

Failure To Share Road With Others Inviting Accidents

Common Sense Courtesy Goes Long Way to Reduce Wrecks

"Failure to share the road with others is a dangerous threat to safety on our streets and highways," Major C. A. Speed, director of the Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division said today.

The application of common sense courtesy on the part of drivers would do a lot to reduce accidents, he pointed out.

Speed chose these words to stress the importance of highway courtesy which the Motor Vehicles Department and cooperating local agencies are emphasizing in March.

"Many traffic accidents occur when drivers are straddling the center line of the road, or when they neglect to yield right of way to pedestrians or other drivers at intersects," Speed declared.

It is just common sense, too, and courtesy, for drivers to dim their lights when they approach or follow other cars at night, he said.

"And it is common sense, and courtesy, to drive at a safe speed for road, traffic and weather conditions," Speed explained, "because an unsafe speed endangers the lives of pedestrians and other motorists. If you lose control of your car those innocent, as well as yourself, may suffer from your haste."

With the proper attitude of sharing the road with others, these discourteous, unsafe practices would disappear, according to Speed.

Referring to last year's fatal motor vehicle accidents, Speed said they indicated that the following list of courteous acts must be considered basic to safe driving:

1. Share the road by driving in the proper lane.
2. Allow ample clearance when passing.
3. Yield the right of way to other drivers . . . to pedestrians.
4. Give proper signals for stops and turns.
5. Dim headlights when meeting or following vehicles.
6. Respect traffic laws, signs, signals and road markings.
7. Adjust driving to road, traffic and weather conditions.

"All these points are summed up in the slogan being publicized in this nationwide program," Speed said. He urged everyone to remember and

act on the slogan, "Make Courtesy Your Code of the Road."

Mix An Easy Dough

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Here's an easy way to mix up a batch of rolls in little time with little energy that can be baked or stored in your refrigerator, baked and frozen for future use when company comes. Even made up into a delicious coffee cake.

First let's make up the dough—Soften 1 package of active dry yeast in ¼ cup warm water, and 1 cake compressed yeast in ¼ cup lukewarm water. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile measure ½ cup shortening; ¼ cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon salt into large mixer bowl. Scald 1 cup milk; pour over. Stir until shortening melts. Cool to lukewarm.

Start mixer at medium speed and then add 2 cups enriched flour, beat 1 minute. This beating takes the place of kneading.

Stop mixer. Add softened yeast and 1 well beaten egg. Beat batter smooth. (½ minute)

With a spoon stir in 1¼ cup flour. Beat with spoon until very smooth.

Cover and let rise double in bulk. Work down and let rise second time (30 minutes).

Shape into rolls, let rise. Bake 425 degrees for 20 minutes.

If you'd like an easy coffee cake—Prepare a mixture of ¼ cup flour, ¼ cup sugar, ¼ cup melted butter, 3 tbsps. cinnamon and ¼ cup bread crumbs. Add 1 cup raisins to the dough and ¼ cup chopped nuts. Shape dough into balls, roll in sugar mixture and place in 2 layers in well greased coffee cake ring. Serve hot with plenty of butter and cups of good coffee.

HEALTH FOR ALL

FACT OR FANCY?

One of the greatest differences between our own times and those of our grandparents is in the attitude toward illness. Modern man says: "Give us the facts and we'll do something about it." Nineteenth-century man saw disease either as a cruel stroke of fate or as punishment for his sins.

Since there didn't seem to be much he could do about illness, grandfather was inclined to romanticize it, make it as pretty as he could. Tuberculosis,

or consumption, as it was commonly called, was a favorite of Victorian novelists. Almost every family in a novel of that era had a sweet, angelic young girl going into a decline. Usually she died, with her last breath forgiving the sorrowing family clustered around her bed. Sometimes Papa took her to Europe where she fell in love with an English nobleman and made a miraculous recovery. Another typical character was the Black Sheep who came home to beg forgiveness for his wild life and die coughing in his mother's arms.

Poets and artists almost always were described as having a hectic, tuberculosis flush. They died young, after completing one great work of art. There was a legend that tuberculosis made genius burn more brightly.

Modern man doesn't want romantic legends about disease. He wants facts. He doesn't leave his health to fate, but takes personal responsibility for it. He knows that the poet's death from TB was tragically unnecessary; that the great picture was painted in spite of, not because of TB. He does not think it's romantic to be half

alive. So he joins with his neighbors in community efforts to fight the spread of tuberculosis. He follows the elementary rules of healthy living so that his body can defend itself against infection. If, in spite of his own efforts, he should contract TB, he knows he is not doomed. With modern treatment—rest, drugs, and surgery—he has every hope of making a good recovery.

It's a big change, but a change in the right direction.

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