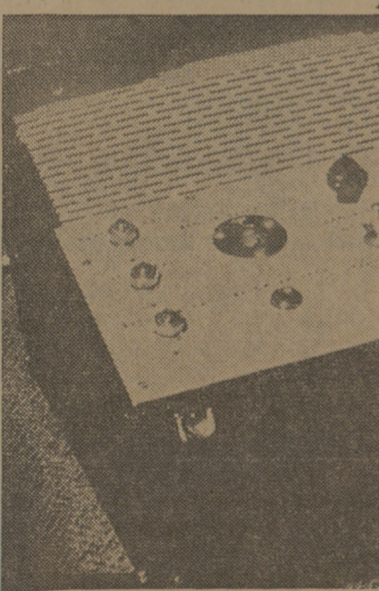
Sleepy Aggies In Unsafe Cars Are Doomed

Sleepy Aggies who leave school Thursday in an unsafe car should not expect their chances of being back in January to be very high, especially if driving conditions are not good. This week, fog has caused drastically limited visibility and wet pavement, two of the best contributing factors for causing accidents. One of the worst types of Aggie drivers will be the one who stayed awake for a few nights writing term themes and studying for quizzes. Couple sleepy vision with fog, and this Aggie-in-a-hurry whose car has a burned-out headlight and poor windshield wipers will be fortunate if he can keep his name out of obituary announcements. THIS AGGIE will be pushing his luck if his car's brakes are worn out, his tires are smooth or his tail lights are not working. As highways become crowded with holiday-season drivers, now is a good time to be safety-conscious, and a safety-conscious driver should know the condition of his car. Even in fair weather, a car with defective equipment can easily become an asset to the funeral business. Aggies driving potential tragedy-makers not only risk their own lives, but passengers' and other drivers' as well. If these Aggies make it home without mishap, maybe they had better ask Santa for what it takes to make their cars safe for the trip back.

clocked, I can stop it without having to radio to a chase car, like we had to do with the old type radar sets." The radar apparatus, which varies in range according to the terrain, has proved a useful tool in stopping speeding, Williams said: "SINCE THE Department of Public Safety and many of the local police departments began using radar, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of real fast speeders. "Of course, we still get some, but they know that radar can get them when they least expect it." One of the popular features of the one-car radar unit is that the patrol car can cruise until a likely speeder approaches, or the car can park by the side of the road and wait for violators to zoom by. Williams said the radar units are carefully tested with a tuning fork before use. He said: "That way we can be sure the units are functioning properly, and we will be able to testify in court, if necessary, that the radar set was not out of order." Do many people argue with radar? He answered: "Most motorists realize that these units have been proved accurate and that we are patrolling the highways for their safety. Very few people contest our radar arrests. They know they were in the wrong."

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see your eyes shining not with Christmas lights, but with ambulance headlights. She won't run her fingers through your hair; it will be hanging on the shattered edges of the windshield. Those lips that would have touched hers will be touching cold metal strewn with teeth and shattered bones. The flames she sees won't be in a cozy fireplace, but from a blazing inferno carrying your shattered and torn body. Your legs that in a few short hours would have walked to her door will be charred stumps on a mutilated and smashed corpse, a blood-red that would contrast nicely with her pallid tear-stained cheeks. Those torn, twisted limbs that used to be arms would have held her close. Your chest that her head would have rested on will be impaled on the cold, unfeeling steel of the steering column. Your picture in the paper that might have been a groom will be a body. Will the next voice you hear be a girl singing? Or a girl crying? Yes, she will see you soon, if she can recognize the bloody, mutilated corpse that she would have loved. You are a traffic fatality.



Electronic Speed Snare

This radar unit, often used by local police and highway patrolmen, has proved effective in the fight against careless speeders. Officers say radar has reduced the number of high speed violations because speeders know they can be clocked by a patrol car they can't see.

The Highway's Ten Commandments: '... Thou Shall Not Kill'

- 1. Thou shalt hold nothing but thy steering wheel—neither a baby on thy lap nor a babe in thine arms.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee a God of horsepower.
3. Remember the driver behind, to help him pass thee.
4. Thou shalt not take the center lane in vain.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother—and all thine other passengers.
6. Thou shalt not kill—not even a pedestrian.
7. Thou shalt not commit inebriated driving.
8. Thou shalt not steal—not thy neighbor's eyes with thy headlights, nor his ear with thy horn nor his enjoyment with thy litter.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy signals.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's right of way.

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Early Hours Prove To Be Most Fatal

The early Christmas traveler is in real danger. Fatal accidents occur early in the holiday period, according to a recent survey. In the last six hours of Christmas Eve, the hourly rate of fatal accidents is approximately five times greater than it is for the remainder of the holiday.

