Reckless Passing, Driving On Wrong Side Of Road, Major Causes of Accidents

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The latest available figures indicate that more than ten percent of the motorists involved in all fatal accidents were driving on the wrong side of the road. On rural highways, about 13 out of every 100 fatal accidents can be attributed to passing too fast, too soon, too late or with too little thought.

The inherent risk involved in passing is the unknown. Vertical curves, hills or a roadway may restrict vision and hide vehicles just beyond the area of vision; horizontal curves often conceal what lies ahead, and approaching vehicles frequently blend deceptively with the background.

Passing on the wrong side is often an accident cause. The safest practice, and generally the only lawful one, is to pass on the left. Multiple-lane express highways and street cars sometimes provide exceptions to this rule.

Misjudging the speed of other cars is another cause of mishaps. About the only way the speed and distance of an oncoming vehicle can be judged is the rapidity with which it passes such landmarks as telephone poles, billboards and buildings, and this comparatively accurate judgment can only be made when the car approaches from directly ahead.

There is always the danger that the passing driver may be forced to swing back to his original position in the line because oncoming traffic has made it unsafe to complete the pass. Many times the driver's original position on the highway has already been filled. To guard against this, if the driver will ease his vehicle slightly over the center line at a safe distance to the rear of the vehicle in front and assure himself of enough distance ahead to complete the pass, he can always swing safely back in line if necessary. In general, a clear open road of approximately 1,000 feet and an allowable time interval of 12 seconds is a safe margin.

In addition, accident prevention authorities recommend these special precautions:

1. A standing street car or bus taking on or discharging passengers should never be passed on the right unless the landing area is protected by a safety zone.

2. Vehicles should not pass on approaching curves, crests of hills, railroad grade crossings or at any intersections.

3. Never attempt to pass vehicles that are travelling at top speed or at maximum safe speed, and never attempt to pass when the required passing speed is greater than that allowed by the local speed law.

4. Indicate well in advance the desire to pass, either by shifting position of the car into the correct lane or by the use of hand signals, or both.

The urge to pass every vehicle is an indication of emotional immaturity and has no place in the mind of the expert driver; and the driver who makes it as difficult as possible for other cars to pass him is equally childish and dangerous. Nearly everyone has at some time been the near victim of the "eager beaver" who, due to some psychological quirk in his make-up, cannot bear to stay behind the car ahead; or the "road hog" who straddles the center line, refusing to share the highway with anyone not complying with his prescribed rate of speed. The rule "keep to the right except when passing" should be adhered to by all motorists, whether they are moving at 20 or at 50 miles an hour.

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Sponsored by the Synod of Appalachia, including the Presbyteries of Knoxville, Asheville, Abingdon and Holston, the campaign seeks funds for enlargement and improvement of science teaching facilities, completion of the department of business administration and for additional endowment. King College is controlled and operated by the Synod.

Upwards of 200 Presbyterian churches are being canvassed throughout the region.

Serving the campaign organization in this area are the following church chairmen: L. B. Nichols, Andrews; Philip Brintnall, Bryson City; J. Ward Long, Franklin; Tom Gray, Hayesville; Sidney McCarty, Highlands; J. B. Gray, Murphy; and J. K. Patterson, Robbinsville.

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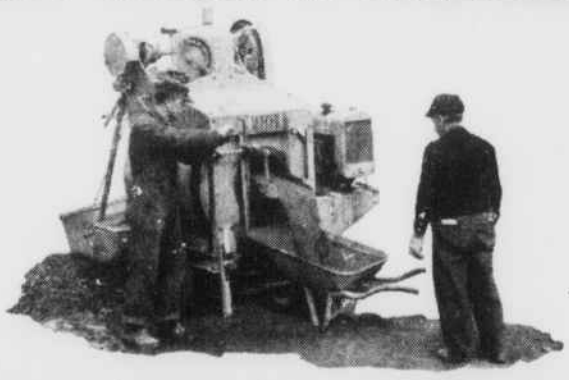
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Warren Recalls Ball Team Of 52 Years Ago

Discussing the Murphy baseball team of many years ago, J. D. Warren stated that he is the only living member of the team and that the first game played on the present ball grounds was played 52 years ago. Other members of the team were Hen Patton Briggs Gillesbie, Dr. Auk Patton, and Elbert Zimmerman, Mr. Warren said, all deceased now.

Real Estate Transfers

John Alvin Nichols to Cora L. Nichols, property in Cherokee county.

Clara Bell Morrow, widow of W. C. Morrow, deceased, to Dennis Sharp and wife, Agnes, property in Cherokee county.

Bert V. Hukill, Jr., to Icy Hukill, property in Shoal Creek township.

Frank Young and wife, Mildred C. Young, to W. B. Payne and wife, Bertha M. Payne, property in Murphy township.

Maida Dockery and husband, Arvel Dockery, to J. B. Gray, property in Murphy township.

