

MOTOR AND AUTO NOTES

Can you imagine an object two-thousandths of an inch in thickness—less than one-half the width of a human hair?

It isn't very likely that you can measure, much less see an object of such minute proportions, unless you are equipped with micrometer or microscope.

Yet the cylinders of automobile motors are subjected to such rigorous inspections in some manufacturing plants that a variance of two-thousandths of an inch is sufficient cause for the rejection of the cylinder under examination.

All Willys-Overland motors are tested by "go" and "no go" gauges.

The "go" gauge which allows for one-thousandth of an inch clearance, makes sure that the cylinder is not too tight for the piston. The "no go" gauge, one-thousandth of an inch larger than the bore of the cylinder is used to make sure that it isn't too large, for should that plug fit into the cylinder it would be promptly rejected. However, rejections from this cause are few and far between, because of the accuracy of the manufacturing operations through which the cylinder has passed.

Early indications point to a very successful season for La Grande motorcycle dealers according to Chase Bohnenkamp, local agent for the popular Harley-Davidson machine.

Up to March 5th Mr. Bohnenkamp has sold 11 of the new models and had also cleaned up nearly all of his used machines. When the weather conditions are considered this is a record of which to be proud. At this time last year he had sold but four machines although the weather last year at this time was favorable for the use and sale of motorcycles.

The new motors sold this year are not all for La Grande riders. About half of them have been purchased by rider of Imbler, Summerville, Elgin and other adjacent towns. In fact it looks like motorcycles are gaining favor very fast with those living in near and neighboring towns.

"Order now" is the slogan of the motorcycle dealers as well as the auto dealers. With freight congestion, car shortage and various other conditions all combining to make it difficult to secure stock and with the big spring rush just ahead, local dealers predict a big shortage in machines. Many buyers are protecting themselves as far as possible by anticipating their needs and placing their orders early but it is feared that many will be forced to wait during some of the finest weeks of the motoring season.

The average young man does not look at the purchase of a motorcycle as an investment yet that is the way it often works out. Aside from the fact that it enables a young fellow to get off the streets and out into the open country or to the side of his favorite fishing stream, the purchase of a motorcycle often helps a young man to save money.

Most of the young fellows of the present day manage to spend most of their wages as fast as they get it. To them a motorcycle presents an investment that enables them to save money and spend it at the same time. When a machine is bought on easy payments part of each month's check goes to pay for the machine and soon it is all paid for. During his time the owner does not greatly miss the amount paid out, for his machine offers him new pleasures instead of the old ones on which his money was formerly spent. When the machine is paid for it represents a nice cash value which would probably never have been saved in any other way.

Another party to whom the motorcycle often appeals to as an investment is the father of an ambitious young man who uses his father's car freely. Several fathers who have bought their sons motorcycles during the past season say that they can see where it is paying for itself in the lessened expense of running their car.

Used Machines Sell Readily.
A visit to the Harley Shop, headquarters for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, shows that in spite of the present unfavorable weather conditions nearly all of the stock of used machines taken in during the winter has already been disposed of. Second hand Harley-Davidson machines command a very ready market and it is seldom one is on hand over a week. This is largely accounted for by their well known durability and the confidence the riders have in the machines.

URGE ORDER OF MOTORCYCLES NOW.

In speaking of the difficulty of securing machines, W. H. Bohnenkamp company, the Harley-Davidson agents, say the following: "We are urging our customers to place their orders with us now. At the present time we are able to get machines out of warehouse stock in Portland and are also able to get prompt shipment from the factory although this latter method requires at least three weeks in transit. During the winter months it has been taking us from a month to five weeks for a machine to reach us after leaving the factory but we are hoping that conditions will get better with the coming of better weather. Last year at this time we were getting machines thru in ten days regularly and could always depend on not more than two weeks.

"With the coming of spring we have no doubt but that it will be impossible to keep a stock of machines in Portland for they will be drawn out faster than the factory can supply them. This will make it necessary to draw from the factory with its attendant delays.

"To overcome this condition as far as possible we have placed orders for a number of machines to be shipped to us at once, for others to be shipped us at intervals of a week apart and are also placing all orders received, with the factory for immediate shipment so that they will be sure to be on hand when wanted. All buyers are urged to make up their minds at the earliest possible moment or they are very liable to be disappointed when they do make it up."

John E. Anderson has installed an exhibition tire rack in the office at the Leighton garage.

A miniature show room is a new feature in the Leighton garage.

