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Smoky Badger





Everybody talks about safety. Now, we want you to meet up with an outstanding group of Bureau employees who not only TALK about safety, but DO something about it.....Safe Driver Awardees who have either added another year of safe driving to their record or have earned their first year's award.

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| 18 yr. - Lieut. Jerome D. Klug | 6 yr. - Insp. Nils W. Swanson |
| 17 yr. - Sgt. William D. Hendrickson | 5 yr. - Tpr. Wayne C. Achterberg |
| Insp. Leon W. Luick | Insp. Gordon O. Barkow |
| 15 yr. - Sgt. Arthur H. School | Tpr. Francis A. Hart |
| 7 yr. - Sgt. Henry M. Leffin, Jr. | 4 yr. - Tpr. Alan J. Lohman |
| Tpr. Lawrence G. Luther, Jr. | Tpr. Roger A. Schneider |
| 6 yr. - Insp. Joseph H. Gefroh | 3 yr. - Tpr. Wayne R. Misener |
| Insp. Ronald W. Kraft | 2 yr. - Comm. Tech. Duane J. Meyer |
| Insp. Ronald L. Lauritzen | 1 yr. - Tpr. Gary A. Plath |
| Insp. Ronald W. Levra | Tpr. Gary D. Schumann |

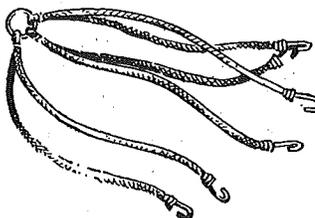
INTER-DISTRICT FLEET SAFETY CONTEST

With two months of experience recorded, the contest has developed into a stand-off because five of the districts have recorded no preventable accidents. The difference in the standings is merely the mileage. Congratulations, Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 for being off to a great start!

<u>District No.</u>	<u>Accidents</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Place</u>
2	0	285,719	.000	1
5	0	241,444	.000	2
6	0	231,371	.000	3
4	0	203,854	.000	4
8	0	101,025	.000	5
1	2	482,132	.415	6
3	1	220,646	.453	7

WHATZ-IT?

The WHATZ-IT for last month was an archer's arm guard. There were several calls, all with the right answer.....



This item looks something like a lot of loose ends. It does have a purpose....
WHATZ-IT?

1974 FLEET ACCIDENTS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Hdqrs.	0	0	0
Academy	0	0	0
Dist. 1	3	0	3
Dist. 2	1	2	3
Dist. 3	0	2	2
Dist. 4	1	0	1
Dist. 5	0	1	1
Dist. 6	1	0	1
Dist. 8	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
Insp.	2	0	2
Tpr.	3	5	8
Sgt.	1	0	1
Lieut.	0	0	0
Capt.	0	0	0
Comm. Tech.	0	0	0
Chem. Tech.	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

THE STEERING COLUMN



Col. Lew V. Versnik

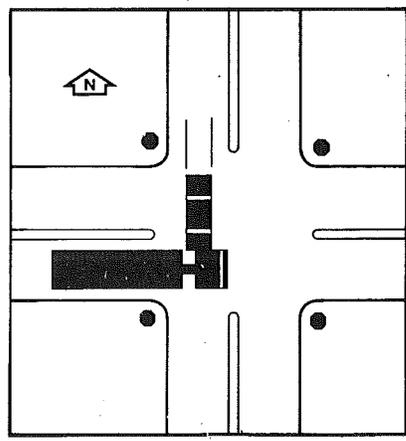
Did you ever watch a youngster viewing a performer, dancer, ballplayer, boxer or any other-- on television? The child watches entranced for awhile, then begins imitating the motions of the performer. Children are born imitators and are prone to pattern their behavior on the conduct of adults around them. As a thought toward the future, when the opportunity presents itself it might be well to remind parents that their own youngsters learn respect for traffic regulations from them. Use every appropriate opportunity to make parents sensitive to the realization that they may be unconsciously teaching them to disregard speed limits, parking rules and other traffic regulations. Your efforts could have a profound effect on some child's future.



