

Good Weather Takes More Cars On Highways; Mishaps On Increase

Roger B. Parker, chief of the State's auto safety inspection program, predicted this week that with the coming of good weather there will be more cars on the road traveling greater distances than in recent months. "And to cover this ground with

a maximum of safety and convenience, it pays to be sure your vehicle is in good condition before you start out," he said. "On major highways leading away from some metropolitan areas, disabled cars spotted here and there along the shoulders,

are a fairly common sight," Parker pointed out. "This 'Breakdown Alley,' generally runs from 10 to 20 miles from the heart of the city and it's made up for the most part of poorly maintained cars. "These are the ones seen chugging around town, limping from place to place. At low speed and for short distances, they manage to make it. But at sustained high speed on the open road they're not equal to the task. So there they sit by the side of the road, a potential accident hazard and a likely target for vandals or thieves. Yet most of them need not have been there at all," Parker declared.

Solution? Parker said drivers should learn to recognize signs of malfunction — and have defects corrected. Most vehicle troubles, he said, make themselves known long before they develop the potential for serious trouble.

"The official safety inspection catches most defects," he said "but good maintenance is very much a part of every driver's day to day responsibility."

Parker listed some of the common symptoms of auto trouble, and their possible causes:

1. Sudden difficulty in seeing the road at night. One headlight has probably burned out and should be replaced at the first opportunity.

2. Turn signal pilot light flashes once and then goes out or

flickers. A turn signal bulb on that side has burned out. You'll have to stop and find out whether it is a front or rear one, but get it fixed fast.

3. Oncoming drivers flash their headlights at you. If you're not on high beam by mistake, it probably means that your car's headlights are aimed too high.

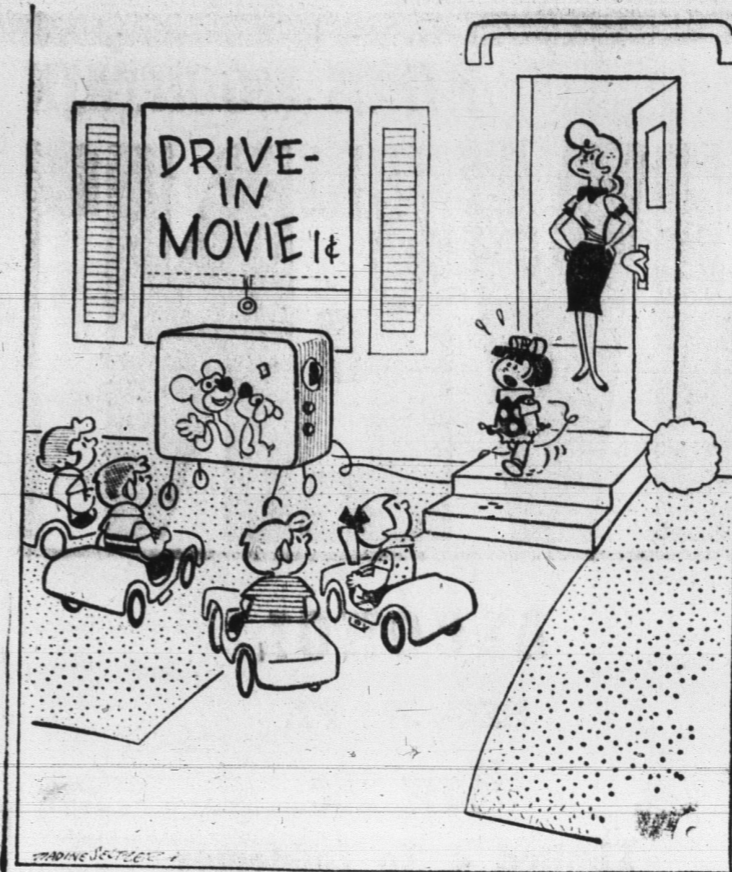
4. The car pulls to one side when the brakes are applied. Or a damp morning it may only damp linings and the condition should correct itself after the first two or three applications dry out the linings. If the condition persists, it usually means grease or brake fluid has gotten on the linings of the wheel.

The brake pedal has excessive ravel or comes within 2 inches of floorboard before brakes take hold. Brakes need adjustment.

6. The brake pedal feels spongy or sinks toward the floor when held on. There is air in the brake system which must be bled out, or there is leakage of hydraulic fluid which must be corrected.

7. Unusual noises in time to the turning of the wheels. A regular thumping means a flat spot caused by out-of-balance wheels. This may also cause severe vibration at a certain speed, usually around 40-45 miles per hour. A whishing noise noticeable while traveling near a curb may indicate a tire going flat.

8. Persistent tendency of the vehicle to pull to one side, or greater difficulty in turning one way than the other. Serious misalignment or an underinflated tire on one side.



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BETHWARE OAK GROVE NEWS

By Mrs. Ruth Vess
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Mr. Walter Vess, Sr. visited his mother, Mrs. Roy Vess Sunday morning.

Mrs. Buford Ware, manager of Kings Mountain high school lunchroom and Mrs. Katherine Goforth manager of Bethware school lunchroom attended the 17th annual Food Service Convention in Greensboro last week from Thursday through Saturday.

Mr. Dean Champion and Tim of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Champion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McSwain of Shelby, Mrs. Joe Van Dyke of Mooresboro, N. C., visited Mrs. Elva McSwain Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lovelace and Danny and Mrs. Melvin Lovelace went to Lake Norman Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mamie Gibbons received the flower for being the oldest mother at Oak Grove Baptist church Sunday and Mrs. Arnold Horn received the one for being the youngest mother present.

Oak Grove Baptist church voted to keep the Sunday School hour at 10 o'clock for the Summer. Memorial day service will be at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday, May 15.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. F. C. Ware Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Menzel Phifer and children; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Jr. and family; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ware and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ware and family; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ware and family; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webster and 2 sons; and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ware and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ware.

Mr. Herbert Wells of Washington, D. C. is spending sometime with Mrs. Lee Devenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Green had a dinner at their home honoring Mrs. Green's brother Arthur Mauney from Baltimore, Md. Mr. Mauney is in the Navy and will be on sea duty for a year. Members of the family who attended were: Mr. and Mrs. Mauney and son Artie of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mauney and children of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittman and Robin of Bizer City; Robin's friend, Sheila Morrow from Shelby; Mrs. Garland Pruett and 2 sons of Cherryville; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Owens and sons of Forest City and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mauney of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Presslar of Charlotte spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Green and family.

Frank Davis and Kathy Ware; Doris and Janice Ware; Connie and Teresa Bell, Frank Moore visited Miss Janice Geern Sunday afternoon.

Miss Katherine Gibbons of Charlotte spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Gibbons.

Mrs. Linda Hoyle and children of Cherryville visited Mrs. Walter Vess, Jr. Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vess, Jr. and Joel visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hoyle and family of Cherryville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry McSwain visited Mrs. Cella Gaudin of Rock Hill, S. C. Friday.

Miss Katherine Gibbons of Charlotte spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. David Gibbons.

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The evaluations, conducted annually in all missile units within the command, determine the extent of each unit's tactical readiness.

Corporal Williams is a sentry dog handler in Battery B, 6th Battalion, 71st Artillery, a Hawk missile unit providing air defense against low-flying planes in the Nha Trang area.

Overseas since last September, he entered the Army in September 1963 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Williams was graduated from Lincoln High School in Bessemer City in 1961 and attended Tallahassee (Ala.) College. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

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