

By FRANK JENKINS
In a special bulletin issued this morning, the National Safety Council estimates that during the coming 78-hour Christmas week-end—from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday, local time—virtually EVERY ONE OF THE NATION'S 74 MILLION MOTOR VEHICLES will be in operation at some time during the holiday period.

It adds:
"During this 78-hour period Americans will drive SIX BILLION MILES."

Pretty rugged?
Too dangerous to tackle?
Better stay at home?

Wait a minute.
Down toward the end of its bulletin, the Safety Council adds:
"The six billion miles American motorists will drive during the coming holiday period is (only) 200 MILLION miles more than is driven during a NORMAL Friday evening to Monday midnight period."

Which is to say:
The American motoring public is expected to drive 6,000,000 miles during the coming holiday week-end.

The American motoring public in a similar non-holiday period, NORMALLY drives 5,800,000 miles.

Millions and billions sound big. They tend to scare us out of our boots. So let's break these figures down to something that will give us a more understandable comparison.

Let's put it this way:
People are expected to drive 60 miles during the coming Christmas week-end.

They normally drive 58 miles. Put that way, the CONGESTION hazard doesn't look so bad.

The American habit of getting families together is a WONDERFUL habit. It's good for all of us. Whatever is good for all the people is good for the nation. If families are going to get together for the Christmas holiday period, it is going to take a lot of traveling. And it isn't so much the AMOUNT of driving that kills as the KIND of driving.

So—
In conclusion—
Let's offer a little advice.

Don't get in a hurry. Watch the approaching traffic. Watch intersecting traffic. Slow for curves. Keep an eye out for slick places. Keep your eye on the ROAD and the TRAFFIC. Leave the scenery for some other time. Don't try to pass when there isn't room. Where possible, stick to the safer outside lanes. Stay ALERT. Don't let your attention wander.
If you'll do this, you'll be pretty sure to arrive safely at your destination.

Judge Post To Alderson

SALEM (AP) — The appointment of Frank R. Alderson as Lane County district judge effective Jan. 3 was announced today. He succeeds Ed Leavy, who was elected to the circuit court bench.
Gov. Mark Hatfield said that Alderson was one of those recommended by the Lane County Bar Association. Hatfield made the appointment.
Alderson, 35, is married and the father of three children. He is president of the Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was district attorney of Klamath County from 1952-55.

Berlin Threat Voiced Anew

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's Communist regime today issued a new ultimatum threatening Allied and German travel to isolated West Berlin.
An editorial in Neues Deutschland, the official Communist party newspaper, declared that unless a new trade pact is signed this month between West and East Germany, all agreements on traffic to Berlin will become invalid on Jan. 1, 1961.
The editorial said the East German government will offer the Western Allies in Berlin a special arrangement for military transports to Berlin. Presumably the Allies would again refuse to deal with the East Germans since they do not recognize the Red regime.

Shooting Times
OREGON
December 20
7:00 a.m.—4:40 p.m.
CALIFORNIA
December 20
6:30 a.m.—4:36 p.m.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity —
Partly cloudy tonight; fair Tuesday after morning fog. Low tonight 25-30; high Tuesday 35-40.
High Sunday 48
Low last night 36
Precip. past 24 hours .07
Since Oct. 1 5.19
Same period last year .84

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Weather

Mount Shasta-Siskiyou area —
Cloudy today; fair tonight and Tuesday; little temperature change.
Northern California — Fair through Tuesday except local valley fog and clouds in extreme north; colder Alturas-Susanville area tonight.

Hundreds Trapped By Fire Aboard Carrier

Capsule Rocket Shot Successful

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The United States successfully rocketed an unmanned model of its man-in-space capsule 130 miles high today and dropped it in the ocean 235 miles down the Atlantic missile range.
The launching was an important forerunner to sending an American astronaut on a similar flight within four months.
A fleet of ships, planes and helicopters began an immediate attempt to recover the capsule. An announcement by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the one-ton capsule was sighted in Atlantic waters some 90 miles northeast of Grand Bahama Island.
A parachute eased the capsule's descent after a fiery plunged back through the earth's atmosphere.
Dye markers, radio beacons and a flashing light were to help searchers locate the space craft.
The bell-shaped capsule was carried aloft by an 83-foot Redstone rocket that roared away from this missile test center at 11:15 a.m. It separated neatly from the booster 140 seconds later and raced to its target at speeds up to 4,000 miles an hour. It completed the trip in 16 minutes.
NASA announced:
"Preliminary data indicates that the project Mercury spacecraft apparently flew its pre-planned sub-orbital ballistic trajectory and impacted approximately 235 statute miles downrange. All of the Mercury capsule systems appeared to operate successfully. Recovery ships are now being directed to the impact area."
Main purpose of the flight was to qualify the Project Mercury capsule and its many complex systems in a space environment.
If all goes right today, a chimpanzee will ride a Redstone-boosted capsule over an identical course within two months. If the chimpanzee's ride is perfect, an astronaut will take the same trip, probably in April or May. Manned orbital flights using a similar capsule will follow.

