

Neglected Motor Vehicles Targets of Sweeping Probe As America's Serious Traffic Accidents Mount into Thousands

"Look Out for John Law," Cry of Warning to Owners of Unsafe Cars; Checkup at Least Twice Yearly Urged.

Because more than 50,000 serious accidents are caused annually in America by neglecting cars until they become defective, highway officers in many states, cities and counties are now stopping motorists and inquiring into the condition of cars that appear to be a menace to life and limb.

So, now it's a case of "Look out for John Law!" He may catch up with you and issue a warning or citation if the car you are driving has been allowed to become an unsafe and treacherous means of transportation. Officers are not stopping cars for inspection every day, perhaps, but periodically they spread the net during safety drives in which neglected motorists may be caught.

Laws Demand Safety.
"In fact," a local officer stated recently, "laws of several of our western states now provide that no person shall operate a motor vehicle unless the vehicle be in such safe mechanical condition as to not endanger the driver or any person on the highway."

"Because of this official move for safety, the plan of Mobilgas station experts to critically inspect many vital car parts twice a year—in the spring and fall—is welcomed by traffic officialdom as a move in the right direction, a move that helps motorists, pedestrians and officers alike. Every car owner should have his machine thoroughly checked at least twice a year, especially after a long winter of hard usage, before the rigors of summer begin to take their toll."

Accidents Due to Faults.
Referring to the 56,000 serious mishaps caused in one year because some parts of cars had been neglected to the point of becoming unsafe, the speaker said:
"Glaring or defective headlights caused 13,420 of these mishaps; defective brakes were responsible for 19,530 of them; blowouts caused 18,500; skidding resulted in 4,880 smashes; and various defects in car equipment caused 9,760 other accidents."

"One in every 20 of these accidents resulted in one or more deaths."
To discover automobile defects before they result in failure (to prevent such accidents before they happen) is cited as one of the prime objects of the checkup service now rendered in Mobilgas stations, in connection with the special summer-proof offer.

Canyonville
CANYONVILLE, April 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hoskins moved this week to their new home which is located north of town on the property known as the Eiler place.
Mrs. George Long spent Friday at Tiller where Mr. Long is employed.
John Hamlin and Roy Paulson made a business trip to Riddle Friday.
Mrs. S. A. Miller of San Diego, Calif., is occupying the cottage owned by Grace Robertson. Mr. Miller is employed on the new Tiller highway and will build a cabin after which Mrs. Miller will join him.
Mrs. Harriet Puckett, who is employed as a teacher at Tiller, returned home Friday to spend the week-end with her mother and son.

Car Suspected; Driver Gets Ticket



Driving an antiquated machine that might prove to be a menace, Director Ted Reed of Paramount's "Those Were the Days" picture, learns to his amazement that any uninspected car may be classed by "John Law" as a threat to life and limb. And so, he gets a ticket from Galesburg Traffic Officer Oscar McCollough for impeding and threatening the traffic flow.

Timely Spending Saves Car Money

Avoid Preventable Damage to Your Car Through Offer of Local Mobilgas Dealers.

Often the motorist saves money by spending money. Right now he saves a lot by spending very little, due to the special offer announced by local Mobilgas dealers. Suppose he tries to save by NOT spending. Let's see what happens:

Let us suppose he uses the oil 1,500 instead of 1,000 miles between drains. He saves (?) about \$4.10 in 10,000 miles, but a repair bill resulting from improper or inadequate lubrication of the motor will cost several times this sum.

Flushing Avoids Repairs
Suppose he tries to use the same transmission and differential lubricant throughout the year, without flushing and changing to the recommended grades for Winter and Summer. He saves (?) \$1.95 to \$2.00 (cost of one refill) but the overhauling and repair of a rear end or transmission (a serious threat under such hazardous practice) will cost from \$30 to 75.

