

Winter Weather, Trips Dangerous

CHICAGO — Holiday trips and winter weather make a deadly combination, according to Judge Harry H. Porter of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill.

"It is unfortunate that the upsurge in traffic during the holiday season so often coincides with the worst possible kind of winter weather," said Judge Porter, who has served for many years as president of the Safe Winter Driving League. "It is particularly unfortunate—and often tragic—that drivers don't seem to recognize or compensate for the added hazards of winter driving."

He pointed out that in addition to the normal, year-round hazards, winter time driving often adds two additional perils—reduced visibility and inadequate traction.

"When highways are slippery and visibility poor, the driver has a two-fold responsibility for his own well-being," he continued. "First and foremost, he

should drive with extra care and take common-sense precautions, such as slower speeds, longer following distances and frequent rest-stops.

"His second responsibility is to make sure that his car is in first-class mechanical condition, especially those items that affect traction and visibility."

Citing traction tests by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards, the judge said that snow tires were helpful for mild-to-medium snow and ice conditions, that studded tires offered still more help on icy surfaces, and that reinforced tire chains were best for severe snow and ice conditions.

"Whether you use ordinary snow tires or studded tires, carry a set of chains in the trunk of your car along with a bucket of sand, a shovel, flares and a tow chain," he cautioned.

For best visibility during winter storms, Judge Porter advised that all windows should be kept clear, not only the windshield but the side and rear windows as well. "Don't be content with a 'peep-hole' in the snow on the wind-

shield," he said, adding that good side and rear vision is also essential in today's heavy traffic.

"Finally," he concluded, "before starting a holiday be sure all your lights including the directional signals are working properly and that your defroster and windshield wipers are both in first-class condition. Streaking blades should be replaced or refilled with live new rubber."



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Midnight Mass At Saint Ann's

By Father Joseph Lash

The midnight mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Edenton will, once again, be celebrated in Latin. Accompanying the celebrant, Father Joseph Lash, with the high mass will be Randolph Austin at the organ and some of the congregation trained in the Latin music. It is an effort on our part to keep some of the beautiful music in the church where it belongs.

For as the Hebrew word "Emmanuel" expresses one of the reasons for our joy at Christmastime, which translated means "God with us," so also can we regard the angelic hymns of Latin origin as our expression of our giving of "Glory to God in the Highest." All this should assist us to better recognize that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to become one of us, and to be like us in everything except wrongdoing.

It might be pointed out that in this word "Emmanuel" we have an answer to present day advocates of the "God is dead" belief who cynically ask, What is God like? Our answer is that He is like Jesus Christ, that embraced our human condition. What He teaches us isn't irrelevant because He speaks to us as one who was subject to the same hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, that come to us all.

Our lasting lesson to be learned at this holy season is that God tells us that He loves us and we have but to look into the Christmas crib to know that this is true. And as we continue to look we learn how easy it is to love Him in return.

They Do
"Missouri must be an awful state."
"Why, old dear?"
"So many people come from there."

Cotton Program Continues To Aid

The 1969 upland cotton program administered by the Department of Agriculture will continue to offer special benefits to small farmers.

Even though diversion payments are being cut out this year, small farmers will be eligible for payment that is especially designed for them.

Farms with allotments of 10 acres or less, or projected production of 3,600 pounds or less, may plant their entire farm allotment and receive a payment of 11.26 cents a pound on the projected yield of 35 per cent of the allotment.

This is in addition to the price-support payment of 14.73 cents a pound based on the domestic allotment and the projected yield. The cotton production from the farm is also eligible for the price-support loan which averages 20.25 cents a pound.

In recent years cotton programs have allowed diversion payments to small farmers even though they planted their full allotment. The special provision will apply again in 1969 for the small farm.

More details may be obtained through the Chowan ASCS office.

Courtesy is a virtue that seems to be on the wane these days.

Sunday School Lesson

or works an abomination shall enter into the City.

How well we know that we are to anticipate the journey over that last great sea, into the unknown beyond. How well we realize that this entails much work, and many changes in our attitudes and outlook. And how we do procrastinate when it comes to such preparation of ourselves. We are so human. The only things that will make us welcome Death with open arms is our personal confrontation with pain, age or complete abandonment of hope.

We sorely need to have John's faith. For he was completely confident in his belief of a new heaven and a new earth. He truly believed that there was more future for mankind than just being born, living, suffering, triumphing—and then submitting to eternal death.

As a Christian—don't you?

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