

time, to accomodate the speakers of the Traffic Safety Committee, so that two or more broadcasts will go out every day during this week.

Movie-goers undoubtedly are conscious of Safety Week, too, for the great majority of theatres in and around Baltimore are carrying trailers explaining the purposes of Safety Week. Fifty thousand Safety folders, with impressive messages to children, will be distributed this week in the County High Schools, through the splendid cooperation of Dr. Albert S. Cook, State Superintendent, and the School Superintendents in the various counties. Hundreds of posters, appealing for greater care in walking and driving, are on display in schools and public buildings in the counties. Large national advertisers are cooperating by endorsing the purposes of the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee on their billboards and in their radio announcements. To put it most conservatively, the people of Maryland have rallied to the cause of Safety in splendid fashion. Now the only thing that remains to be done is to translate into action on our streets and highways the maxims of safety that are being disseminated in so many ways.

The three useful techniques of Education, Engineering and Enforcement have been given attention in the makeup of our Committee. We are determined to call upon every resource of State departments and officials to afford training, scientific improvement in road conditions and compulsory adherence to law. But there still remains the great necessity of securing cooperation from the motoring public through the sane and careful operation of their cars.

Those who have made years of study of Traffic Safety declare that the elements of the problem are the Car, the Road and the Driver. Regarding the car we can say after viewing the Automobile Show last week that the manufacturer has done his part in furnishing a safe and reliable car. Brakes and tires are safer and every detail has received attention so that response is instantaneous.

Regarding the Road, State officials realize what their duty is in this respect. Better roads are our aim. Fortunately, through the present policy of using all gasoline tax money on the roads instead of diverting it to other uses, as heretofore, Maryland will have the greatest amount of money ever available for road construction and maintenance. But as a standing order, ahead of everything else, is the elimination of any and every traffic hazard that may be found.

There still remains the third element of the ever-present problem, namely, the Driver. It is to him and to her that our campaign is directed. We are asking the driver for something that it won't cost a cent to give, namely, to exercise decent and reasonable care while he is handling an instrument which can be converted into a deadly agency if he is reckless or careless. Our appeal is to the driver for his own benefit and safety.

Tonight, I again add my appeal to that of the Traffic Safety Committee. I ask each and every driver of a motor vehicle who may be listening tonight to drive with greater care from now on. "Save a Life—It may be your Own" is the Safety Committee's slogan, that ought to ride with you whenever you set out upon our streets and highways. Don't get behind the wheel of a car or a truck unless you are in condition to drive. Don't get behind the wheel of any motor vehicle unless the vehicle itself is in shape to be driven.

During November and December, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles W. Lee Elgin will have the annual inspection of motor vehicles. Have your car or