

YOU DRIVE CAREFULLY DURING JULY 4 WEEKEND

Traffic safety, like a triangle, has three sides: the vehicle, the person who drives it and the road on which he drives.

Safety experts are making progress at improving all three, with much of the public's recent interest focused on the car itself. In the future, you can expect to see more safety features in the new car you buy.

But, as important as all this activity and progress is, the Texas Safety Association reminds you that the main safety factor in any vehicle is the driver. Let's remember this — especially this July 4 weekend while driving on the highways in heavy holiday traffic.

TSA president S. Ross Carr of Houston said the July 4 weekend can be a happy occasion for holiday celebrations instead of a time of tragedy caused by accidents. Of course, the TSA head said, it all depends on the willingness of every individual to include a program of total safety awareness in his holiday plans.

The TSA estimates that 31 persons will die in traffic accidents this July 4 weekend. Will you be one of them?

Carr urges all drivers to put their driving skills to work in heavy holiday traffic and cited "defensive driving" as the best technique to apply for safe motoring.

Remember, the life you save may be your own!

A Modest Proposal?

By HERKY KILLINGSWORTH

Do you often find yourself thinking of marriage but haven't the nerve to take the fatal step? That is, those of you with mates.

Do you love your sweetheart more than anything in the world today, but fear your love may turn to dust tomorrow? Are you afraid of puppy love being taken for the real thing?

Do you wish for a solution to your problems? Well there would be if the marital standards of America were set by Dr. Margaret Mead, renowned cultural anthropologist.

In an interview before the 115th annual meeting of the American Medical Association Dr. Mead proposed a two marriage system that could virtually end the problem of divorce which has become exceedingly popular in the United States today.

In Dr. Mead's two marriage plan two people would live together up to two years on the first marriage. During this time they would test the foundation of their marriageable bliss and find if they could be happy together or not. This would all be perfectly legal and with the Church's backing, perfectly moral.

But, if the couple wants to have kids, they would have to go into the second marriage that would certify they were ready for children. So you see, the first marriage would determine whether they could live happily together or not, the second would put the fun into the marriage.

Obviously, this will never work. As any red-blooded American boy can tell you, it is hard to control oneself in looking upon a member of the fairer sex, much less living with one. Surely the parent of girls would begin thinking of motherhood after being with "one" man day and night for two years. Those a little less pure might have trouble making two months. On the male side most would have trouble making two days.

So what is to be done? Dr. Mead's two marriage plan could easily turn into a three, four, five, or seventeen marriage plan if one partner wishes to cheat. And what of bigamy. Could you have two first marriages legally and have only one second marriage because it's the important one?

No! There is no hope for this idea. But now listen to my idea. I have thought of an idea that would put divorce lawyers out of business within the year, except for those saps already legally married that would want out to join my "Marriageable Bliss" program . . .

In my system the only change would be the marriage license. Everything else would remain the same including the ceremony, the honeymoon, and the burnt toast. However, the marriage license would become renewable after, say, two years. After all, are not fishing licenses expirable, are not drivers licenses renewed every two years, and are not Passport licenses unusable after five years. If all other kinds of licenses can be renewed or revoked, why isn't the marriage license the same? Why is it so permanent?

Just think. After two years of marriage you could take back your old wife or trade her in for a newer model. Would a woman dare nag her husband with a license renewal coming up within the year? Also, would a wife let herself go when she might possibly have to go man hunting again shortly?

Of course I understand there will be problems. Small motels will go out of business. Every other room in the surviving motels would be a honeymoon suite. More pastors and justices of the peace would be needed and women supporting their leisure with alimony would have to find new occupations as would the street walkers.

But these problems are small. Look instead to the advantages . . . besides that. Under my marriage plan, true marital bliss could finally be obtained. Adultery would be ended for the adulterous couple could always let their marriage expire and be married themselves. If it didn't work out they could always return to their original partners.

What a system! This would far outdo the Scandinavians premarital relationship and would probably set America up as the model society . . . the Etopia of the sexes.

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Is There A Girl Scout In The House?

By JOHN HOTARD

(Scene: Hospital reception room. Man enters with large cut on arm. Man is bleeding profusely.)

"Nurse, Nurse! I'm bleeding profusely. I have this large cut on my arm and . . ."

"How old are you, sir?"

