

REVIEWS DECADE OF ROAD WORK

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SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24. (AP)—The end of this year rounds out a full decade since the inauguration of the present state highway program by the legislature of 1917.

The highway system is 4,488 miles have been paved 2,157 miles improved with crushed rock or gravel surfacing, and 2,491 miles by grading.

al park four miles of pavement and 11 miles of rock surfacing by special government appropriation.

Gross Expenditures of the highway commission in the 10 years, not including market roads, total \$99,001,922.05 of which \$12,375,876.46 is county funds, \$9,978,414.55 government funds, \$462,674.94 railroad funds, and \$75,986,956.10 state funds.

Government Estimates 21,627 Died Of Auto Wreck Injuries During 1925

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The department of commerce announces that in the registration area of the United States there were 17,571 accidental deaths in 1925 charged to automobiles and other motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles), and that the death rate from this cause was 17 per 100,000 population against 15.7 in 1924, 14.3 in 1923, 12.5 in 1922, and 11.5 in 1921.

It should be noted, however, that the deaths assigned to automobile accidents do not include those due to collisions of automobiles with street cars and with railroad trains. Therefore, as in 1925 there were 498 deaths due to collisions of automobiles with street cars and 1,286 due to collisions with railroad trains, these deaths if added to the 17,571 assigned to automobile accidents would make for the registration area a grand total of 19,335 deaths due to accidents in which automobiles were involved and would raise the rate from 17 to 18.8 per 100,000 population.

Only 89.4 Per Cent As in 1925 the registration area included only 89.4 per cent of the total population of the United States, by assuming that the number of automobile fatalities reported in the registration area comprises 89.4 per cent of the number of fatalities in the United States it has been estimated that the total number of fatalities in that year due to accidents in which automobiles were involved was approximately 21,627.

In the 34 states for which data are available for the five year period 1921 to 1925, the number of these deaths as shown in the attached table, increased from 9,850 in 1921 to 16,148 in 1925, and the corresponding rates were 11.4 and 17.4.

In the 66 cities for which similar data are available, the number of deaths increased from 4,415 in 1921 to 6,358 in 1925, and the rate increased from 15.8 to 21.2.

As has been frequently pointed out, uncorrected automobile fatality figures, especially in cities, may be very misleading, because fatal accidents frequently occur outside city limits, though the injured are hurried to the city hospitals and so increase the city death rate.

The second column in the table shows how many such deaths are known to have occurred in the year 1925, though for many of the cities these figures should undoubtedly be much larger, for the place of accident is not always reported on the death certificate.

How important this factor may be, however, is well illustrated by the figures for Camden which show that more than half of the deaths were due to accidents which occurred outside of the city.

In Oregon 144 persons dies of auto injuries in 1925, compared with 144 in 1924 and 129 in 1923. The percentage per 100,000 population last year was 16.7 compared with 17.3 for 1924, a decrease for this state.

Every indication is that business activity will continue on a steady level during the winter in the opinion of R. E. Chamberlain, sales manager of the Packard Motor Car company. Chamberlain has just finished a trip around the United States during which he discussed conditions with Packard representatives from every retail sales district in the whole country.

"The outlook for general industry appears quite favorable," he said. "The industrial activity of the country is steady and is being carried on with none of the over-expansion that often is regarded as a danger signal. Confidence of automobile manufacturers in the general business situation is shown by the fact that the industry will make 4,500,000 cars this year as compared with 4,000,000 last year. Packard business has been uniformly good this year.

"Throughout the entire country on a trip just completed we found only two localities in which general business was not good. One was in the northern part of the center portion and the other was in the south. The low price of cotton in the south, however, is not nearly as serious as many persons believe because of the generally good condition of other things."

Chamberlain found, he said, prospects very bright for even greater business in automobile sales in the spring with low stocks of cars in the hands of distributors to meet it.

"Sleeping" Girl Commits Suicide SALEM, Neb., Dec. 24 (AP)—Irene Kelly, 18-year-old student at Perce State Teachers' college, whose four spells of sleep have baffled physicians in this vicinity, was found dead, apparently a suicide, on the Burlington tracks here yesterday.

About six weeks ago the girl fell asleep and was not awakened for 24 hours. Two weeks later she again fell asleep, remaining in a coma-like condition for 60 hours. Ten days after awakening from that sleep, she again collapsed and was not awakened for 72 hours.

Examining physicians said she was not suffering from sleeping sickness.

Eastern Prexy Meet the newly elected president of the Eastern League, Herndon J. Weisman of Waterbury Conn. Weisman, a former Yale man and a prominent attorney in the east, succeeds the late Dan O'Neil, who was one of the country's best informed baseball men. Weisman is 38 years old and the youngest to ever hold the office in the eastern circuit. He was president of the Waterbury club in 1923, 1924 and 1925, his teams winning two pennants during that time.

