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# AUTOMOBILE NEWS

## MODEL T IS STILL IN USE IN FORD CARS

### Familiar Chassis Remains Unchanged Except for a Few Improvements, Despite New Bodies.

Elmer B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, in a statement issued yesterday (following the announcement of improved Ford bodies and chassis refinements), said:

"We do not want the impression to prevail that we are producing new Ford cars.

"Bodies for Ford cars have been materially improved but the Model T chassis remains unchanged, except for a lowering of the frame and a few other important changes. Bodies, in four types, have been completely redesigned and built lower to contribute to better appearance, driving and riding comfort and roadability of the cars.

"Body improvements and chassis refinements at this time are more pronounced than at any previous time since the adoption of the Model T chassis. They are, however, entirely in accordance with the policy of the Ford Motor company to give to the public the benefit of every improvement which we find practical for Ford cars.

"By preserving the design of the Model T chassis, the company is safeguarding continued good service for owners of approximately 9,000,000 Ford cars and trucks now in use throughout the country as well as for new car purchasers."

A co-incidental steering wheel and ignition lock has been adopted on the improved line of Jewett sixes. It is on the steering column at the dash. Engineers of the Paige-Detroit Motor Car company claim that their product is now theft-proof.

The removal of the lock from the transmission has cleared more space on the floor. The gear shift and handbrake levers have been moved forward three inches also. This allows the driver to leave by the right hand door more easily.

Have you ever been in New York? A monkey frightened people on Fifth avenue. How did they know it was a monkey.

## THE ART OF DRIVING ONE OF A SERIES OF TEN LESSONS

By Ralph De Palma  
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Courtesy and Safety

There are a few simple rules of the road which can be easily remembered by every one. A driver should always have regard for the welfare of other road users who have the same right to the highway, that he has.

Never drive on the wrong side or on the crown of the road unless you are sure that you are not inconveniencing others. Do not be selfish; let faster cars overtake you if they wish. Never stop on a curve or corner unless it is absolutely necessary.

In overtaking other vehicles of any kind pass on the left or on the right, whichever is the best of conditions. Remember that by-roads are subject to main roads in the matter of right of way. Never pass another car on a curve, or at a cross-roads, or on a steep hill. Always give plenty of warning of your approach when there is the possibility of meeting other traffic. Never take chances with the brakes of your car. Always keep them in the best of condition.

Warning signs are not always well planned or placed to the best advantage but it is well worth making a habit of observing them. It will be cheaper in the end. If you have not developed a fine sense of judgment by which you can tell in a second what distance you can cover at any moment in relation to your car's speed at the time and know what reserve power you have at your disposal, you are not a first-class driver. You should develop that judgment by strict application to your driving.



In every case of emergency it is necessary for all your faculties to be concentrated for the moment on the problem in hand. Many lives have been saved or lost according to whether the result of one's thoughts have been put in action a second sooner or later.

## Unusual Care Is Used by Company Manufacturing Tops

One of the most important parts played in the manufacture and assembly of Overland automobiles is that of the selection and cutting of the materials used in constructing the tops for these cars, according to Willys-Overland officials.

Willys-Overland, Inc., is one of the few companies in the automobile industry that manufactures complete the tops used on all open models, and the exceptionally sturdy construction, coupled with the utmost care in assembling have made friends by the score for the covering that protects the occupants of an Overland or Willys-Knight in all kinds of weather.

Scientific says the floor of the Atlantic is rising, but it may just be filling up with bottles.

## UNITED STATES GASOLINE TAX IS \$10,000,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Although the motorists of the country paid nearly \$40,000,000 during 1924 in the form of gasoline tax, it is estimated that the amount will approximate \$100,000,000 in 1925.

Thirty-five of the forty-eight states and the District of Columbia imposed taxes last year ranging from 1 to 4 cents a gallon. Arkansas was the only state having the 4 cent tax last year, but this year is joined by North Carolina, which raised its tax from 3 to 4 cents.

The increase in the total amount to be paid in gasoline tax by motorists this year is indicated by Kansas, Ohio, and Michigan adopting a 5-cent levy, North Carolina and Tennessee raising their levies 1 cent a gallon and Wyoming a cent and a half.

In the figures for the year submitted by the bureau of public

roads of the department of agriculture it is shown that California, with its 2-cent tax, leads all other states in the amount collected from motorists, with \$11,992,222.