THE ACCIDENT



Driver's statement: "I was approaching a 4-way stop sign; the time was 10:00 a.m., the weather was cloudy, and the roads were wet. I made a complete stop at the intersection and checked in all three directions for approaching vehicles. The intersection was clear, so I proceeded. I was about 10 feet into the intersection when I looked again to my left and saw a car approaching at a high rate of speed. I thought he wasn't going to stop, so I stopped dead, hoping he would clear my unit; instead, he crashed into my left drive tires. I think I used good judgement in stopping, because if I had proceeded, the car might have gone under my trailer, causing a fatality. As it was, no one was injured. The automobile driver signed a report assuming blame for the accident. He said he had bald tires on the car and should have had them changed. He admitted to the police that he had not seen the stop sign, as he was from out of state and was not familiar to the area. I don't think I should be charged with this accident."



(Answer on Page 4).

SO YOU KNOW WISCONSIN?

All right, no "cheating" now, tell me in what county this location is, and what is the predominant highway? (Answer next issue)



Lieutenant Elmer Draeger (retired) called to advise that Angelica was in his old stamping grounds---Shawano County with Highways 29, 32, 47 and 55 all showing around the edges.

Notable Quote: "Getting to and from work every day has become a nightmare for every metropolitan area resident who now uses a private automobile. Family cars...have already ceased to perform this basic function satisfactorily. The only answer is a vastly improved mass transit system including rail, subway, and surface vehicles. The need is immediate...."

---Senator Harrison Williams, Jr., before American Transit Assoc., in 1967

BEHIND THE WHEEL



Major Charles Litkey

An institution may spread itself over the entire state and may employ hundreds of people, but the average person usually forms his judgement of it through his contact with one individual. If this person is rude, or inefficient, or appears unkempt, it will take alot of kindness and efficiency to overcome the bad impressions. Every member of an organization, who in any capacity comes in contact with the public, is a salesman and the impression he makes is an advertisement ---good or bad. . . .

AMERICAN RIP-OFF

The "great American pastime" is not baseball! American families each pay a "hidden tax" probably exceeding \$150 per year because of merchandise and cash stolen from stores. These and other revelations were part of a study conducted by the Mass Retailing Institute, which called the findings "a national tragedy," and which laid the blame for losses on both trusted employees and shoplifters. The study, which was limited to only the thieves who were caught, means that findings may represent just the tip of the iceberg!

(Makes one wonder what numeric value, on a scale of 10, does the average American place on "stealing" a few arterials, right-of-way situations and miles per hour over the limit in the cops-and-cheaters game of highway hide-and-seek?)

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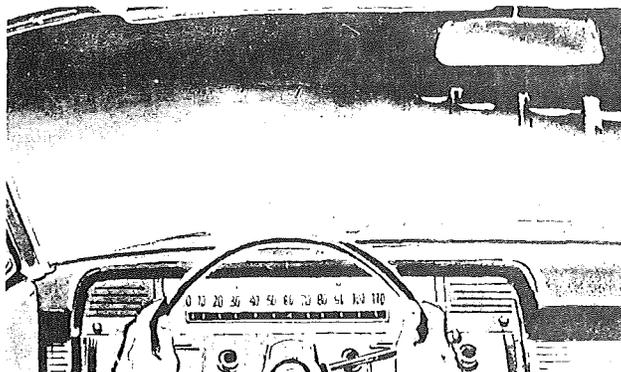
Mrs. Frieda M. May
COMPOSITOR




DRIVER ACCIDENT PREVENTION

This is the eighth in the series of DAP, a copyrighted series of 12 accident preparedness situations which were obtained by the Bureau for your enlightenment. (Answers to No. 7 situation are on Page 4.)

Driver Accident Prevention



YOU'RE DRIVING AT NIGHT ON A STRANGE ROAD...SUDDENLY YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT

think what would you do?

With your eyes? (Put an "X" through what YOU would do!)

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|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1.  LOOK LEFT |  LOOK STRAIGHT |  LOOK RIGHT |  LOOK REAR MIRROR |  LOOK SIDE MIRROR |
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With your feet?

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| 2.  INCREASE GAS |  DECREASE GAS |  OFF GAS |
| 3.  BRAKE FIRMLY |  SLAM BRAKE |  OFF BRAKE |
| 4.  PRESS HEADLIGHT BUTTON |  LEAVE BUTTON ALONE |  PARKING BRAKE |

With your hands?

