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Human Factors in Traffic Accidents Cited at Michigan Safety Meetings

Lack of knowledge, faulty assumptions and improper attitudes were singled out as major traffic accident causes by speakers at recent Michigan conferences on health and safety.

Human failure is involved in 99 percent of traffic mishaps, Dr. William A. Mann told participants at the Michigan Rural Health



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conference. He said that while all accidents are made up of a combination of factors, most reflect driving errors stemming from lack of knowledge, failure to be alert or psychological deficiencies. The Michigan State university professor pointed out that driving demands complete attention and that drivers with emotional problems should either stay from behind the wheel or take extra precautions. Commenting on driver education, he said that it should not only teach driving skills but instill proper mental attitudes so that motorists will want to drive safely.

Speaking at the same conference, John O. Moore, director of automotive crash injury research at Cornell university, also stressed the importance of driver education.

"We must educate youngsters as early as possible to live and work in a society of motion," he stated, urging continuation of highway safety research. "We are on the right road but, as yet, know so few answers that many requests from engineers for information must go unanswered."

Faulty assumptions and jumping to conclusions were blamed as accident producers by Dr. Sanford I. Berman of Northwestern's Traffic Institute. Addressing the traffic section of the Michigan Safety conference, he said that discovery of the emotional causes of these errors through hypnosis and the application of Freudian concepts can cure bad drivers.

Such treatment teaches rejection of automatic behavior in favor of pausing to analyze each situation's differences as it arises, he said.

Drivers with dangerous traffic records revealed under hypnosis that they automatically assumed, for example, that other drivers were safe, that brakes would work in time and that no cars were approaching around a curve or over a hill.

Berman pointed out that many drivers jump to the conclusion that a speed limit posted at 55 is safe despite poor visibility or rain or snow on the road and that an intersection is safe because the light is green.

He recommended that safe drivers should assume only that no traffic situation they will ever face is exactly the same as any they have survived previously.

State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs noted that a survey of single car run-off-the-road accidents indicates that drivers are either ignorant of their driving ability and judgment or are willing to gamble on long odds in

Birthday Dinner Sunday Honors Mrs. M. Hartley

By Mrs. Frank Byers
OREGON TRAIL—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hartley were hosts at dinner Sunday for the Mark Hartley family, honoring Mrs. Mark Hartley on her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Byers and Kenneth of Corvallis, Ore., arrived Saturday evening to visit at the Frank Byers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell of Nyssa, Mrs. Forrest Moore of Nampa and her granddaughter, were Thursday dinner guests at the Clyde Bohannon home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cheldelin and Phyllis were guests Thursday evening for a picnic patio supper at the Russell Gressley home.

Mrs. Glenn Brown visited in Caldwell Saturday at the Gerald Conant home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes were Sunday dinner guests at the Frank Byers home.

Mary Beth and Bobbie Gressley of Ontario spent several days last week at the Russell Gressley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kelly and family of Vale were Sunday evening callers at the Glenn Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Byers of Ontario were Sunday supper guests at the Frank Byers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes and family were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Jim Jamieson home.

RETURN FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinley and family returned Friday from a trip to the coast and various towns where they visited friends. Among those former Nyssans they visited were Father Condon in Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Farmer and family in Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Vane Rusco in Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Recla and family of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Marostica and family and Tony Marostica were guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilling for a barbecue supper.

these instances. He said that the greatest research need at the present time is study of the personal peculiarities which appear to make certain drivers more prone to accidents in which they themselves are the key factors.

A panel of newspapermen urged organizations seeking greater public support for traffic safety activities to emphasize the personal value and relationship of safety to the individual.

Perkins Sleep Through 'Quake' At Yellowstone

By Mrs. Chet Mills
OWYHEE—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perking of Yakima, Wash., were Tuesday overnight guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Perking, Mrs. Chares Perking is the former Margaret Anderson. They were married last week at the home of her parents in St. Paul, Minn. Monday night, during the earth quake they were sleeping in a tent in Yellowstone Park, not knowing until morning how close they had been to real danger. Wednesday morning, before going on to their home in Yakima, they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boselly.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crocker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy and family were guests at a fish barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Talbot.

Ray Cantrall of Boise, former Owyhee resident, was a Saturday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kygar.

Mrs. Celas Arana and family of Boise were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mendazona.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Walters and sons, Vernon and Eldon were Tuesday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walters in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Savage and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morfitt were picnic dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Highland of Fruitland were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Share.

Mrs. Jack Marshall and children of Pasco, Wash., are visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Marshall and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chelsey Boyer in Ontario.

Mrs. Jack Marshall and Mrs. Vic Marshall were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mrs. Lee Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and Butch accompanied Mrs. Dorothy Fletcher of Murphy and her house guest, Mrs. Ruth Klinge of Spokane, Wash., to Silver City, Ida., Sunday where they spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kygar and daughters and Mrs. J. V. Kygar of Rome were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kygar. Helen and Janet Kygar remained with their uncle and aunt to show their 4-H stock at the Owyhee County Fair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hite and family of Warden, Wash., attended the funeral of their grandfather, O. R. Hite Saturday and were overnight guests of the Don Brewer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Scholl of Wallace, Ida., and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Williams attended the Nazarene camp meeting at Nampa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McKim and Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones and children all of Moses Lake, Wash., were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crocker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cawdery of

Outlook, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Cawdery of Wenatchee, Wash., were Friday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Peutz were Thursday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morfitt at Owyhee dam.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boselly were Clyde Gilbert and Miss Louise Pattee.

Thursday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Skinner were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner of LaCrescenta, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Garard of Anaheim, Calif., Karen White and a girl friend and Mrs. Neal Nicholson and Alen and Dea.

Mrs. Mary Jarvis returned to her home here Sunday after spending the past two months with her daughters, Mrs. J. J. Stephens in Corvallis and Mrs. Nilson Byrd in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Theil took their daughter, Mrs. Bob Skinner back to Corvallis Thursday. Mrs. Skinner has spent the past week visiting with her parents and also with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner.

Richard and Douglas Strong returned to their home Friday after spending the past several weeks visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hansen and with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eden in Toole, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Sillonis and son, Mike were Friday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mendazona.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Walters and sons visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Franklin in Nampa, Wednesday evening. Butch and Kenneth Perrott of Chula Vista, Calif., guests of their grandparents, the Franklins, returned here to spend a week at the Byrd Walters home.

Kathy and Debbie Stephen of Ontario are spending this week at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day at Owyhee dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters attended the birthday anniversary party honoring Mrs. W. M. Turner Saturday evening.

O. H. Schweizer is expected to be released from St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise this week where he has spent the past several weeks recovering from surgery.

Mrs. Roy Peak of Shoshone, Ida., spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Share.

Mrs. Gertrude Jackson of Caldwell is spending a few days visiting with her sister, Mrs. Lee Strickland.

Rev. and Mrs. N. R. Ingram of Wilder, Ida., were Friday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Talbot and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Crocker, Sunday.

Mrs. Maxine Stith and daughters of Boise were overnight guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kygar, Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Kriner and daughter, Sandra of Vale, were Saturday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boselly.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Boles of Vale were Sunday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crocker.

Dewey Strong took his children, Richard, Robin and Diana to the Payette County Fair in New Plymouth, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walters were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herschal Thompson honoring the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Al Thompson.



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Bif Winchester is visiting in Ontario with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cruson and family.

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