"I was walking down this dark alley and this little old lady with a machete comes out of the shadows . . . why do you need my age at a time like this? Can't you see that I'm bleeding to death? Anyway, I'm 67."

"Well, sir, as of today you are covered by MEDICARE. Now then, have you ever been, or are you now, a member of the Communist Party?"

" . . . It's deep. All the way to the bone. You might have to amputate and . . . am I a what? Communist Party?? What difference does that make??"

"Well, sir, we can't go around giving aid to enemies, now can we? At least not aid earmarked

for our domestic policies . . ."

" . . . Never mind the amputation. Put in stitches. Anything. Just so it stops bleeding . . ."

"Have you ever received medical benefits from another Federal agency, such as the VA?"

" . . . If you're out of thread, I'll settle for a large compress. But make it fast — I might not . . ."

"Have you ever been arrested by Federal authorities for the possession of heroin or other narcotics?"

" . . . I'm fading fast. We'll forget the large compress. Do you have a small compress?"

"Have you ever had trichinosis, Pott's disease, or pneumoconiosis?"

" . . . It's bleeding faster . . . I can't stop it. Can you give me a large piece of gauze and adhesive tape . . ."

"First you'll have to fill out this locator card in case we have to contact you at a later date . . ."

" . . . Later date!! Look, lady, if I don't get aid fast, there might not be a later date!!"

" . . . And then, if you'll just sign this statement . . ."

"Statement? What statement? I've already told you that I'm not a communist."

"This states that you don't care which doctor handles your case. If you have preference of doctors, then . . ."

"Preference of doctors? Who cares!! Just so he can apply a

bandage. I don't even care if he's not a doctor! Is there a Girl Scout in the house?"

"We'll also need a statement on exactly what happened so that a complete report may be sent to Washington to determine if it was intentional or accidental. If intentional, then it must be reported to proper authorities."

" . . . But I can't write . . . my arm is numb . . . can't all this wait until AFTER I get . . ."

"I'm afraid not, sir. According to Title 78, Article 43, section 567, subsection 134, paragraph 8, subparagraphs 3, 4, 5 . . ."

"Never mind. If you haven't got any gauze handy, maybe a few Band-aids . . ."

"Then you'll have to fill out

these four pages of your complete medical history—in triplicate."

" . . . They don't have to be large Band-aids. Small Band-aids will do . . ."

"After that, you'll need to answer these questions . . ."

"Nurse, I think . . . (man collapses on floor and dies.)"

"Sir, you didn't finish filling out your locator . . ." (Stretcher comes in and carries out body. In walks young man with large cut on arm. Man is bleeding profusely.)

"Nurse, Nurse! I'm bleeding profusely. I have this large cut on my arm and . . ."

"Are you covered by insurance, sir?"

THE END

Sound Off

Dear Editor
The Battalion

I thought I'd write and tell you about this here place I's discovered the other day. You might want to tell your readers about it because it really is a nice place to go.

I's discovered this here swimmin' pool over on the other side of the campus, the side away from the school buildin's. I jest happened to be walkin' along by the football field, I's gonna try out next year—I's always wanted to be a hero character, and there it was.

There was all sorts of girls over there. Boys to. Short ones, tall ones, skinny ones, and even this one that had on a bikini that the folks back home would call skimpy. I's shore she was sweet though. That tall black-haired girl in my 6 a.m. class (that a.m.'s after morning not aggies and men) wuz there and she's more than I even thought she wuz. I's gonna ask her for a date but this big guy was talking to her. Someone said he was Randy Matson which thrills me to no end. I's always wanted to see the guy that owns this here school. Those three juniors in my dorm tell me he's the big-shot aroun' here. Are somethin' about shot. Big-shot had to be it.

Anyway, back to the swimmin' pool. For any interested Aggies it's real big and there's not a crack in it yet. Our old swimmin' pool back in Sneedville was built by the depression guys and it's got a crack a mile wide in it. That's actually a good thin' though because the only time it ever gets cleaned is when all of the water leaks out.

I spent nearly a day over at this swimmin' pool here mainly watchin' the girls and sunbathin'. I's never had a tan below the belt before. It's always been gotten by hoein' before and although you gets good and brown above, nothin' happens below.

