Love Not Always Behind Wheel

It is taken for granted that the motorists who live in this Birmingham area (and why not all areas, too?) are possessed of intelligent yearnings to live in a world that is peaceful and safe.

Why, then, are there so many automobile accidents and fatalities?

A public forum letter recently published in a large Midwestern newspaper gave an unusual but thought-provoking twist to the campaign against traffic accidents.

NOTING THAT ONE of the principal causes of such accidents is "sadly neglect-ed and usually overlooked," the writer of the letter said:

"Every human being who loves his fel-low men is almost certain to become a considerate and safety-conscious motorist, because love engenders consideration and forbids heedlessness."

This strikingly original yet soundly based viewpoint deserves all the attention that can be attracted to it. Naïve as it may seem, the thought that love and consideration are key deterrents to auto accidents, cuts through to the heart of the problem. For arrogance and anger and an aggressive spirit are root causes of a very large number of collisions.

THE SAFETY DEVICES built into THE SAPETY DEVICES built into modern cars are helpful. So are tougher law enforcement and constant emphasis on careful driving. But the fact remains that if the idea embodied in this letter were widely put into practice that would do more than anything else to reduce the number of accidents.

do more than snything else to reduce the number of accidents. When drivers begin to look out for the other fellow's interests instead of bulling their way ahead of him, the motorists' paradise will be at hand.

Will New Keyboard Improve Spelling?

Will "Etaoin shrdlu" and "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" vanish from the stenographer's exercises? The government is testing a new typwriter keyboard. The old standard arrangement has seen no change for 83 years.

The idea is to put the keys nearest the fingers that do the most work. All vowels, for example, will be off the second row of keys, where the fingers usually rest.

The keys on the right side of the machine, which right-handed persons muturally use by preference, now do only 43 per cent of the work. The new style would

give the right hand 56 per cent of the

TESTS WILL BE MADE over a period of months, with equally skilled workers operating on both the old and the new machines. If these work out as expected, a new kind of typewriter soon may be on the market.

A friend, told of this project, said, "I hope the new machines will spell better than the old ones." His wish may yet be

Teddy Roosevelt Set a Good Example

A new 6-cent stamp commemorates Theodore Roosevelt. This is an honor proceerly baid to an outstanding president. Officeholder, author, naturalist, he left his chief impression perhaps by his abounding vigor, despite the fact that as a boy he was sickly and always handicapped by imperfect vision. Though the presidential achievement of, which he loved to boast most was his acquisition of the Panama Canal zone, making the canal possible, his greatest service was in giving new meaning to public service.

HE WEEDED OUT party hacks and replaced them with efficient enthusiasts. His example was of invaluable aid to reform groups striving to overthrow local

He had faults, some of them grave, but they are overborne by his overwhelming vitality and his ardent patriotism. He will always stand out as one of our distinguished presidents, resembling not so much the Lincoln to whom he used to compare himself as that forthright hero, Andrew Jackson

Relieving President of Some Details

So much has been said of the unnecessary routine tasks piled on the President that at last the Justice Department has done something about it. The President this year pardoned 42 federal prisoners and commuted the sentence of one. Formerly that would have required him to sign 129 papers.

The Justice Department prepared a

blanket document listing the prisoners, and authorizing the Attorney General to do the rest. This took one presidential signature instead of 129.

signature instead of 129.

This is all very well. More steps like this can and should be taken. But the real burden of the presidency is the top decisions that have to be made. No subordinate can be delegated for these.

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Oakland County's Prosecutor Frederick Oakland County's Prosecutor Frederick C. Ziem argues that the only way to make U.S. motorists keep within safe speed limits is to place automatic governors on all cars. Such gadgets, he maintains, can be made compulsory accessories on all cars. No doubt about this, Mr. Ziem; such governors are quite possible to make. but to install them via law is, we think, not only a long and winding political route, but an almost impossible one.

We have only the greatest admiration for the character and the principles of John Foster Dulles, U. S. Secretary of State. However, since he took this place back in January of 1953 he has travelled

about a quarter of a million miles outside the U. S., in his simi-futile efforts to bring about enduring peace. Maybe that task is beyond any man's ability . . . but what has Mr. Dulles done to "clean his own house" of fellow-travelers and pro-Com-mie sympathizers? From what we can learn, very little.

President Ike's visit to Key West, where he could enjoy the warm climate of that most southern U.S. city, was a deserved one. While President, Harry S. Truman found that out, too. Let's hope that Ike continues these visits until he leaves the White House in early 1961.