The only other state approximating the huge sum in Pennsylvania, which collects more than \$9,000,000 from a 2-cent tax. The next in line is Indiana, with less than \$5,000,000 and North Carolina with \$4,500,000.

## Backseat Drivers Are Vindicated by His Honor, the Judge

OLYMPIA, Wash., (Special).—"Rear seat driving" is not only legalized, but is held by the supreme court to be absolutely necessary to the right of recovery for damages for injuries, even in common carrier automobiles, if the passenger has any cause to consider the car is being driven in a careless or reckless manner. The high court held this in reversing the King county court in granting a new trial in the case of Robert

T. Garrow against Seattle Taxicab company.

The accident in which Garrow was injured by the car striking a fallen tree trunk occurred in the most terrific storm that had visited Seattle in the history of the weather bureau department. It was reaching a velocity of 50 miles an hour.

The negligence contended was that the driver of the taxicab drove too fast and did not keep sufficient lookout.

The supreme court said: "His conduct, under the circumstances, must be that of a reasonably prudent person, and it is not reasonable prudence for one to remain passive while another negligently subjects him to an unnecessary danger when an opportunity to act is present. This is not to say that the passenger must protest every act of the driver that he deems injurious or imprudent. There are degrees in this as there are in every form of negligence."

In the present case, the decision holds, Garrow realized the driver was not exercising the degree of caution the conditions required. He

had the opportunity to warn the driver, but did not.

## ALEX LA FOLLETT RETIRES

SALEM, Ore., (Special).—Alex La Follett, for several terms state senator from Marion county, has announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. La Follett is 81 years of age. During his incumbency as state senator he has been known by his colleagues as the watchdog of the state treasury.

Pendleton Prepares for Auto-

PENDLETON, Ore., (Special).—Provision for curing for several thousand additional motor cars in the city tourist park during the Round-Up was made by the city council when authority was granted the park commission to purchase water pipe for adding to the facilities of the grounds. The additional space has not been in general use this summer. It is expected to be crowded during the show.

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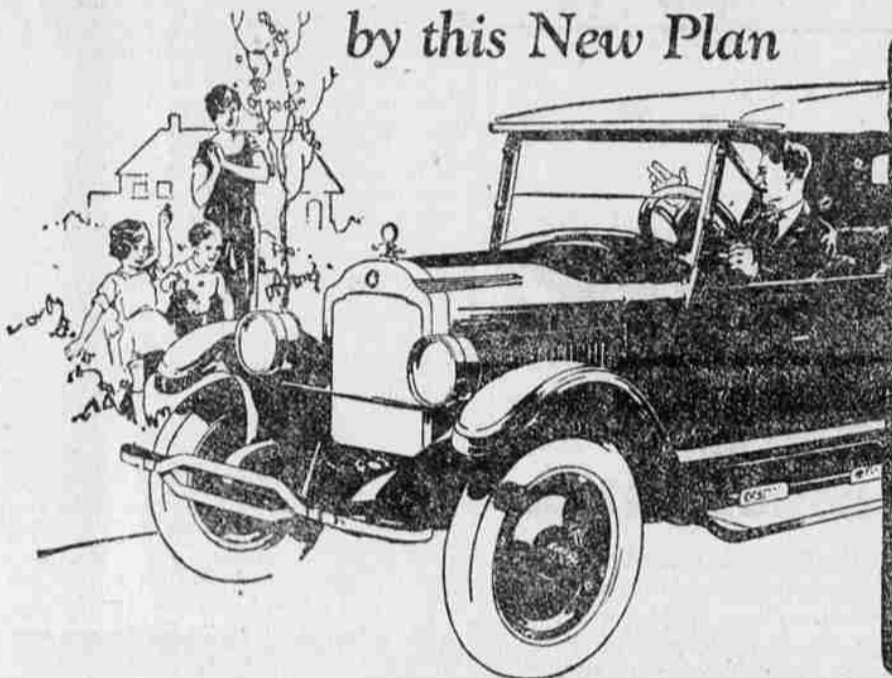
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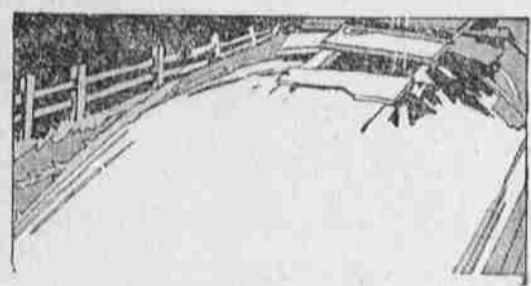
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