

DRIVERS ASKED TO HELP REDUCE HOLIDAY DEATHS

Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State made an appeal this week to the drivers and pedestrians of the State of Michigan in an effort to reduce the heavy December traffic toll.

Each year, Kelly said, the Christmas spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men" undergoes an ironic transformation. It is converted by the very geniality and excitement of the holiday season

into suffering and sorrow through needless slaughter on the streets and highways.

The nation-wide campaign being conducted by the National Safety Council and participated in by 30 national organizations has a two-fold significance this year.

Not only is it aimed at the blight of Christmas happiness, but it is a last-ditch fight to prevent traffic fatalities this year from exceeding last year's total.

Traffic deaths this year are about even with 1938. The margin of difference is so slight that December will tell the story—whether

or the nation will reduce its toll for the second consecutive year, or whether part of last year's gain will be lost.

Last year 115 persons died in December traffic mishaps on the streets and highways of Michigan. Experience shows that the December death rate on a mileage basis is one-third higher than the average for all months. The month when joy and happiness should reign untouched by tragedy is more than one and a half times as hazardous as the safest month—June.

Why this Yuletide massacre? The Council blames bad weather, more hours of darkness and the Christmas holiday rush.

To thwart these traffic bugs, the Council is taking its campaign straight to the governors, motor vehicle administrators and highway patrol chiefs of all states . . . to mayors and police chiefs of all cities over 10,000 population . . . to the thousands of safety council officials and safety contact men. In addition, the campaign is being laid at the feet of every man and woman in America, with a personal appeal to drive and walk safely this month.

"The December traffic toll must be drastically reduced," said Harry F. Kelly. "If it is not, and the 1939 deaths exceed the number in 1938, the saving in life last year will be in effect only a reprieve from death. Everything depends on this final month."

Sleet, ice, snow and fog soon will make highways doubly dangerous. Darkness comes earlier and driving becomes a greater hazard. Last year it was proven that a steady increase in the traffic toll was not inevitable. This year we must prove that a steady decrease can be accomplished."

UNIQUE

The Navy, generally conceded by military writers and critics to be the most efficient organization of its kind that the world has ever known, is so complex in its many varied phases, that it seems a complete paradox to the uninitiated.

For example: Regulations for the government of the Navy, date back in part for centuries, yet promotion and advancement are obtained entirely by competitive examination.

Muskallonge Lake camp ground in the Lake Superior state forest, on the site of an old pine sawmill, boasts the second largest pile of sawdust in the state of Michigan.

AT THE REDFORD THEATER



In a role said to eclipse such memorable characterizations as "Little Caesar" and "Five Star Final," Edward G. Robinson comes to the Redford screen starting Friday in "Blackmail," powerful and thrill-packed tale of a wronged man who dedicates his life to revenge. Ruth Hussey, who recently scored in "The Women" and "Mistake," exacts his wife in the new production, with Gene Lockhart cast in one of his rare villainous parts, and Little Bobb Watson of "On Borrowed Time" fame playing Robinson's son. Others in the cast are Cullen Williams, John Wray, Arthur Hohl, and Esther Dale, under the direction of H. C. Potter. Although Robinson also is seen on the wrong side of the law in "Blackmail," it is Lockhart who is guilty of the crime for which Robinson was sent to prison nine years before the story opens. Having escaped and set up a new life as an oil well shooter under an

assumed name, Robinson is recognized by Lockhart who blackmails him while professing friendship and pretending to mail to the police a confession of the crime. By a ruse, Lockhart secures possession of his own signed confession which he destroys. Then he turns Robinson over to the authorities. Robinson, returned to a prison camp, again escapes, sets fire to an oil well which Lockhart has attempted to steal from him and corners his enemy between himself and the fire. The story draws toward one of the most dramatic climaxes in screen history as Robinson grabs Lockhart by the collar, forces from him an hysterical confession and then proceeds toward his grim purpose of burning Lockhart alive in the fire. In attempting to prevent the murder, Robinson's wife herself is overcome in the bubbling mud at the edge of the flames, the harrowing climax being ended by a logical conclusion.

ing, not only the Birth of Christ, but the journeys taken prior to his birth and one following. Come and bring the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Addis, Misses Shirley and Jeanne, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McVear attended the celebration of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Teshke, of Howell, Saturday evening.

Connecting Link to be Finished Next Year

Completion of the gravelled forest road east from Deer Park across the Lake Superior state for-

est, scheduled for the coming year, will furnish the main connecting link between Grand Marais, Deer Park and the Whitefish Bay region. The road is part of the work program of CCC Camp Paradise. During the year, 10 miles of gravelled road, and four bridges were built in the state forests, bringing the forest's 1,520-mile road system near completion. Outstanding among other state forest construction projects of the present year is the superintendent's dwelling in the Au Sable state forest, overlooking the Au Sable river.

News items always welcome.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS—

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WEST POINT PARK

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ault, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koyser, of Huntington Woods.

John Chanasaris and family, of Wayne, were callers at the home of Clinton Ault Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leo Woods and children, from the Treadwell school district, were all day guests of Edwin Johnson, Friday.

Mrs. Albert Owen, Mrs. Austin Ault and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis visited relatives in Detroit, Thursday. Rev. John Adams of Detroit was the dinner guest Tuesday evening and all night guest of Robert Hunter at the home of his brother-in-law, Edwin Johnson.

Mrs. Margaret Martin was the week end guest of relatives near Eloise.

Mrs. Clinton Ault is on the sick list. It is reported that the condition of Mildred Bolyard, for some time a patient in Eloise Hospital, was again not so favorable.

Miss Freda Ault visited friends in Detroit, Thursday.

At the usual week night service conducted by Rev. Cameron on Thursday evening, the music was this week especially inspiring. These meetings are proving intensely helpful to the people of the Folger Subdivision, and anyone, regardless of age, sex or creed is welcome. The location of these services, held in various homes can always be ascertained by calling Mrs. Russell Ault, or Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mrs. Edwin Johnson was hostess to her card club Wednesday afternoon. Three tables played.

Captain and Mrs. O. L. Duncan of Rosedale Park, Detroit, were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Zwahlen.

On Christmas eve a group of carolers from one of the Detroit churches and under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Cameron and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Cameron, will visit the Folger subdivision to engage in a carolling expedition. At the home of Homer Coolman they will be met by any of the local folks who care to join them. Afterwards they will return to the Coolman home and conduct a short service after which refreshments will be served. All in the neighborhood are cordially invited to join in this Christmas celebration.

On the Thursday night after Christmas Rev. Cameron will conduct his usual service at the home of Russell Ault. The young folks of the neighborhood are especially urged to be present and a number of them will participate in the service. The Sunshine Sisters have arranged to pass out treats to the boys and girls present.

The Sunshine Sisters met at the home of Mrs. Jack Tallman Friday afternoon. Mrs. Gordon Cameron conducted the usual Bible study period in a way that was pronounced exceptionally profitable by those in attendance. Some

special work was planned for the Christmas season.

On Friday evening, December 22, in the P. T. A. building, the Sunday School will put on a Christmas program. The added attraction will be a presentation by Mrs. Kilbourne, child specialist. This story in action will have a complete set of models represent-

Season's Greetings

We're wishing you the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years. May 1940 fulfill its brilliant promise of prosperity to you and yours, may success reward your efforts so that you may know naught but Good Health and Happiness.

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