FADS AND FANCIES FOR THE MOTORIST

Smart extra coats are shown in a large number of models. One, of yellowish tan Bolivia cloth, has a full raglan back with a double breasted front, with four inch waist gathered at either side and belted with a buttoned strap. The sleeves have deep cuffs with ruffles of the cloth finishing the tops. The collar is a convertible model, and the coat is lined with wine colored satin. At the bottom of the front there are two three-inch wooden buttons with cord loops. Another coat is of the new plaid twilled gabardine. The plaid is black, white, green and a red line making an over-plaid. The model is a pleated raglan with a wide girdle belt.

Sweater suits are an innovation in the sport suit class. The skirt, many of them side pleated or kilted, are made of khaki kool silk. The sweater is chosen in the ground color of the silk and is finished with collar, cuffs and sash of the silk. The hat is chosen of the same color as the sweater and the brim and rimming are made of the silk. Again the silk appears in the parasol and wrist bag. White silk shirts are worn with the costumes. Some of the suits are made of plaid wool, with silk fibre sweaters.

Rubberized silk air pillows and hot water bottles are touring convenience. They come in small envelopes to match. Ice bags come in the same style.

Very convenient models, in pigskin or in heavier leather, in writing cases are shown for touring use. The cases are flat when closed and open right and left. In one side there are places for paper, postals and envelopes, and on the other side are other desk conveniences. In the middle are the blotter pad and the pens.

White chiffon veils, with hem-stitched hems of colored silk, and black chiffon, with light colored borders, are featured again for spring wear. Large polka dotted veils, the dots being of beads, are popular but not very becoming, for they hang heavily and do not drape softly about the head. The gold and silver embroidered net veils are used over small velvet toques, but are not suitable for anything but limousine wear. The white Shetland, with the striped or Scotch plaid border, is very much used with the plain white or black sailor hat.

Early spring will show a goodly sprinkling of black net parasols flower trimmed in flat bouquet fashion, with hats to match. One very pretty example is of black with old blue forget-me-nots grouped in flat bunches about the size of a silver dollar. The hat, a high English turban, has a satin band covered with a stiff scanty ruche of black net caught with bunches of the flowers.

Other parasols are also making their appearance and one little model is especially attractive. It has leather handles and wrist ring and a frame with hinges so that one may bend it in any position. The covering is of Havana brown silk entirely covered with narrow fringed ruffles.

For the woman who runs her own car black dogskin gloves with tan trimming are among the latest suggestions.

STYLES IN MOTOR CAR BODY TYPES OFFICIALLY DEFINED

What is the difference between a coupe and a coupelet, a touring car and a salon touring car? Here it is, with other body types and distinctions officially determined recently by the nomenclature division of the Society of Automobile Engineers:

Roadster—An open car seating two or three. It may have additional seats on running boards or in rear deck.

WILLYS OFFERS U. S. OVERLAND AND ALLIED PLANTS

In Telegram President Wilson Receives Assurance of Loyal Support From Automobile Manufacturer—No Strings Kept on Offer.

Toledo, O., March 10.—John N. Willys, automobile manufacturer of this city, has telegraphed to President Wilson pledging his support in the present crisis, and offering to the government the use of his immense plant at Toledo, and its subsidiary plants, as well as the plants of his allied companies, if their facilities are needed in connection with the pending difficulty or later eventualities.

The Toledo factory controlled by Mr. Willys is one of the very large individual plants of this country, occupying 103 acres of floor space and employing approximately 18,000 men. Twenty thousand men are said to be employed in the subsidiary and allied Willys properties.

The telegram to the president read as follows:

"You have my sincere and loyal support and co-operation in the present crisis. On behalf of the Willys-Overland company and its subsidiary and allied companies, including the companies controlled by me, I desire to extend to you their various plants and organizations for the use of the government if needed."

Coupelet—Seats two or three. It has a folding top and full-height doors with disappearing panels of glass.

Coupe—An inside-operated, enclosed car seating two or three. A fourth seat facing backward is sometimes added.

Convertible Coupe—A roadster provided with a detachable coupe top.

Clover Leaf—An open car seating three or four. The rear seat is close to the divided front seat and entrance is only through doors in front of the front seat.

Touring Car—An open car seating four or more, with direct entrance to tonneau.

Salon Touring Car—A touring car with passage between front seats, with or without separate entrance to front seats.

Convertible Touring Car—A touring car with folding top and disappearing or removable glass sides.

Sedan—A closed car seating four or more all in one compartment.

Convertible Sedan—A salon touring car provided with a detachament sedan top.

Open Sedan—A sedan so constructed that the sides can be removed or stowed so as to leave the space entirely clear from the glass front to the back.

Limousine—A touring car seating three to five inside, with driver's seat outside, covered with a roof.

Open Limousine—A touring car with permanent standing top and disappearing or removable glass sides.

