

### 39 Die in Holiday Traffic Accidents

The week of Christmas last year began with a total of 961 lives lost in motor vehicle accidents during 1952 until that time. There were more to come. Thirty-nine people alive and well at the beginning of Christmas week were to be dead before the year-end or so badly in-

jured that they succumbed later. They were men, women and children, old and young alike. They died behind the wheels of their cars. They died sitting as passengers and they died walking on the streets and highways.

Eight met death Christmas Eve and five on Christmas Day itself. The reports point to carelessness, indifference and poor judgement as the principal causes of these tragic collisions.

Some misjudged the road surface, others drove after drinking. Many went too fast and lost control of the immense forces of their speeding vehicles.

The number of people now driving motor vehicles in Ontario

has increased 10 per cent. over last year. The chances of accidents and motor fatalities have also increased.

This year's Christmas season is still ahead of us. It is the most appropriate time of the year for renewing and strengthening old ties and affections and the motor vehicle makes a great contribution to this through ease and convenience in visiting family and friends.

To use the streets and highways of the province in safety during the coming season and throughout the entire year can best be done if the particular significance of Christmas is reflected in the habits of all who walk or drive. Goodwill to all men, with what it means in thoughtfulness and courtesy, will save lives.

#### SAWDUST FOR BULBS

The use of sawdust mulch in the production of tulips and Wedgewood iris bulbs has considerably increased the yields of larger-sized bulbs state the horticulture specialists of the Experimental Farms Service. Sawdust was applied at a depth of two inches and resulted in an increase of 35 per cent for iris and 12 per cent by weight for tulips. The number of large-sized bulbs was increased by 348 per cent for iris and 42 per cent for tulips.

### Books In Review

Before Pearl Buck has written books with their setting in China; now she has chosen India. To a Canadian who knows neither country, it seems perhaps that Miss Buck understood China more fully.

Certainly in *Come My Beloved* we do not have any full picture of India.

But the story is enough, for this won't be a book you'll choose to read simply to learn about India.

You'll recall some of her other books—*God's Men*, *Pavilion of Women*, *Dragon Seed*, *The Good Earth*, *All Men are Brothers*, et al.

*Come My Beloved* is the story of four generations, with a splendidly far sighted thesis which appears immensely to this reviewer, slipping unobtrusively in at the end. Some may even miss it.

idea of help for India did not go that far.

Olivia follows the younger David to his new home. They founded a university there, and lived comfortably.

Their son Theodore feels that kind of life is not going far enough. He goes to live in a typical (one supposes) Indian village, preaching by example.

His 16 year-old daughter Livy falls in love with a young Indian doctor, Jatin—want to marry. Could the parents go that far...

A closer spiritual union with God was the aim of all generations. Jatin explained, "It cannot be helped. Mr. MacArd, sir. It is the logical sequence, the inevitable outcome of the teachings of our childhoods. You have taught us to love one another... to regard all human beings as equal."

If Livy were your daughter, and you a missionary, what would you say?

#### NOTHING CHEAP

Even the "toot" of a locomotive whistle isn't cheap these days. One railroad has recently figured that each toot costs about two-thirds of a cent in fuel. On one 265-mile line between Houston and Dallas, Texas where locomotives must whistle 6,200 times a day, the cost of each day's tooting is about \$42, and the total cost per year is \$15,330—*American Magazine*.

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Hello Homemakers! Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes there is a tremendous amount of work for our homemakers—especially a large gathering, unless you follow our practice. Each family brings part of the Christmas dinner to Grandma's. It may be the partially roasted bird, ready-to-cook vegetables, the salad in the bowl, along with the bottle of dressing or the pudding in the steamer. This gives Grandma or Mother an opportunity of setting an attractive table and planning how many should help with cooking, who will be asked to serve, and who will be the assistants to clear the table and do the dishwashing.

Wherever there is a mixed gathering, there is a hostess and her role of tactfully planning and supervising a party is more important than fancy food or an over-abundance of food. To enjoy your part, plan lists using pencil and paper. Visualize the table and plan simple foods that have a variety in color, flavor and texture. Cook well in advance food which will keep, and have a few perishables stored in plastic bags in

the refrigerator. Provide enough of a few foods along with the necessary accompaniments such as salt, sauce or sugar. Then too, the hostess places ash trays in convenient places, hangs more coat hangers in the closet, and arranges lamps so there are no dark corners. It all sounds so easy, but hours pass like minutes before holiday parties. To help you, we list simple menus that can be served festive style.

**After the Concert**  
Norwegian Fruit Bread  
Butter, Cheese, Marmalade  
Bowl of Oranges, Grapes, Apples  
iced Gingerbread, Hot Chocolate

**Neighbor's Gathering**  
Cranberry Punch  
Party Sandwich Loaf  
Mince-meat Tarts  
Assorted Cookies  
Coffee

**Christmas Eve Dinner**  
Ham  
Buttered Noodles  
Cream Carrots  
Cranberry Sherbert  
Cookies, Tea  
**Christmas Breakfast**  
Canned Fruit Juice  
French Toast  
Muffins, Marmalade  
Coffee

**Christmas Dinner**  
Consomme

Roast Turkey, Sage Dressing  
Cranberry-Jelly, Celery-Herbs  
Riced Potatoes, Mashed Squash  
Carrot Salad  
Plum Pudding with Sauce  
Coffee

**Christmas Night Menu**  
Assorted Cold Meats  
Apple-Celery Salad  
Buttered French stick  
Mince Tarts or Fruit Cake  
Coffee

#### TAKE A TIP

- To keep the tiny tots occupied while you are busy have them cut off 3 inch strips of red cellophane or felt from an 8-inch wide piece. Round end pointing shears are a safe instrument. Then, fasten with cellulose tape to the water glasses.
- Suggest that a teenager prepare place cards using crayons and sayings such as *Chief of New Car*, *Lady Mars with High Boots*, etc.
- Chill candles to prevent them from dripping.
- Arrange extra chairs using orange crates with plastic covers on them.
- Take time to visit someone in need or living alone.

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