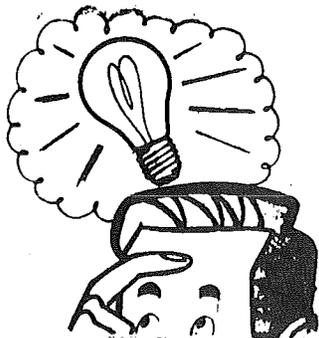
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| 5.  STEER LEFT |  STEER RIGHT |  STEER STRAIGHT |  HOLD LOOSELY |  SWERVE |
|  SHIFT NEUTRAL |  SHIFT LOW |  SHIFT REVERSE |  SHIFT PARK |  BLOW HORN |

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DAP SERIES No. 5, D 9

And then there was the woman who told her husband, "Be an angel and let me drive." He did, and he is.

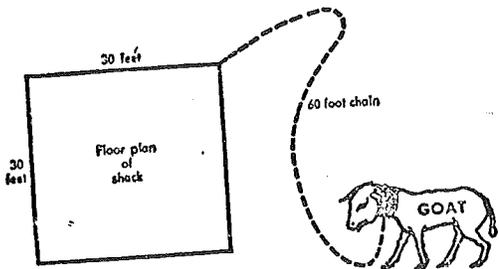
BRAINBUSTER



Last month's answer solved by Trooper Paul Lauder of Dist. 1, was 225 Gals. of Gas or three loads.

Now, see if you can solve the solution for "The Goat in the Field".

A square shack 30 feet by 30 feet is in the middle of an open field. A goat is tethered to one corner of the shack, by a chain 60 feet long. She cannot get under the shack but can graze anywhere else she can reach on her chain. What is the area of the portion of the field she can graze?



(Answer next issue).

The answer to "Accident of the Month" from Page 2 is as follows:

DISCUSSION

After discussing the accident with the driver, the company's accident review board decided that it was a PREVENTABLE accident. The driver stated that this was a 4-way stop. The highway was separated by a median strip on all approaches, and visibility was good in all directions. It was the feeling of the board, that the car, traveling at a high rate of speed, should have been seen by the driver before he started into the intersection. The other vehicle skid 72 feet on the wet pavement before impact.

The Accident Review Committee concurred with the company's decision—PREVENTABLE.

DAP SOLUTION

You suddenly notice a car tailgating!! Think what would you do? This is the answer sheet prepared by the experts. Do you agree? Think about these things as YOU drive. It could be the difference between control and collision. . . .

HERE ARE THE CORRECT ANSWERS!



Now that you have noticed the tailgater, keep your eyes STRAIGHT AHEAD. Don't be tempted to keep your eyes on the rear view mirror.



DECREASE GAS SLOWLY. Don't be tempted to try and race away from a tailgater. Chances are he will race with you.



JUST TOUCH THE BRAKE. Your flashing brake lights will warn him. Don't brake suddenly. This could cause a serious accident.



Steer to the extreme RIGHT of the road. This will encourage the tailgater to pass you.



DON'T SHIFT. A sudden deceleration of your car may cause him to hit you.



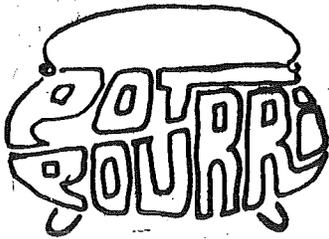
SIGNAL SLOW OR STOP. This will let him know of your intentions to slow down and will also encourage him to pass.

Additional control measures: If none of these measures encourages him to stop tailgating or to pass you, pull off the road, slowly. Be sure that you pull over in a safe spot such as a wide shoulder, etc. If there is no safe place, decrease your speed slowly and maintain this very low safe rate of speed until you can pull over.

SAFETY HINT: Signal Lights

Because driving today often involves traveling at high rates of speed, it is extremely important to inform other drivers of your intentions far in advance. This is why all signal lights should be working perfectly. Have a friend or a member of your family stand outside the car and check each signal to see if it is working. This check should include directional signals, both front and rear brake lights and back-up lights. (The horn is also a signal and it should be loud enough to warn everyone in the immediate vicinity.)





● The trucking industry says it can no longer tolerate the freeze on vehicle size and weight. "Big Truck" legislation is expected in the U.S. Congress, with the aim toward liberalization of restrictions as follows:

An increase in single axle weights from the present 18,000 to 20,000 pounds.

An increase in tandem axle limits from 32,000 to 34,000 pounds.

An increase in GCW limits from 73,280 to 83,280 pounds to accommodate the higher axle limits.

Allow 65-foot double bottoms from coast-to-coast.

Allow width limit increase from 96 inches to 102 inches.

The feeling generated by the industry is that regionalism should no longer be tolerated, that we should become the "United States" in actuality when it comes to vehicle regulations.

