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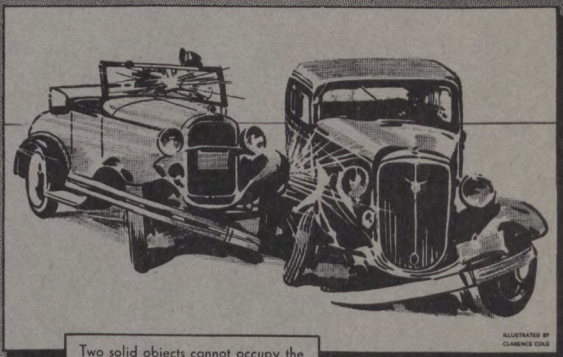
A NATIONAL NIGHTMARE

Year by year our automobile accident toll has risen until now it is truly a national nightmare. Fatalities run into the thousands, injuries into the millions, and economic costs into billions.

A few of the accidents are caused by cars being in bad condition. Bad roads and bad weather conditions cause a few. But the vast majority are caused by careless driving.

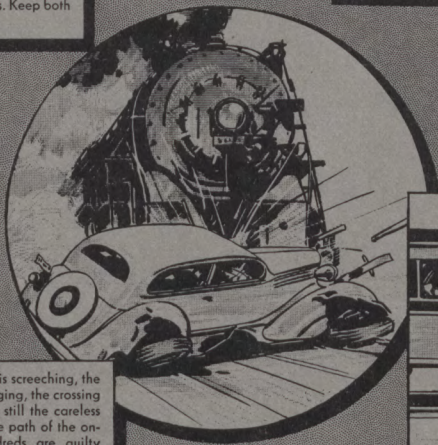


Collisions with fixed objects cause many accidents. No chance to blame it on "the other fellow" in a case like this. Inattention and fatigue are probably the chief reasons why there are so many of these accidents. Keep both eyes on the road ahead.



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Two solid objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Everybody knows this, yet every day drivers try to disprove the theory—much to their sorrow. Take your time. Don't put too much faith in the ability of the drivers you meet.



The engine's whistle is screeching, the warning bells are ringing, the crossing gates are down; but still the careless driver speeds into the path of the on-rushing train. Hundreds are guilty every year. How can drivers be so grossly negligent!

Of all the careless acts that are likely to cause wholesale slaughter, speeding past a standing street car is probably the worst. The pedestrians alighting from the car have little or no chance to escape. Driving in city traffic demands the utmost caution.



—Courtesy National Safety Council.

... What Are You Doing to Stop This Wreckage and Misery? ...

It is unfortunate that many WPA workers, who learn well their lessons of safety on the job, forget about them so quickly when they leave. Not only do street and highway accidents reflect this forgetfulness, but even home accidents frequently reveal the fact that good job safety is

just an attitude practiced while at work.

The ultimate solution of the accident problem depends upon us making safe practices our rule wherever we happen to be . . . on the job, in the home or on the highways. Properly trained WPA workers will help stop this wreckage.