C. C. Robinson and wife Bessie Robinson, to C. W. Gibson and wife, Retta Gibson, property in Valleytown township.

Bailey Meroney and Willard Bates to F. W. Radford, property in Cherokee county.

Mary Jo Haney and husband, Luke Haney, to W. E. Studstill and wife, Geneva L. Studstill, property in Cherokee county.

J. W. Bailey, Jr., and wife, Lucy W. Bailey to J. H. Duncan and wifef, Maude B. Duncan, exchange of property in Cherokee county.

Carl Bryson and Mildred Bryson to Grady Smith and Lillie Smith, property in Cherokee county.

Frank Mulkey and wife, Nellie Mulkey to J. L. Mulkey and wife, Addie Mulkey, property in Murphy township.

F. A. Mauney to George A. Mauney and wife, Margaret Mauney, property in Notla township.

J. A. Allen and wife, Mary Allen, to Lewis Harris and wife, Etna Harris, property in Shoal Creek township.

Lewis Harris and wife Etna Harris, to George L. Burton and wife, Florence L. Burton, property in Shoal Creek township.

Willard B. Thompson and Edna Mae Thompson to Glenn Hamby and Ellie Hamby, property in Shoal Creek township.

G. W. Barnes and wife, Mattie Barnes, to Baskman Allmond and Arzona Allmond, property in Cherokee county.

G. W. Goins and wife, Jewell Goins, to Thomas M. Graham and wife, Nornie D. Graham, property in Murphy township.

W. D. Townson and wife, Winnie S. Townson, to Wade Gibson and wife, Lena Gibson, property in Cherokee county.

W. T. Latham and wife, Lila Latham of Clay county, to W. W. Ashe and wife, Lillian Ashe, property in Valleytown township.

Hadley Morgan and wife Alma Morgan, Arkansas, to Dona Ledford, property in Cherokee county.

F. R. Jones, Nina Jones to Henry Taylor and Verne Taylor, property in Shoal Creek township.

Do Your Shoes Fit Your Feet?

By RUTH CURRENT
State Home Demonstration Agent

If you have a tough time breaking in a new pair of shoes don't blame it on the shoe altogether. Are you sure you are wearing the right size? If you are wearing the same size you were five or six years ago your shoes may be too small.

Pediatrists say their files are full of case histories of people who have been wearing wrong size shoes for years. Your hurting, aching and tired feet may come from more than just newness of shoes.

Perhaps you would like to have these rules issued by a foot specialist when you buy your next pair of shoes: (1) Never tell the salesman your size and let it go at that. You're grown up now it's true, but your feet may have grown a half-size since you bought your last shoes. That's only one-sixth of an inch, you know! (2) Have both your feet measured in a standing position. The two feet usually differ in size, and they're longer when you stand than when you're seated.

(3) Examine the materials of the shoe carefully. Are the uppers made of soft leather which won't constrict your feet? Are the soles of genuine leather, flexible enough to give your feet free play? If not, you may be stepping toward trouble.

(4) Make sure the shoes are roomy in the front part and snug at the heel. You should be able to wiggle your toes freely inside the shoes. If you can't, they're too short, and you'll have breaking-in trouble a-plenty.

Avoid Sun Stroke Heat Exhaustion

With the approach of high temperatures and the rush of the harvesting season it is easy to be overcome by heat illness, says H. M. Ellis, in charge of Extension Agricultural Engineering at State College.

When heat illness strikes it can be serious, sometimes fatal, Mr Ellis said. Be on the guard against heat sickness and take the necessary precautions this summer to avoid over-exposure to the sun or prolonged physical exertion in extreme heat.

Heat exhaustion and sun stroke are two entirely different things, even though both may seem to result from exposure to high evternal heat. With heat exhaustion, the patient's skin is cold and clammy - while with sun stroke, the skin is hot and dry. A simple rule may serve as a guide and avoid confusion regarding the treatment. Briefly, it is this: If the patient is cold, make him warm; if he is hot, make him cool.

You can protect yourself against heat sickness by following these National Safety Council recommendations:

Avoid overexertion, particularly in the early part of the heat wave.

Avoid too much exposure to direct sun rays, or extreme indoor temperatures and high humidity - wear a hat while out of doors.

Wear light, porous clothing and avoid tight fitting clothes.

Increase the use of salt on food, or use salt tablets or salt in drinking water to offset the excessive loss of salt from the body through perspiration.

Drink water often throughout the day, one glass at a time.

Eat nutritious food but avoid overeating - vitamin C lost through perspiration should be replaced with fruit juices.

Get plenty of sleep and bathe regularly.

Avoid ice cold water and alcohol.

Be sure clothes are entirely dry before packing them for summer travel, clothing specialists caution. If clothes are even slightly damp from pressing or from a humid atmosphere, they will wrinkle badly in a suitcase and may even mildew. Mildew can ruin clothes in a hurry given dampness, darkness, and warmth.

It's wise precaution to take a look at stored clothing occasionally during the summer to be sure no mildew has started. This is a tip especially for those who live near the seashore or in damp warm summer climates.

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