Teams Probe Disaster; Toll Lowered To 135

NEW YORK (AP) — Two teams of federal investigators planned intensive questioning today of at least 10 persons who claim they actually saw Friday's airliner collision—worst in aviation history.
Other investigators checked the possibility that the United Airlines DC8 jet involved had overshot the point at which it was to begin flying a rectangular "holding pattern" prior to its intended landing at Idlewild Airport.
As the Civil Aeronautics Board pressed its inquiry, the exact total of dead still could not be determined.
All 128 persons on the jet and on the plane that collided with it, a Trans World Airlines Super Constellation, were killed. Five other persons were known to have perished on the ground in Brooklyn, where the jet plane crashed, and at least two more were missing and probably dead.
The total of 135 had fluctuated because police were unable to learn the whereabouts of all those believed to be tenants of the buildings smashed and burned by the jet plane. In at least one case, a man thought missing in the crash turned out to have recently moved from the address without his neighbors' knowledge.
While the inquiry moved ahead in New York, a flight recorder recovered from the jet in Brooklyn was on its way to its manufacturer in California. There it will be given a detailed analysis under CAB supervision.
CAB agents were skeptical when residents of Staten Island and Brooklyn first reported that they had seen the planes collide Friday morning.
Weather experts had testified that the ceiling at the time was no more than 600 feet, and ground visibility was about a mile. Both airplanes were supposed to have been flying at 5,000 feet.

No Reason Discovered For Crash In Germany

MUNICH, Germany (UPI) — Americans and Germans joined in mourning today for 49 persons who met flaming deaths when a U.S. Air Force plane hurtled into a streetcar in downtown Munich.
There still was no official explanation of what caused the recently overhauled twin-engine Convair C131, with experienced pilots in the cockpit, to crash.
But among Germans there was no resentment over the fact that the plane belonged to a nation whose aircraft had rained bombs on this and other German cities in World War II.
They expressed heartfelt sympathy for the relatives of the 20 Americans in the plane. They gave thanks for quick expressions of condolence from President Eisenhower down to local U.S. military commanders for the 29 Germans killed. Another 16 Germans were injured, 9 critically.
Mrs. Sophie Eulich, 68, a widow Munich housewife, said she felt no bitterness despite the fact her house was destroyed by wartime bombing.
"I can't help but think of the parents who waited for their children for the Christmas holidays," she said.
Twelve of the victims aboard the plane were U.S. students who lived in Munich. They were en route to England to join their parents. One passenger was a soldier who hitched a ride and the other seven were crewmen.

Children Of Diplomats Conduct Yule Festival

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Marguerita Krapf, 9-year-old daughter of a German diplomat, clutched the microphone and wished "all the children in Germany and everywhere in the world a wonderful, happy Christmas."
Chajuta Lahav, also nine and the daughter of an Israeli diplomat, wished "children everywhere a year of peace, health and happiness from the children of the land of the Bible."
Two-year-old Mahnaz Zahedi, daughter of the Iranian ambassador and granddaughter of the Shah, toddled up with a check from her father's government to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
The occasion Sunday was the third annual International Christmas Festival for children of diplomats stationed in Washington. The greetings were broadcast around the world by the Voice of America.
And although the children represented 43 nations and many do not worship Jesus, whose birthday will be celebrated Dec. 25, they all had a universal message.
"Christians, Jews, Moslems and Hindus all had their own kind message for world peace and goodwill," said one official of the sclerosis society, which sponsored the party.



THE JOY OF HELPING others is one of the lessons learned by Blue Birds. This group from Shasta School made candy for the men and women at the Klamath Nursing Home, to be taken out Thursday when the Herald and News is host at a Christmas party. Mrs. Fred DeWitt is leader of these Blue Birds. Front row, left to right, are Pam Webb, Colette DeWitt, Candace Weinstein, Christie Bailie and Judy McKay. Back row, same order, are Susan Vaughn, Cynthia DeWitt and Peggy Keller.

