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This issue seems headed for a "Back-to-nature" pattern. A reader called this Wanderer last Wednesday to report seeing a doe on the Billington Estate, 13 Mile road. The animal watched the traffic a few moments and apparently deciding it was too much for her, went back into the woods at the farther end of the property. That same morning this Wanderer saw pheasants enough to make a hunter's mouth water. They made a beautiful sight as the early morning sun brought out all their brilliant colors. Finally, on Thursday Mrs. Clark H. Stevens of 1386 Lakeside drive called to tell us about a tulip which had gotten some original ideas this year. There are two blooms on the same stem, which is not unusual, but these one bloom is white and the other pink, that particular plant has certainly acquired a distinction all its own.

Harold R. Jones, cornet soloist at Michigan State College, presented a solo selection at the outdoor festival given at the Patten-

gill stadium Tuesday evening. The festival, the first outdoor exhibition of its type to be given in Lansing, featured the Patten and Eastern High school bands and choirs, which include approximately 500 junior and senior high school students. The festival was sponsored by the combined music departments of the two high schools.

With travel on Michigan highways approximately 15 per cent greater than in 1947, Automobile Club of Michigan urges motorists to "take it easy" over Memorial Day week end, which traditionally marks beginning of summer and holiday driving in large volume. State Police records show 1,444 persons were killed and 38,109 injured in 197,619 automobile accidents in Michigan last year. The injured toll was the second highest in Michigan's history, and the accident toll was a new high. Because of the anticipated heavy holiday traffic, Auto Club recommends that motorists start earlier, drive slower than normally, ob-

EARLY COPY WANTED

Because the Memorial Day holiday will be observed next Monday, The Eccentric editorial staff will have only four days to obtain and prepare copy for next week's issue, instead of the regular five days. This will necessitate, as far as humanly possible, the doing of two days' work in just one day—Tuesday. Therefore, news items should be submitted by the end of this week if at all possible. Otherwise, it may be necessary to considerably shorten news stories which are received on Tuesday, or it may mean leaving them out entirely (which we never like to do).

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serve all highway markings, particularly on hills and curves, and be alert for pedestrians and cars coming out of side roads. This Wanderer hopes our readers will observe these precautions. We want to keep you on our subscription list.

Witful comment of a local store owner last week when the weather was behaving itself for once: "There ought to be a law against working on days like this—and even if it were raining, it would be more fun walking around barefoot than staying indoors." Spring fever?

Mrs. P. Peterson of 14 Mile road called in to report this little episode: A salesman was at her door busily trying to persuade her to buy his product when suddenly his eyes bulged, he stopped talking pointed mutely to a tree nearby and then hurriedly took his leave. "I'm a 'tea-totaller' myself," Mrs. Peterson said. "I believed my eyes and called the police to come kill it for me." "It" was a five-foot snake amusing itself by hanging from the limb of a nearby tree. Two policemen with a club and broken off sticks arrived and soon had the situation and dead snake in hand.

Middiepan William E. Kidley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kidley of 2560 Dorchester street, now in his freshman year in Naval Reserve Officers Training at the University of Michigan, will receive a certificate of appreciation for duty aboard the battleship USS Iowa during June, July and August of this year.

The average motorist is given to making uncomplimentary remarks about youngsters on bikes—and justifiably so. Thursday afternoon this Wanderer saw an incident that is a common practice and one of the reasons for the attitude motorists have toward these youngsters. A woman was driving north on Woodward and went to park her car near Bodine's. As she pulled up to the curb she caught a glimpse of the boy and his bike, right at her front fender. He had been passing her car in the narrow space behind the parked vehicles, and on the wrong side. Hardly the thickness of a coat of paint separated the lad from tragedy when the driver slammed on her brakes.

Via the grapevine, this Wanderer has learned that residents of the Coryell Park subdivision, which includes Shirley and Ar-

lington drives met Monday evening to reconsider their stand against improvement of those streets with blacktop. These residents last week objected to such a program on the basis that a few good and well placed bumps would keep down speeding in that area. This Wanderer doesn't know whether the following incident had anything to do with the sudden change in plans: But last week end in the Fairway drive area, one of these Coryell Park citizens was halted by a Birmingham Highlands subdivision resident. Both had attended the May 17 city commission meeting at which both areas were considered for permanent street improvement. The Highlands area was approved, Coryell Park was not. So when the Highlands resident stopped the Park resident for (More BITS on Page 2, Part 2)



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