

AUTO DEATHS ON DECREASE

Department of Commerce Announces Figures for Four-Week Period Ending Mar. 27.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (Special) — The department of commerce announces that reports of automobile fatalities for the four-week period ending March 27 have been received from 79 large cities in the United States. The total number of such fatalities in these cities was 438, as contrasted with 378 for the preceding four weeks.

and the daily average for the two four-week periods was 12.4 and 13.5 respectively.

Fifteen cities showed no automobile fatalities for the last four weeks. Lynn, New Bedford and Waterbury showed no fatalities for the last eight weeks, while the last two cities have a clean sheet for the past twelve weeks.

For 59 cities in the last four-week period, the total automobile deaths were both the death and the accident occurred within the city limits as against a total of 255 for all deaths from automobile accidents regardless of whether the accident occurred within or outside the city limits.

A correctly heated carburetor runs on less gasoline and runs smoother than an unheated one. With colder weather it is advisable to close the shutter on the hot-air pipe between the carburetor and the exhaust manifold.

How Can A Motorist Shorten His Life? Here's The Answer

(From an Exchange)

There is nothing so exasperating to the automobile driver who loves trouble or who is anxious to go to Heaven as the careful driver. If it wasn't for the latter, there would be no "automobile accident" or "pedestrian" problem for in just a few weeks all motor cars would be in the ditch and the drivers in eternity. That the careful driver constitutes a serious hindrance to the ascent (or descent) of the fellow in a hurry is proved by the fact that with more than 20,000,000 automobiles and motor trucks in the United States, only 21,000 persons were killed and 400,000 hurt during 1925. This is a shameful record, for at this rate

it will take some of 1000 years to get to Heaven via the automobile route.

In order that rules and regulations may be established for the extermination of the careful driver, it is well to analyze the causes for motor accidents and determine the best means for promoting an increase. From statistics recently compiled by Robbins B. Stoeckel, commissioner of the department of motor vehicles for the state of Connecticut, it is seen that inattention takes first place among all the causes for motor accidents—failure to grant right of way, second place, and skidding, third place. These three being the easiest way out, all motorists who wish to die should practice them on every occasion.

Rule number 1, therefore, may well be: Never pay attention to your driving or where you are going. The girls on the sidewalks, with four garters—one pair to hold up her stockings and another pair to hold up the traffic—are so much more interesting than the telephone poles, safety islands, or other cars. This is one of the easiest ways to exterminate yourself and others.

2. Never grant the right of way. Why in the name of great hospital bills anyone should expect you to grant the right of way is one of the mysteries of life. Forcing the passing motorist onto the curb or into the ditch only proves that you possess real will power and should be respected.

3. Because tire chains greatly minimize skidding, these should be kept in the tool box. "A chained wheel gathers no damage suits," says the police inspector of Omaha. Obviously such statements is propaganda for safety, and should never be given serious consideration by motorists who enjoy wearing black crepe. The extent of such insidious propaganda is appalling. Several organizations, such as taxicab companies, have recently adopted the slogan, "There can be no compromise with safety." To counteract this all motorists seeking to shorten life should adopt the slogan, "We have to die eventually—why not now?"

There are few thrills like those of helplessly riding in a car that is skidding and utterly beyond control. Your heart sinks and your stomach becomes a vacuum—and then there is always the satisfaction of giving the poor undertaker or coroner something to do.

4. Always drive on the wrong side of the road. This denotes excellent judgment on your part and contributes to the good nature of the approaching motorist.

5. Never look back when you shift into reverse. If there is a little child or an elderly woman there—well, that is their hard luck.

6. Never signal when you turn or stop, and always be sure to cut in as closely as possible when passing another car. Doing this always gives you the desired trouble.

7. Be sure that you drink a large quantity of booze before starting to drive. One natural born fool, one pint of bad gin, and one high powered motor car is a mixture that will invariably make itself known to St. Peter. All that is necessary is to soak fool in gin, place in the car, and let go. After due time, remove from wreckage, place in box lined with satin, and garnish with flowers.

8. Never let an opportunity slip by to pass another car while on a curve. "S" curves are particularly well suited to results, since such an "S" nearly always stands for suicide.

9. Always pass a standing troley at full speed. The traffic cop at the corner will never misunderstand your intentions, and since everyone alighting from the car faces forward, this having their back to you, such action contributes to the revenue of florists, as well as the business of the police.

