

'I Didn't See' Old Accident Excuse

Modern Traffic Calls For Full Attention

The most overworked excuse for automobile accidents is the old one, "I didn't see," says H. Earl Pitzer, Director of the Bureau of Highway Safety.

"Expert drivers know that operating a moving vehicle in modern traffic calls for full attention to the job at hand," he declared. "Effective vision starts inside the driver's head. When a motorist is mentally alert, he sees things that other drivers may not notice, and he is ready to exercise good judgment in whatever action may be necessary."

In addition to being in a good frame of mind, the safe driver makes sure his vision is equal to the demands of modern driving, Pitzer pointed out.

"The wise motorist takes good care of his eyes. If he needs glasses to catch the messages on the various road signs, he will use glasses. This motorist will avoid driving when his eyes become tired," Pitzer stressed.

"And although he may not know that in 1953, the driver's vision was obscured in one out of ten fatal accidents, the smart motorist does know that certain automotive items must be kept in good shape to assure proper visibility.

"Now that we're entering the season of increasing darkness, it becomes more and more important to have headlights in good working order and to check windshield wiper blades for clear, streak-free wiping action. Heat of the past summer has baked the life out of rubber in many wiper blades, and replacement with live-rubber blades may be the most important single investment in safety equipment that can be made for the forthcoming season when adequately-cleared windshields are a must.

"A dependable defroster is another item required for safe winter driving.

"And to assure visibility to the rear, the rear window should be cleared of snow quickly after snow has fallen.

"The driver who conscientiously makes an effort to see danger in time to avoid it will insure his own continued safety on the road."

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"She's read the book, seen the movie version, the radio version and the television version . . . now she's telling her own version!"

Nesbitt Auxiliary Plans Christmas Tea

Shavertown Branch, Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary, will hold a Christmas tea in Back Mountain Memorial Library Annex today, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Charles Perkins, chairman of program, announces that Mrs. James Harrison, accompanied by Mrs. William Nunlist, will give violin selections. Members are asked to bring unwrapped gifts to put on display for the Shop, and also wrapped fifty-cent gifts for exchange, with names enclosed.

Mrs. Theodore Baker will preside. Mrs. James Harrison and Miss Laura Smith will receive. Mrs. Paul Mulvey and Mrs. David Williams are co-chairmen of the tea. Assisting them will be:

Mesdames Theodore Jones, Albert Jordan, David Joseph, Harvey Kitchen, George Keller, Julia Knorr, Warden Kunkle, Blanche Keller, Nell Knight, Ruth Lamoreaux, George Learn, Arthur Leek, Charles Lewis, Helen Liem, George Liddcott, Gordon Mathers, Frank Morrison, R. E. Neal, C. S. Norris, and

William Nunlist.

Blind Barn Owl Is Favorite Bird

Singed Feathers In Burning Chimney

To thousands of visitors, the high point of their visit to Washington Crossing Park's Bird Banding Station is a blind barn owl, the Park Commission has reported to the State Department of Forests and Waters.

Seriously burnt in a chimney where he was sitting out the day, the blinded owl's condition looked hopeless at first. But the bird survived and at the end of each banding program it is brought out and fed half a pound of beef liver. Afterwards the owl is carried around from bench to bench and everybody gets a chance to stroke its head. The owl likes the attention, and the crowds like the owl.

Dr. Paul H. Fluck who is in charge of the Bird Banding Program reports that in the first three weeks of October, 300 birds were banded in the Park. Since the Bird Banding Program began two years ago, 20,000 people have attended. Bird programs are held every Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m.—after November 1 at 3 p.m.

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