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PRICE CUT IS MADE ON NASH

The Nash Motors company has announced big price reductions on the advanced six and special six lines. The new low prices are now effective. No change has been made in the Nash models themselves, says B. C. Hamilton, local dealer, and the character and quality of the cars remain exactly as before.

"When the new Nash models were nationally introduced July 23," he continues, "they presented new and original body designs, far reaching improvements in construction and many refinements in engineering and equipment all of which entailed large increases in manufacturing cost. If Nash sales and production had not been smashing all records for volume at that time the company would certainly have been compelled to increase prices materially. But Nash prices were held at the same figure and the response on the part of the public to this offering of greater value and greater quality was instantaneous and country wide. In the three months period since Nash inaugural day, July 23, when these new cars were first placed on display, sales have more than equalled one-half of the sales for the entire year of 1924, which was a banner year for Nash. So that it is now possible for the company to make these sweeping reductions on the advanced six and special six lines and thus pass on the earned benefits of record-breaking production to buyers.

"There has been no cheapening of materials, construction or manufacturing. The same high standards of quality and workmanship that have earned a world-wide reputation for C. W. Nash as a builder of high-grade cars are strictly maintained. And the aim of the Nash Motors company to continually give greater quality and greater value in its product is now attained in higher degree than ever before. Unquestionably this present series of advanced six and special six models are the finest cars that have ever borne the Nash name plate. And the soaring demand from all sections of the world is the best evidence of that."

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ROLLING TEST IS ADVOCATED

(By G. C. Mather)

After you have had your brakes adjusted or relined is the time for another brake test; the danger is that in correcting one fault you have created another, and your brakes may be dragging.

Fortunately, brakes don't go bad all at once, as they become less and less effective the driver just naturally applies them earlier and more energetically; however, in emergency, he cannot stop so quickly as he should, so that he is risking accident as long as the brakes are not at their maximum efficiency.

The opposite fault with brakes, on the other hand, may exist without the driver's realizing it, though if he did he would be just as eager to correct it as to repair brakes that fail to stop the car efficiently. This second fault is dragging brakes—brakes that are too tight, and therefore exert a constant drag on the engine, with a corresponding increase in fuel consumption. On an up-grade climb the least drag seriously affects the performance of the car.

The fact that dragging brakes are costing the driver money for wasted gasoline is enough to make most owners correct this fault. The trouble is that few of them realize when this condition exists.

Fortunately, however, anyone may quickly determine whether he is laboring under this unnecessary load on his motor and his purse.

Here is a test that anyone can make for himself:

On a well paved level highway attain a speed of 30 miles an hour, then shift into neutral and coast. Begin timing your deceleration when the speedometer shows 25 miles an hour; at the end of 60 seconds, your car should still be rolling five miles an hour or faster. If it isn't, look for dragging brakes.

A more certain test can be made and is well worth while. Jack up both rear wheels, and with the shift lever in neutral, turn each wheel forward by hand, first one and then the other. If the brakes are free, the opposite wheels should turn backward, easily and evenly. Any "swishing" sound or resistance indicates that the brake drums are making contact with the bands.

If the bands are too tight, readjust them. In many cases, however, the dragging is due to out-of-round bands, which must then be trued up at a service station.

Whatever the cause, correct the fault at once. Save your brakes; don't wear them out at the expense of gasoline economy and performance ability. Remember that a free running car, with quick accelerating powers, may often avoid a mishap that could not be prevented by perfect stopping ability.

Brakes are for stopping the car, not for overloading the engine.

Editor's Note—G. S. Mather, who penned the above, is chief engineer of the Paige-Detroit Motor Car company, which is represented here by Harris French.

When The Thermometer Goes Down

Water Freezes Up!

Better stop in at once for some Alcohol for your radiator. The cost is small—and it will prevent costly repairs.

Veltex Gas - Oils - Greases

La Grande Filling Station
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GARAGE GOSSIP

Despite the large number of automobiles in use in La Grande Armistice day during the four-county celebration, no accidents or serious traffic congestion was reported. Many feel that this was not only due to the efforts of the traffic squad, but also to the general improvement in car construction which permits safer driving.