Suppose he neglects to have the air filter cleaned every 2,000 miles at a cost of 50c each time. He saves (?) \$2.50 in 10,000 miles (an average year's driving) but engineers declare that dirty air cleaners cause the loss of at least one mile to every gallon of gasoline. Loss of this extra mile would cost the driver \$4.50 to \$5 in the 10,000 miles.

Suppose he uses spark plugs two years instead of one. He saves (?) \$3.60 on plugs, but technicians tell us he loses one to two miles per gallon after the first year, costing him from \$4.50 to \$10.

Bearings Cost Money
Suppose he fails to have wheel bearings lubricated and inspected every 5,000 miles, which manufacturers declare as essential. He saves only one dollar in 10,000 miles, but one bearing burn-out

will cost him \$4.30 to \$12.50, besides loss of time and discomfort. Saving (?) money by putting off the purchase of new tires, or a new battery or other essentials to safety and performance has caused many a wreck, and heavy expenses due to procrastination.

So, we conclude the way to save money on a car is to spend money at the times changes and replacements should be made. Motorists may make sure about the safe and economical operation of their machines by using the Summer-proof checkup service, now featured in the special offer of Mobilgas dealers.

Azalea

AZALEA, April 16.—Mr. and Mrs. George Safranek and son, Roland, who have lived here for the past several months, left the first of the week for Folsom, Calif., where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clare, from Sacramento, Calif., arrived here Wednesday afternoon and will attend to business for several days at the Clare Lumber company.

Among those shopping in Roseburg Friday from this vicinity were Bob Head, Mr. and Mrs. John Feldmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fisher, Otto Stevenson, and Mrs. Henry Guedeke.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeHarport and family from Seattle, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mrs. DeHarport's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hickman.

E. L. Johns made a business trip to Medford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jantzer and sons, Billie and Jackie, were in Grants Pass Thursday afternoon on business.

Mrs. Effie Eaken is visiting at Riddle with her daughter, Mrs. Acker.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clare were in Eugene on business Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Curtis and son, Robert, and Miss Evelyn Paulson shopped and attended to business in Grants Pass Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Westcott and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billings, and

Aviation Briefs

A family airplane of the future, as envisioned by a leading designer, would have 300 horsepower, cruising speed of 200 miles an hour, five-person capacity, and gasoline consumption of about 12 miles to the gallon.

During the past five years American aircraft, engine and propeller manufacturers have spent \$44,000,000 on research and development.

Airplane factories of the United States are currently producing about 400 planes a month for civil use.

The U. S. army is currently experimenting with a 75 mm. artillery piece mounted in a twin-engine B-18A bombing plane.

The Bell "Atracuda," an American plane, is called by some aviation experts the first true battleship of the sky. The plane has two pusher 1000 h. p. engines, enabling it to travel 350 miles per hour. Armament includes two

rapid-fire cannon and four machine guns.

A military plane, powered with an engine in the 1000 horsepower class, is capable of carrying eight Browning .303's with 600 rounds of ammunition for each gun, or a total of 600 pounds.

Two types of military combat planes used by the French air corps have a plate of quarter-inch steel armor behind the pilot's back and beneath him. The armor will stop rifle-caliber machine gun bullets.

Due to increased use of three-bladed propellers, motor plane manufacturers are abandoning the gun firing between the propeller blades. The use of the three-bladed propellers cut down the rate of fire.

A new helicopter, especially designed by Igor Sikorsky, is powered with a 65 h. p. engine, which drives a three-bladed propeller above the pilot's head. The distinguishing feature of the plane is a small single-bladed propeller mounted on an outrigger in the rear of the ship.

On a single Saturday night, California highway patrol officers halted 50,000 motorists in a campaign against reckless driving and traffic violations. The pneumatic tire was invented in 1840.



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7. SPARK PLUGS: Inspect. Clean, test and re-space electrodes.
8. WINDSHIELD WIPER UNIT: Inspect wiper blade and arm.
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10. TRANSMISSION AND DIFFERENTIAL: Inspect level and condition of lubricant.
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