

Lots of good wishes for the Merriest Christmas



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Hope you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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NEW PLATES— TV player Connie Stevens introduces North Carolina's 1962 auto license plates which go on sale January 2. New regulations concerning the purchase and use of the '62 tags are summed up in a specially prepared leaflet accompanying renewal cards which are already in the mail. Motor Vehicles Department officials urge car owners to read carefully the instructions before applying for new tags. The bright new black-orange '62 tags must be in use by February 15.

Winterize Your Driving Techniques, Urges Department of Motor Vehicles

Winterize your driving techniques and survive winter's hazards, says a memorandum from the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Driving conditions are far less favorable when the temperature skids downward and it's mostly up to individual motorists to avoid wintertime trouble. The traffic experts list six basic rules for safe cold weather operation. Read them and heed them.

START GENTLY. On packed snow or ice, start gently and gradually. In a car with manual shift, use second gear. Turn wheels straight ahead to ease starting. When you are stuck in snow or slush, start in low gear and move slowly forward as far as possible and then shift to reverse. Repeat

rocking action until car is free.

SEE AND BE SEEN. Keep windshields and windshield clear of snow, ice and road splash. Lower back windows slightly to ventilate and keep the inside glass from fogging up. Turn on headlights during daylight snow or sleet storms to help others see you. Falling snow reduces visibility and piled up snow can conceal driveways, intersections, pedestrians and other vehicles.

GET THE FEEL OF THE ROAD. Keep a check on the slipperiness of ice and snow covered surfaces and adjust speed accordingly. Test the road before driving any distance by touching the brakes slightly to find out how easily wheels will slide.

FOLLOW AT SAFE DISTANCE. Keep well back of the car ahead so that you will have plenty of room to stop. Drive at slower than normal speeds. It takes three to twelve times more distance to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.

BRAKE BEFORE TURNS. Anticipate braking situations and start slowing down well before you reach a turn, an intersection or the crest of a hill. Slow down

Christmas Lore Comes From Many Parts of World

Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary, the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?" or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatits, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we recreate in our homes.

to a safe speed to avoid a front end skid at a turn, a rear end skid on a curve, sliding into an intersection or tobogganing down a hill out of control.

PUMP BRAKES. Pump the brakes to prevent wheels from locking and skidding on slippery surfaces. Pumping is a quick application of the brakes fol-

lowed immediately by full release. This gives alternate intervals of maximum braking effect and steering control while the wheels are rolling.



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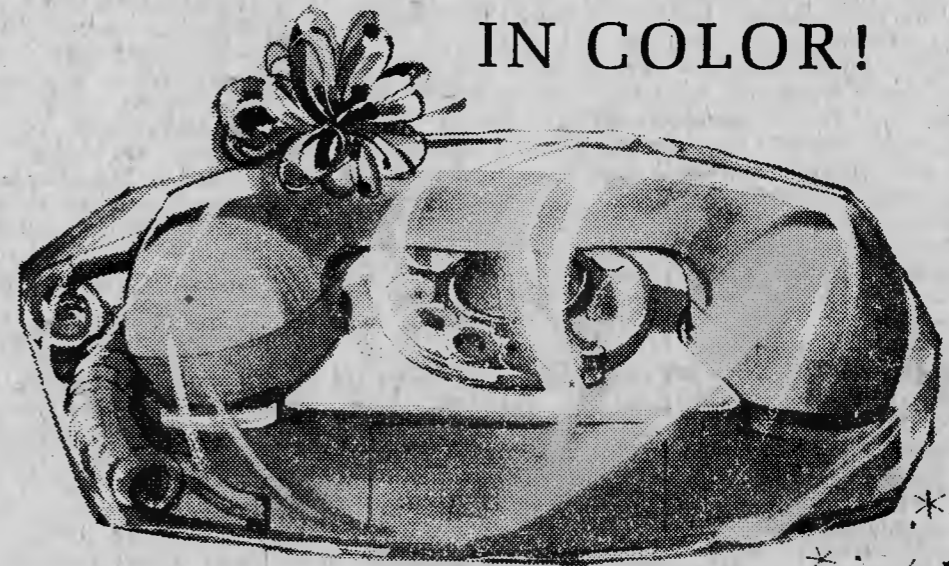


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