

Car You Drive May Be A Death Trap

Late one night, a father and his two children were rounding a curve outside Pittsburgh. Suddenly, the hood of the car flew up, blocking the father's vision. Frantically he slammed on his brakes—but too late. He crashed head on into an incoming car.

He and his children are now statistics, living only as digits in the ever-mounting total of auto deaths—3,300 last year.

The hood of this father's car was loose as a result of a previous minor collision. He had failed to have it repaired. All the miles he had driven with that loosened hood, he had been driving a death trap.

Millions of Americans are driving death traps. Safety surveys show that almost one-fifth of America's vehicles are unsafe because they need servicing and repairs. Is your car among them?

Precisely how many fatalities are due to unsafe operating condition of the vehicles involved is anybody's guess. For after a steel-crushing crash, it is usually impossible to say with finality that the accident was caused by maintenance neglect.

But it stands to reason that you are more likely to have an accident in a car whose brakes are in need of repair, whose front windshield wipers are not working, whose tires are dangerously worn or whose lights are badly aimed or burned out. Also, you are running a risk if your car's plugs are fouled, its valves sticky, its wiring in need of replacement.

If the engine has lost compression you may suddenly need.

Some 43 per cent of our passenger cars and 34 per cent of our trucks are nine years old or older. Thus, there are on the roads more than 10 million vehicles of ancient vintage, in probable need of safety service.

Don't assume that simply because you drive a car five years old or "younger," you need not have your car "safety-checked" at regular intervals.

Automobiles and trucks, like all operating machinery, require regular service to keep them in safe condition. Too many drivers assume their cars will run on and on—with servicing. And so they will—but not efficiently nor, eventually, with safety.

Because of drivers' neglect, more and more states are passing periodic-inspection laws. Nothing can take the place of personal responsibility. Care will not only save your car—it may save your life. The penalty for your negligence may be death. Worse still, your neglect may cost the lives of others.

CARS ARE SAFER

All of today's automobiles are designed and built for safety. The biggest cause of accidents is still "the loose nut behind the steering wheel"—the reckless and the deathtrap driver. Tightening that "loose nut" is your job. And the auto dealers and service stations of America stand ready to help you.

Every spring and fall, they put on "safety service" campaigns to remind you to check the condition of your car. The cynic sees these campaigns as nothing more than pieces of promotion designed to sell you parts and service. And it is true that auto dealers and service stations profit from your business. But that's what profit is—simply a regard for needed service rendered. And, as every gas station will witness, much of this service is free. This spring many auto dealers will check the "safety" items on your car without charge, reporting to you, without obligation, the need for necessary replacement or repairs.

You may be the one to profit most from a safety check of your car. Be a wise guy if you want to—and skip it. But don't call yourself a good driver. "Good drivers drive safe cars," says the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee. Dumb drivers, it might be added, drive death traps.

PRACTICE SCHEDULED

Practice for installation of officers of Oakland Bethel 42, Job's Daughters, will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Hall. All newly appointed officers and participants are requested to be present. Girls in the flag and Bible ceremonies are asked to be at practice by 1:30 p.m.



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Federated Garden Clubs Convention At Ontario

The annual convention of Oregon State Federated Garden Clubs will be held in Ontario, June 10 to 13. Reservation should be made today with Mrs. Don Engston, 813 Adrian Blvd., Nyssa, Ore.

The convention will open with a reception Sunday evening. Noted guest speakers have been secured for different events each day. The convention banquet will be held Tuesday evening, at which time the state awards will be made. It is reported that some 500 hotel and motel accommodations are available, but those planning to attend are urged to make reservations, reports correspondent Mrs. Hazel Marsh.

Volcanologist Urges Use Of Study Instruments

HONOLULU (AP)—Dr. Gordon A. MacDonald, noted Hawaiian volcanologist, urged today that instruments capable of picking up imminent volcanic outbreaks be set up immediately on Oahu and Kauai islands.

He said there are no instruments in the area capable of picking up tremors that precede an eruption.