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NATURE NOW

Great Mammals Once Roamed Area

By LYDIA KING FREHSE Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Last week's column told of the triumph of a new order of animals called the mammals, who ushered in the Cenezoiz or modern era of our earth's history.

The first period of this era saw the last of perpetual warmth, lust grass and wide-spread forests.

During the next age repeated ices sheets crept down from the north, refrigerating on e-third of the earth's surface.

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ALTERNATING periods of elicial cold and interplical warmth followed. During this time anila hordes of three continents streamed back and forth over land bridges made by the and the listhmus of Panama, commingling and interbreeding with a contract of the contract of th

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ALSO ON VIEW are mustadon strength to survive these periods of tumult, ma ny Mrs. Frehes the proper of the control of

covered on a farm just north of the present site of Birmingham. It the present site of Birmingham. It is a somewhat smaller than his modern descendant, the elephant, but resembled him except for his thick cat of fur, his shorter trunk and legs and his horter trunk and legs and his He is also distinguished by the conical projections of his molars, for which he is named. Teeth, because of their hardness and their indication of their owner's age portant fossil evidence. In this case the animal was cutting the last of its check teeth.

ALSO ON VIEW are mastodon skulls from locations near Ypsi-lanti and Lansing, and scattered bones from Washtehaw county. But we pause longest before a complete skeleton called the Owas-so mastodon

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The skull of this animal was discowered by a farmer operating a
cowered by a farmer operating a
ditch. The complete skeleton was
unearthed by an expedition from
the museum. Its smaller head,
short tusks and broad pelvis proMore than 150 reported discoveries of mastodon remains in Michigan attest their prevalence some
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te sheet was receding. Many scientic sheet was receding. Many scienwith early man, who may have had
a hand in his extinction.

THE MAMMOTH and the mas-

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric-The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, the ladies of Mary D. Hive presented a beautiful silver candether retiring Commander, having held that office for three years and was absent only three meetings in that time only three meetings in the time of the meeting in the

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50 YEARS AGO
January 12, 1906
Hunters in this county will need to be careful now, for the following men have been appointed deputy game wardens in this county: L. A. Dotafort, Almingham and chas. Van Elsakirk, Pontias.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Connine Mr. and Mrs. and and

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A number of young ladies ment at the home of Miss Rena Dennison last week and organized adancing club by the name of Fleur de lis Club, which will gives party on the Board during 1940 were ready evening, Ann. 28. The young Charles E. James, president of the amemorable evening for the young charles the start of bosiness in 2018 and with the start of bosiness in 2018 and which will give a possible the start of bosiness in 2018 and with the start of the

Doris Richard's Chi Omega Doris Richard's Chi Omega rority aisters at Hilbadia Colli-entertained her at a surprise m cellaneous shower Sunday even, in Hilbadia. Doris, you know, leaving school the end of t month prior to her marriage, F 25, to Jules Defleaulier

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

Some anonymous newspaperman ap-parently decided to see what it would look like if all the typographical errors com-mon to wedding stories were included in a single story

As single story.

Here it is, as it was being passed along in a newspaper trade journal-maybe some of you will enjoy the item as much as I

"The bride was given in marriage by her father, wearing her mother's wedding gown; the couple went to school 'fogether and their marriage will stop 'a romance begun there; the bride wore a strand of

begun there; the bride wore a strand of thy matched pearls; her gown was of vile green; her accessories-were plain punk; the bridegroom's mother, was attired in a lace dress which fell to the floor."

And, "The maid of horror wore yellow the the things of the things o

Mercury division of Ford Motor Colast week announced an experimental automobile, the "XM-Turnpike Cruiser". The division said the model is "designed to take full advantage of the nation's budding new improved highway system..." and is styled to give...

US Sub Commander In Mediterranean

By George Wm. Averill

motorists maximum driving pleasure, comfort and safety as they travel the

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In Michigan, that would come only over Highway Commissioner Charles Ziegler's dead freeway program.

Michigan's six southeastern counties—Oakland included—are reported to be considering a "master" highway committee which will plan future arterial highways. It would endeavor to pinpoint routes, thus being able to keep buildings out of the paths, Also, it could establish setback lines from the routes.

Looks like many property owners, were

lines from the routes.

Looks like many property owners, were this plan to be carried out, would be faced with the prospect of not being able to sell-their properties to anyone but their county road commission.

And at the county's pleasure perhaps. That is, unless the county were able to plunk down hard cash for the right-off way.

way. And who's heard of a county that has that kind of money for expressways?

On my telephone receiver, I've got a

shoulder rest that comes in handy when I've got notes to take. I like to use both hands—I'm not a good one-handed note

taker.

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