



Classy quilts on auction block at Parkview

Frank Bennett calls out the bids while Audrey Johnson and Norman Fockler hold aloft a beautiful entry in a Quilt Auction at Parkview Village, Stouffville, Saturday. The highest price was \$420 with total sales

amounting to \$1,768. The top price quilt was made by a group of Parkview ladies. The purchaser was Jan Schweitzer of R.R. 3, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

Driving pitfalls include collisions with animals

Another tragic example of the danger highways pose to wildlife occurred last week when a woodcock dived into the grill of our old van.

As is usual in most car-creature collisions, the driver had little chance to avoid the impact.

You're driving along thinking about any number of things, taking in a little of the roadside scenery, when all of a sudden there's a bird or animal right in front of your vehicle.

You have a split second to react and most of the time it's not enough. Ironically, when you do have more time, there's a danger of overreacting and causing an even more serious accident by losing control or striking some other car or object.

Department of Highways reports contain numerous accounts of fatal accidents caused by drivers swerving to miss some bird or animal on the road.

While it may seem cruel to hit a creature with your car it's all too often the lesser of two evils.

No one, for example, wants to strike anything while driving, but if you can't stop safely or proceed without personal risk, you may have no alternative.

Even then, as many have found

out, when large animals like deer are involved the results are costly. Wildlife collisions at night only compound the problem.

Thinking back to some of the hits and misses we've had with wildlife on the highways will probably remind you of your own experiences.

While moose, deer, and bear present the most hazards to motorists because of their size, smaller animals can also cause drivers big problems.

How well I remember the fog-shrouded night we rolled over a big raccoon on a fishing trip to Rice Lake. Rounding a sharp bend in the road near Bewdley, this huge autumn-fat predator was under the front wheels before we knew it.

In another instant we hit the loose gravel shoulder and came within a whisker of going down a steep embankment.

Several years ago on a rainy night with slick road conditions near Port Perry while my wife was driving, we hit a 50-pound beaver.

Again there was no chance to miss the big flattail and the resultant impact felt as if we had run against a railway tie.

I've heard it said that running

over a pig can be upsetting, but striking that king-sized beaver was almost as bad.

Luckily there was no appreciable damage to the pickup, just a couple of sets of shattered nerves.

Probably the closest I ever came to actually hitting a deer with a motor vehicle was on a Sunday morning returning from a Calabogie deer hunt.

In bright November sunlight and on a dry road surface, a large doe suddenly leaped out of the cedars bordering the highway and came straight at the station wagon in which we were travelling.

On this occasion I have to believe it was only the driving skill of my companion that avoided an accident.

As it was, the bounding deer came so close it actually kicked loose gravel against the passenger side of the Pontiac wagon.

Yet of all the big game, small game, birds and other animals that are hit with vehicles every year, there is one that for its size causes the most discomfort.

Striking a skunk with your car for instance, even if it is already dead on the road can result in untold hardships.

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