Back Seat Drivers Can Be a Real Help

Want to live longer?

Here's one method: Become buddies with that person fidgeting in the back seat of your car—or right there beside you, for that matter.

"Two heads are better than one when they're behind the wheel of a car," the National Safety Council says. It believes that the so-called back-seat driver may hold the solution to the traffic accident problem.

"We're in favor of motorists combining their driving knowledge and skill with the help other passengers in the car can give," the Council says.

It agrees that the term "back-seat driver has a bad connotation. The motorist who's been subjected to nagging "advice" from the rear understandably takes a dim view of interference with his driving.

"BUT WITH the proper spirit on both sides, back-seat drivers can be a real help," the Council says.

How?

1. Let your wife, for example, who used to sit with nothing to do on a trip, be your copilot. Her observations—a car sneaking from a side street, a quick turn in the road ahead—can take a big load off your mind.

2. Studies show that the irritated driver is more accident prone. The wife can help hubby cool off when he's upset over slow-moving cars or heavy traffic.

3. GIVING other persons in your car something to keep them from getting bored makes the trip go faster for both of you—and keeps friction at a minimum.

"In addition to her lookout duties, the back-seat driver can handle many other details to make motoring more relaxing," the Council says.

"Let her light your cigarette, keep down the roar of your kids in the back seat, and chart your course. There are a thousand and one things she can do for you while you're driving.

"SUCCESSFUL businessmen well know the value of delegating authority. Yet, behind the wheel of a car an executive will try to handle the whole job of driving—often with disastrous results.

"Why do all the work, when minor parts of the job can be handled just as well by your wife?" the Council asks.

"Bringing the back-seat driver up front with you—in other words, giving her responsibilities on a trip—eases your job of driving.

"It may save a life—yours, or the life of the back-seat driver who used to get on your nerves."

Birmingham Man Injured in Collision

Vernon L. Caid, 22, of 520 Westbourne, Birmingham, suffered a sprained ankle last week when his car was in collision with one driven by William Kirkpatrick, 28, of Pleasant Ridge, at Woodward and Catalpa.

Kirkpatrick suffered a cut forehead. Both men were treated at Beaumont hospital in Royal Oak and released.

LEGAL NOTICES

Walter R. Denison, Atty., 615 Oakland, Birmingham

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of IRA D. BELTZ, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1958.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 6th day of October, 1958, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefor, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
(18-19-20)

Forbes S. Hascall, Atty., Briggs Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland

In the Matter of the Estate of Don Edward Dasher, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 30th day of June, A.D. 1958.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 8th day of September, 1958, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan:

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefor, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered, That notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

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Judge of Probate.
(18, 19, 20)

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—House" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

Hills Commission Hears Residents On Paving Plan

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Public hearing on the proposed paving of Linda lane and Linda court brought six of the streets' 11 lot owners to the Bloomfield Hills city commission chambers Tuesday night.

Discussion centered on contention by some of the owners, including all three Linda court residents, that paving would not be beneficial. Theories varied as to the system of assessment to be used if paving is decided upon.

The commission last week approved asphalting the two short streets, which run north of Lone Pine road one-quarter mile west of Woodward, and set up an assessment roll after a petition signed by eight of the lot owners had been submitted.

COST OF THE project, an 18-foot wide strip, is estimated at $6,695.

Residents argued that Linda court is ideal in its present condition, since there is no through traffic on the dead end street. Others said proposed sewer construction in the area would result in damage to pavement.

Conceding that their knowledge of the individual problems in the area was confined to second hand information, Mayor Dominick Vettraino and City Manager Elmer Kephart agreed to look the Lindas over personally and report their findings at the next commission meeting.

IN OTHER action, Harold Turner Ford's low bid of $1,550 for a new police car was accepted over three others received. The car will replace one totaled in a three-car crash at Long Lake and Woodward two weeks ago.

The city manager was authorized to solicit bids for paving 882 feet of Cranbrook road between Quarton and Woodbury.

Kephart announced plans to study a proposal for a storage shed, to be located in back of the city office building.

Discussion of the Michigan state police uniform traffic code for communities was postponed until next meeting to allow thorough study by commissioners.

Art Talk Slated

"Art and Its Relation to Our Community" will be discussed by a panel of authorities at the Farmington Universalist Church Sunday morning at 10:30. This is the first program in a series of cultural meetings replacing regular church services.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Fourteen-year-old Pat Hull, 1067 Wakefield, Birmingham, has three golfing FIRSTS to her credit. Pat Tuesday scored the FIRST hole-in-one by a woman at Commerce township's Edgewood country club. It was also the club's FIRST ace of the year and the FIRST by a golfer as young as Pat. The girl, who'll be a Birmingham high soph this fall, is the daughter of the Wilber S. Hulls and was playing with her mother. She used a driver on the 168-yard sixth hole, and club officials say her feat is the equivalent of a 250-yard ace by a man. It'll be worth a dozen golf balls, a gift of the Varsity Shop in Birmingham.

What would be better than a Frolic on the Fifth after letting the children have Fun on the Fourth? Nothing, said residents in the 2000-2200 block on Yorkshire, Birmingham. So Helen Geovjian, Sue Bywater, Dorothy Averill, Marsha Waldrup, Janet Royal, Jean Nelson, Sally Griffith, and Kim Thayer, collected a nominal cover charge from the husbands in the block, bought refreshments and food, and set things up in the Waldrup Geovjian adjoining side yards. Sort of different, dancing on a concrete driveway apron. But it was enjoyable, to which the attendance attests. Only three couples were out of town on other vacation plans. Otherwise the turnout would have been 100 percent. This neighborhood party also served to introduce to the block two recently moved-in couples. Could this block now say it is the only one in the area on which everyone knows everyone else? It is claimed, you know, that in suburbia today you hardly know who is living next door. If your block wants to try this kind of party for what it does to foster or enlarge neighborliness, this Wanderer recommends it. We can boost it—cause we've tried it.

