

"DRIVE FRIENDLY"

Occasionally, we see a roadside sign that reads, "Drive Friendly." The sign may be a little confusing at first, but the motorist who gives it a second thought will realize that it is good advice. Automobile drivers in a happy frame of mind usually show courtesy. Courtesy is one of the cardinal elements in safe driving. The atrocious toll of human lives on our streets and highways has become a national disgrace. Drunk, careless driving is a big contributor to this annual toll. So is "unfriendly" driving.

Our valiant law enforcement officers, especially those of the state highway patrols and specifically assigned patrolmen of the cities, spend multiplied thousands of manhours each week to enforce the laws of the road and protect the lives of citizens on foot and in automobiles and other forms of vehicular traffic. We owe them, and above all ourselves and our families, the cooperation that is necessary to reduce injuries and fatalities. One way to accomplish this feat is to "drive friendly."

Annually and on occasions of very heavy road traffic, the National Safety Council and the law enforcement agencies offer advice and sound warnings against the toll that traffic accidents will take. These words of wisdom ought to be heeded. You can kill another human being as fast with careless driving as you can with a gun. This column has preached the value of working with our lawmen for several years. It is vital that Law-Aid encompass the traffic officers of the nation. Words of praise for the diligent work these men do is not enough. We must show our support by deeds. We must comply with the law and we must show the other motorist the same courtesy we would expect from him. Traffic courtesy is a good area in which we can all participate. Let's all "Drive Friendly." HLH

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