

## UNIFORMITY IN TRAFFIC LAWS GAINS HEADWAY

Motor Club Manager Tells of Work Done by States.

Motorists' most serious ailment, the diversity of traffic regulations, is yielding to treatment and there are definite indications that a movement toward traffic uniformity on a national scale has set in, according to Todd Stoops, secretary-manager of the Hoosier Motor Club.

This announcement came as a result of a survey made by Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association, who has completed a study of what the organized motorists are doing to enforce their own national traffic code.

"The agreement reached at Grand Rapids for an ordinance for Michigan," said Stoops, "may be regarded as the launching of the uniformity movement in earnest. What Michigan has done eventually will be done by every state, and the consummation of the process will mean the end of the quick remedies that we have been applying to our traffic problems."

The uniformity movement, Stoops said, has been to a large extent fostered and promoted by the motor clubs affiliated with the A. A. A. Michigan's ordinance, on which legislative action will be postponed until after the next meeting of the Hoover conference, was initiated by the Detroit Automobile Club, which secured the uniform cooperation of state and city officials to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Other States

"It is not only in Michigan," declared Stoops, "that the organized motorists are making headway toward the uniform traffic code so badly needed by the country. In the State of Washington the Automobile Club of Washington played a leading role in getting the various official, trade and civic bodies to agree on a uniform State motor vehicle law which stands a splendid chance of being adopted by the Legislature when it meets in a few weeks."

"The Cleveland Automobile Club performed a similar service in solving the traffic problem of that city, while many other A. A. A. clubs throughout the country are working in similar work, thus eliminating local differences and paving the way for national uniformity."

"It is to be expected that the Hoover Conference will find the work that has been done by the clubs a splendid basis on which to work."

"What this means is that the organized motorist himself is evolving his own traffic code, that he will popularize it and give it a measure of support that would be impossible if it were forced upon him."

"The way to get Nation-wide uniformity in motor laws and regulations is to start with State wide uniform laws. In this policy as followed, it should be not long before motorists can feel at home, and safe, in any traffic they happen to find themselves. When all the States adopt their own traffic codes it will be found that they are virtually uniform."

National Viewpoint

"The A. A. A. clubs have the national viewpoint on traffic control because they represent the national car owner and must consider his safety and welfare. Sectionalism rapidly is vanishing as a consequence. What the Michigan A. A. A. clubs have done can be done in California, in Florida or in Indiana."

"This new plan of safety through abolition of confusion is merely the process of building by starting with the foundations. Heretofore there has been too much effort directed toward the impossible. Nation-wide abolition of confusing motor laws is not possible until an automobilist can drive through his own State without finding it necessary to conduct himself differently in each city and town."

"Uniform codes in any State will serve to convert the people of that State to the great need for standardization. It should be only a short step between that and Nation-wide uniformity. State codes will be compromises, and our experience has been that such compromises are universal. The people of Maine will find that they prefer, on the average, the same regulations as the people of California, and vice versa."

## SALE OF MOTOR PARTS IS HEAVY

Total for 1925 May Reach \$700,000,000.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—The auto parts replacement business, excluding any outlay for tires, repairs, gas, oil and such supplies, is expected to reach a total of \$700,000,000 for 1925.

The 1924 figures showed that auto parts replacement averaged \$52 per car. At the same figure, with the increased registration of automobiles the total expenditures will total at least the huge estimated amount.

"This sum," says T. R. Walton, sales manager for a Detroit auto parts concern, "can be conceived if one stops to think how easy it is to buy parts today."

"Service stations everywhere make it difficult to get more than twenty-four hours away from replacement parts, regardless of where the motorist drives."

"Also, the auto owner is driving his car farther and harder than he used to, and he is driving it the year around, no matter what the weather happens to be."

THE BEE'S AGE

The quantity of nectar gathered by a colony of honeybees does not depend merely on the number of bees in the colony during the honey flow, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It depends, rather, upon the number of bees that are of the proper age to serve as nectar gatherers when the honey flow opens.

## RADIO

(All Central Standard Time)

### Today's Best

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WOR, Newark (405 M), 4 P. M., EST—Handel's Messiah.

WGY, Schenectady (380 M), 8:15 P. M., EST—WGY players in three one-act Christmas plays.

WLS, Chicago (345 M), 9 P. M., CST—Chicago little symphony orchestra.

KOA, Denver (322 M), 8 P. M., MST—Christmas program.

WJZ, New York (454 M), 9 P. M., EST—Dextra Chorus, WJZ staff recital.

### Radio Programs

5:30 P. M.—KDKA (309.1), East Pittsburgh—Dinner concert, band. WBZ (333.3), Springfield—Program. WCAE (461.3), Pittsburgh—Dinner concert.