How do you get 250 years of history into a 20-minute talk? was Birmingham Eccentric Editor and Publisher George R. Averill's problem Monday noon. He gave the lead-off portion of the Rotary club's program. He was followed by Birmingham City Commissioner Florence Willett, who tried to tell in her relatively few minutes what municipal government looks like to a woman. Averill's comments showed the change of Birmingham and area from a habitat of wild animals and friendly Indians to caged parakeets and crowded residences. Averill reminded Rotarians—many of whom have lived here 20 to 30 years or more—that the "new suburbia" has taken away appreciable amounts of the old Birmingham neighborliness. "But we're all trying to hang onto what we have left," he remarked. Other women after ask Mrs. Willett what municipal duties are like. She says she tells them: "Just like at home—Just bigger sinks and bigger sewers!"

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Obituary Notices

MISS HELEN G. SMITH, 45, of 327 Southfield, Birmingham, died July 2 in Detroit Osteopathic hospital after a short illness. A native of Detroit, she had lived in Birmingham most of her life.

Miss Smith was a saleslady at Jacobson's stores in Birmingham. She is a graduate of Kingswood school and post graduate of the University of Michigan. She was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Estes P. Bardwell, Mrs. O. T. Thompson of Birmingham and Mrs. Perry A. Vaughan, Jr. of Bloomfield Hills; and a brother, Herbert Smith of Pontiac.

Services were Saturday from Christ Church Cranbrook. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. Arrangements were made by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

MRS. LILLIAN B. RUSSELL, 72, of Royal Oak, mother of Mrs. John G. Carmichael of Birmingham, died July 1 at Woodward General hospital. She lived in Royal Oak three months coming from Detroit.

She is survived by her husband, Jay W. Russell, a Detroit automotive repair business operator; and three grandchildren.

Services were Saturday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Acacia Park cemetery.

FRITZ G. ALVEN, 66, of 1150 Hartland, Troy, died July 1 at Avon Center hospital after a long illness. He lived in Troy for 11 years coming from Highland Park.

Mr. Alven was a tool grinder with the U. S. Tool and Cutter Co., of Farmington.

Surviving are his wife, Gerta; a son, Maj. Harold Alven of the Air Force; a daughter, Mrs. Hugh T. Carney of Birmingham and three grandchildren.

Services were Thursday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery. The Rev. Hocking of Big Beaver Methodist church officiated.

MRS. MAY GAMBLE, 92, of Pontiac, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died June 29 at Johnson Nursing Home. Born May 22, 1866 in Bloomfield township, she lived in the county for 70 years.

She was a member of the Oakland County historical foundation and active in Pine Lake Cemetery Association.

Mrs. Gamble is survived by a nephew, Hugh W. Allen of Deckerville, Mich.

Services were July 2 from the Voorhees Siple chapel in Pontiac with burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

MRS. GRACE RUDD VOTEY, 86, of Traverse City died June 25 at her home. She formerly lived in Birmingham with her daughter, Marjorie, who taught at Adams school, was principal of Walnut Lake school and now teaches in Traverse City.

Mrs. Votey was active in Michigan garden club and conservation work. She is survived by her daughter and a son, Harold, of Acme.

MRS. HOWARD CARTER of 415 Merrill street, Birmingham, died Friday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital after a short illness. Services were Monday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ada Flowerday of Detroit and Mrs. Eva Schllinger of Port Sanilac.

MRS. MATHILDE N. SCHREIBER, 88, of 26020 Carol avenue, Franklin, died Monday in Malcom Palmer convalescent home after a long illness. Born in Minonk, Ill., Oct. 11, 1869, she lived in Franklin for four years coming from Grand Rapids.

She was a member of the Bethel Evangelical Reformed church.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Frederic Schreiber; three daughters, Mrs. Don Hunter, Mrs. James Nelson and Mrs. Robert Braidwood.

Services were Wednesday from the Chapel of the Hamilton Co. with burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Contributions are being made to tribute fund United Community Service.

JUDY MARIE CAPLING, 14 month daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Capling of Pontiac, formerly of Birmingham, died July 2 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

She leaves her parents; a sister, Anna May; grandmother, Mrs. Pat Dodge; grandparents, the Ben Jubenvilles and great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton.

Services were Saturday from the Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

MRS. RUTH HOUGH, 66, of 272 Oakland avenue, Birmingham, died June 25 at the University hospital in Ann Arbor after a long illness. She was born July 29, 1891 in Vienna, N.Y.

Mrs. Hough was a member of the First Methodist church in Birmingham and a former dietician in New York.

She is survived by a son, Meredith C.; a daughter, Mrs. Daniel A. Nesbitt; and a sister, Mrs. Lynn M. Caldwell, Jr.

Services and burial were in Canastota, N. Y. Arrangements were by Manley Bailey funeral home.

ALMANSON HILLMAN, 77, of 1212 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, died suddenly Tuesday at St. Joseph Mercy hospital. He was born in Merton township, Essex county, Ontario, June 24, 1881.

Mr. Hillman was a member of the First Baptist church and retired in 1955 from Cranbrook, where he was a maintenance man for the buildings and grounds.

He leaves his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Martin J. Murawsky and Mrs. Barry Bruce; a son, Darwin Hillman; a brother, Warden K.; 12 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. from the Manley Bailey funeral home. Dr. Emil Kontz will officiate. Burial will be in Roseland Park cemetery.

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