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Business Situation Discussed on Radio

The United States Department of Commerce is presenting a series of five special programs on the current business situation which are being broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company, stated Charles Mortensen, manager of the local Chamber of Commerce.

The broadcast is produced weekly on the "University of Chicago Round Table" and began Sunday, July 24, under the general title, "How's Business?"

All aspects of the current business situation are being critically discussed in this series by leading officials of the United States Department of Commerce, outstanding business leaders and members of the faculty of the University of Chicago, said Mortensen.

On July 31 the subject is "What Should We Do to Expand Business Activity?" The topic for August 7 is "What Future for the Small Businessman?"

On August 14 "World Trade and the British Crisis" will be discussed. The final broadcast, August 21, will concern the problem of "How Can American Business Speed Economic Progress Abroad?"

These Birmingham Boys Enjoy Waters of Lake Van Etten



From left to right Dale Simons, Don Thalacker, Bob Kelly, Sandy Mulock, Jeff Crawford, Tom Sheehan, John Appleford, and Dick Griffin, attending Camp Nissokone, near Oscoda, Mich., are pictured previous to their morning swim in Lake Van Etten. These boys are part of a group of 33 from Birmingham attending the Philip H. Gray YMCA Memorial Camp.

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Crazy Drivers Menace to Humanity, According to Police Chief Moxley

Stupid and dangerous driving practices, which account for all too many traffic accidents, are the targets of a broad educational program which got underway this week in Birmingham. The general theme of the program is:

LOOK OUT FOR THAT CRAZY DRIVER!

There are plenty of bad drivers to beware of in the metropolitan area according to the Traffic Safety Association. The Association has prepared 1,200 vivid posters bearing the warning, which are being placed on street-side standards in Detroit and in other sections of the metropolitan area.

The Association says that every Birmingham driver has had an experience with a crazy driver—a driver who is guilty of reckless, thoughtless and selfish behind-the-wheel behavior. Too many of those experiences ended in death or many ended in death or serious injury.

So far this year in Birmingham, there have been 183 motor vehicle accidents, about 155 more than occurred during the same period last year, records of the police department show. Thirty-one persons have been injured, two fatally.

"A great deal of this death and suffering could be prevented if every motorist would make driving a full-time job, and would show a decent amount of courtesy and consideration to the other fellow," the Association said.

Impossible Task

Chief Moxley said that the police, while doing a relatively good job of controlling "crazy drivers" on main thoroughfares, were unable to apprehend many of them driving on residential and secondary streets.

"A police officer patrolling every block of every street in Birmingham would be the department's best method of coping with these bad drivers, who are an increasingly serious menace," Chief Moxley said. "But it's obvious that we do not have enough policemen to do that kind of job."

Chief Moxley warned against placing complete reliance on traffic control signs. "Don't assume that every driver will obey red signs and stop signs," he said. "Wait until the driver DOES stop. Then you can proceed with safety. Don't take anything for granted when a car is approaching."

According to police officials, traffic engineers and members of the Traffic Safety Association staff, a crazy driver is one who indulges in absentminded, selfish and often suicidal driving practices, such as:

1. Making a sweeping left turn from the extreme right lane, cutting across moving traffic and causing oncoming motorists to jam on their brakes to avoid an accident.
2. Speeding down a residential street even though children, playing on the sidewalk, may suddenly dart into the street without thinking, as children often do.
3. Roaring through blind inter-

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