WGBS (315.9), New York—Orchestra. WGN (370.2), Chicago—Children's choir. WGY (379.5), Schenectady—Sunday school lesson.

5:45 P. M.—WEEI (348.6), Boston—Big band. KYYW (535.4), Chicago—Dinner concert from KDKA. KOA (322.4), Denver—KOA Orchestra, soloists, organ. WEAR (365.6), Kansas City—Music of the Air. WEAR (359.4), Cleveland—Singing Synchrotones. WGY (379.5), Schenectady—Sunday school lesson.

6:00 P. M.—WJZ (454 M), New York—Musical program. WJZ (454 M), New York—Musical program. WJZ (454 M), New York—Musical program.

### Dancing

7:00—WEEB, WQJ.

7:45—WHT.

8:00—WDAF.

8:30—WBZ.

9:00—KMA, WCX, WGHF.

9:30—KTHS, WHN, WJZ.

10:00—KYYW, WBCN, WGN.

10:30—WVK, WRW.

11:00—WEEB, WHO, WLJB.

12:00—KHJ.

1:00—KYYW, WQJ.

Dinner music. WHAR (275), Atlantic City—Address. WHT (400), Chicago—Children's choir. WGBS (315.9), New York—Musical program. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Orchestra. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Orchestra. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Orchestra.

6:30 P. M.—WGY (379.5), Schenectady—French by Radio.

6:45 P. M.—WJZ (454 M), New York—Talk by John Kennedy.

7 P. M.—KFDN (315.6), Beaumont—Children's program. KFNF (266), Sheradiah—Sunday school lesson.

### Talks Today

5:30—WGN, WGY.

5:45—WEEI.

6:00—WDAF, WGY.

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6:55—WJZ.

7:15—WGY.

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7:30 P. M.—KOA (322.4), Denver—String orchestra. WCAE (461.3), Pittsburgh—Concert. Boston Symphony group. WCAU (378), Philadelphia—Entertainers, radio trio. WEEI (348.6), Boston—Orchestra. WHO (526), Des Moines—Des Moines University program. WEA (361.2), New York—Source entertainment.

7:45 P. M.—WHT (400), Chicago—Musical features, orchestra. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Musical features, orchestra.

8 P. M.—KFDN (315.6), Beaumont—Band. WJZ (454 M), New York—Band. WJZ (454 M), New York—Band.

### Concert Music

7:30—WEEB, WHO.

8:00—WEAR, WGN.

8:30—KFAB, KOA, WORD.

9:00—WEEB, WEEI.

9:30—WGY, WHT.

10:00—WHT, WQJ.

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7:00—Gus Edwards Le Paradis Orchestra.

8:15—Little Theatre program.

9:00—Indianapolis Times special Christmas program from Times studio, Hotel Severin.

11:00—Request organ program by Miss Dessa Byrd, broadcast from Circle Theater.

WAGB (315.6), Richmond Hill—Special Christmas party. WBZ (333.3), Springfield—Orchestra. WJZ (454 M), New York—Musical program. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Orchestra. WLS (344.6), Chicago—Orchestra.

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Far West—KGO, CFAC, KFDD, KPSN.

12:00 P. M.—KFI (405.2), Los Angeles—Orchestra. KFI (407), Los Angeles—Program.

1:00 A. M.—KYYW (535.4), Chicago—Innocent Club. Nighthawks—Orchestra. KX (338.9), Hollywood—Orchestra. WQJ (447.5), Chicago—Ginger Hour: Skyline.

## PLAN GIGANTIC BICENTENNIAL FOR WASHINGTON

Early Start Made for Celebration to Include All Nation in 1923.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Soon after the new year President Coolidge will issue a proclamation, it is expected, calling attention to the forthcoming bi-centennial of George Washington's birth and calling upon the Nation, the States and municipalities to make fitting plans for its observance in 1923.

A bi-centennial commission headed by Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio has been authorized by Congress and the commission is at work developing preliminary plans.

A monster pageant probably will be staged in Washington, while all of the States and the cities, big and little, will hold their own celebrations.

The commission has received hundreds of suggestions for permanent memorials to be dedicated during the celebration. One of them, which is receiving the most favorable consideration, proposes a hundred-foot highway from Washington to Mt. Vernon and a magnificent bridge across the Potomac leading to Washington's home. While this suggestion is pending private capital is seeking congressional authority for the construction of such a bridge.

## Boy, 15, Sentenced to Die, Doesn't Want to Be Saved



Willie Cavalier and his mother, Mrs. Ruth De Angelo.