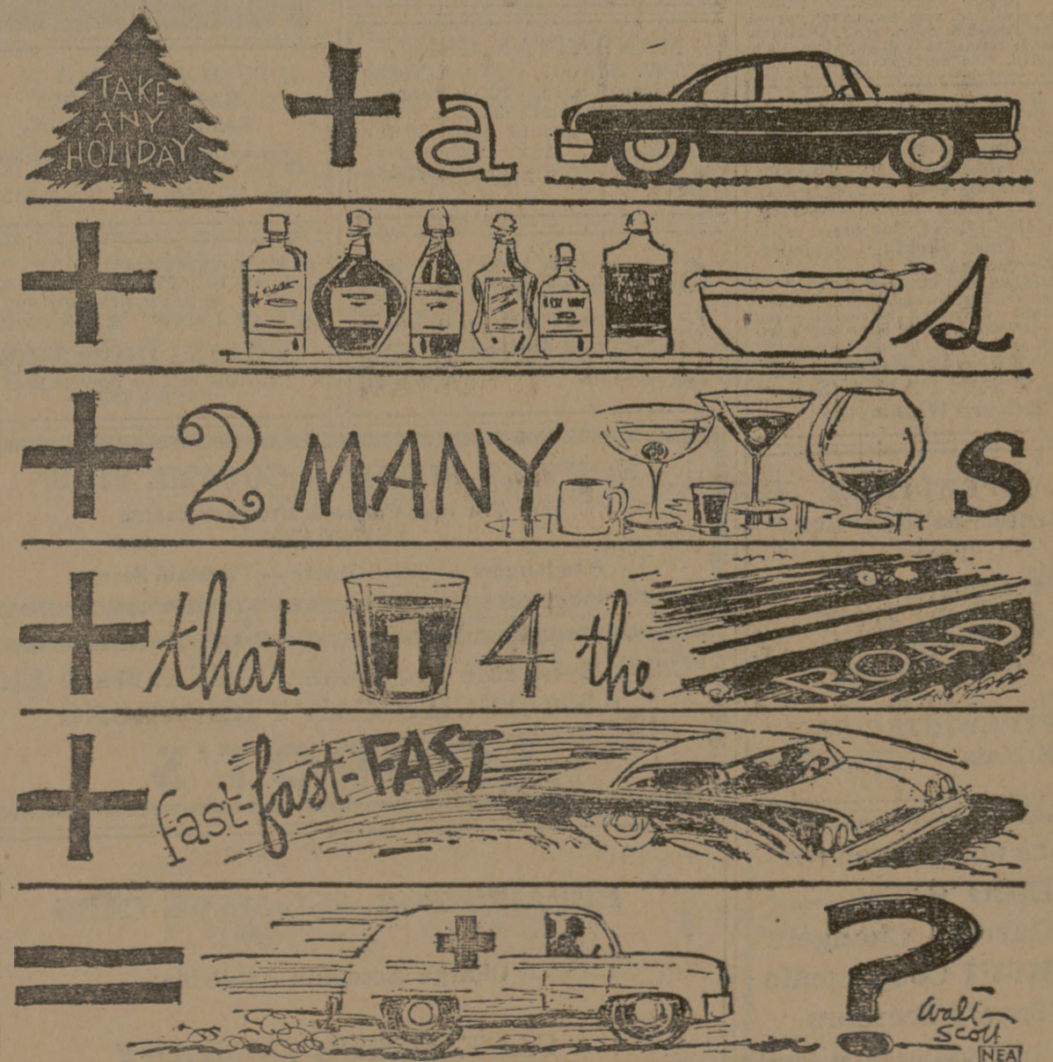
Everyone Has A Number; But Stay Away From These

By KENT JOHNSON Battalion Staff Writer Numbers. Everybody is numbered. Have you ever considered that batteries of computers have probably processed data cards with your distinctive numbers on them hundreds of times? Most adult males are numbered by the Selective Service System, and almost everyone is assigned a social security number. PEOPLE'S identification numbers appear on driver's licenses, checks, tax records, magazine subscriptions, credit cards, insurance policies and in dozens of other

places that they can't remember—or don't even know about. Number 2405TF—will this be a number to add to your list? If this is going to be your number, it will be another one that you won't even know about. So maybe you wouldn't mind number 2406TF. Or, how about number 2407TF? These figures stand for the 2400-plus Texas traffic fatalities predicted for this year by safety officials in view of the current pattern of increase over last year's motor deaths. THEY WON'T miss their guess by much. They are always very accurate.

For instance, the Texas Department of Public Safety has averaged 98.4 per cent accuracy for their estimates of the number of motoricides during the last 17 Christmas-New Year holiday periods. They missed the real figures because they under-estimated. Twenty-five more persons were killed than the guessers had expected. Guessers predict 92 highway killings for this year's holiday season. "Operation Deathwatch" starts soon. We'll be watching for you. Have you picked your number yet?

A Christmas Cheer Rebus



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