Finances Big Issue In Battle

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Money was a prime issue in the school integration struggle today as both the New Orleans School Board and the Louisiana Legislature sought ways out of a tangled financial crisis.
The money-beset school board considered accepting a surprise offer of \$50,000 from Ellen Steinberg, a St. Louis heiress, made in New York over the weekend.
In Baton Rouge, lawmakers scheduled a committee hearing on a one-cent sales tax that could net an estimated \$45 million. Administration leaders said the money would pay the way for white students who wanted to go to private segregated schools.
Another bill introduced Sunday would tax advertising in newspapers. Newspaper editorials have criticized certain aspects of the lawmakers' segregation fight.
Louis G. Riecke Sr., school board president, sent a telegram to Miss Steinberg thanking her for her offer. The proposition "practically took my breath away," he said.
Miss Steinberg, daughter of a millionaire banker and philanthropist Mark C. Steinberg who died in 1951, said she offered the money to help keep schools open. She asked the board to repay her—if possible.

\$10,000 Gift

CORVALLIS (AP) — The Good Samaritan Hospital here has been presented a gift of \$10,000 by John Thompson, a Corvallis lumberman.
The money will be used to help finance air conditioning and lighting in a hospital addition now under construction.

Free Coffee Served!

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — "The day I give free cups of coffee, snow will have to be piled six feet high against my door."
Cafe owner Ralph Aberth figured he was safe — it hadn't snowed in Riverside since 1948 and that storm had dumped only a few inches.
Sunday Aberth went to his cafe — on a balmy sunny day — and found the front door blocked by a pile of snow more than six feet high. A man of his word, he served more than 200 free cups of coffee.
How did the snow get there? Six friends had made three round trips in a pickup truck to Big Bear Mountain, more than 40 miles away, to bring back enough snow for the prank.

Royal Army Seeking Beaten Rebel Guards

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — Emperor Haile Selassie's loyal army today hunted rebel imperial guards who fled to the mountains after an abortive attempt to depose the 68-year-old monarch.
Army patrols marched through the streets of Addis Ababa and air force patrol planes droned overhead but the city otherwise was quiet, concerned mainly with burying its dead and tending its wounds. Officials estimated civilian and army casualties at 2,000.
A communique claimed the revolt, which broke out Wednesday while the emperor was visiting Brazil, was "quickly crushed by the Ethiopian army and people."
Swift punishment was promised for others attempting to overthrow the Ethiopian "king of kings."
Haile Selassie flew to Addis Ababa airport Saturday, then drove in a tank to Jubilee Palace. His primary residence, Guntulul Palace, had been a rebel stronghold.
The government claimed it also was the scene of a rebel massacre. The rebels killed 18 government dignitaries and hostages and wounded 32 others before pulling out, the government said.
Haile Selassie's son, Crown Prince Asfa Wossen, 44, was exonerated from any part in the rebellion. The rebels forced the crown prince and other government leaders to make statements against Haile Selassie, the communique said.
The emperor's bodyguard, 5,000 picked soldiers who formed the nucleus of the rebellion, were tricked by "treacherous leaders of the revolt" into thinking they were fighting for their ruler, the communique said.
Many rebel leaders were killed, the government said. Those being hunted reportedly included the imperial guard commander, the commissioner of police and the security chief.



MORE THAN 1,100 happy youngsters thronged the Klamath Auditorium Sunday afternoon to be guests of the Elks Lodge at their annual Christmas party. Santa was present to greet the guests, the Elks band played and a clown act was presented. Bags of candy and nuts were also given out to each arrival.

Punctured Can Triggers Blast, Fire

NEW YORK (AP) — At least 200 workmen were reported trapped today as fire raged aboard the unfinished aircraft carrier Constellation, one of the largest in the world.
Police said the information came from a Brooklyn Navy Yard worker who was removed from the blazing ship.
At least 40 workmen were burned.
A mobile crane lowered acetylene equipment onto a Navy launch heading toward the Constellation. Observers surmised that rescuers might try to cut their way into the ship to rescue those trapped.
Water cascaded from the main deck into the East River as fire boats and trucks on the pier played streams at the base of the ship's skyscraper-like superstructure.
A naval spokesman said the fire started when a can of flammable liquid was punctured and its contents spread against hot metal, causing an explosion.
The Navy said all Navy personnel was accounted for. Only a few Navy men normally would be aboard while finishing touches were being put to the new ship.