## Youth Professes to Scorn Life Imprisonment to Death.

By Leon M. Siler

NEA Service Writer

OTTUMWA, Pa., Dec. 25.—A 15-year-old boy who at 14 savagely murdered his grandmother waits with dullard unconcern in the county jail here for the State's final decision as to whether he shall be electrocuted.

The boy prisoner is Willie Cavalier. Battling to save his life are his mother, Mrs. Ruth De Angelo, and two young attorneys. Their last hope is pinned in an appeal to the State board of pardons and the Governor's office.

Commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment is sought.

The board of pardons will hear this plea in January.

Whatever recommendation the board makes may be acted on favorably or unfavorably by the Governor.

Meanwhile, execution of the youth has been set for the week of Feb. 1, in the State Prison at Rockview.

Capital punishment is reserved for adults in most States. But in Pennsylvania, the electric chair is for child and adult alike.

Youth and age are meted the grimmest of equalities.

Every member of the Schuylkill County jury which convicted the youth, Attorney Charles W. Staudenmeier has been informed, will sign the appeal for commutation.

At the county jail, in abrupt, jerky monotonies, the boy prisoner says:

"Oh, I'm all right."

"I don't care what they do."

This 15-year-old nominee for the death chamber is blond, tall slender, shallow-eyed, furtive-looking. He ob-

## Eliminate Plowing to Save Labor

By NEA Service

LIND, Wash., Dec. 25.—Farmers in the northwest have tried for many years to reduce the labor of field cultivation by reducing the amount of plowing by cutting shallower into the ground. But farmers in this district have taken the ultimate step and have done away with plowing.

This fundamental farm operation is being avoided by merely disking and then proceeding with the summer fallow as though it had been plowed. The farmers admit that this may cause reduction of yields but it enables them to take care of twice as much ground without increasing labor costs.

viously is of subnormal intelligence.

"I don't care anything about the pardon board," he told me. "I might as well die as stay in jail all your life."

His mother is a once-a-week visitor to Cavalier's cell. But he greets her with little more warmth than he does any one else.

Cavalier shot his grandmother, Catherine Cavalier, to death to get money to go to the movies, the State's evidence indicated.

"Never Had Chance"

Mrs. Emma Delbert was one of the jurors. With some of the men on the panel, she said afterward that the jury misunderstood the instructions of the judge.

They thought, she said, that even in a first degree murder conviction, the death penalty would not be obligatory.

Cavalier went to school in Pottsville for a few years, and then had odd jobs around the railroad shops.

But he didn't hold any of his jobs long.

Of his relatives by blood or marriage, only his mother—the daughter of the murder victim—sought to aid and comfort him after he was placed under arrest.

"He never had a chance," the mother told me. "Nobody ever was kind to him."

There was three-cornered trouble between the mother, the husband, and Willie's grandparents after the boy's birth, and Willie was left largely to shift for himself.

So now he is in the county jail awaiting his trip to the chair—and professing to scorn the alternative of life imprisonment which the lawyers' appeal to the board of pardons makes possible.

## KANSAS PRO LEAGUE FIGHT OVER FINALE

Senator Capper Admits Has Signed Notes Years.

Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—

Senator Arthur Capper for years endorsed financial notes for Kansas Anti-Saloon League.

The Kansas Senator admitted today following sensational disclosures in Toledo of alleged financial liaison between leaders and prominent State officials.

The State officials involved included Attorney General Charles B. Granger and Supreme Court Justice H. C. Hopkins. Both have admitted receiving hundreds of dollars from the league while holding State positions.

In allegations hurled back and forth across the "pioneer nation State," a \$2,000 League note endorsed by Senator Capper in 1924, was mysteriously mentioned.

"Yes, I signed that note," the senator said. "I've been active in the Saloon League work in Kansas many years. I have endorsed financial notes for the league."

However, in the last few years he has been unable to keep very close touch with the inner workings of the league. I know practically nothing concerning the facts that caused the present trouble."

The Kansas Anti-Saloon League started when J. G. Schuchling, superintendent, alleged Attorney General Griffith from 1921 to 1924 had received \$4,084.04 from the league and Supreme Court Justice Hopkins Dec. 22, 1920 to June 8, 1924 had received \$1,191.54.

Schuchling asserted that a meeting of the league directors took place at the home of the late Attorney General Griffith from 1921 to 1924, and that the league had been ousted from office due to his demand for a full audit of the books of his predecessor, Fred L. Crabbe, said by Capper to be a brother of Attorney General Crabbe, of Ohio.

Crabbe had given over the records to Schuchling Jan. 1, 1925. Schuchling made public records purporting to show Crabbe in resigning waived \$2,500 in back salary and paid \$2,500 to the league. This settlement reached, Schuchling alleged, after private audit.

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