

DPS Reports On Highways

Planning to use Highway 21 Friday to go to Austin or points East? How about you who are going north towards the Dallas-Fort Worth area? Going to use Highway 6? And those who live in Houston or south Texas. Are you going to travel Highway 6 also?

If you are going to take either of these highways you might want to think twice before you lead-foot the accelerator or drive recklessly. At least four travelers on these roads this year, if they could have the chance today, would wish they had.

According to data obtained from the Bryan office of the Highway Patrol, for the five-county area around Bryan, four people have lost their lives so far this year on these highways.

In comparison with the other two routes, Highway 21 between Bryan and Austin has had a greater proportion of minor accidents. On this highway, traffic accidents have claimed three lives.

Of the three routes, Highway 6 north from Bryan has had the second greatest amount of accidents. One fatality has occurred on this highway this year.

In Brazos County the rural roads and highways have been the scene of four accidents that have taken a toll of eight lives.

Ambulance Driver Advises Aggies On Care Of Injured

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You are driving along a deserted farmroad late at night and you come upon an accident. A person is lying alongside the road and is seriously injured. What do you do?

"Get help is the first thing a person should do in a situation like this," said Raymond Jones, of Callaway-Jones Ambulance Service. The next step would be to inform the police of the wreck, he added. If someone else has gone to summon help, then try to make the victim as comfortable as possible and administer first aid if you know how.

Jones stated that injured people shouldn't be moved by an untrained person unless the situation demands it, such as a person being trapped under a piece of metal. He stressed that the victim should not be taken to a hospital by passer-bys because of the possibility of further injury through improper handling of the victim and the fact that a person who does take an injured person to the hospital is highly excited and may cause an accident himself.

ANOTHER THING that Jones felt would be of benefit would be for the first person on the scene to erect markers or signals of

some sort so that approaching motorists would be warned of the wreck before they got right on top of it.

Dr. J. W. Martin, president of the Brazos-Robinson County Medical Society, also said that injured people should be moved only by trained personnel. He added that many back injuries are complicated by improper moving of the accident victim.

THE TWO MAIN THINGS that passer-bys should check for in an injured person are bleeding and breathing problems, advised Mar-

tin. He also stated that an accident victim should be made as comfortable as possible and be laid flat on the ground until help arrives.

Another thing that Martin felt people should avoid doing is straightening out twisted or bent limbs. He said that often nerves or arteries are exposed to the jagged ends of broken bones and can be exercised so that these arteries and nerves are not severed.

"Remember, someone has to discover tomorrow's accidents. It can easily be you," he said.

RAIN EXPECTED

Weather Bureau Warns Motorists

Temperatures are dropping, and there seems to be a little rain threatening over parts of the state as Aggies prepare to head home for the holidays, a weather bureau spokesman said.

The five-day U.S. Weather Bureau forecasts for Texas, Thursday through Monday, are as follows: Northeastern and north central Texas, temperatures will average two to 10 degrees below normal. The normal high for this region is 46 degrees to 56 degrees and the normal low is 24 degrees in the northwest portion to 38 degrees in the south. Continued cold is expected with a warming trend over the weekend, and precipitation will amount to little or none.

In northwestern Texas, tempera-

tures will average near normal in the western portion and will go down to two to nine degrees below normal in the eastern part of this section. The normal high for the northwest is 45 degrees, while the normal high for the south is 56 degrees. The low is usually 20 in the northwest and 34 in the south. Here, too, there is a slow warming trend with little or no precipitation, the weather bureau reports.

Most of southern Texas can expect temperatures to be four to six degrees below normal. Precipitation will be light to moderate over the south and eastern portions.

Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico all will have temperatures ranging from seasonal normal to above seasonal normal. Wyoming and Colorado both have light snow flurries predicted over the weekend while Arizona and New Mexico expect little or no precipitation.

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Faulty tires cause accidents that may have been prevented had a quick glance been made to insure proper air pressure and enough tread thickness. Along the same line, the braking system should have enough fluid and not pull to one side or the other when the brakes are applied, Pachall said.

A safe trip is something that when you forget to check the steering system. A "hand-check" to see that all parts are tight is good insurance, he said.

Failure of your car's cooling system to operate properly isn't especially dangerous to life, but could cause considerable inconvenience and discomfort, Pachall added. "Check all hoses for breaks and make sure all hose connections are sealed; in addition, check the fan belt for breaks and proper tension, and the pressure cap," he said.

As everyone knows, a safety check is of little benefit to the careless driver; all rules of the road must be kept for maximum safety security, said Pachall.

Should trouble occur, some type of trouble light, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit are items needed most and of great value, concluded Pachall.

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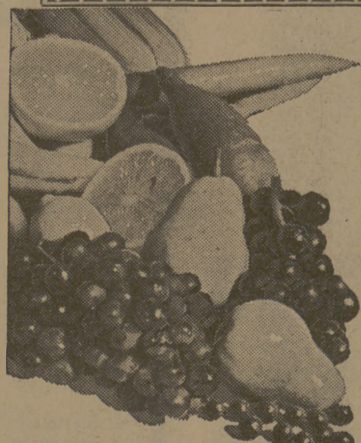
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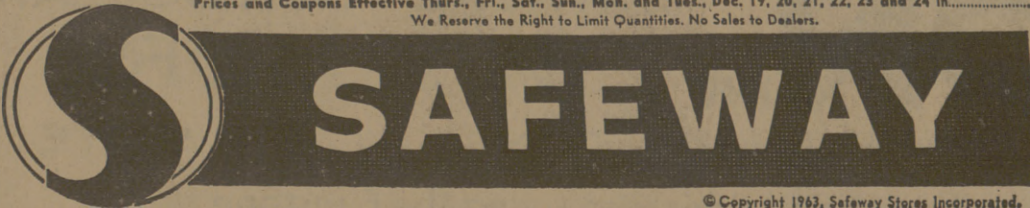
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