

DDT (?) Recommended As Poison for Auto Accidents

The use of D. D. T. to prevent traffic accidents has been urged by the National Safety Council. Only this D. D. T. is not the famous bug killer.

It means Defensive Driving in Traffic, and its a potent poison for traffic accidents. It's the smart way to drive, long practiced by the best professional truck and bus drivers but not common enough among the average motorists.

To give more drivers an understanding of the defensive driving technique, the Council is cooperating with state and public officials to give it public attention in August, with the theme, "Don't rely on the other guy!"

Defensive driving means more than just obeying traffic laws and avoiding mistakes in your own driving. It means also being able to avoid accident situations caused by others.

The Council says you are a defensive driver if you can answer "yes" to the following questions: Although you have the right of way at an intersection, another car is coming fast along the cross street. Do you slow down and stop if necessary?

The driver ahead holds out his hand. Do you stay behind until you are sure of what he intends to do?

You are driving along a residential street and see children playing on the sidewalk. Do you slow down and keep a sharp eye on them?

You've had a couple of highballs at a party but feel fit as a fiddle. Do you ask one else to drive?

You are approaching the crest of a hill. Do you slow down, keep to the right and alert for the approaching speed demon who is trying to pass a truck on the other side of the hill?

The night is wet and dark. Do you cut your speed so you can stop in the distance your headlights illuminate?

The trick of defensive driving is to concentrate not only on what is happening but on what may happen ahead, the Council said.

'Dim Your Lights,' Plea of Wilhelm

Temporary 'Blindness' Causes Many Accidents

Col. C. M. Wilhelm, State Police Commissioner, this week asked motorists to ease up on the gas and step on the dim light button to make night driving safer.

Emphasizing that too-bright headlights and high speed combine to create a serious after-dark driving hazard, the Commissioner said:

"Glaring headlights temporarily blind an approaching driver. In the seconds that are required for his eyes to adjust themselves a serious crash may occur. The courteous and careful driver always dims his lights when meeting traffic regardless of what the other fellow does. If it is appar-

ent that the driver of an approaching car is not going to dim his lights, then reduce speed and prepare for an inevitable moment of blindness."

He pointed out that patrols and special details of state police check the lighting equipment of many cars each month and require proper correction of defects.

During March, 1948, there were 40,157 cars stopped and inspected as compared with 21,100 in March last year. There were 9,895 warning cards issued during March, 1948, and 7,199 warnings in the same month last year.

Farmers are urged to save the much-needed tractor fuel. C. H. Bingham, extension agricultural engineer of the Pennsylvania State College, says that a ten per cent saving could be made by correct adjustment of carburetors and spark plugs, and by shutting off the motor when the tractor will be idle for even a few minutes.

Hastings

By ANNE EASLY

Local Young People Hold Roast at St. Boniface

A wiener roast was held at St. Boniface last Thursday evening by a group of area young people. Among those attending were the following:

Kay Holtz, Bill Ruskak, Duane Kibler, Bob Anna, Bill Born, Donald Strittmatter, Mary Grace Anna, Dot Weakland, Eileen Strittmatter, Donna Strittmatter, Sara Bearer, and Joan Strittmatter.

Mrs. Ted Holtz was a visitor in Altoona last Wednesday. Jean Kosic left Friday for a vacation in Washington, D. C. Nannette Donahue of Pittsburgh was a visitor in town on Saturday.

Pat Leiden, Louis Lechene and Cyril Weakland of St. Lawrence are callers here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mancuso of Rochester, N. Y., visited among relatives on Friday.

Mrs. Helene Semelsberger is spending this week in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dominic of Trafford visited at the J. B. Semelsberger home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dvorchak and sons spent Sunday in Lorretto.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Swope and daughter, Margie, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swope and son, Joe, all of Patton, were Sunday callers at the A. J. Strittmatter residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. Regis Hittle of Johnstown were visitors among friends here on Sunday.

Dino Feretti of Pittsburgh visited over the week end at his home here.

Mrs. H. J. Easly and son, Ferd, were in Pittsburgh on Friday.

After spending two weeks at her home here, Mary Nelson has returned to Rahway, N. J., where she is employed.

