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How wondrous the message given to all mankind at Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago. Now, during the Christmas Season 1961, an uneasy world pauses to hear the glad tidings, and is filled with hope and joy once more. The Daily Nebraskan Staff wishes you a Joyous Holiday Season.

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## Holiday Disasters To Strike Again?

By Tom Kotouc

"The college driver is inclined to be more reckless because of his youth," said Gov. Frank B. Morrison.

"The longer we live the more cautious we become from seeing some of the tragic results of carelessness on the highway," said Morrison.

"Because of their quick reaction time and better eyesight, youth tend to push their luck," said the governor. "If we could only get the college youth to exercise the same caution as a person in later life, the accident rate of college youth could be lower than any other age group."

Youth of college-age are involved in 36 per cent of all fatal automobile accidents, while they hold only 17.5 per cent of the licenses, according to National Safety Council figures.

### Lights On

"The 'lights on' campaign, a key factor in saving lives over Thanksgiving, will be used during the holidays," the governor said. "However, use the low beam during the day, not the high."

Col. C. J. Sanders of the Nebraska Safety Patrol said that "Overcelebrating is a significant factor in boosting the accident rate."

"Accident figures for the nation show that throughout the year, 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents involve a drinking driver, but during the holiday season the figure rises to 55 per cent."

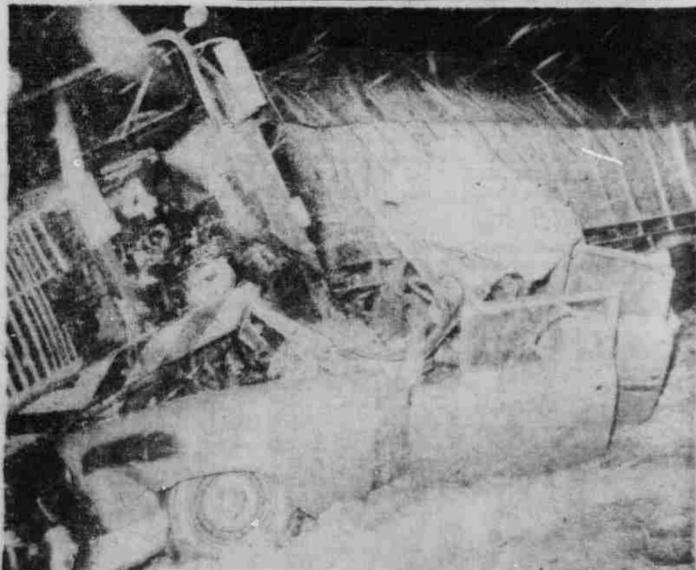
National Safety Council figures show that you must wait one hour before driving safely for each bottle of beer or each ounce of whiskey consumed.

Thomas Ryan, Nebraska Accidents Statistic bureau, said that during the last six hours of Christmas eve, the hourly rate for fatal accidents was five times greater than it was for the remainder of the holiday. "Sixty per cent of these Christmas eve accidents involved the drinking driver."

### 500 Deaths

The National Safety Council predicts over 500 deaths and 23,000 injuries for the Christmas-New Year holidays, days.

"We say that we can't be one of the 500," Ryan said. "Yet I'll bet that not one



## And Then There Were None

Poor visibility from snow-icy roads—plus possible inattentiveness hurried three high school and college students into an oncoming semi-trailer truck. The car skidded sideways out of control after attempts to

get a wheel which had dropped off the right edge of the pavement back on failed. A grating of flesh against metal left this gore in the ditch.

of the 15 Nebraskans killed in the 1958 Christmas holiday season planned that he would soon be twisted and dead when he put his foot down on the accelerator. Neither did the 310 slaughtered this year on Nebraska roads.

"The greatest weakness of University students who drive is their inattention," Ryan said. "They keep their minds on things other than the on-

coming car or slippery road conditions, saying that it won't happen to them."

Capt. Eugene Masters of the campus police advised students to "Start their trip early so they won't have to rush."

"Students do an exceptionally good job of driving on campus," he said, "but with the narrow and icy streets, how can they do otherwise?"

the University Health Service.

"They must know how to take care of themselves. You never know . . . these things do happen."

"But, it is a proven fact that wherever there is a pre-

paredness plan of operations, mortalities are reduced," the doctor said.

"Naturally we want the students to play a part in any Civil Defense and disaster planning," noted Dr. Feunung during a meeting this week of several University officials and Col. Judson M. Smith, deputy director of the Nebraska Civil Defense Agency.

### Representatives

University representatives at the meeting were Dr. Feunung; Roy Loudon, director of personnel; Ed Simpson, public health engineer, and Charles Fowler, director of Buildings and Grounds.

It was explained to Col. Smith that the University is set up almost as a small-scale city with its own power plant and police department among other operational facilities — everything except its own fire department and drinking wells.

So far, however, nothing on either city or ag campus has been designated as a possible shelter area, nor have specific provisions been made for food and water storage.

According to Smith July 1, 1961, is the tentative target date for completion of a survey to bring possible shelter areas all over the state up to standard.

### Contracts

The Army Corps of Engineers is now letting contracts to private engineers and architects in the state who have taken a special two-weeks course from them to conduct the survey.

All contracts should be out by Dec. 31, 1961.

The survey will include inspection of any building capable of sheltering 50 or more people, and a report of all the facilities and what can or should be done, explained Smith.

It was pointed out to Smith that several years ago, the University was studying pos-

sible plans for an underground garage which could double as a shelter area, but no cost estimates were ever made.

Using the words "strategic evacuation," Smith pointed out to the group that the best plan of operations the University could follow if the situation arose is to "close up shop, send the students home, and evacuate all but the essential personnel."

The situation of "strategic evacuation," which could only be so designated by the President of the United States, means that the potential danger situation becomes so tense as to warrant evacuation.

The eventual decision as to

## Committee Upholds Suspension

Only one of the two students suspended from school "for acts of vandalism" and "their association with a forbidden sub rosa secret organization" appeared before the Suspension Appeals committee Wednesday.

His appeal was turned down and the suspension went into effect immediately, said Dean J. P. Colbert of the Division of Student Affairs.

The second student withdrew his request to appeal before the committee met. He signed a statement which said he accepted the suspension.

Dean Colbert said the suspensions had been held "in abeyance" until the committee affirms the appeal, if it does so.

The suspension began Dec. 7, 1961, and extends through June 7, 1962, which is the last day of second semester final exams.

whether this plan would go into effect would rest with the governor, the adjutant general, and the individuals of the state, according to Smith.

Smith stressed the strategic importance of the continuance of essential positions in the city.

"You can't win a war unless the government, industry, and agriculture can continue to survive and operate," said the Civil Defense official.

### Attack

"Technical evacuation" was explained by Smith as the actual "bombs away" situation. "If an attack comes, we've got to have the machinery ready to handle the situation."

The mission of the University if such an attack came, would be to "be prepared to accept and care for what ever comes in, provided your facilities were operational," said Smith.

Learning of the recent proposals of a local committee, which is part of the National Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy, Smith commented, "It's a simple fact that bombs do exist, and there are people lousy enough to use them. They may criticize our policy but not Civil Defense per se. Americans must protect themselves and their freedom. Civil Defense is everybody's business."

### Program

Smith said that the best way to set up a good Civil Defense program is to "utilize what is already in existence," not try to completely re-organize.

He also noted that Civil Defense planning should not be planned according to fall-out possibilities. "Fallout is subject to the vagaries of the wind," said the colonel. "In event of an attack, it would affect the timing of operations, but not what is accomplished."



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## Doctors Scarce in Disaster