

Survey Shows Motorists Risk Death on Long Trips

Motorists are risking death with marathon highway trips. Over-tired, unfamiliar with the road and ill prepared for a long trip, drivers push themselves and their cars "just a little farther."

An article in the current issue of DISCOVERY magazine, tells the results of a survey of motorists by the Arizona Highway Patrol. The article is "What Arizona Learned About Drivers."

The police noted that fatigue, unfamiliarity with the road and negligence were the three main causes of trouble for the drivers interviewed. The survey corroborated earlier findings by the Allstate Safety Crusade which has long advocated rules for safe driving.

For five years the Arizona Highway Patrol interviewed drivers entering and leaving the state via U.S. 66. Nearly 20,000 drivers were interviewed in one month alone, many of them tourists.

The police learned some startling facts from the survey: 1. Thousands of motorists admitted driving more than 1,000 miles without an overnight rest. Hundreds said they had driven more than 2,000 miles without stopping overnight. One man had been driving without sleep for three days. Presently, drivers would boast about their marathon performances.

2. Thousands of drivers passed only long enough to catch up along the roadside or sleep while other members of the family drove. One driver slept at the roadside for two hours that resumed his trip. Shortly thereafter he had a serious accident. Not sufficiently rested, he fell asleep at 69 mph.

3. Too many drivers over-estimated their ability to drive long distances. More than 50 per cent of those interviewed had scheduled rest stops no less than 600 miles apart.

4. Many drivers who had accidents were unfamiliar with the road they were traveling. One driver was fooled by the familiar "water on the road mirage." He slammed on his brakes to avoid the "water" and hit a road sign.

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4-H Clubbers Get Scholarship Help

Outstanding college juniors will share in educational grants offered to present or former 4-H Club members.

Additional information and scholarship applications are available from county extension agents or the state 4-H Club office.

Two scholarships of \$800 each are being provided by The S.H. Foundation for the fifth consecutive year, reports the National 4-H Service Committee.

Redford Man Promoted at Wayne State

Girls who plan to major in home economics are eligible for the 1964 awards. Candidates must have completed at least three years of 4-H Club work.

Kurt Spitzer, 12771 Tecumseh, Redford Township, has been promoted from assistant to associate professor in the Wayne State University School of Social Work, effective September, 1964.

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of three points: interest and desire to major in home economics with consideration to financial need, scholastic record in college, and all-around 4-H Club record.

Spitzer joined the WSU faculty in 1959, previously serving as director of Social Work Education at Northville State Hospital.

Completes AF Course

Alvin A. Fredrick, E. Williams, whose parents reside at 2685 Southwestern, Redford Township, has completed a special course for U.S. Air Force communications technicians at Goodfellow AFB, Tex. The airman, who graduated from Thurston High School, entered the service in October, 1963.

He studied at St. John's University, Shanghai, China, and received a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree in social work at WSU.

The man who seizes opportunity will get the cold shoulder if he lacks ability.

Spitzer is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the Council on Social Work Education, the WSU Alumni Association and the WSU Social Work Alumni Association.

Married, he and his wife, Evelyn, have three children.

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