

Must Educate Auto Drivers

CARSON CITY, Nev. — "Speed in itself is not dangerous; the greatest difficulty concerning speed is that we do not understand it. The inability to accurately and quickly estimate the relationship between time, speed and force leads to conditions which cause most of the automobile accidents, with resulting fatalities on our highways," emphatically declared Ed Moore, California Automobile Association traffic and legal expert before a group of state government officials, the entire state highway patrol and officials of the State Department of Highways at a meeting held Monday afternoon, in American Legion hall, to discuss safety on the highways.

Unless a changed mental attitude through which motor car drivers can definitely and quickly gauge distances for safely stopping motor cars at various speeds is brought about, there seems little encouragement that the number of automobile fatalities on the nation's highways will be greatly reduced, he continued. This condition, the speaker asserted, can be accomplished through education, beginning with school children and carrying the educational factors to the adult drivers as well.

Highway Safety Experts Meet

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Attended by several state officials, automobile men, attorneys and representatives of the Reno Chamber of Commerce, a meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Riverside hotel for the purpose of discussing the subject of safety on the state's highways.

Ed Moore, legal and traffic expert of the California Automobile Association, gave a talk before the meeting covering various angles of the safety campaign in California as well as the nation.

Bernard C. Hartung, chairman of the committee on public safety, spoke briefly on the activities of this work as carried on through the department of highways and the highway patrol.

The assembled group was informed that a physical testing machine used by other states in determining abilities of automobile drivers in reacting to signals and perils incident to driving, would be brought to Nevada in the near future for a practical test with a view to possible use.

Those at the meeting were also informed that the state department of highways had contacted and requested the cooperation of all the major oil companies in the use of brake and light testing apparatus. These machines are to be used during the coming spring and summer.

Legal authorities present at the

meeting expressed their opinion as being favorable to submitting recommendations to the state legislature for making changes in the present motor vehicle regulations.

Upon the proposal of Harley Harmon, chairman of the Public Service Commission, those at the meeting agreed that the public safety committee should recommend to the state legislature the appropriation of a specified sum of money for the purpose of studying with a view to rearranging and codifying, amending or adding to the present law. This would assure a greater safety on the state's highways.

W. E. Kosher of the California state highway patrol presented a word picture to the meeting covering the procedure of the patrol work in that state and also describing the necessary tests and examinations requisite to obtain driver's licenses. Mr. Kosher said the present policy of the California patrol is to assist motor car drivers in every way possible, to explain traffic regulations, and to extend all courtesies to the traveling public.

Those present at the meeting included Harley Harmon, Lee Scott of the Public Service Commission; Chauncey W. Smith, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Bernard C. Hartung, all of Carson City; E. H. Walker, Dud R. Day, Emerson Wilson, Lloyd Smith, L. Scott, R. Schonberg, of Reno; W. E. Kosher, of the California Highway Patrol; Ed Moore and Ray Smith, representatives of the California Automobile Association.

Rural Children Gain In Health

Nevada's rural boys and girls, who have been growing healthier year by year, continued to gain during the 1935-36 school year, according to the annual report of the "Keep Growing" work carried on in the Nevada agricultural extension rural schools by the University of Nevada.

Today there are more healthy boys and girls in the state than at any time in Nevada's history, Mrs. Mary Stilwell Buol, assistant director of the University of Nevada agricultural extension service, said this week in commenting on the report.

Mrs. Buol, who is in charge of "Keep Growing" activities in the state, originated the plan of positive good health among rural children more than fourteen years ago.

Achieved by many years consistent effort on the part of local leaders, local organization, and the youngsters themselves, the nutrition condition of Nevada children has improved throughout the depression. In very few states has this occurred.

A New York physician warns that cold baths are harmful. Now let some other doctor turn thumbs down on morning calisthenics and vegetable plate dinners and life will be 100 per cent perfect.—Sacramento Bee.

Police Chief Gives Dinner

Chief of Police David Mackey was host at a dinner given to members of the police department, their wives and a few invited guests last Sunday evening at the Apache hotel.