Dr. MacDonald said the bleaching of smoke and ashes from an apparent undersea volcanic eruption 40 miles from Honolulu in the Kauai Channel is evidence that the volcanoes of the north Hawaii chain still are potentially active. However, he doesn't think the undersea eruptions noted by planes the past two days necessarily mean a shift to either of the heavily populated islands.

Labor Relations Panel Urges Halt To Hanford Rift

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's atomic energy labor relations panel has urged an end to the two-month strike of construction workers at the Hanford, Wash., atomic project.

Three unions involved have replied they will end the stoppage provided working conditions prevailing at the start of the strike are restored. The panel said it intended that pre-strike conditions prevail while it considers the case.

The panel, headed by Cyrus Ching, former director of the Federal Mediation Service, has a standing rule that it won't help settle a dispute so long as a strike is in progress. Once the Hanford strike is ended the panel plans to hold hearings and recommend settlement terms.

The dispute involves "isolation" and roundtrip transportation allowances given to Hanford workers heretofore, running to three or four dollars a week in excess of wages. Contractors in the Spokane area wanted these reduced to conform to area pay practices for members of the same unions.

An agreement was worked out with all building trades unions on the Hanford project except the cement finishers, operating engineers and teamsters unions. It provides for wage rates to be raised to par down gradually the special Hanford allowances. The three unions, representing 182 workers, went on strike the latter part of March and about 1,200 members of other unions on the project have refused to cross picket lines, with the result that all construction has been stopped.

Feeling Running High In Controversy On Dogs

THE DALLES (AP)—Feeling is running high here in a controversy on whether dogs should be allowed to run free.

One man complained some one shot his dog, and offered a \$100 reward for information leading to conviction of the person who did it. Other dog owners raised this to \$150.

Others complained to police of dogs, and one man advertised a bounty for any stray shot on the streets, and added that he would shoot any stray that came onto his property.

In addition to the dog that was shot, another has died from poisoning.

Motorist Tells Of Attack On Him And His Family

PORTLAND (AP)—Leonard Koberstein, 37, of Gaston told police Wednesday a car blocked his at S. W. Park Ave. and Burnside

Wednesday night, several men got out and started to attack him and members of his family.

Koberstein said one yanked him from the car and another reached in and hit his daughter, 17.

Then, he said the men got back into their car and drove off.

The trouble started, he said, when he made a mistake and turned the wrong way into a one-way street.

Baby Boy Found Following Tip In Idaho Woods

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP)—A cute, black-haired baby boy, found abandoned in the brush and already nick-named the "cookie box kid," squaled with the best of them Thursday and was fast becoming General Hospital's most popular patient.

TEACHER RESIGNS

Fred Searle Jr. has resigned as eighth grade teacher at Canyonville School, according to Supt. O. J. Monger.

He told correspondent Virginia Proctor that Searle, who has taught the eighth grade at Canyonville for the last five years, will accept a position in the Butte, Mont., school system.

Mrs. Searle taught the second grade for a year and filled in as substitute many times.

Police, led by telephone tips from an unknown man, found the newborn baby Wednesday afternoon in a cardboard cookie box that had been placed in brush about 200 feet from the highway 12 miles north of here.

The infant, who was four to six hours old when first found, appeared lifeless when State Police-

man W. W. Cox and Deputy Sheriff Clifford Johnson uncovered his wrappings of pink blanket. The baby threw out a tiny clenched fist, cried a bit and started breathing normally.

"It was a miracle to watch,"

said Miss Frances Cope, reporter for the Coeur d'Alene Press, who had accompanied the officers to the scene.

The baby was rushed to the hospital here and soon was considered out of danger.

Miss Cope said the baby had apparently received no care after birth and was not even washed before being placed in the box.

"He's a cute little fellow, with a touch of black hair and a fighting heart," she said.

He was taken to a local hospital where his condition was said to be fair at noon Thursday.

Eugene Man Is Injured When Car Strikes Bridge

EUGENE (AP)—Andrew Lee Hanson, Eugene, was injured early Thursday when his auto hurtled against a bridge abutment and was demolished.

Hanson suffered a compound fracture of the right lower leg, a fractured right thigh, a fractured left arm, compound chest fracture and head lacerations.

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