

32,000 KILLED BY AUTOS IN 1938

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 31 (Special)—Is experience the best teacher? Where automobile accidents are concerned, experience is the best teacher only when it is somebody else's experience, according to a

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new booklet entitled "Lest We Regret" just issued by the Travelers Insurance Company. The booklet presents a comprehensive analysis, based on official reports from the 48 states, of the facts about accidents, in which 32,000 persons were killed and more than a million were injured last year.

"The experience of losing his life is wasted on the driver or pedestrian killed in an automobile accident," the foreword states. "The experience of months in a hospital cot or of weeks in a law court is costly tuition for one's education in safety. If we wish to avoid these costs, we must apply the experience of others to ourselves."

The experience of the thousands who had to learn their lesson "the hard way" in 1938 brings to light many interesting facts such as the following:

Exceeding the speed limit was responsible for 39.6 per cent of the deaths and 25 per cent of the

injuries. Despite a decrease in fatalities in 1938 compared with 1937, the percentage caused by speed went up.

Almost 94 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were male and only six per cent female.

More than 84 per cent of the fatal accidents occurred in clear weather, and 77 per cent happened when the road surface was dry.

More persons were killed on Sunday than any other day of the week, while the heaviest injury toll came on Saturday. More persons were killed between seven and eight p. m. than at any other hour.

Almost 43 per cent of all victims of fatal traffic accidents were pedestrians. Almost half of all pedestrians killed were either crossing between intersections or walking on rural highways.

"Danger Unit" Introduced In addition to the statistical analysis, the booklet introduces a new and unique concept of driving in terms of "Danger Units." It is pointed out that energy increases progressively as the speed of the car increases, but that the increment in energy far outstrips the addition to miles per hour.

Taking as its equivalent the average shock limit of the human body, the Danger Unit is mathematically equal to the energy developed in an automobile moving at 25 miles per hour, to a street-width of actual stopping distance, to one "roll-over" in case of an accident, or to the fall of a person off a two story house. This concept coupled with the known fact that the energy of a moving body increases as the square of the speed,

is illustrated in word-pictures clearly understandable even to persons whose knowledge of physical laws or of engineering is limited.

High Speeds Costly

Also contained in the booklet is a discussion of the high cost of fast driving. An increase in average speed from 35 to 45 miles per hour will save a little more than six hours costs about 65 cents. An increase in average speed from 35 to 55 miles per hour jumps the cost of hours saved to about \$1.20 each.

The insurance company will distribute two million copies of the booklet this year in the interest of highway safety. Single copies or quantities are available through the company or any of its agents.

LISTEN TO THIS By HOBART T. MITCHELL

Brother-in-Law The sister of Francis Scott Key, author of "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" married Roger B. Taney, former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who wrote the famous opinion in the Dred Scott case, in which he stated "a Negro has no rights which a white man is bound to respect. Taney died at the age of 87 years, penniless.

Jaffery, N. H. (Tombstone epitaph) "Sacred to the memory of Violate, by purchase the slaves of Amos Fortune, by marriage, his wife his companion and solace, and by death his widow.

(Amos Fortune was a free Negro who settled in Jaffery, New Hampshire.)

Master and Servant

Thomas E. Beall of Columbia county, Georgia, in 1858, willed Nancy Goings, a free person of color, 100 acres of land bordering on the Sweet Water Creek, adjoining lands belonging to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Camp Ground.

Nancy Goings was prevented from acquiring title to this parcel of land by an act passed January 22, 1852. Free people of color could acquire and hold real estate in Georgia, except in the cities of Savannah, Augusta and Darien.

Mr. Beall was one of those slave owners that "loved" his slaves if the tone of his will had anything to do with his character. Twenty shares of the Georgia Railroad was put in trust for one slave others were given lands and houses railroad fare and money if they wanted to move to California; \$1500 for each slave was placed with the Colonization Society if any wished to go to Liberia, Africa.

After a research of several years I cannot recall a better case to illustrate that tie which existed, in some instances, between master, and servant in the days of slavery.

Insurance

One large insurance company (white) insures the lives of close to 2,000,000 Negroes. Over one-sixth of their business comes from my group. (Are you thinking the same thing I am?)

4000 a Day

Between October 1933 and January 1935, Negroes went on relief at the rate of 4000 a day.

Permanent Waves

Drs. Newton and Comer, of Ashley County, Arkansas, in 1855 stated that some physiologists are of the opinion that in the head of the mulatto, there is some Negro hair, and some white hair, and from generation to generation the Negro hair never runs out. However, Drs. Newton and Comer, were of the opinion that the Negro hair would not run out before it passed the second generation. It may in the third generation have WAVES. The hair never becomes straight until after the third descent from the Negro, from either father or mother's side. (Permanent waves are in style these days, Doctor).