Armistice Day in Boise —

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCrary went to Boise, Idaho, Tuesday evening, where they spent Armistice day, returning to La Grande that evening. Mr. McCrary is Velie distributor here.

New Fordor Sedan Coming—

The Perkins Motor company will receive the first of the improved model Fordor sedan today, it was announced this morning. Not only will this be the first of its type put on exhibition in La Grande, but it is also the first one to arrive in Eastern Oregon. Besides the Fordor sedan, which will not be put on display until early next week, seven other cars are included in the shipment, including coupes, roadsters and touring models. The Fordor sedan is finished in a rich Windsor maroon and the upholstery fabric is especially strong and durable, according to W. C. Perkins. It is of a gray tone with a fine red stripe to harmonize with the exterior coloring of the car. The headlining is a fabric of gray mixture, the floor carpet is gray with a suggestion of red, and the window curtains are of gray silk. The seats are the same as in the former Fordor sedan with the gasoline tank placed under the front seat, as before. The only change in dimensions between the former and the improved model finds the body dropped 1½ inches on the chassis.

Carload of Chevrolets In—

The Blue Mountain garage has received a carload of the latest things in Chevrolets, according to Avery Harrison, proprietor. The cars arrived here yesterday.

Distributor Here—

Mr. McClure, Chevrolet distributor in the Inland Empire with headquarters at Walla Walla, was in La Grande this week on business. Armistice Day he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Harrison.

Mexico Will Build Roads to Connect With U.S. Highway

MEXICO CITY — President Calles' road building campaign, which by many is looked upon as one of the most important steps in the reconstruction of Mexico included in the present administration's program, is now well under way.

Twenty-five freight cars laden with tractors, trucks, plows and all other modern American building equipment and machinery have just arrived here. They are being unloaded and distributed to the various camps established some two months ago in different sections of the country and are now in full operation. One of these camps is located 12 miles from Mexico City and several thousand men, all of them native laborers, are under the direction of husky Irish foremen. Several miles of road have been leveled off and rapid progress is noticeable. This center is one of the several to be established on the Mexico City-Puebla road, the first highway undertaken by the American builders, with whom the government signed a contract for the construction of that road and for the main highway which, when completed, will connect Mexico City and Laredo on the American border, the main eastern gateway between the United States and Mexico. Officials in charge of the work are now of the opinion that tourist, freight, commercial and passenger automobile service will be possible between Mexico City and Laredo before two years have transpired.

Work on this Laredo road has also been begun and camps are being opened up at a number of the principal cities along the route, from which various groups will operate north and south until the gaps are connected.

In addition to the equipment brought into the country and the 25 cars just received, reports from Laredo state that 75 cars filled with necessary machinery have arrived at the border city from supply points in the United States.

This material, it is expected, will at once be distributed at the various points along the route to be followed, and operations will be begun without delay. The first order for American road building machinery, as estimated by experts here, is valued at one million dollars.

Practically all of the work is being done by American engineers and it is expected that the hundred freight cars containing the first shipments of equipment represent but a small portion of the total purchases to be made from American manufacturers.

H. HARTZ BUYS DODGE COUPE

Prominent speedway pilots whose daring and skillful driving thrills thousands of automobile race fans at the important speedway races are fully aware of the risk and danger to which the sport constantly subjects them. These men, contrary to popular belief, are almost invariably careful, thoughtful, considerate drivers in the city and on the highway.

"It is only natural that a driver whose safety and life depend upon the car which he drives several hundred miles at a speed above two miles a minute," says L. C. Smith, local Dodge Brothers dealer, should devote much attention to the mechanical condition of his mount. Back of that he is interested in the ability of the axles, steering knuckles, steering connections and other vital parts to endure the severe strains set up by the terrific speeds.

"When a driver buys a car for his own use or that of his family, he is, of course, interested in the strength and endurance of the chassis and in the safety of the body.

