

Truck Drivers More Careful

In the matter of safe driving, the average truck driver comes closer to being his brother's keeper than does the average passenger car operator, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, declared this week.

Hocutt said accident records on file with the safety division indicate that truck drivers as a whole have a better safety record than drivers of private passenger cars.

During the first six months of this year, 4,841 passenger cars in this state were involved in traffic accidents, and 828 trucks were involved in accidents during the same period. This is a ratio of approximately six passenger car accidents to every truck accident. Truck and passenger car registrations in the state run at about the same ratio, there being approximately 80,000 trucks and 480,000 passenger cars registered in the State.

"At first glance," Hocutt said, "it would appear from these figures that the safety record of the passenger car operators and that of truck drivers is about on a par, but this does not take into consideration the fact that the mileage of the average

passenger car is considerably lower than the mileage of the average truck. Trucks are driven many more miles and are on the road many more hours than passenger cars, as a rule, and thus trucks are subjected to a far greater accident exposure than passenger cars."

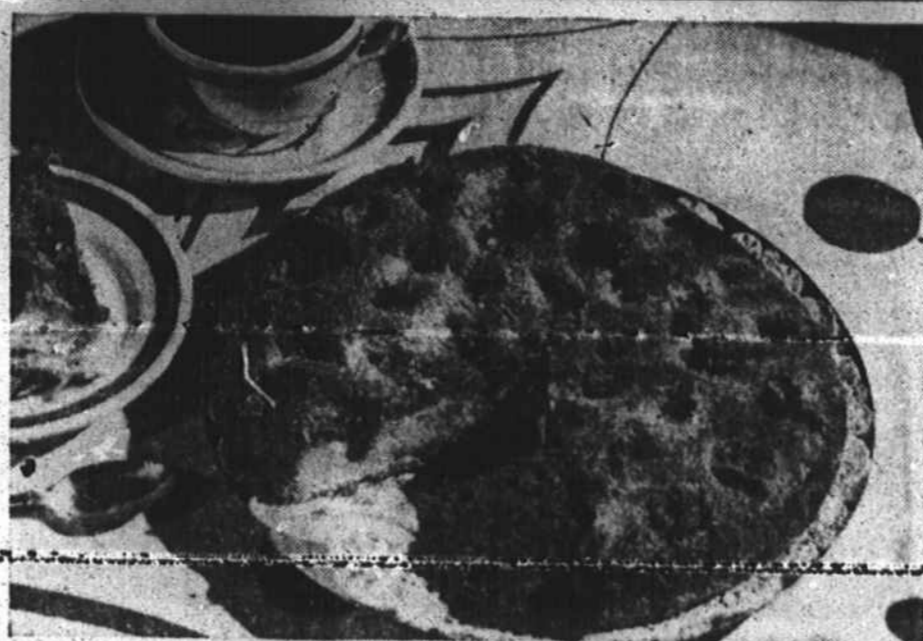
The safety director told of the oil transport driver who recently was awarded a certificate for driving five years without an accident.

"It took a h—of a lot of dodging to get this," commented the driver.

Hocutt said most truck drivers practice "defensive driving," which consists not only of keeping themselves out of trouble, but also of not forcing other drivers into situations that result in accidents.

"Truck drivers generally are more courteous and more considerate of other traffic than the average passenger car operator," Hocutt stated. "Many of them stop their trucks to assist drivers of passenger cars who encounter trouble. Most of them dim their lights at night when meeting other cars, and they blink their lights to let cars coming up from behind know that it is safe to pass. In general, the truck drivers of this state are a pretty courteous and careful group of drivers." "Many passenger car operators who are prone to cause truck drivers should examine their own driving faults," Hocutt added.

Quick Coffee Cake Fills Many a Bill



IF ITS company that drops in for overnight, or a case of wanting to "treat" the family, a quick coffee cake dresses up almost any breakfast.

When inspired to bake extra, but time limits you, then the new self-rising flour is a good friend. Baking powder and salt are ready-mixed into it and evenly, too, so your precious time is saved. Just mix in fat, sugar, egg and liquid, and the coffee cake is ready for the oven. But here is the exact recipe: Quick Coffee Cake. Cut or rub 2 tablespoons fat into

2 cups self-rising flour. Beat 1 egg with 3 tablespoons sugar, and add to 3/4 cup milk. Add liquid to flour mixture, and spread batter in greased pan (layer should be 1/2 inch thick). Cover with top mixture and bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) about 15 minutes.

Top Mixture for Coffee Cake. Rub 4 tablespoons butter into 1 tablespoon self-rising flour, 1/2 cup sugar (confectioner's or granulated), and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Press 2 dozen raisins into batter at regular intervals, and sprinkle sugar mixture over top.

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First Scout Court This Evening

The Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held this evening at 7:30 at the City Court Room.

This will be the first court since the summer vacation period. All Scouts whether coming up before the court for advancement are being urged to attend.

All boys over 12 years of age are given an invitation to be present.

All men interested in Scouting as the great character building agency and preserver of the American way of life are urged to be present to give their support to the organization as they open their new season and campaign for membership and

interest. During the summer Scouts from each of the eight troops attended the Boy Scout Camp at Lake Lenier near Tryon. At the camp many of the Scouts made advancements and received their awards at the Court of Honor held there.

New AAA Farm Program Follows Defense Idea

With national defense the paramount issue in the country today, the 1941 AAA farm program has been designed to tie in closely with defense aims, says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College.

The new program, which has just been announced, will emphasize conservation of the soil and the maintenance of abundant supplies through an ever-normal granary plan.

Based on recommendations of farmer-committeemen who met in Washington earlier in the summer, the 1941 program will follow the same general lines of the 1939 and 1940 programs.

Small farmers' needs have been given further consideration in the new program, Floyd said. For instance, the provision under which at least \$20 may be earned on any farm through conservation measures will be continued in 1941. If as much as \$15 is earned by planting forest trees, any farm may receive as much as \$35 under the program. The program also provides that on small farms where the maximum payment is not more than \$20, any part of the soil-building allowance may be earned by carrying out locally adapted conservation practices not included in the National program.

This provision will be applicable in designated areas where needed, and the practices for which payment will be made in this special group will be recommended by local committeemen.

Likewise, Floyd said, in areas where feed crops are not generally produced for market, any farmer may grow as much as 30 acres of soil-depleting crops without incurring a deduction for exceeding the total soil-depleting acreage allotment.

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