● Hill Farms Parking Rule: Backing into parking stalls on any of the Hill Farms Lots is not permitted. This regulation includes the Visitors' Lot, just west of the building, eventhough the stalls are not arranged diagonally. Article VII, Section 2 makes allowance for rules of this nature, and Department of Administration rules govern these premissis.

● In Sick Bay: Colonel Lawrence Beier (Retired) has been confined at Room 581-A, Mercy Medical Center, Oshkosh with a back injury, was in traction during the first week or so of March.

Overexerted Investigator Orvin Ritter was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee, March 19 for hernia surgery. He will be off work for three weeks.

● Inspector George Eder and Sergeant Casey Ryan matriculating, can be reached at Central Missouri State College, 569 E. Hudson Hall, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093.

● If the gasoline pump at your service station shows a price of 28.5 cents, check the sign on the pump before concluding you are getting a bargain. That price will be for one-half gallon! That is the word being spread by the Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture Weights and Measures people. Reason for the innovation is that older gas pumps won't compute beyond 49.9 cents per gallon, and it is estimated that we have about 4,000 such dispensers in Wisconsin. Dispensers using the one-half gallon pricing must have labels affixed on both sides of the pump giving notice of the price per gallon as well as the unit price. Cheer up, maybe the oil embargo will really be over with.

● A recent study claims to show that police traffic enforcers detect only ONE in 7,600 cases of speeding in which the driver is going more than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed limit.

● FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley, on dangers facing the police profession: "Constant, unceasing endless vigilance is the price the officer must pay to preserve his life."

● Thursday, March 28, 1974, at the U. S. Marine Base, Quantico, Virginia was a fitting site for the graduation of Lieutenant Ivan Anders from the F.B.I. Academy. "Inspector Erskine" of TEE VEE FBI fame was scheduled to be a speaker at the event. Lieut. Anders, as you know, is a veteran of Marine Corps service.

Captain Charles Okonek was recipient of a letter from Eau Claire with this address:

Mr. Charles Okonek, Capt.
State Patrol Sergeant
Barron County
Barron, Wisconsin 54812

News of the Bureau for the Rocking-Chair Set:



- Roy Friedland, Comm. Technician, has been granted a medical leave of absence extending through July 7, 1974.
- Floyd Black, Trooper II, District I, has gone on educational leave of absence through May 15, 1974.
- Inspector Pat Bouche transferred to the Plymouth Scale and Inspector Bill Munshinski transferred to the Stevens Point Scale.
- Trooper Larry Mittelstadt of District No. 3 has laterally transferred to Investigator with the PCIU, will be living in Fond du Lac and covering District No. 3 with that investigative unit.
- Trooper Bob Nowak of District No. I resigned his position in February to take other employment.
- Inspector Dick Sisel of District No. 2 resigned his position in March.
- PCO 2 Eldon Cole has laterally moved to AA-I, District No. I Headquarters, is operating the front desk now.
- Bob Cromey's last day "in office" was March 29, 1974. He severs the umbilical cord with the school buses and turns over the reins to his successor. A cookie and cake party was held in the Bureau on that date.

Storkfeathers



Birth Announcement received from District 8. Message is as follows:

- Daughter - Shayna Constance
- Weight - 7 lbs. 3 ozs.
- Height - 20 inches
- Arrival - March 15, 1974
- Parents - Trooper & Mrs. Bernard Peterson

Trooper Warren Wegenke and his wife JoAnn are proud to announce the arrival of their first born, Lee Warren. He entered this world at 7 lbs. 7 ozs. on March 17 at 10:51 am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS!



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Al Williston, wife of Al Williston, District 3 Radio Supervisor, passed away March 4, 1974 at Fond du Lac; was laid to rest Thursday, March 7, at the First United Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac.

Mrs. Laura Kimmerly, mother of Inspector George Kimmerly of District No. 1 passed away on March 17, 1974. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 22, 1974.

Doornappers proving open and shut case

DETROIT. — Crime never takes a holiday and thieves never cease finding new ways of turning a dishonest buck. Latest twist in the auto field, according to a General Motors theft-prevention authority, is the theft of doors from cars.

"It's especially big on the West Coast," he said. "They steal doors and sell them back to the insurance companies at maybe 50 percent of their value. Entire new doors are almost impossible to find and if you try to build one of components, there are always one or two parts you can't find. Door theft is getting to be a big business."