The 60,000-ton Constellation is 1,047 feet long and 252 feet wide, and from keel to mast is as high as a 25-story building. Its keel was laid Oct. 10, 1957, and it was scheduled for commissioning next March.
The Moran Towing Co. sent five tugs to provide assistance.
Capt. Lars O. Thorsen of the tug Carol Moran said he took off from 150 to 200 men and put them aboard the railroad tug and an excursion fishing boat.
Estimates of the number of men aboard, fitting the \$250 million carrier for commissioning, ranged from 3,500 to 5,000.
The 1,047-foot ship, scheduled for commissioning next March, is one of six carriers of what is known as the Forrestal class — the largest in the world.

Men were seen jumping into the water, and a police launch picked up three, who were taken to Cumberland Hospital, Brooklyn. All were rushed to the emergency room for treatment of burns.

Pro-West Premier Holds Laos

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Pro-Western Premier Boun Oum struggled today to put this battered capital on its feet with the help of an American airlift flying in critically needed food and medicine.

The government announced the roundup of more than 100 snipers and looters as it tackled the critical economic and political crisis that gripped the little Indochinese kingdom.

An American airlift to rush rice, milk, medical and building supplies from neighboring Thailand was set up over the weekend after pro-Communist troops were driven out of the city in a four-day battle that left at least 150 men, women and children dead and more than 500 wounded.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the airlift would continue as long as needed.

Boun moved into the Foreign Ministry building Sunday and announced his government was in business in the rubble-strewn city.

Trouble, Trouble

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Depressed? Think you've got troubles? Then check this chain of events and extend sympathy to the Port Monmouth rescue squad:

1. Hurricane Donna claims squad's \$15,000 ambulance. Salvage value: \$1,000.
2. Squad gets \$1,800 worth of toys, plans raffle to finance new ambulance.
3. Squad schedules raffle, but big snow last Monday cancels it out.
4. Squad lugs toys to firehouse to use another time.
5. Firehouse catches fire Sunday. Toys lost.

The squad still plans to have a bingo game at some future date.

Law Academy Bill

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to establish a state law enforcement training academy will be sponsored in the Legislature by the state Sheriffs' Association.
Sheriff George Miller of Albany, association president, said it would be introduced by state Sen. Carl Francis R-Dayton. The academy would train men for all law enforcement agencies in the state.

Electoral College Meets To Cast Presidential Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 537 persons who compose the Electoral College met in the 50 states today to cast the presidential vote that really counts.
There is no doubt that the electors will name Democrat John F. Kennedy. But the size of his margin still is uncertain.
An 11th hour partial recount switched Hawaii from the column of Republican Richard M. Nixon to the column of Kennedy by 55 votes. A circuit judge has indicated he now will order a recount of all the state's precincts.
Counting Hawaii's three votes for Kennedy and barring unforeseen defections of some electors—who are only morally bound to support the winner of the popular vote in their states—the count at the end of the day should be:
Kennedy 303
Nixon 220
Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., 14
At least 269 votes are needed to win.
Byrd was not a candidate, but he now is the choice of 6 of Alabama's 11 Democratic electors and all of Mississippi's 8. The 14 ran unpledged on Nov. 8.
Kennedy won the popular vote

in the closest presidential race in 76 years. He carried 23 states for a total national margin of about 113,000 votes. Nixon won 26 states. Unpledged electors carried Mississippi.
But Kennedy's electoral margin was a comfortable 34 more than needed of the votes that decide an election. Winner of a state's popular vote, even if the margin is a single vote, gets that state's entire electoral vote. There are exceptions. In Alabama, for example, the Democratic Party did not put up a full slate of electors pledged to Kennedy this year. Instead, the Democratic slate of 11 electors had six unpledged and five pledged to Kennedy.
Because of the closeness of the 1960 election and threats of some electors to ignore the popular mandate, various reform measures will be offered in the new Congress meeting Jan. 3. Efforts to abolish the Electoral College system have failed in the past.
The 537 electors meet in their state capitals at various times during the day, ranging from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST.
Their votes will be formally

counted by Congress in joint session Jan. 3.
Under the law the electors in each state must sign six certificates of their votes to be disposed of in this manner: One copy by registered mail to the president of the U.S. Senate (Vice President Nixon), two to the secretary of state of their own state, two to the General Services Administration in Washington, and one to the federal judge of the district where the electors meet.
Alabama's split of its 11 electors, with 6 to Byrd and 5 to Kennedy, will be the 11th time since popular votes were first published in 1824 that one or more states have divided their electoral votes.
Ordinarily the casting of the electoral vote is a routine affair hardly noticed. But, with Republicans losing court tests in efforts to overturn Kennedy margins in Illinois and Texas and with a recount going on in Hawaii, today's meetings attracted unusual interest. There had been a slim prospect the election might be thrown into the House of Representatives where each state would have only one vote.