I wanted to dive off the big board while I wuz there for one of the juniors bet I couldn't but someone had stolen the ladder. I hopes they bring it back before I go over again.

Guess I's better write my Aunt Bess. She sent me a big birthday cake and I's always said that anyone nice enough to send a cake seven months early deserves a letter.

Cyric Hayseed '70

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH SERVICES

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL 906 Jersey Street, So. Side of Campus Rector—William E. Oxley Asst.—Rev. Wesley Seeliger 8:00 A.M. & 9:15 A.M. Sunday Services	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service 7:00 P.M.—Preaching Service	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC Sunday Masses—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00
A&M CHURCH OF CHRIST 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Worship 9:00 A.M.—Bible Study 5:15 P.M.—Young People's Class 6:00 P.M.—Worship 7:15 P.M.—Aggie Class 9:30 A.M.—Tues. Ladies Bible Class 7:15 P.M.—Wednesday Bible Study	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School 11:00 A.M.—Sunday Service 11:00 A.M.—2 P.M.—Tues. Reading Rm. 7:00-8:00 P.M.—Wed., Reading Room 8:00 P.M.—Wed. Evening Worship	FAITH CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9:15 A.M.—Sunday School 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship 7:30 P.M.—Evening Service
UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) 10:00 A.M.—Bible Class 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 7:30 P.M.—Wednesday Vesper	FIRST BAPTIST 719 Eisenhower 9:30 AM Morning Worship 6:10 PM—Training Union 7:20 PM—Evening Worship 6:30 PM—Choir Practice & Teachers' meetings (Wednesday) (Wed.) 7:30 P.M.—Midweek Services (Wed.)	COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service 7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship
UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP 805 Old Hwy. 6 S. 10:00 A.M.—Sunday School 7:45 P.M.—First four Sundays of each month—Fellowship Meeting.	SECOND BAPTIST 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 11:00 A.M.—Church Service 7:30 P.M.—Training Union 7:30 P.M.—Church Service	A&M METHODIST 8:30 A.M.—Morning Worship 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 10:55 A.M.—Morning Worship 5:30 P.M.—Campus & Career Class 5:30 & 6:00 P.M.—MYF Meetings
A&M PRESBYTERIAN 7-9 A.M.—Sun. Breakfast—Stu. Ctr. 9:45 A.M.—Church School 11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:00 P.M.—Sun. Single Stu. Fellowship 7:15 P.M.—Wed. Student Fellowship 6:45 A.M.—Evl. Communion Service Wesley Foundation	OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.—The Church at Worship 9:30 A.M.—Bible Classes For All Holy Communion—1st Sun. Ea. Mo.	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 26th East and Coniter, Bryan 8:30 A.M.—Priesthood meeting 10:00 A.M.—Sunday School 6:30 P.M.—Sacrament Meeting



OH SAY CAN YOU SEE

FESTOONING FIRE FINGERS STREAK DOWN THE SKY WHILE SOFT JULY BREEZES STIR ACROSS UPTURNED FACES AND THE BAND PLAYS SOFTLY.

SUDDENLY I SEE BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR CELEBRATION, I SEE FIREWORKS AND FLAGS, HARD-BOILED EGGS AND POTATO SALAD, A PARADE DOWN MAIN STREET, COTTON CANDY, ROLLER COASTERS, AND THE DANCE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB. I SEE A LITTLE BAND OF PEOPLE CROSSING THE OCEAN TO MAKE A NEW LIFE, A WOODSMAN HACKING A TRAIL WESTWARD, A MAN AND HIS WOMAN WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A HOME IN THE NEW WILDERNESS. I SEE ROWS OF GRAVES IN FRANCE, MARKING FALLEN DOUGHBOYS, FOUR YOUNG MEN RAISING A FLAG ON IWO JIMA, AND AN ASTRONAUT BLASTING OFF TO YET A NEW FRONTIER. I SEE A SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS THIS LAND STANDS FOR IS A MAN'S RIGHT TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE WAY HE WANTS. GO TO YOUR CHURCH AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRECIOUS HERITAGE.

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Sunday Joshua 22:1-6	Monday II Samuel 7:18-29	Tuesday Proverbs 28:1-6	Wednesday Jeremiah 32:26-35	Thursday Jeremiah 32:36-41	Friday Acts 7:35-50	Saturday Hebrews 13:7-17
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