

Ready To Trade Power For Peace

General Omar Bradley, speaking before 500 members of the Associated Press, Managing Editors Association, meeting in Atlanta recently, offered to trade atomic power for "a genuine course of righteousness in the world." He also offered to swap "all military power for a century of peace." However, General Bradley said such easy trades are not on the open market. "We must earn the world righteousness we seek, and the peace we so earnestly desire," he said.

In calling for a strong United States, he asked for three things: That the nation become a center of freedom; an increase in industry and productivity; and an extension of the way of freedom to the rest of the world through the skill of diplomacy.

General Bradley indicated that to attain these goals, an "enduring military strength must be guaranteed." In calling for a quick strengthening of our fighting forces, General Bradley said, "We must continue a fight for freedom and against aggression. We must seek every means possible to avoid war and to prolong peace. The doors of negotiation must always remain open."

On Star Gazing

By ERIC SLOANE
In the Stratosphere the temperature is far below zero and stars appear arm's length away because of the thin atmosphere. Wiley Post, who spent many of his last hours in high altitude research flight, remarked: "It's Christmas all year 'round up there, and every star looks like the Star of Bethlehem!"
Somehow you can't look at a

BY-PASSING SANTA

(Pete Ivey, Twin City Sentinel)
A 4-year-old Winston-Salem girl named a list of 14 things she wanted Santa Claus to bring. She was about to name additional items when her mother explained that Santa Claus not only has to bring things to all of the children in the neighborhood, but in other towns in North Carolina, too—also to the thousands and thousands of children in Utah, Texas, California, France and Afghanistan.

"Maybe you'd better name just one or two things for Santa Claus to bring," said her mother.

"Well, can't Santa Claus just go ahead and wish it, just like God can?" asked the little girl.

"Not quite," said the mother. "Santa Claus doesn't have that much authority."

"Then, let's just not fool with him," said the girl. "Let's just ask God for these things."

bright star in the sky without thinking of Christmas. Since the first Wise Men beheld the Star, Christmas has been a season for looking upward, and whether he is looking for Santa through the falling snow or in admiration of a tall Christmas tree, children seem to look heavenward most during this season.

When the tree decorations have long been packed away and winter is gone, there is still a reminder of Christmas in the starlight roof—if we but look. And if we glance upward more often we will find contentment, for there is something about looking away from the earth that symbolizes faith.

Perhaps people from another planet look upward to hold our earth like a gigantic star in their heaven. How could they know that the brightest thing about this star is the faith of the people who live on it?

Men's Dress and Work Shoes For Less. WILLARD'S SHOE SHOP



Emily Post might object, but Barbara Stanwyck and Walter Huston seem to be enjoying themselves in this scene from Paramount's action drama, "The Furies," which comes next Tuesday to the Marco Theatre.

Author Ashamed Of 'Night Before'

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;—

but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

CHAUTAQUA DAYS (Laurinburg Exchange)

How many years has it been since Laurinburg, like so many other towns, counted its annual "Chautauqua" as an indispensable. In the good old summertime the chautauqua entertainers made the circuits and they usually put up here for the better part of a week, with a tent and seating arrangements. Months ahead of the program advance agents and publicity men were getting the engagement fixed and looking after the necessary financial backing. Many of us thought that to miss a chautauqua, or do without it, would be sort of calamity for the cultural interests of the community.

ANOTHER ONE (Zebulon Record)

Vance Brown was circulating the story about the undertaker that was fired because he embalmed a corpse with Hadacol and it got up off the table and walked out of the place.

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Road Death Toll Darkens Outlook For The Holiday

Everybody looks forward to the Christmas-New Year's holiday season, with the possible exception of the National Safety Council.

The Council, struggling to hold in check a rising accident toll this year, knows that the year-end holiday period includes the most dangerous dates on the calendar.

Traffic deaths alone this year are running more than 10 per

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cent ahead of 1949, according to the Council. A final death toll of about 35,000 is in prospect—the highest since 1941.

"The Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the peak accident period of the year," said Ned H. Dearborn, Council president. "Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season always add to the normal winter hazards of bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness."

"Members of the armed forces

coming home for Christmas, and families going to visit military camps of those who can't come home, will boost travel this year," he said.

A little extra time, thought and courtesy will prevent holiday tragedies, the Council believes.

Motorists were advised to start trips early and set an easy pace. Speed should be cut down if weather or road conditions are bad. Hurry and speed are at the root of most serious accidents.

