For Safe Driving

Tips Are Given On How To Avoid An Auto Collision

Readers Asked To Imagine Funeral Held For Crash Situations. Rates Of Speed Are Listed

By STAFF WRITER

What can be done to avert an auevery driver should consider as illness. warm weather approaches and traffic fills the open highways.

Fortunately, when two cars pass then their nerves are shattered by etery. a spine-chilling crash and scream of twisting metal. Usually, somebody gets hurt, and far too often Hollow Baptist church. meets an agonizing death.

The Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance company says that there are a number of things you as a driver can do to avoid locking horns with your fellow motorist. Mostly, it is a matter of thinking out the situation in advance and rehearsing your strategy until you can act on a split second's notice.

This may be done by imagining various crash situations as you wallop of a car moving toward you. drive along and deciding what you If you are certain to collide, howwould do to dodge them. The most ever, it is still possible in many common emergencies to prepare for

1. A car coming toward you head on in your lane.

2. An oncoming car swerving at you from the opposite lane.

from an intersecting street or road. cent of the cases your chances are 4. A car passing you and cutting better by swerving to the right.

suddenly ahead of you. choice, except where there are pedestrians. Remember that the impact of hitting a stationary roadside

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Loonie Allen Ashe

Loonie Allen Ashe, 60, died at his home near Brevard early last to collision? This is a question that Thursday morning after a lengthy

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Sol's Creek Baptist church, in Jackson county, each other, the drivers usually hear with Rev. Theo Rose officiating only a pleasing swish, but now and Burial was in the Sol's Creek cem-

A native of Jackson county, Mr Ashe was a member of the Rocky

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Mae Alexander Ashe; one daughter, Mrs. Clarence E. Goldsmith, Belton, S. C.; two sons, Luther Ashe, Brevard, and Shirley Ashe, Glenville; and one sister, Mrs. Birdie Ashe Phillips, Wolf Mountain.

Osborne - Simpson funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

cases to swerve so that you take the impact with a glancing blow rather than head on, which means striking with much less force.

If doubt arises as to which direction you should swerve, remem-3. A car coming toward you ber that in approximately 90 per

Few drivers are aware of the sur 5. A vehicle stopped or stopping prising distance that a car travels in a second's time. If you learn to If it is a choice between hitting recognize and understand this disan oncoming vehicle and "hitting tance at varying speeds, and are the ditch," that is, running off the prepared to act accordingly, you road, the latter is usually the right are in a much better position to avoid a collision.

A quick method for estimating this distance traveled per second is object may be far less than the to multiply the speedometer reading by one and one-half. Thus, at 20 m. p. h. you travel approximately 30 feet per second; and at 40 m. p. h. you cover close to 60 feet. But watch out if you are doing sixty. You are covering almost 90 feet per second or each time your watch ticks five times. Ninety feet is five times the length of your automobile.

Suppose that you had only 200 feet in which to prevent a collisbe almost impossible for you to Wright. stop in that distance.

To sum it all up, one of the best ways of avoiding a collision, is to travel at reasonable speeds at all times, and in keeping with highway conditions. But if your subconscious driving mind is properly educated and rehearsed, it will work

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Brevard High Students See Safety Driving Demonstration

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More than 500 Brevard high school students saw a demonstration on safe driving methods Thursday sponsored by the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance company.

Arrangements for this demonstration were made by the local representative, Carl Stephens, and spon sored by the safety patrol of the

film, "Then There Were Four," was shown. In the film the importance of minor traffic violations and the large part they play in fatal accidents was stressed.

reau, preceded the demonstration with an explanation of the Reaction and Braking Chart which determines how soon a person can stop an automobile traveling at various rates of speed.

a loudspeaker was used. Drivers were students Donald Kilpatrick, ion, could you stop or swerve in Mary Ellen Loftis, Coach D. G. time? If you're going fifty, it will Dail and Police Officer Charley

> at 20 miles per hour. After the signals were given it took Young Kilpatrick 19 feet to apply his brake, 24 feet to stop, for a total of 43 feet. This compared with the average of 40 feet.

Miss Loftis' record was better. wonders toward helping you to It took her 13 feet to apply the brake after the signal, 24 more to stop, for a total of 37 feet, slight-

> Coach Dail was driving at a speed of 30 miles per hour. After the signal he reacted in 27 feet, applied the brake to stop the car feet. The average is 77 feet.

40 miles per hour. He stopped in 120 feet, as compared with 124, the national average.

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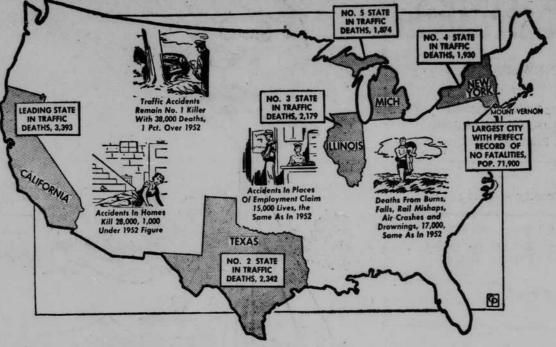
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onstration. He urged the boys and

girls to heed safe driving rules and

said that he hoped a driver educa-

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tion training course could soon be

set up at the local high school.

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Prior to the demonstration a

W. W. Morris, of the Farm Bu-

For the safe driving demonstraion a 1954 Pontiac, equipped with

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ly less than the average

in 46 and his total stoppage was 74 Officer Wright was traveling at

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Chances For Traffic Mishaps

"As the number of registrations driving in the low visibility how for motor vehicles mounts in North of early morning and late after Carolina, so does the chances for noon. This is when the toll is he

That was a statement made yesterday by Drs. E. O. Roland and Frank McGuire, local optometrists, who are in charge of the local obtaining a car at night.

4. Of course, always dim lights when approaching a car at night.

Increases With Registration

In an average day enough coal flows from U. S. mines to provide every man, woman and child di 1. Keep your eyes on the road. our 160 million people with approxcommonest oversights in driving. imately 20 pounds.

Many smashups occur because drivers window-shop, light cigarettes, use the ash tray, tune the radio or look at a person while talking all times. Dust, fog or any type of discoloration can dangerously ob-3. Be especially cautious while

struct the driver's vision.

increased traffic mishaps."

servance of National Save Your

For safer trips, they offered the following four tips to all motorists:

Visual inattention is one of the

2. Keep the windshield clear at





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ramic windshield are handsomely un-trucklike.

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