

MANY FACTORS ENTER INTO SAFENESS OF DRIVING AT NIGHT

A truck driver on a night trip between Los Angeles and San Bernardino decided to check his load, which consisted of a four hundred pound heater unit. He was astonished to find it gone. He dashed to the nearest phone and asked the Highway Patrol to make a search of the highway before it caused any trouble. It didn't take long to find the mis-

ing load, because it already had caused a terrible wreck in which five persons were killed.

The negligence of a truck driver in not properly securing his load placed the hazard on the highway, but even then the accident would have been avoided if the unfortunate driver had not been overdriving his headlights. When a person drives fast enough at night to make his stopping distance greater than his seeing distance, he is said to be overdriving his headlights.

Every night thousands of motor vehicles operators overdrive their headlights. In order to cope with this general tendency, eight states have set speed limits for night at a lower level than is lawfully permitted for daytime driving. Utah, has a daytime limit of 60 MPH, and a nighttime limit of 50 MPH.

Motor Vehicle operators with reduced visual acuity, because they have an additional limitation to allow for, are likely to overdrive their safe limits of speed at night by a greater margin than those with normal visual acuity. Because the overdriving of one's headlights is such a common practice, the possession of sharp visual acuity obviously becomes doubly important at night. There are many licensed

drivers who do not have normal visual acuity, but who have qualified for driving privilege merely by meeting the standard of minimum visual acuity set by their respective states. For their own protection, they would be wise to seek the maximum visual acuity obtainable for them, even though the law does not demand it.

Good headlights are an invaluable aid to driving at night but their brightness is limited by law. In Sealed Beam headlighting, the driving beam has been increased to 75,000 candlepower, which is the maximum specified in the Uniform Vehicle Code. The effective seeing distance for these powerful headlights is approximately 260 feet. Headlighting stronger than 50,000 candlepower is rarely encountered on the highways. The value of 20,000 beam candlepower is equal to or more than the average headlights found in the service. The effective range of 50,000 candlepower driving beam is approximately, 180 feet. If the braking system of one's car is in good condition, and the driver's reaction time is normal, the total stopping distance on level, dry pavement for a speed of 45 MPH is 185 feet; for 50 MPH 227 feet; for 55 MPH, 271 feet; and for 60 MPH, 314 feet. Brake inspections, always show a surprising number of serious inefficient braking systems.

Killick, in reporting traffic accidents for California in 1946, recorded that 3,441 fatal crashes occurred that year, out of which 1,906 (55 per cent) happened at night. When the closing time for bars was changed from 12 midnight to 2 a. m., the night accident peak shifted to coincide with this change of time. At night, contrast tends to operate against the driver in two ways - by increasing or by decreasing. Most pedestrians wear dark clothing, particularly at night. In the daytime, they are more easily seen because contrast between them and their background (streets, fields, buildings, etc.) is apparent. The same is true of a stalled truck on the highway in the daytime. Under darkness conditions, however, the contrast is reduced, making for greater lowered visibility of the pedestrians and the stalled truck. The loss of this helpful contrast endangers the night driver. On the other hand, contrast may be increased to a hazardous degree at night. In the daytime, contrast is such that the lighted headlamps of an oncoming car scarcely would affect a driver's vision, but at night those headlights, backgrounded by darkness, might dangerously blind him. There is evidence to show that driving under conditions of darkness is more difficult, and consequently more dangerous, than driving under conditions of good illumination. Statements like, "At night, there is one-third the traffic, but two-thirds of the traf-

fic fatalities," and, "The fatal accident rate, on a mileage basis, is three times as high at night as it is during the day," are commonly seen.

State College Wants To Farm Tomcmakers

Spots out, management specialist say! Valuable linens and clothes may be permanently spotted if stains are not removed before laundering. Hot water may set protein stains such as egg, blood, or meat juice, and soapsuds may set others such as coffee, tea, or fruit stains. Be safe—remove all stains before laundering. Keep a simple kit of supplies in a handy place so you can refer to it whenever a stain occurs.

General rules: Treat stains as soon as possible. Don't let stains dry because then they are very difficult and sometimes impossible to remove. If the stain is not greasy, try sponging it with cold water. Sugary stains are easily removed with clear water. If the stain contains grease, a dry-cleaning fluid or soapsuds may do. A fruit-flavored ice cream stain should be treated as a sugar, egg, grease, and fruit stain.

