

ROAD CLOGGED BY BIG DRIFTS

McKenzie Pass Unlikely to Be Opened Before June Unless Snow Is Dynamited.

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 17. (AP)—Seven great snow drifts stand between Eugene and Bend on the high stretch of McKenzie pass, and unless some means is devised to clear these drifts, the pass will block Eugene-Bend travel until the sun melts the snow, according to M. A. Reed, manager of the Oregon stages, who returned to Eugene early this week after a trip across the snows.

Hasting might have its effect on the snow, in the opinion of Mr. Reed. Another method suggested is the continual breaking of the snow with a packer, and employing horses, with a scraper.

Unless some action is taken the pass will be blocked until nearly June, he said.

The snow motor, employed to negotiate the pass, travels over the snow but in many places where the wind clears the road of dry flakes, the snow motor balks, and is consequently impossible to depend upon the motor for transportation.

There is from two to 14 feet of snow on the 16-mile stretch of white remaining at the summit. The pass was opened on June 23 last year, with the snow melting rapidly, there is hope of an opening nearly a month earlier.

Florida Man Drives 322 Miles in 7 Hours

John H. Brooks, accompanied by two passengers, drove from Columbia, Ga., to Jacksonville, Fla., 322 miles, with an air-cooled Franklin Sedan in seven hours and thirty minutes. The actual running time was seven hours, representing an average of 46 M. P. H. For the first three and a half hours, he averaged 50 M. P. H., but on account of darkness, traffic and a twelve mile detour, the speed thereafter was lowered. The only delays were slow-ups while passing through cities and towns, and one stop for gasoline. This motorist bettered by one hour and thirty minutes the fastest train time between these two southern cities.

MAN UNIDENTIFIED

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 17 (AP)—Police are endeavoring to identify the body of a well-dressed man found slain in a pasture in South San Francisco Thursday. Nine bullet wounds were found in the body and the skull was crushed. Business cards of firms in San Rafael, Cal., Tacoma, Wash., Roseburg, Ore., and San Francisco, were found in the pockets. Police were working on the theory that the man had been killed in a bootleggers' feud.

When cylinder head gaskets are replaced without thoroughly cleaning them, as well as the surface on which they are fitted, or if they are not drawn tight after the engine is warmed up (second tightening), a blown gasket or compression leak is likely to occur.

There is plenty of parking space in Texas, and at that Texas isn't much farther away than most of the other parking places.

Acquaintance With Traffic Rules Prime Need For Safety

Commissioners of motor vehicles and others charged with the responsibility of supervising the regulation of motor vehicular traffic throughout the United States, are pretty well agreed that the big problem facing congested communities today is the creation of an adequate public understanding of traffic rules and regulations and an observance of them by motorist and pedestrian alike.

The education of the child in the school, supplementary instruction of the child by the parent, education of the man who drives and the man who walks—these are things of the greatest importance in the opinion of those whose official duties cover the regulation of motor vehicular traffic.

These are some of the facts brought out in a survey made by Walter P. Chrysler, president and chairman of the board of directors of the Chrysler corporation, who communicated with every commissioner of motor vehicles in the United States and asked what in his opinion is the most important work which his state is doing to cut down the number of motor vehicular accidents.

The investigation which Mr. Chrysler made is of especial interest in view of the fact that at the national conference on Street and Highway Safety held in Washington recently under the direction of the department of commerce, it was agreed that the national conference would be followed by state and regional conferences in which an effort would be made to take further steps to carry out the recommendations of the national body and to apply them actually.

Practically all of the commis-

sioners communicated with attended the Washington conference and their influence in the coming state and sectional conferences will be considerable.

Stoekel's Opinion. Robbins B. Stoekel, commissioner of motor vehicles in Connecticut, points out that there are two broad lines along which a state can take hold of the problem of the prevention of motor vehicle accidents.

"One is to make its highway systems so safe that only people of low degree of mentality need to be caught by conditions," he writes. "This constitutes safety engineering which means straightening of curves, betterment of grades, preparation of sight lines for what scientists call 'an assured clear course,' by fencing and by almost every other conceivable adjustment of highway for safety. Thus a much larger percentage of operators have found it possible to get by successfully."