The chief acted as master of ceremonies and kept the proceedings on a happy, social basis throughout the evening. Several of those present were called upon for short talks.

The principal address of the evening was made by City Attorney Ryland Taylor. He said it was the aim of the present city administration to select the most able and conscientious officials they could get to help them carry on the business of the city.

"I believe no mistakes were made in choosing the personnel of the police department, Mr. Taylor said. "Citizens should know and understand that the police are their friends, and are trying to protect them in their lives and property. We have many cases where persons who are helpless or inebriated place themselves under the protection of the policemen. Lives might be ruined by any dishonesty or prejudice in the department. In my prosecution of cases in the municipal court I have come to rely with full confidence in the truth, honesty and justice of the men of our police department."

Chief Mackey replied that he is aware that the country in some places suffers today through crooked and dishonest policemen.

"We have no politics in the Las Vegas police department," he said. "We choose our members for their character and ability only. We must have men who are honest and trained for the work. I believe our department, during this administration, is troubled less with politics than at any previous time."

The chief stated that Las Vegas has a serious problem in the flow of the criminal classes of Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Phoenix and other cities on the highways passing through Las Vegas. "They come here often in a starving condition. They must eat and one way or another this community has to feed them. Many of the criminals we arrest are those whom we have previously arrested and convicted who come back to us when paroled."

Brief remarks were also made by former undersheriff Wm. E. Mott, who stated that the sheriff's office had always received full cooperation from Las Vegas police.

Harold Lysne, radio technician of the department, entered into an interesting description and discussion of the workings and advantages gained through the use of the police department central radio station with receiving sets in the patrol cars. He stated that the plan to equip the police cars with "two way" sets is progressing and that the arrangement will represent a saving to the taxpayers of the equivalent of two or three patrolmen. In answer to questions he also ex-

pressed the opinion that it would be of much advantage if the county cars were also equipped with radio to operate with the central station in the police department.

Al Cahlan, speaking briefly, stated that his business as a newspaper editor brings him into close contact with the police and that he has every reason for faith in the character and honesty of Chief Mackey and all members of the department.

C. P. Squires congratulated the chief and all members of the department on the excellent record the city of Las Vegas holds in the prevention and punishment of crime. He expressed the belief that the department is not operated on the basis of personal prejudice, political bias, dishonesty and graft as is the case in many cities. He also expressed confidence in the integrity and justice of the municipal court.

Mrs. Mackey, wife of the chief, spoke briefly when called upon by some of the diners, expressing her pleasure at being present with the department's guests. Robert Montehallern, who is just leaving to locate in Palm Springs, Cal., also spoke briefly, expressing regret at leaving his Las Vegas friends.

Invited guests, some of whom were unable to be present because of illness in the family or absence from the city, included Mayor and Mrs. Leonard Arnett; Police Commissioner Herbert Krause; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Squires; Sheriff and Mrs. Eugene Ward; District Attorney and Mrs. Rod Foley; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cahlan; Mr. and Mrs. John Cahlan; Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Taylor; Robert Montehallern; State Highway Patrolman and Mrs. A. T. McCarter; State Highway Patrolman and Mrs. Walt Williams, and all members of the Las Vegas police force.

The dinner, served in the main dining room of the Apache Hotel, was excellent in all respects.

DIZZY DEFINITIONS

- Mayor**—A female horse.
- Pica**—A guy who won't take a dare.
- Wharf**—A person below normal size.
- Editor**—A fellow who throws bulls.
- Poultry**—A large number of chickens.
- Font**—A place to get a drink of water.
- Tambourine**—A small, sweet orange.
- Quad**—A bunch of football players.
- Matrice**—A soft pad to sleep on.
- Oboe**—A tramp.
- Corps**—A eulogy to a dead person.
- Tympan**—A drum section of a band.
- Larnyx**—A large wildcat.

TODAY is the TOMORROW you worried about YESTERDAY.—Harper's Harp (Dallas, Texas).

GROWTH IS LIKELY

The trouble about a little NRA is that it may grow up to be a big one.—Indianapolis News.