How to take out stains: Blood—fresh stain on white cottons or linens, soak in warm water. Wash in warm suds. For stubborn

stain, use salt water solution (1-4 cup salt to 2 cups water). Do not use hot water first; it may set the stain. For washable colored or fine fabrics, sponge with warm water. Wash in lukewarm suds. For nonwashable fabrics, use absorbent first. Then sponge with warm water.

Chewing gum stains on white cottons or inens — rub with ice and scrape off gum. If stain remains, sponge with dry cleaning fluid. Use the same directions for washable colored or fine fabrics. For nonwashable fabrics sponge

stain remains, sponge with water. Cream or ice cream on white with dry cleaning fluid. If sugary cottons or linens — soak in cold water. If ice cream is fruit, berry, or chocolate, treat stain as such. Wash in warm suds. Rinse well. Cream or ice cream stains on washable colored or fine fabrics — sponge with cold water. Wash in lukewarm suds. Cream or ice cream stains on nonwashable fabrics — sponge with dry cleaning fluid to remove grease. Let dry; then sponge with cold water to remove egg or sugar stains.

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BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

The Go-Getter Son Learned To Take It Easy, Live Awhile

By BILLY ROSE

It was one of those days. What with the phones going, a show rehearsing in my theatre, and people popping in and out, my office was like backstage at an Olsen and Johnson musical.

One of my appointments was with an ex-soldier who had recently returned from the Pacific. Like a thousand other kids, he was anxious to get a job in show business. I told him I'd get in touch with him if anything turned up, and asked him to excuse the short interview because I was rushed. He smiled and walked to the door.

"What are you grinning about?" I asked.

"Oh, nothing," he said. "I just happened to think of another fellow who was in a hurry."

The way he said it made me curious. "Tell me about the other fellow," I said.

"He was nobody important," said the ex-G. I. "He and his father farmed a small piece of land, but except for their name and the patch of ground, they had little in common. The old man believed in taking it easy. The son was the go-getter type."

"One morning, they loaded the cart, hitched up the ox and set out for the city. The young fellow figured that if they kept going all day and night, they'd get to the market by next morning. So he walked alongside the ox and kept prodding it with a stick."

"Take it easy," said the old man. "You'll last longer."

"If we get to market ahead of the others," said his son, "we have a better chance of getting good prices."

"THE OLD MAN pulled his hat down over his eyes and went to sleep on the seat. Four miles and four hours down the road, they came to a little house. 'Here's your uncle's place,' said the father, waking up. 'Let's stop in and say hello.'"

"We've lost an hour already," complained the go-getter.

"Then a few minutes more won't matter," said his father. "My brother and I live so close, yet we see each other so seldom."

"The young man figed it while the two old gentlemen gossiped away an hour."

"On the move again, the father took his turn leading the ox. When they came to a fork in the road, the old man directed the ox to the right. 'The left is the shorter way,' said the boy."

"I know it," said the old man.

"By the time the other cart was back on the road, it was eight o'clock. Suddenly a great flash of lightning split the sky. Then there was thunder. Beyond the hills, the heavens grew dark."

"Looks like a big rain in the city," said the old man.

"If we had been on time, we'd be sold out by now," grumbled his son.

"Take it easy," said the old gentleman. "You'll last longer."

"It wasn't until afternoon that they got to the top of the hill overlooking the town. They looked down at it for a long time. Finally the young man who had been in such a hurry said, 'I see what you mean, father.'"

"They turned their cart around and drove away from what had once been the city of Hiroshima."

"That's THE NICEST thing you've said in a long time," smiled the old fellow. A minute later, he was asleep.

"Before sunrise, the young man shook his father awake and they went on. A mile down the road, they came upon a farmer trying to pull his cart from a ditch. 'Let's give him a hand,' said the father."

"And lose more time?" asked the son.

"Relax," said the old man. "Some day you may be in a ditch yourself."

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Real Estate LOANS

I have moved my office from Central Avenue to the back of Raeford Super Market. Phone No. 6231. I will be glad to handle applications for FHA loans or GI Loans. This week I have 4 houses for sale in various parts of Raeford.

Julian Wright

Do your Christmas Shopping in our HOMETOWN

Mother and Dad holding secret conferences Junior being very well behaved Christmas is definitely on its way!