"The other is to bring up the mind and quality of operation by education in the problems to be met. A state department of motor vehicles must make every attempt to get the problems of motor vehicle operation before the public; to have the public understand the complications of traffic, and in general, to keep as far as possible, ahead of newly arising problems. To accomplish this there are several mediums. The principal one is the public press. By public speaking, by close cooperation with such organizations of the church and the public schools, to all of which we give information regularly by monthly bulletins and by letters, we manage to keep the in-

OILING WORK UP NEXT WEEK

Highway Commission to Begin the First Major Eastern Oregon Project at Ontario.

The first major highway oiling in this division will start Tuesday of next week at Ontario on the Ontario-Weimer section of the Old Oregon Trail. From there the oiling operations will progress in this direction to Pendleton.

The first order for oil for this work was sent out Thursday from the state highway office here. The order called for 20,000 gallons, or two tank cars, which will oil about four miles of highway. Approximately 5,500 gallons of oil are required for one mile of highway.

Interest alive and to get a reaction through public sentiment. The result of this is that it has become shameful to be convicted of a motor vehicle offense and we are strenuously endeavoring to make it more so."

The enterprise of Connecticut in handling its motor traffic is pretty well known throughout the United States and has been made a subject for study by many states.

Need Examination. Commissioners are pretty well agreed that the examination of candidates for drivers' licenses is of the greatest importance. They point out too that further efforts must be made to eliminate the intoxicated driver, the reckless driver and the wilful violator of traffic regulations. All commissioners of states that have any great amount of traffic congestion acknowledge the value of synchronized traffic control, the use of one-way streets, elimination of left-hand turns on certain streets, use of pavement lines, use of stop signs, etc.

W. L. Dill, the commissioner of motor vehicles in New Jersey, writes that the greatest work done in his state "has been expended in the vigorous enforcement of the law with respect to reckless drivers and those operating motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

"Our uniform licensing law gives us control over all those who drive in this state and the right to revoke a driver's license for violation of the law. We have tightened up materially in our examination work with the result that of 127,000 applicants who applied for licenses last year, 26,000 were rejected."

COMPANY GIVES BALLOON TIRE INFLATION TABLE

Under-inflation of balloon tires costs the owner just 700 miles of service a pound under the correct pressure, according to the results of a series of experiments by the Ford Motor company. These experiments were conducted in connection with a campaign to help Ford car owners get the most out of their tires.

To determine at just which point the Ford size balloon tires—29x4.40—yielded the maximum comfort to passengers consistent with maximum mileage, all makes of tires were tested. At the end of the test period, the exact loss per pound of under-inflation was calculated in terms of mileage and a bulletin was sent to Ford dealers and service stations advising the correct pressure.

A number of common tire ailments were traced directly back to under-inflation. Among the most common are rim cuts, tread separation, over-heating and stone bruising in addition to a more rapid rate of natural wear and deterioration.

On the other hand, every pound of over-inflation takes its toll of comfort and the fundamental value of balloon equipment is lost. Other advantages of low pressure tires, namely greater traction, ability to travel over soft ground without skidding, are also nullified in a direct ratio to the extent of the excessive air pressure.

The following inflation table has been proven to best combine riding comfort with long life in 29x4.40 balloon tires:

Table with 2 columns: Type, Pounds Inflation (Front, Rear). Rows include Roadster, Coupe, Touring car, Tudor, Fordor, Runabout with pick-up body.

Oil should be changed more frequently than dilution. This evil is caused by the sweating of a cold engine, which allows moisture to gather inside the cylinders and drain into the oil. Dilution is caused also by too free use of the choke, which shoots raw gasoline into the cylinders. This gasoline finds its way to the crankcase and thins the oil. If too much water forms in the oil reservoir it remains at the bottom of the crankcase, where the pump is located and may freeze, stalling the oiling system and resulting in serious damage to the engine.

The shifting of gears should be done merely with the use of fingers and not the whole hand. The top of the lever should be seized gently with the finger tips and moved slowly but surely to the required position. It should be done by the feel. The properly made gears and gear-shift lever are sensitive to the touch and with a little practice the driver can feel the position of the gears.

Batteries that are in a box in the side pan, or on the running board should be covered to protect them from a short circuit, from moisture in wet weather, or when the car is washed. Also a loose battery will jar against the top of the box causing a short circuit. Padding on the top of the battery will help hold it rigid, but this padding should be a dry non-conductive material.

When a battery terminal is persistent in sulphating, it is due to a break in the sealing compound that permits the acid to climb the binding post and attack the terminal. This break can be closed only by softening the compound. A soldering lamp is good for this, but care should be used not to melt the lead binding post. Remove the battery from the car to avoid danger of fire.

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