Opera Star



Stuart Gracey, of Geneva, N. Y., won a scholarship at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and went abroad to continue his study. He has just finished a short visit home, with the triumph of a debut in grand opera at Naples to tell the folks about.

General Motors Sales Abroad in Year 86,596 Cars

"The sales of our overseas dealers," says Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president of General Motors, "in the first nine months of this year totaled 86,596 cars, compared with 87,760 cars last year, an increase of approximately 28 per cent."

"It will be noted that the unit sales in the third quarter of this year, and the same remarks apply to previous years, are less than the previous quarter and, as a matter of fact, in the case of 1924 are less than the corresponding quarter of 1925. This is not due to any change in trend of export operations, but is due to delay in getting new models under production on account of the increased number of assembly plants that have been established during the past year or so in various places throughout the world."

These figures are the sales to dealers of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick and Cadillac in all countries of the world, except the United States and Dominion of Canada, and do not include sales of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., or overseas sales of the products of Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing company."

Chrysler Demand Said Very Heavy

"An unprecedented demand for the Chrysler Model '59,' latest four-cylinder model from the corporation's plants that has exceeded all expectations of company officials continues to test the production facilities for this model in the company's Detroit factories," declares L. W. Weeks, local dealer.

"Company officials indicate that present orders on hand and future orders bid fair to continue at the record breaking point for this full sized car until early spring of 1927."

"An analysis for the reasons for this unprecedented success, according to J. E. Fields, vice president in charge of sales of the Chrysler corporation, reveals the fact that one of the principal factors in the unusually rosy accommodations in the Model '59,'

Motoring Mother Goose Mary had a little car, Built very long and low, And everywhere that Mary went The car would try to go.

A railroad crossing she espied— "Oh, fault, oh, please excuse me!"— She tried to beat the train and now She rests in Abi-am's boozum.

It is a bad practice this one of believing that you cannot drive so well when the dash light's rays are starting about in the driving compartment. There always is the chance that the oil pressure gauge or the ammeter will be registering trouble that might become serious before the driver realized it unless he has his dash light burning. Furthermore, the speedometer cannot be seen and one is robbed of all defense in event of arrest for speeding.

We suppose a car is the only place where that tired feeling is really an advantage. And while you're oiling and greasing the car, you can take out the promissuous squeaks. Trumb Mechanic: Mister, they ain't no promissuous on a Cadillac.

Often it is possible to get away from glaring headlights by driving behind another car. The lack of the first machine reflects your own light's rays and affords a handy guide. It might pay to try this scheme some dark rainy night.

No matter how well one may know a road, it doesn't pay to take familiar curves and hills at too high a speed. One may know the physical features of the road perfectly, but traffic conditions always present an entirely new picture on any well traveled highway.

AUTO SHOW SET FOR JANUARY 29

San Francisco Event Will Be Held Earlier to Benefit Coast

Automobile dealers and distributors in San Francisco are already at work and the preliminary details are under way preparatory to the opening of the eleventh annual Pacific automobile show in the Exposition auditorium Jan. 29.

This was the announcement made by George A. Wahlgreen, veteran impresario of automobile shows, who is in full charge of the arrangements.

The San Francisco Motor Car Dealers' association, through its executive committee, announced the 1927 show would be much earlier than usual in order to care for a number of matters; first the early date would provide California and Pacific coast motorists with first-hand views of all the new stuff almost as soon as it could be shipped to the coast from the New York show the first week in January; second, it will afford motor car and accessory dealers throughout the coast territory an opportunity of meeting and feeling the pulse, as it were, of the coast automobile merchandising field.

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Kelly Shop Is Now Located in Roesch Building

The Kelly tire shop has moved from 1312 Jefferson avenue to space in the Hudson-Essex garage in the Roesch building on Adams avenue. The move was made because of the better location on Adams avenue and because there was no drive-in space at the Jefferson location.

The shop, which is owned by Frank Kelly, has been operating only a short time. Besides all vulcanizing and tire repairing line was added to the business this week.

Tires will be collected from any place within the city limits, brought to the shop and repaired and returned, Kelly announces.

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XMAS 1926 May It Be A Merry One To All HEASTY'S FILLING STATION Corner 2nd and Adams

CATERPILLAR "CHRISTMAS" The Season of Happiness and Good Cheer We Extend Our Greetings to One and All BUNTING TRACTOR COMPANY Dealer "Caterpillar" Tractors "Holt" Combined Harvesters Jefferson and Elm Streets