

Twenty-four Governors Join Hands In Joint Declaration Of War On Traffic Deaths

Campaign Will Run Through Labor Day In United Effort to Curtail Summertime Accidents on Highways

A joint declaration of war on traffic deaths by the governors of 24 northeastern and southern states went into effect last week when police and traffic court officials from Maine to Texas launch the 1954 summertime highway safety program, Slow Down and Live.

Designed to curb the normal summertime rise in highway fatalities brought on by increased vacation travel, the 1954 campaign is patterned after one conducted last year by 11 northeastern states from Maine to Maryland.

Principal efforts in the slowdown program will be made by state, county and local police departments working closely with traffic courts throughout the participating states. Emphasis will be placed on arrest and conviction of speeders, who are considered by highway safety experts the number one cause of automobile fatalities. The campaign will run through the Labor Day week-end.

The joint declaration, signed last month by Governor William B. Umstead and the 23 other state heads, says in part, "We are convinced that the many courteous, cautious drivers suffer at the hands of those who are obsessed with the 'in a hurry' complex. This state of mind manifests itself in excessive speed, in speed too fast for conditions, in following too closely, in failing to yield the right of way and in improper passing."

The Northeastern and Southern State Safety Coordinators, co-administrators of the slowdown campaign, declare the program "is not a gigantic speed trap."

Captain C. E. Taylor of the Florida Highway Patrol, chairman of the southern group, said, "The sole purpose of this drive is the saving of lives on the highway. Each state is determined to achieve this end through stepped-up enforcement by its own police and other enforcement agencies of its own state and local traffic laws as they now exist."

"Residents and visiting drivers alike," Captain Taylor continued, "have been put on notice that the states participating in this drive intend to make their highways safer for all those who use them during this vacation season. It remains for the individual driver to change his own bad driving habits, or else face the consequences."

Last year's campaign was credited by safety authorities with not only eliminating the expected increase in highway deaths over the previous summer, but with actually producing a three per cent decrease in fatalities during June, July and August as compared with the same months of 1952. States participating last year included Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

Joining forces with them this year are Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Coordinating the program in North Carolina is Major C. A. Speed, director of the State Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division.

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Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MACKENZIE

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the management of the Taylor Theatre for making it possible for us all to see the film biography of that great and godly man, Dr. Martin Luther. I am not at all a movie fan—I believe it is close to ten years since last I entered a movie theatre—yet time and time again I felt like shouting out "Amen" as the movie progressed.

Isn't it wonderful what God can do with a man who is determined to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit through God's Word, the Bible, no matter who opposes? How courageous he was! What cared Luther for medieval mummery, pagan superstition, and trivial tradition? Others had been ridiculed, mocked and scorned, tortured, tormented and even burned at the stake for believing the Bible to be the only Word of God to men, but Luther could neither be appeased nor intimidated. "I will not recant," he said, "unless you can prove me wrong." Of course they couldn't prove him wrong! They burned his books (and this is always the reaction of those who know they are wrong, but are too proud to admit it, and are therefore frustrated), but when it came to clear, concise logic, Luther was just too smart for them. In enemy territory he faced his accusers and defied them to their smirking faces by holding up a copy of the Bible and

crying, "Here I stand! I cannot do otherwise! God help me! Amen." (Hier steh' ich! Ich kann nicht anders! Gott helfe mir! Amen!). How intelligent he was! He translated the Bible into German from the original Greek and Hebrew (the very first such translation made into the language of the people)—and today, over four-hundred years later, this is the book studied by German school children as the purest and most perfect form of their language. The German language (its grammatical construction, usage, punctuation) is actually patterned after Luther's translation of the Bible!

How gracious and kind he was! Though a man of firm convictions, uncompromising in his stand, he was never unkind or uncouth. Children loved him—and you can't fool children. Luther was also an accomplished musician. He wrote the little Christmas carol, "Away in a manger." How he trusted God! We still sing

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Ready for an ocean dip, this bathing beauty wears a flattering one-piece cotton swim suit with a match stick print. The match stick print cotton was inspired by the interwoven stripes of the peaked hat. The bright cotton print suit is designed by Cole of California.

That Book, above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth; Let goods and loved-ones go, This mortal life also, This body they may kill: God's Truth abideth still! His kingdom is forever.

Amen, Luther! Amen and amen! You swept away the accumulated debris of the centuries, and called the Christian Church back to the religion of Jesus, of Peter and Paul, of the New Testament. Rest in peace, Luther. We shall not break faith with them, nor with you.

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, headaches, dizziness and loss of pep and energy. Don't suffer restless nights with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages.

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his "Battle Hymn of the Reformation":

A mighty Fortress is our God, A Bulwark never failing; Our Helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Does seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And, armed with bitter hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing; Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord of Hosts is His Name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us; We will not fear, for God has willed, His Truth to triumph through us; The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure; For lo! his doom is sure, The Bible shall defeat him.

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Mealtime Fun Builds Strong Family Ties

Is yours an eat-and-run family? If so, you are all missing out on a great deal, says Corinne Grimsley, State College extension specialist in family relations.

Mrs. Grimsley adds that the eat-and-run practice is too common among American families today. Good times are important to happy and harmonious family living. There are many occasions when happy childhood memories give us courage and comfort in later life.

In many families, mealtime is more or less a come and go affair with members eating hurriedly and rushing off to something else.

Mrs. Grimsley says that at least one meal a day should be a time for both refreshments and fellowship. It should be a time when the whole family can eat unhurriedly and share pleasant conversation. And when you go to the dinner table, leave your troubles behind. No one likes to mix them with roast beef and potatoes.

According to Mrs. Grimsley, some families plan for their good times just as carefully as they plan the work that needs to be done, for they know that when families play together, they

usually stay together. These families take time to read together, go picnicking, and to play games together.

These are the families who have found that family living is much happier when they share their fun with one another.

Do the truth you know and you shall learn the truth you need to know. —George Macdonald.

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