"Harry Hartz, who finished second in a Miller eight cylinder car in the 250 mile Labor day race, on the board oval at Altoona, Pennsylvania, bought a Dodge Brothers special business coupe the day before the big event. When he drove this attractive new car to the track his friends began to ask him where he got it and why he bought it and what he was going to do with it after the race. Hartz explained, 'I intend to drive it instead of taking the train to the rest of the speedway races here in the East and then to drive back to California.' When asked why he bought the car he replied, 'Because there is no doubt as to its absolute dependability—the all-steel body—and it has all the power and more speed than I need on the highway.'

"That Hartz knows motors and motor performance and knows the importance of alloy steel in making a car safe is assured," Mr. Smith continued, "by the experience he secured with Fred Deusenbuerg as mechanic and as driver. Harry and Jimmie Murphy, in fact, took the sixteen cylinder Deusenberg to Florida and groomed and tuned it up for the establishment of the records which still stand for the kilometer and the mile and the distances up to ten miles. For the last two years Hartz has been driving Miller cars in all the prominent speedway races and has been placing consistently among the first few to finish."

BUICK MAKES SALES STRIDES

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — That Oregon is proving a fertile field for the better grade of automobile this year is closely indicated by the registration figures for October. This month proved to be the biggest in the history of the Howard Automobile company, exceeding even the banner year of 1923, when the industry as a whole broke all production records.

Claude McGee, manager of the Buick distributing organization for Oregon and Southwestern Washington, has just made a complete analysis of his territory for the Buick factory. His conclusions point to a steady continuance of increasing sales and he predicts that the allotment of cars for this section will be exhausted early in the spring.

The record made by the branch in Portland and its dealer organization throughout the state has one peculiar angle. In spite of delivering the largest number of automobiles in any one month in its history, the Buick dealers have been handicapped through lack of cars. McGee estimates that, conservatively, they could have delivered at least one-third more cars than they did had the factory been able to provide machines in desired quantities.

"The current automobile year, from August to August, should prove the biggest in the industry," said McGee. "I am not basing this prediction on the sale of Buick cars in any particular sections, but on the number of unfilled orders on hand in almost every agency in this territory.

"In spite of the fact that we have been held up on shipments from the factory, many of our smaller dealers have already delivered more cars than they did during the entire 1924-25 season. There are now on file with our various dealers unfilled orders that take care of everything scheduled for shipment into Oregon for the next 90 days.

"However, we are constantly importuning the factory for additional shipments and I think that as production increases we will be liberally rewarded so that we will be able to fill the greater part of the demand."

A fidgety man can wait on the street corner for his wife a hundred years in five minutes.

RAT ATTACKS WOMAN

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore.—Mrs. Vera Woodard, assistant postmistress in the local office, was attacked by a rat as she stepped into a dark room and turned on the light. She was bitten on the leg. Her screams brought her pet Airedale to her rescue. The dog killed the rat.

Forgers Get Prison Term.

EUGENE, Ore.—Loyal Emery of this city was sentenced by Judge Skipworth of the circuit court to three years in the state prison for forgery. He was arrested in Portland several weeks ago. H. H. Fisher was sentenced to two years on conviction of forgery.

FOR SALE.

A second-hand car with a piston ring.
Two rear wheels and one front spring.
Has no fenders, seat or plank,
Burns lots of gas and is hard to crank.
Carburetor busted half way through;
Engine missing—hits on two.
Five years old, six in the spring,
Has shock absorbers and everything.
Radiator busted, sure does leak;
Differential, dry, you can hear it squeak.
Got lots of speed, will run like the deuce;
Burns either gas or tobacco juice.
Tires all off, been run on the rim,
It's a darn good car for the shape it's in.

What about that car of mine?
Paint's right good yet. Motor's fine.
Bought her last year, kinder late,
But they say she's out of date.

Wife's just seen the "Twenty-Six,"
With its newest little tricks.
Says she is ashamed to drive
That old-fashioned "Twenty-Five!"

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But I'll have to trade her in!

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