

ELROD WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE OF MOTOR CLUB

Judges Announce Awards in
Essay Contest on Popular
Subject.

WRITER GIVES VIEWS

The first prize of \$100 for the best essay on "Why is a Motor Club?" has been awarded by the Hoosier Motor Club to T. S. Elrod, 7 Audobon court. The other prize winners are F. T. Kelly, \$25; Arthur Patterson, \$10, and Harold Hyde, \$10.

The judges of the contest were Guy K. Jeffries, George M. Kanouse, Sol Schloss, Dick Miller, Roy E. Adams, Ed H. Harris, H. H. Rice, E. M. Wylie, O. D. Haskett, L. A. Mansfield and C. W. Wells.

Mr. Elrod's article follows:
"Practically any study of a motor club must go back to the basic principle of organization. If the principle has been tried and found faulty there would be room for doubt about its application to the motor car owners of any given community. If the application of the principle has proved beneficial, then the basic idea may be accepted and consideration started from there."

CAR OWNER MUST CONSIDER OTHERS

"The individual motor car owner must consider his relationship to his brother motorists, his community and his State. There will be no denial of the plain

statement that the automobile is here to stay, whether used for pleasure or business. Therefore, it is inevitable that the drivers will find similar problems and that they must cooperate in an effort to solve them.

"Suppose the first consideration is the relationship between this mutual association and the community. The very fact of the organizations speaks well for the spirit of the community because dead towns do not have live organizations. This benefit, however, is indirect. The direct benefits are as easily discovered. In any community the local motor club stands for hospitality and fair treatment to the visiting motorist. It stands for the honest enforcement of laws relating to motor driven vehicles and the manner in which the individual operates them. It becomes sponsor for permanently improved highways; it marks the roads so that the stranger never is in doubt; it aids in the solution of traffic problems; it cooperates with the officials to curb the reckless driver and is as quick to fight the fee hunting constable who establishes speed traps and lies in wait for the more technical violator.

INFLUENCE

"The influence of such an organization cannot be otherwise than far reaching. It numbers among its officials and members the best people in the community. The very character of its members and the nature of their private business is such that it commands deserved respect at the outset. Consequently its influence becomes both tangible and intangible. One of the tangible results of the motor club's work is that of bringing the country and the city closer together. Highways that are passable throughout the year will do this and nothing else will. Thus the producer and the consumer are brought into closer relation-

ship than ever before; the distance to market is lessened and the public is benefited, whether it is has cooperated with the motor club or not. The improvements obtained by the motor club are of a permanent character. Better roads increase the value of abutting property. The man who never rode in an automobile is directly benefited if his property is near a road that a motor club has caused to be improved.

"The individual motorist learns the spirit of service to his fellow car drivers and to the public. He becomes acquainted with the necessity for safety campaigns, the need for marking grade crossings, eliminating dangerous curves, curbing speed maniacs, demanding observance of the dimmer laws, protecting owners against theft and running down the thieves. With something of the same spirit that brought into existence the old horse thief detective associations he absorbs the feeling of brotherhood. His willingness to help is proverbial. While demanding his own rights he is equally mindful of the rights of others and he is more likely to be found, his overalls on and his sleeves rolled up, helping some hapless victim out of the ditch, than he is to be discovered with a banner on the rear of his car, asking the world to 'Excuse My Dust.'

CANNOY BUY GOOD WILL.

"The value of a motor club to the automotive industry cannot be measured in dollars because it carries with it the item of good will and that is something that money cannot buy. The motor club acts as a stabilizing agent to the industry in general. The industry, as such, has come to realize that its products must be dependable, that its

advertising must be truthful and that its cars and accessories must be uniformly meritorious. The motor club is not formed to boost one make of car or one brand of tires. It comes into being to help the car owner and encourage the manufacture and sale of cars; it aids in their distribution and it does more than any other agency in fostering and maintaining a sound public opinion affecting the business.

"Any consideration of a motor club, even in the abstract, cannot be complete without reference to the one agency that has kept alive the spirit of progress in Indiana—the Hoosier Motor Club. Its enthusiasm has been boundless, its vision undimmed, its labors unremitting, and yet it has fought its way up by the advocacy of a program that was sound, logical and eminently reasonable. It has been a pioneer and the scope of its labor has extended into every corner of the State. It may well claim the credit for Indiana's good roads program, for its well marked highways, for wise legislation, and for countless other efforts that have relieved the car owner of annoyances and given him standing. This work has barely begun. The Hoosier Motor Club's future is restricted only by the lack of support on the part of car owners who have benefited by its activities and yet have failed to do their share in bearing the expense. A group of unselfish, public-spirited men has done prodigious work during the past few years and the results reach every man who sits behind a steering wheel. These advantages will multiply in the same ratio that the Hoosier Motor Club is given the Statewide support it deserves. He is selfish indeed who clips the coupons from an organization in which he never has invested a cent."

Two Suspects Under Arrest Identified

Special to The Times.
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 17.—Jennings and Charles Fudge of Muncie, arrested here as suspicious characters, have been identified as the men who stole an automobile at Newcastle. They also were identified as the men who held up the employees of a gasoline station at Newcastle a short time before they stole the car and got away with \$200. They were arrested here while they were making an effort to purchase some gasoline.

Couldn't Keep Eye on Barn and Office, Too

While H. T. Morgan, 1839 Arrow avenue, a watchman at the Garbage Collection Company's barn and office, 630 Kentucky avenue, was inspecting the barn to see that no person had stolen the horses, a burglar entered the office early today.

Morgan said an overcoat valued at \$50 and a purse containing \$17 and three checks were taken from the office.

System of Bulletins to Detect Shoplifters

At the December dinner and meeting of the credit managers of the Merchants' Association at the Hotel Lincoln last night, V. C. Kendall of L. S. Ayres & Co., one of the original committee that drafted a plan by which the stores are to be protected from shoplifters, spoke. He explained the organization, telling of the system of bulletins that will be issued daily, and, if necessary, hourly, informing the credit managers of fraudulent transactions and giving information of value toward detecting shoplifters and other criminals.

An address also was made by William P. Evans, prosecutor-elect, who spoke along the same general lines, and touched upon the matter of unauthorized buying by charging purchases to the accounts of other persons, and the issuance of fraudulent checks.

Caught in Flywheel

Clifford McCann, negro, 400 West Sixteenth place, is in a critical condition today at the City Hospital as the result of injuries received last night when he fell against a big flywheel at the Indian-

apolis Light and Heat Company's plant, West street and Kentucky avenue, where he was employed as an oiler. McCann was knocked into the basement by the wheel and was found by Dan Stuckey, another employee. McCann's skull is fractured, physicians say, and he is believed to have suffered internal injuries.

GERMANS SUPPLY GOODS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—That German manufacturers are beginning to supply Great

Britain with many lines of manufacturers which Canada has been supplying the mother country since the armistice, is a statement made by Harrison Watson, Canadian trade commissioner.

LABOR'S WRONGS.

"An' when I told 'im in the office that me money wasn't right, he says, 'Bee's a ready reckoner—work it out yourself.' an' believe me or believe me not, but when I looked at the blessed book I found it was last year's."

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 DOLL HOUSES—59¢—Toy doll houses, as pictured, offered for Saturday at 59¢.	 TURNERVILLE TROLLEY—\$1.39—Small trolley car and track, as pictured, offered special for Saturday at \$1.39.	 GO-CART—\$4.98—Doll go-cart, made with gray-colored reed body, wire wheels. The best value to be found in the city at \$4.98.	

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