Mrs. Gust Abel of Niagara Falls is spending some time here among relatives and friends.

Joseph Callahan of Clearfield visited friends in town on Friday.

Mrs. Mary Nesdore and daughter, Anne, were Saturday callers in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dvorchak and children were in Altoona on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Joseph Easley and Stephen Easley of Pittsburgh spent the week end here.

Patricia Ann Dubetsky left for New York last week. She was accompanied by Anne Lee Everett.

Eric Blaine Fiasco of Ft. Eustis, Va., spent the week end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Whalen of Mt. Jewett spent last week here among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ewanek announce the birth of a baby girl last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner and daughter of Toledo, O., are visiting here at the Art Wagner home.

The Hastings "Darktown" won a \$10 special award at Ferdale last Thursday.

David and Naomi Binder were visitors in Renova this past week.

Control Flies

A 50 per cent DDT wettable powder may be used at the rate of 1 pound in 10 gallons of water to spray cattle for the control of flies, says E. J. Udine, Penn State extension entomologist.

Barnesboro Delta Mine Report Says Pit in Good Shape

Recommendations Made By U. S. Inspector

In a Bureau of Mines coal mine inspection report issued last Friday, a federal inspector credits a few recent improvements and also outlines some additional safeguards for the Duncan-Spangler Coal Company's 350-ton-a-day mine at Barnesboro. The Cambria Co. mine, employing 91 men, was re-examined in June by Inspector R. L. McChain, under provisions of the mine safety act.

Mining timber standards were complied with in all working places, boreholes were stemmed with incombustible material, and blasting cables were kept short-circuited between blasts. Inspector McChain also commended the frame grounding of electrically operated hoists and pumps, adoption of a positive identification plan, floor insulation at the switchboard in the main pump house, fireproof air ducts at the main ventilating fan, and progress in providing air-reversing facilities.

Loose roof should be removed or supported at two points observed, ventilation in the last open crosscut in the south C section should be improved, explosives and detonator containers should be in safer places underground, and clearance along haulageways should be unobstructed, the inspector stated.

Other recommendations called for the elimination of some power-wire contact hazards, floor insulation at a switchboard in the sub-station, prohibition of smoking in the mine, adequate underground fire protection, and wearing of protective hats and footwear by men exposed to falling objects and goggles by those in eye-hazardous work.

'Very Much Alive' Trout Caught on Street at Camp Hill

By Pennsylvania News Service
Camp Hill, Pa.—Followers of Isaac Wright in a tussle with a hefty trout in the cool sanctity of a mountain brook or stream, may find it difficult to place credence in the story of one Charles H. Nailor of this thriving Harrisburg suburb who over the week end caught a trout in the busy highway in front of his residence.

It seems that Mr. Nailor was contentedly sitting in his apartment watching movement of traffic on the street—heavily traveled U. S. Route 11.

Suddenly the gentleman looked once—then a sure enough, almost lying under his nose in the middle of the street was a flopping fish.

Mr. Nailor, rushed to the window—looked once again to make sure he wasn't seeing things—and then called across the street to one of the workers at a service station he operates.

An employe, William Coombe Jr., glanced at the spot in the street where Mr. Nailor was pointing—looked once, and then looked again—and went into action.

The two men rushed into the street, gathered up the fish—a beautiful specimen of a nine-inch trout that seemed in good health—and plunked it into a pail of water.

Examination of the fish showed it had not been hooked. It apparently has been dropped from a passing stocker at a service station he operates.

The trout was removed to a local stream by its captors and turned free.

Cost of Living Cuts Food Consumption

Many Pennsylvanians Drawing on Savings

By Pennsylvania News Service
The high cost of living is seriously biting into the pocketbook of modest income families of this state.

In fact, about 43 percent of the earned income of the lower bracket wage earners of the Keystone State goes into the purchases of food for everyday needs according to the State Dept. of Labor and Industry.

Noteworthy is the fact that while food prices have climbed approximately seven percent within the past year, Pennsylvania's wage earners are spending only about two-tenths of one percent more for food.

Thus while food costs have been on the rise, actual spending by low-income families has failed to keep step.