The Law

The law of the state of Kentucky, in 1880, implies that a white person indicted by a grand jury composed wholly of persons of the

white cannot complain because Negroes were excluded; or says Louisiana, in 1892, a Negro cannot demand that he be tried for a criminal offense by a jury of his own race.

Domestic Troubles

The Negro suicide rate is nearly two thirds as high as the white. The rural Negro seldom commits suicide, but this cannot be said of the Negro who lives in the city—more financial and domestic troubles.

Peace on Earth

With the whole world talking war, Father Divine whose followers are said to number 10 million, has placed the word "PEACE" on more tongues than any two men in the world.

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Nebraska farmers will have lost between 800 and 1200 miles of farm-to-market roads by June, 1939 as result of the present one-half cent gas tax diversion, according to figures released today based on State Engineer A. C. Tilley's estimate that by that time Nebraska will have lost \$2,350,000 in state highway revenue.

"Nebraska farmers need and deserve more and better farm-to-market roads and such highways would be forthcoming if the gasoline tax revenue were not being diverted for purposes other than the building and maintenance of Nebraska Roads," Harry S. Byrne, secretary of Nebraska Good Roads Association said.

"We are doing our share to curb gas tax diversion by calling it to the attention of Nebraskans who are vitally interested," Mr. Byrne continued.

"What we are urging the farmers to do is to write state senators and appeal to them, for the benefit of Nebraska farmers, to vote against all gasoline tax diversion measures which would further deprive them of the roads necessary for them to sell the products they raise in their fields."

In line with the added mileage of farm-to-market roads, Mr. Byrne pointed out that more than 1700 men could be working steady and support 7,000 persons if the present diversion were not in effect.

The figures are based on estimates that \$1,000,000 would be used for common labor and employing 1100 men fulltime, \$691,000 being used for skilled labor with 630 of this class being given full-time employment, and the remaining \$187,000 of labor 80 percent of the \$2,350,000, or \$1,878,000 going to supervisory labor.

Br. Byrne cited the following stands of various farm groups in concluding his appeal to farmers to act now to avoid further inroads being made on gasoline tax revenue.

The National Grange: "Every special tax collection for highway improvement should be conserved for that purpose alone. Consequently, no gasoline tax diversion should be permitted."

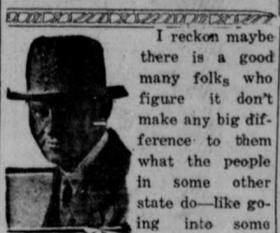
Farm Bureau Federation: "Resolved, that we again reiterate our

opposition to the diversion by States of gasoline tax revenue for other purpose than the bulding and maintenance of highway.

Farmer's Union: "Farmers purchase more gasoline than any other group; hence they are the largest payers of gasoline taxes. Gasoline taxes were imposed for construction and maintenance of highways, being considered as the fairest measure of the use of highways. We are, therefore, opposed to the appropriation of gasoline or, tax funds for other than highway purposes."

The latter statement, Mr. Byrne explained, was made by E. H. Everson, president of the National Farmers educational and Cooperative Union.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE



I reckon maybe there is a good many folks who figure it don't make any big difference to them what the people in some other state do—like going into some Jo Serra kind of venture. And I got a neighbor who sure is slick with a pencil and figures, and we were gassin' about the Govt. edging into the electric business in Tennessee and other places. And this neighbor he says, Jo, do you know he says, that when the Govt. takes over the plant or something down there, that it is costing you plenty. And I says, help, no. And he says, sure as shooting. And he showed me how the Federal taxes, they fall equal on everybody, whether you are in Montana or Philadelphia. And if the the Govt. takes over something in Tennessee and quits paying taxes on it, somebody has got to make it up—and they just add it onto everybody, whoever you happen to

hang out—even Stephen on everybody. And he says maybe you been thinking it is a good joke on the folks down there around Chattanooga and other places. but Jo, he says, you are the guy the joke is on. Yours, with the low down JO. SERRA

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Hot Mikado Causes Resignation of New York PWA Agent

New York, March 3 (ANP)—Dissatisfaction with the office of Paul Edwards, local PWA art projects head, over denying organizations long supporting the project the privilege of buying theatre parties for the hot version of "The Mikado" was given by Theodore A. Mauntz as his reason for resigning Tuesday as publicity director

The show, to be shown in New York as "The Swincopated Mikado" will come here from Chicago and open March 1. It was stated that the production enjoyed unusual success in Chicago without parties, and Harry Minturn, project director there, did not want to alter the policy for the New York run.

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