Pedestrians should remember

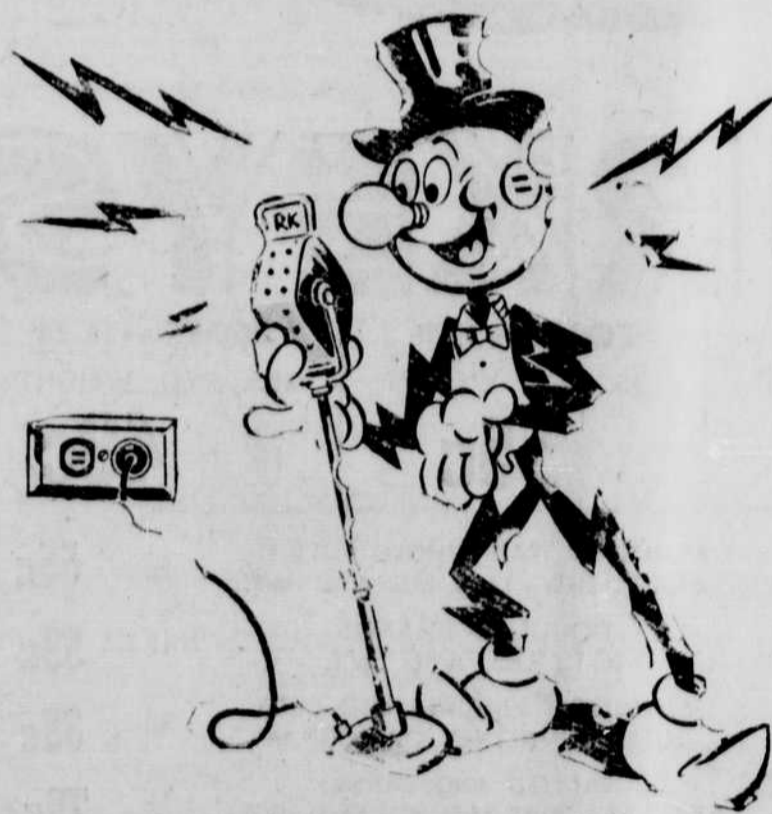
that it is much harder for drivers to see them in darker winter visibility, especially at dusk. Don't obscure your view with umbrellas or Christmas parcels.

Both drivers and pedestrians should remember that accidents due to drinking are much more prevalent during the holidays. Watch out for erratic behavior by both drivers and pedestrians, and if you take a bit of holiday cheer yourself, stay away from your car and be wary crossing streets



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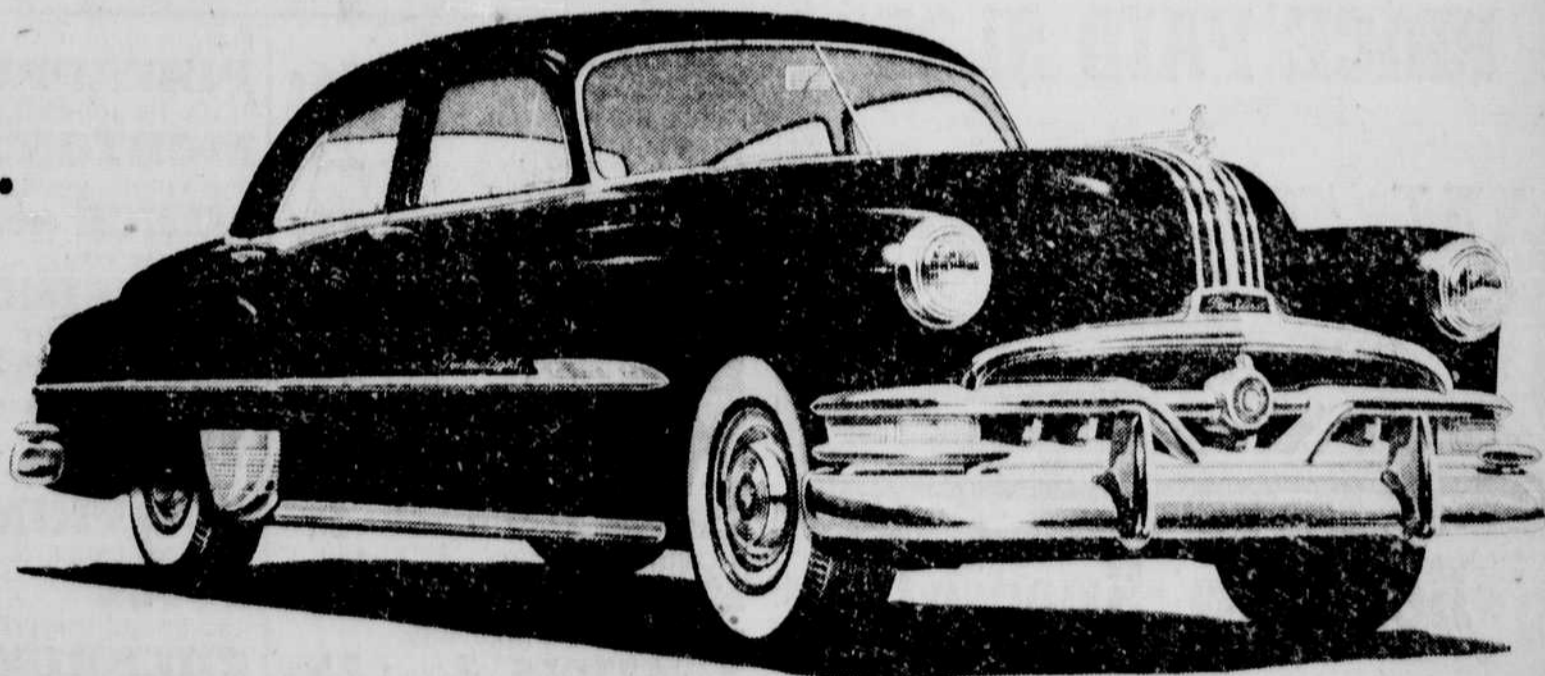


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