Berline—A limousine having the driver's seat entirely enclosed.

Brougham—A limousine with no roof over the driver's seat.

Landaulet—A closed car with folding top, seats for three or more inside and driver's seat outside.

New Goodyear Service Station.

Motorists will be interested in the announcement of W. H. Bohnenkamp company that they have just contracted for a Goodyear service station for 1917. They expect to carry a full line of the popular Goodyear automobile, motorcycle and bicycle tires in stock at all times. In addition to this they have completed arrangements for installing a large filling station in front of their store where motorists can obtain gas, oil, water and air. Machinery for a modern air compressor has been ordered and will be installed immediately on its arrival. Customers buying tires will be offered every convenience and service that can be obtained anywhere. Another feature will be to deliver tires to customers within a certain radius without charge.

During the auto show Hilton's garage will care for its regular business though the auto show will occupy the building Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Cars will be stored in other garages and repair work will be cared for as usual. Patrons are requested to call the garage for information.

Gives High Praise For The Velie Car

A. Thomas, formerly of La Grande, but now of Buhl, Idaho, where is superintendent of the sugar factory is an enthusiastic booster for the Velie car. The company which Mr. Thomas represents owns three Velie cars. "They have given such good service," says Mr. Thomas, "that the company has ordered five more cars and they are coming on a special shipment."

"The Velie is certainly the car to drive," said Mr. Thomas, "and you couldn't get me to drive any other. I certainly congratulate Mr. McCrary for getting the agency for such a fine car."

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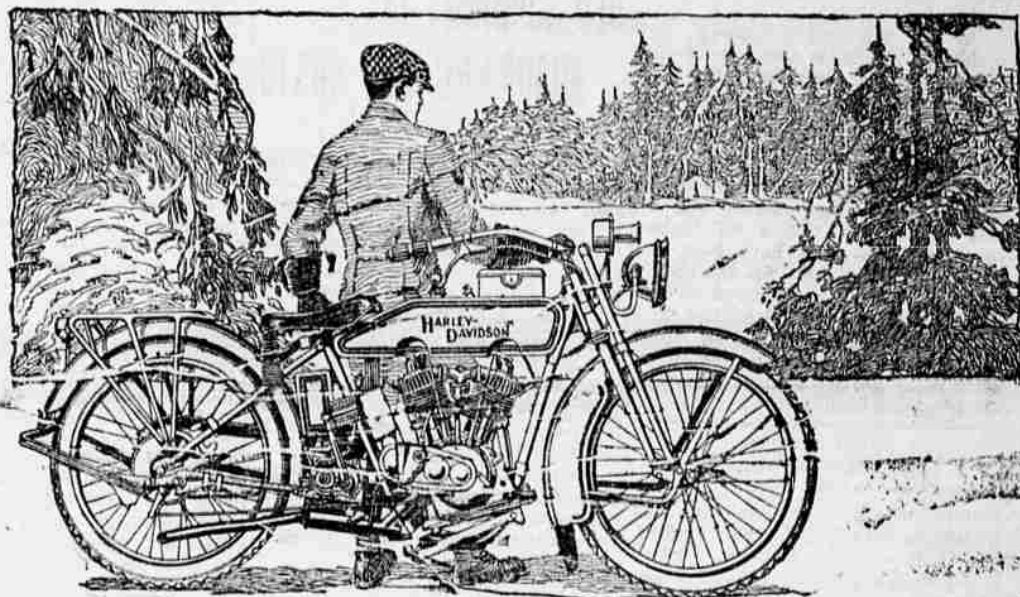
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This is to announce that we will carry a complete line of the well known Goodyear fabric and cord tires at all times.

We will also be prepared to give our customers the service that the Goodyear Service Station contract requires.

Ask us about it at the show.



A Harley-Davidson Surprise —the New "Master 17"

For 1917 the twin cylinder Harley-Davidson models have a **new motor**. We want you to see this new motor **perform**.

A giant in power, this motor has the "jump," "punch," "getaway" and that extra burst of speed that will make it **the talk of the trade**.

"Pep" is the one word which best describes its performance.

Such **snap** has never been built into a motor before.

Slowed down on a hill it will pull, **and keep on pulling**.

We believe this motor will **out-**

run and outpull any other stock motor. We make this statement because the Harley-Davidson has won every big race of the past season, and each one of these contests taught the Harley-Davidson engineers something new about motor performance, and all of this experience has been built into the 1917 twin motor.

Come in and we will give you an opportunity to see this new motor perform.

Find out for yourself what it will do on the hills—let us take you out on the open road, and then see if you can find a stock motor **anywhere** that will stay with it.

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.

See Us At The Show