

Nationwide Attack On Auto Accidents

Three Day Conference Held In White House Last Week

Washington, D. C.—Rural areas of the United States will be major proving grounds for a nationwide attack on automobile accidents, it became evident in the discussions at a White House conference on highway safety, which was held in Washington Wednesday through Friday last week.

President Eisenhower opened the conference sessions, stressing the need for urgent action, and for effective citizen leadership.

An estimated 3,000 people, representing every state in the Union, attended the conference. Their aim is to develop a program aimed at reducing the traffic accident toll by 40 per cent during 1954. On the basis of the 1952 and 1953 death totals of more than 38,000 per year, this would mean a saving of nearly 15,000 lives.

Reports to the delegates, based upon carefully-conducted studies, indicated that more than two out of every three highway deaths are occurring on rural roads, and in small towns and villages.

In pledging support to the safety program, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson pointed out that no one has a bigger stake in highway safety than the farmer. He said:

"He must use the highway in all kinds of weather, in all kinds of traffic and in all kinds of vehicles—the automobile, the truck, the tractor. And I can't think of any business whose production and distribution is hampered or disrupted more by an accident than the farm industry. The farmer traditionally is almost always short of help. An accident to himself or to one of his helpers can really hurt.

"And yet farm residents suffer more fatal motor vehicle accidents than any other type of accident. Some of these tragedies are caused by farm people themselves. Many others are caused by non-farm residents who use the highways that go by farms.

"The huge waste of vital farm manpower and material resources caused by accidents must be stopped. I am sure I can pledge the active help of the farm people of America in stopping them."

The death toll of rural highway accidents, including those in suburban areas, is more than 27,000—more than 2½ times the number killed in urban sections, according to studies by safety organizations.

Good Planning Aids Building New Homes

Good planning is most important in the construction of a new dwelling, or remodeling an old one. The Tom Asbell family of the Center Hill community, has found this to be true. The Asbells are very happy with their new home which is almost complete.

Last spring Mr. and Mrs. Asbell, and their three daughters, decided to build a new dwelling with the exception of a dining room and kitchen which could be detached from the old dwelling and used as a part of the new one. The Asbells requested assistance of the home and county agents. After a brief conference they agreed to make this enterprise a demonstration. W. C. Warrick, Extension dwelling specialist, was called in to assist with the planning. Mr. Warrick sketched a plan embodying all the family's desires.

Mr. Warrick returned on Thursday of last week to observe the building. He found a family which is very happy with the results. Adequate, convenient and attractive closet space has been built into each room, including



WET RUN—Marines of the 1st Provisional Marine Amphibious Reconnaissance Group receive advice and a demonstration on the use of a Momsen lung in submarine escape practice. The Marines utilize submarines as a method of gaining access to enemy held beaches without detection. During World War II, Marines of Carlson's Raiders made the attack on Makin Island aboard the undersea craft.

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the hallway. Numerous friends have visited the Asbells, observing their new home. Mr. Asbell has kept a record of expenditures and labor. They plan to hold an "open house" sometime during the summer to show off their new home to others that they may gain valuable ideas on construction or remodeling.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Services at the First Christian Church have been announced as follows by the pastor, the Rev. James Mac-

Alexander:

Bible School, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock; morning service at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M.; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Bible Class meets at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to all services.

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60 - SECOND SERMONS

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TEXT: "We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves."—Goethe

A laborer who went to work before daylight, sleepily put on his overalls, backward. He was still sleepy when he mounted a ladder to reach the scaffold on which he was to work. Missing his step, he tumbled to the ground. A fellow-workman hurried to his side.

"Are you hurt, Joe?" he asked. Joe sat up, and with drooping head looked down at the seat of his overalls. He shook his head.

"No, I ain't hurt," Joe said, "But I'm twished somethin' awful."

Kenzie. There will be no Boys' Brigade, mid-week prayer service, or young people's meeting this week because of the revival services.

Starting Monday, March 1, and continuing on through March 10, there will be evangelistic services every night in the Presbyterian Church at

It is a jolt to be deceived or misled. We become hurt and angry. We quickly heap bitter criticism on the deceiver and tell everyone that he is not to be trusted. Let us not be too hasty. Maybe we put on our overalls backward. We may have been deceived because we were willing to be deceived. How much should a thief be blamed if the jeweler leaves his doors and windows open all night? Many times laziness or indifference—our failure to put on our overalls properly—invites deception. We have a responsibility in every deception that is practiced on us. Let us examine ourselves before we complain.

7:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come out and hear the Rev. Terrill Lytle of Manitou Beach, Michigan, talented young evangelist, artist, and musician. If you would like to attend any or all of these services, or any other service in the Presbyterian Church, but do not have transportation, please contact the pastor.

Oak Grove Section To Get Telephones

The Oak Grove community started working for rural telephones in 1950. They worked up a list of potential customers and secured right-a-way for the proposed lines. This was turned over to the telephone company which has been slow in responding. Through the efforts of County Agent C. W. Overman, a representative of the phone company was called in last week. The list of customers were interviewed and final information obtained.

Mr. Dewey, the telephone representative, informed the people that he expects to get the line up and telephones in operation by early summer. The people are looking forward to this additional convenience in their home and in their community.

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