

Free Wheeling
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TEENERS . . . Dr. C. S. Rommel of Penn State university has been conducting some scientific probing into teen-age rebelliousness at the wheel. He's discovered, among other things, that youthful drivers with a record of accident-proneness look upon driving as an activity which relieves their mental tension.

Did you get that? Relieves their mental tension. So next time you're nearly clobbered by a wheel-spinning young idiot at a drive-in, remember he's only taking the pressure off his brain. And here's another revelation Dr. Rommel turned up. He says, further, young folks substitute spectacular driving as compensation for their youthfulness; they want to assume the role of an adult, accelerate the "growing up" process.

These and other attitudes are directly related to the youngsters' accident experience, the studies showed.

Although not without a few exceptions, Dr. Rommel's findings tended to show that teen-agers thought of driving as a form of behavior by which they could readily demonstrate their "ability" at the wheel. They often ignored speed as an element of danger. Many placed greater emphasis on

Kehoe Sun.-Wed.



Gary Cooper and Julie London have co-starring roles in the dramatic, off-beat western, "Man of the West," which will open Sunday at the Kehoe Theatre through United Artists release. The picture also stars Lee J. Cobb, Arthur O'Connell and Jack Lord. Reginald Rose wrote the script. The picture is in CinemaScope and color.

the power of a vehicle rather than its style or utility.

Well, in my youth defiance, whatever the brand, was considerably watered down by Dad, side-armed with an oil-tanned razor strop. But of course this woodhouse discipline was effective only until the psychiatrists announced that obstreperous conduct was merely an outlet for mental tension.

However outrageous (drag racing, scratching off, etc.) the act nowadays, modern teen-agers can fall back on what the psychiatrists have been peddling—that it's all somehow mysteriously "normal."

Dr. Rommel's study further revealed these subliminal tendencies in his accident-prone guinea pigs, any one of which would have been rewarded by a sound walloping in my day:

A frequent desire to leave home, an urge to do something harmful or shocking, association with friends objectionable to parents, a desire to frighten others just for the fun of it, suspicion of people in general, difficulty with police.

Oh, well, everywhere you look these days—problems!

FREE BOOK . . . Speaking of teen-agers, here's better news. The Department of Motor Vehicles has on hand a good supply of a wonderful new driving pamphlet called "Are You Fit to Drive." I've read it through; it seems authoritative and well enough prepared to offer our readers a free copy. You teen-agers read it first, then pass it on to Mom and Dad. Get your free copy by writing Public Relations, State Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh, N. C.

SUDDEN THAWT . . . Judging from recent statistics, the general run of pedestrians is too late.

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ers are concerned.

As a general rule, it can be established that these young people have never really had the benefit of adult counseling.

A young man realizes this when he leaves the Navy Recruiting Office since all the things he envisioned doing in the Navy is dependent on, not only his mental ability, but

also whether or not he can produce a high school diploma.

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