While food requirements absorb 43 percent of the low-income budgets, rent takes little more than 12 percent, as compared with 18 percent in pre-war years, the department says.

Indications are, according to a spokesman, that Pennsylvania's low-income families are now being forced to forego many luxury items, plus others such as clothing and medical attention, to meet increased food costs.

Savings accumulated during the war years when income was comparatively high and expenses in general controlled by price regulations, are now being drawn on by many low-income families to meet present-day needs.

Chrysler Corp. President Says Car Prices to Rise

K. T. Keller, president of the Chrysler Corporation, said at a news conference during the past week that prices of cars would increase as a result of increased steel prices.

"Most automobile manufacturers have tried to hold the line. When our costs go up, prices have to follow."

He said Chrysler had no present program of price increases, but will meet the situation when the problem actually develops.

BLANDBURG

By SHIRLEY JEAN NASH

Children Enjoy Picnic Thursday at Lakemont

Four chartered buses were hired to take the large number of children from the Blansburg-Glasgow area to the Community Picnic held at Lakemont Park, near Altoona, Thursday of last week.

From 11 to 12 a. m., the Bible School children registered for free tickets for rides and treats, which included pop-corn, candy, whistles and ice cream. Each one received 10 free tickets and a ribbon. Games featured from 3 to 4 p. m. and at 5 p. m., the children received ice cream and chocolate milk. No need to say, all attending thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Mitchell Burkholder of Mt. Union and Don Monihan of Huntington have returned home after a visit among relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rickard and son, Darwin, of Curwensville have returned home after a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Strong in honor of their son, Raymond.

Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Helsel and sons, Bill and Paul Jr., Youngstown, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Helsel and daughter, Diana, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Helsel and children, Coalport.

Mrs. Blanche McCartney and Mrs. Merle Pierce of Lewistown and Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes of Washington, D. C. were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Irwin are the proud parents of a baby boy. Miss Martha Turner was a recent visitor in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Maiocco and daughter, Nancy Lou, of Pittsburgh are visiting at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Maiocco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rickard are the proud parents of a baby girl.

State Police Head Says Accident Rate Showing Increase

The trend of motor vehicle accidents and deaths "is upwards" Col. C. M. Wilhelm, state police commissioner, told the Pennsylvania Motor Federation Executive Committee last week.

"Traffic is increasing by leaps and bounds," he said, and urged automobile clubs to continue their role in a program which reduced accidents last year.

The federation denounced permanent auto license tags as uneconomical and opposed a motion to "arrest on sight" vehicle operators by others than state police.

FMP President Andrew J. Sordani, Wilkes-Barre, appointed him general manager of the group.

St. Benedict

By MISS MARY REAM

(Too late for last week)

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Blich on July 10th. The party was held in honor of Mrs. Blich, who was 62 years old. In attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Blich, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blich and son, of Patton; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bernard and family of Spangler; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Blich of Barnesboro; Mr. and Mrs. John Kolka and son, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shero, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vermillion and

CHILDREN ENJOY PICNIC

sons, Mrs. Bert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blich and son, Natalie, and Eugene Blich, all of St. Benedict. Bingo was played and the prize was won by Mrs. John Scott. Mark, Tyron, recently.

Misses Shirley Bradford, Vivian Symons, Shirley Malloy, Sara Travato, Helen Kahan, Vicky Marana, Chloe Ream, Charlie Sticker, Bud Bradford, and Jim Bogus, Donald Swanson, Tom Shero, Mildred and Charles Shero, all of this place, spent Tuesday at Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh. All report a swell time.

Bernie Swanson and Steve Kohnan have enlisted in the U. S. Navy and are now located at the Great Lakes Training Station at Chicago.

Vivian Symons and Shirley Bradford were recent campers at Pine Spring Camp, at Jeners-town.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Malloy were recent visitors in Hellwood at the home of Mrs. Josephine Della Valle.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan Swanson

of Houtzdale were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Swanson.

Buddy Bradford was a recent camper at the Red Cross camp.

Miss Jean Eleanor Symons visited at her home here the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Symons and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Symons recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawrence of Chicago, Ill., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bradford and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawrence.

Miss Pattie Berringer has returned to her home after spending a vacation in Sligo.

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