

AUTO LICENSE FEE TOTAL BIG

State Revenue from 216,553 Vehicles Totalled \$5,368,999 During Past Year.

SALLEM, Ore. (Special)—Total fees received by the state during the year 1925 from the registration of motor vehicles, chauffeurs and dealers aggregated \$5,368,999.28, according to a statement by Secretary of State Kozier.

The total number of licensed motor vehicles in the state for the year was 216,553, which included 121,922 pleasure cars, 6595 commercial cars of less than one ton capacity, 553 busses and stages, 78 ambulances and hearses, 16,275 trucks, 710 trailers, 2546 motorcycles.

Chauffeurs licenses numbered 15,137, dealers 538 and licensed motor vehicle operators 364,875. By counties the number of motor vehicles and amount in fees received were:

Table with 2 columns: County and Amount. Includes Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill, and Totals.

Surgeon (to patient who has just been hit by an automobile)—"I'll sew up that scalp wound for \$25." Patient—"Gee, Doc, I want just plain sewing—not hemstitching."

Oregon Motor Association Made Big Growth In 1925

Honolulu Ordinance Puzzles U. S. Tourists

HONOLULU (AP).—Tourists from the mainland find themselves puzzled by a new traffic ordinance put into effect in this part of American territory. In substance "Motorists can go only manuka on Fort street and make a U-turn. Parking is permitted on the walkway side of Fort and the east side of Nuuanu."

W. C. Findlay, who has been with the membership department of the organization during the entire year of 1925, has several analyses for the remarkable growth of the membership of the association during the past year. His answer to the great strides made in "service and an appreciation by motorists of a service rendered them during the year."

The report shows that the association now has a membership of more than 4400 and that 2269 of these members were obtained during the year just ended. "This remarkable growth," according to Findlay's statement, was made possible by the service rendered by the entire organization during the year 1925. Motorists realizing that the Oregon State Motor association is the only motor association affiliated with the A. A. A. in Oregon has extended its service to such a point that a membership is a real asset and a protection to the individual member in his touring operations, whether he tours in adjoining states or operates only in his own state.

Members of the Oregon State Motor association enjoy the affiliation of more than 770 other clubs affiliated with the A. A. A. throughout America when they take a tour of any consequence, in addition to the services rendered by the Oregon association within the state. Being strictly a service club, operated without profit, with the funds of the association being used to expand the service program of the association in a direct ratio with the expansion of the membership, the organization has been able to add materially to its service during 1925.

In this expansion are included a first air road service and free towing service that covers the entire distance of the Pacific highway in Oregon and the Columbia River highway from The Dalles to Seaside, as well as a number of other points including Clatsop, Polk, Bend, Tillamook, Marshfield, and others. An educational and publicity department has been added to the organization during the past year, as well as an expansion of the engineering and signaling department, all of which are conducive of a greater and a better service for 1926.

There are over seventeen million cars in use in the United States today, more automobiles than telephones.

HALF OF FARM WOMEN DRIVE

Survey Recently Taken Shows that Automobile Is Desirable to Modern Wives.

More than 50 per cent of the farm women in the mid-western and southern states run their own cars. This interesting sidelight on farm life comes out in a survey on "conditions in the American farm home," just completed by Mrs. Mary C. Pucke.

The survey does not tell how these women use their cars, but since 67.7 per cent of them still draw water from wells or pumps outside of the house, and only 27.8 per cent have sinks with drains in their kitchens, it is safe to say they are not burning up much gas in "gadding."

The 14,645 farm women who helped make this survey, have given a living picture of the most typical farm homes in 16 states, Wisconsin, Michigan, South Dakota, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia.

Their replies show that gradually the farm women are getting for their homes the modern labor saving conveniences which their urban sisters enjoy. As is to be expected, it is those who live in the central states, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota and Iowa, which have modern conveniences, such as plumbing and power driven washing machines in their homes.

In some of the southern states they still wash with the tools their grandmothers used—the windlass well and the hickory washboard.

Many Use Washing Machines. More than 40 per cent of these farm women have already cut the terrors of washday by using washing machines; 16.7 per cent of them have gone a step further and hitched their washers to the farm power system; 19 per cent must still use the old washboard, but it probably will not be long before the washboard will be almost a thing of history on the farm.

The abundance of wash tubs in rural communities may have something to do with the scarcity of bathtubs. Plumbing still seems to be uncommon in the farm home, for only 17.3 per cent of those 14,569 have bathtubs, though

many have made showers instead. The old tradition that the "brifter and egg money belong to the missus" still rules in more than half of these homes. But almost without exception "the missus" spends it for groceries, shoes and school books for her family. In the dairy sections the butter and egg money forms the principal revenue, and here, of course, it is used for general farm expenses. In few families it goes to the children, and is probably used for their education.

As fast as possible the farm wife is organizing her home to relieve herself of its hardest tasks, and of these 14,645 only about half make butter. It is significant, however, that it is in the dairy state of Wisconsin, where churning is still done in only 29.7 per cent of the homes, while in 90 per cent of the good old plantation kitchens of Virginia, churning is a regular task.

Perhaps if more farm homes had the modern conveniences which relieve the town woman of so much of her work, more farm families would put themselves on a business basis, and keep household accounts, says Mrs. Pucke. But whatever the cause, only 11.2 per cent of these 14,000 farm wives "keep books" on their household expenditures.

The fact that so many farm women just within the past few years have learned to run their own cars shows that they are progressive in spirit; they have widened their outlook on life, have been able to enjoy their friends and neighbors more, and when there is money to spend on the farm home, they will know what they want, and where to buy the best one for their money, the survey states.

The Best Road. I've toured north, I've toured south, I've toured east and west, But there's one road I always like A hundred times the best.

It's nice to tour through all the states, Over hills, through valleys roam, But after all the road I love Is that which leads towards home.

Keep the Brakes Adjusted. Brakes should be adjusted every three days. If they are not equalized the result will be rattle, chatter and squeak, the wheels will lose their alignment, the tread of one or more tires will soon wear, and the frame of the car will be distorted.

The stop signals on the avenue leading into Main street always remind us of a girl we used to know before we were married.

BODY SQUEAKS. A mixture of kerosene and lubricating oil, forced between the body crevices with a squirt gun, or a brush, will overcome body squeaks. Rocking the car will permit the mixture to penetrate. Of course it is necessary to see that all bolts are tight.

Another excellent remedy is to loosen the body bolts, then back

them up with grease. The grease will work over the bolts when tightening and prevent many squeaks from this source.

FAULTY EYESIGHT ACCIDENT CAUSE. How is your eyesight? That's one of the questions that should be

asked of every motor car driver. The driver with good eyes and quickly and his judgment of distance usually is good. These are prerequisites of skillful driving and an investigation of automobile accidents in the middle west has shown that the most frequent cause of mishaps of this character is faulty eyesight.

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