10. By all means make every effort to beat the train to the grade crossing. You should worry if you hit the train. It doesn't belong to you, and anyway, you'll never live to pay the damage costs.

Morelock Points Out New Star Development

One of the greatest developments in the field of low-cost motor cars, according to Jim Morelock, a local Star car dealer, has been the comparatively high speed, force feed lubricated motor. This type is built into both the Star six and the Star four. Oil is pumped to all reciprocating parts of the motor under high pressure, insuring perfect lubrication regardless of the speed of the motor. From this, according to Mr. Morelock, his company's greater flexibility and a smoother action in smaller type power plants as well as greater acceleration.

Pistons in a new engine run at a high rate of speed and the wearing process is so rapid that the parts become overheated, which, in turn, makes them wear still more rapidly, thereby generating still more heat. To prevent this excessive wear, oil should be changed frequently.

Prisoner: This is the end! I go to the electric chair tomorrow. Sweetheart: Don't give up all hope yet, dear. I've brought you a pair of shock absorbers.

GIVE LAND FOR NEW HIGHWAY

Owners Sign Up Right-of-Way for Road Extension Near Enterprise, Ore.

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Right of way for all but one small corner of the individually owned land which will be crossed by the seven-mile extension of the north road has been formally signed over to the county court. The owners came in Wednesday and went before the court and executed the desired agreements. Those in the party were C. F. Evans, Sam Evans, John Curry, D. W. Kuhn and J. R. Appligate, but all were not directly interested in the right of way.

For the remaining distance of the new road, it passes across lands owned by the East Oregon Lumber company, the Southwestern Lumber company, the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company and the United States. The court went to the individual owners first for right of way because the lumber companies can be reached easily. The road location takes a few square feet of land which appears to be owned by A. S. Lawson, whose whereabouts are not known.

The court took steps to obtain right of way in accordance with the request of executives of the Bureau of Public roads, which will construct the road. At the direction of C. H. Purcell, district engineer, the right of way will be 80 feet wide, to conform to state highway specifications, as this is to be part of the standard state highway system.

It is not known exactly when the government will start work on the road but from the way preparations are going forward it is hoped that construction will be begun shortly. The road will be built from the end of the present forest highway near Red Fir to a point about a third of a mile east of the Appleton corner, which will carry it beyond the forest area and well out into the level north-end farming country.

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TRACTOR MEET IS HELD HERE

What the Caterpillar Tractor company and the Western Harvester company are doing in the manufacture and distribution of caterpillar tractors and Holt combined harvesters was explained in detail to the personnel of the Bunting Tractor company at a convention held in this city. J. E. Jones, western sales manager of the caterpillar company and Roy N. Witt, northwestern manager of the harvester company were the conveyors of the message. The entire sales and service forces of the local firm were in attendance.

The Caterpillar Tractor company successor to both the old Holt and Best tractor and harvester manufacturing concerns, is now engaged exclusively in the manufacture of the "caterpillar" tractor. The Western Harvester company is a subsidiary company owned entirely by the Caterpillar Tractor company and was organized for the purpose of manufacturing "Holt" combined harvesters. This combination is the largest and best financed of its kind in the world today according to Mr. Jones.

It was explained that the policy of the two companies will be to strive for quantity production far in excess of anything heretofore attempted. The savings resulting from such a program are to be passed on to the purchaser in the price of the manufacturer. This program is already beginning to materialize. Two price reductions have already been put into effect on caterpillar tractors and the prices of spare parts have been substantially reduced. Prices on Holt harvesters are much lower than last year and spare parts have been radically reduced, in some instances more than 50 per cent. The schedule for the manufacture of Holt harvesters for this year is more than twice the number ever built in a single year before, it is said.

Spark plugs are a source of much obscure ignition trouble that causes great difficulty in locating. In many cases the insulation of the plug is porous, permitting electric leakage through the porcelain and also allowing absorption of the carbon formed with each explosion, until finally the insulation changes its properties entirely.

The explosion of gases in the muffler is frequently caused by the intermittent spark. This is usually due to lack of adjustment at the breaker points, or sticking of the breaker mechanism, to a loose or badly worn distributor brush, or to loose or short-circuited wires and connections.



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