CAR LIFE'S Safe Driving Contest:

THE WINNER

By WILLIAM LEE

CAR LIFE’S Win-a-New-Car Safe Driving contest is over—a overwhelming victory for the weaker sex. Of the first four winners, three are women. They knew all the answers, and, in the opinion of the judges, their essays were more convincing. Here’s how the race was run:

First Prize—An Austin A-40 Somerset convertible was captured by Miss Lorraine M. Diehl of Eldora, Iowa. Miss Diehl, in the words of our American Automobile Association judges, submitted a perfect safe-driving quiz score and an essay which was “head and shoulders above the rest.”

Second Prize—1,000 gallons of gasoline went to William S. Teter of Bloomington, Indiana, who also had a perfect score and whose essay was “curt, clear and concise” in its safe-driving message.

Third Place—A set of Dunlop tires was presented by CAR LIFE to Mrs. H. H. Peck of Kenmore, N.Y., who also had a 100 per cent quiz score.

Fourth Place—A supply of replacement parts, including a Lifelong battery, a Douglas muffler and a set of KLG sparkplugs for her 1954 Ford, went to Miss Gladys C. Cantrell of Knoxville, Tenn.

Fifth position in the safe-driving race was awarded to Warrant Officer John Bushy Ward of the Marines, who lists an address at San Diego, Calif. Mr.
The Winning Essay

"Years of conscientious but unskilled driving made me covet the deft touch of 'professional' drivers."

"An adult driver-training course has given me a lively awareness of:

"Weather and road problems; conditions and limitations of cars; physical and mental tone of any driver, including myself; psychological insight into other drivers' potential reactions; detailed, accurate knowledge of motor vehicle laws; need for strict, uniform federal laws; intelligent, good-driving habits and skills; courteous adherence to social responsibilities on the highway, and proper procedure in accidents.

"I can now enjoy the pleasures of good motoring through unflinching self-discipline behind the wheel!"

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Ward receives $100 cash from CAR LIFE.

The $50 sixth prize goes to Robert Chancellor Curly of Larchmont, N. Y., and seventh to George Stanley Boyle of Basking Ridge, N. J. Both Mr. Boyle and the eighth place winner, Lawrence Ball, of Westfield, Mass., will receive $25 each.

Without rebuses to solve and with no tricks tied in, Miss Diehl was ruled the winner. A forty-four-year-old real estate operator and insurance agent in a little Iowa town of 3,000 population, she was notified of her triumph by CAR LIFE's editorial staff within minutes after the AAA judges had made their decision. Surprised? We'll say she was. Her first comment, aside from the telephone, was to her mother in their real estate office: "Gee, I've won that car!"

In winning the Austin, Miss Diehl also won her first airplane trip and her first visit to the Nation's Capital. Exactly a week after she was notified of her good fortune she arrived in Washington where CAR LIFE's editorial staff welcomed her and made formal presentation of the car. After a week end of sightseeing and learning to handle the car, she returned to Eldora. Oddly, Miss Diehl only began driving about a year-and-a-half ago when she took over active operation of her ailing mother's real estate and insurance business.

The second prize winner, Mr. Teter, is a well-known furniture manufacturing company executive in Bloomington. His comment when notified was, "Having been notoriously unlucky all my life as regards contests, this may be a turning point."

CAR LIFE received a letter from Mr. Teter shortly afterward which we feel is worth quoting:

"For nearly thirty years I have owned automobiles and have been proud of the record of having had no accidents and no arrests during all that time. This contest, however, has humbled me to the extent that I hardly realized how much I actually didn't know about correct driving rules. I feel you have done a great service throughout the country by having this contest. You have surely made a great many people look up driving rules which they had never known before."

"It must follow, as a result, that all these persons will be better drivers in the future for having participated in your contest."

That's exactly what CAR LIFE had hoped would result from the contest. Our third prize victor, Mrs. Peck, is
a librarian at the Kenmore, N. Y., High School. Her husband is retired and there are no children. Needless to say, she, too, was quite elated over winning a set of tires for the family car. Miss Cantrell, of Knoxville, Tenn., who captured the accessories award, is employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Altogether, CAR LIFE feels that it was a very rewarding affair. Again, we apologize for being so late in announcing the prize winners, but, with the flood of entries, we handled it as fast as our facilities permitted. We do feel that the contest provoked a greater sense of traffic safety and courtesy among those who entered and, if for no other reason, that makes it worth-while.

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Miss Diehl takes formal possession of the Austin as she is congratulated by Editor Humphrey of CAR LIFE magazine.
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