

be getting older on the highways. As we travel now you find out people are not trading automobiles as fast as they used to mainly because some are waiting for the even more efficient cars to come out and I think that is partly the reason that Detroit is having such a time selling cars so the older the car, the more danger on the highway. If there is one thing that is good about the inspection, at least they do check your headlights and it is really tough to come down the highway with some yahoo with his lights out of focus and hitting you in the eye and you can't see the road and I think it is dangerous. Even that headlight inspection is worth something. A person mentioned to me the other day that they checked their brakes and found them not quite up to snuff and that not only saved them some money, the brake drums were still in good shape, all they needed was new linings. Had they not had the inspection they would have had their either new brake drums or had to have them turned down, a considerable more expense and I shudder to think that a car coming down the road, especially on our gravel country roads and the two lane highways that many of us drive on, you are going to meet at 110 miles an hour if you are both going the speed limit. So I had hoped that that guy that is meeting me has had that car in some kind of condition so he can at least steer it. One of the biggest problems we have had this last year in accidents are head-on collisions. Now you can blame it on to alcohol, you can blame it on to indifference or driving sloppily but unless that car is in condition you only have about a foot or two of variation and if that steering isn't up to snuff, you are certainly going to have a rough time keeping on your side of the road at all times. So, I think and as far as checking the safety of cars on the interstate or in heavy traffic, I think about your interstate going through Omaha. I would like to see what would happen if the patrolmen would try to stop cars and inspect them. You wouldn't get one out of a thousand that you could stop and pull off to the side and check. Now out on our country roads they blockade the road and there is only a small amount of traffic and they check everybody but the funny part of it is I used to get checked every once in a while and we drive considerable miles every year and the last two or three years I haven't been checked. I just didn't happen to hit one of those roadblocks. So, I don't believe that we should do away with this program. I think it is needed. I think if it needs some revision, I have heard some complaints about the inspectors that they haven't done anything but put a sticker on, this is not right either. But I have also heard some complaints that were not founded where they claimed the inspector wanted them to put on a new tail pipe or new muffler or a new windshield and theirs