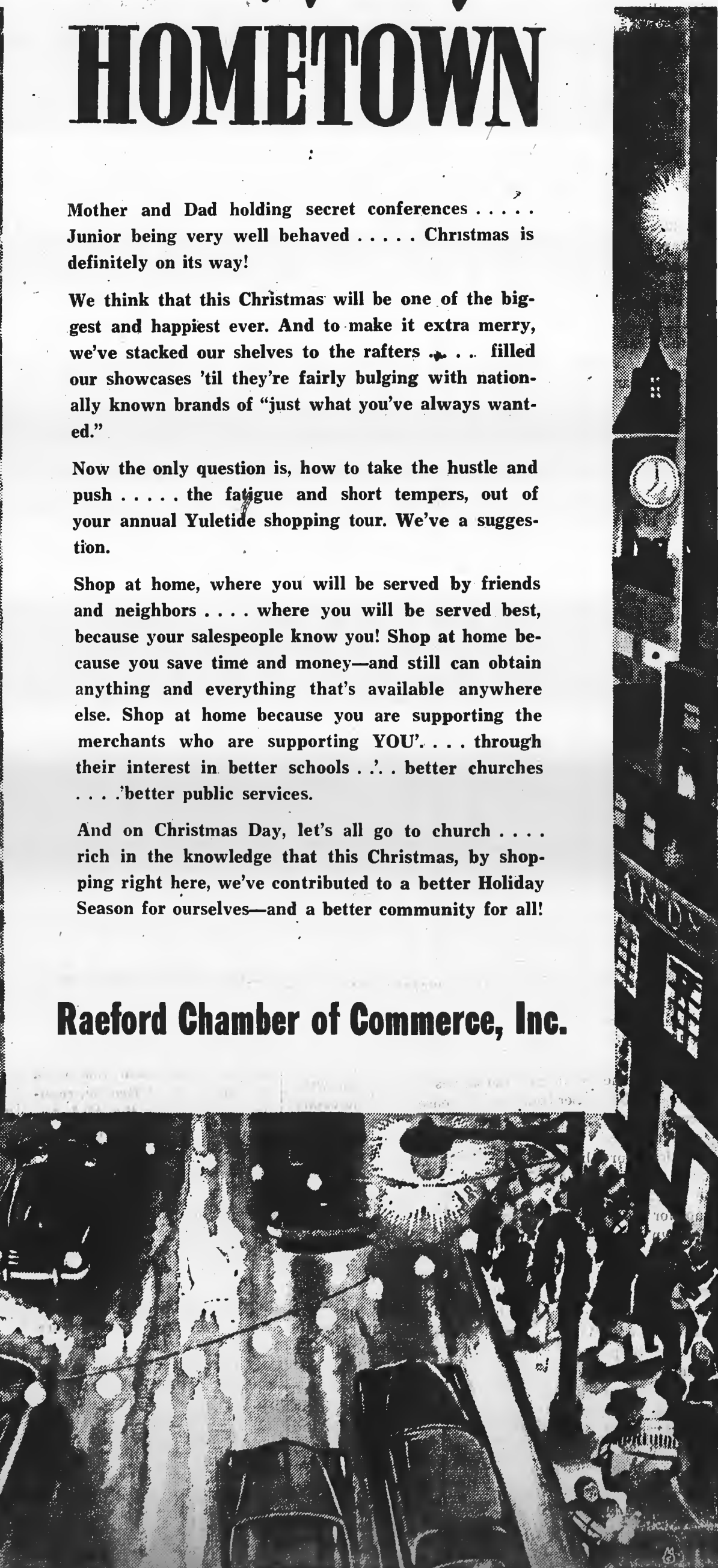
We think that this Christmas will be one of the biggest and happiest ever. And to make it extra merry, we've stacked our shelves to the rafters . . . filled our showcases 'til they're fairly bulging with nationally known brands of "just what you've always wanted."

Now the only question is, how to take the hustle and push the fatigue and short tempers, out of your annual Yuletide shopping tour. We've a suggestion.

Shop at home, where you will be served by friends and neighbors . . . where you will be served best, because your salespeople know you! Shop at home because you save time and money—and still can obtain anything and everything that's available anywhere else. Shop at home because you are supporting the merchants who are supporting YOU. . . . through their interest in better schools . . . better churches . . . better public services.

And on Christmas Day, let's all go to church . . . rich in the knowledge that this Christmas, by shopping right here, we've contributed to a better Holiday Season for ourselves—and a better community for all!

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