

MOTORISTS PAY FOR POOR ROADS

Less Maintenance Cost For Drivers Over Highways of Quality.

Motorists, in communities which have not modernized their highways, pay an extra premium for every mile of travel, as well as an increased maintenance cost, according to the Oregon State Motor association, which has just received 1929 reports covering these expenses.

The relative cost of operating a car, in cents per mile on the three main classifications of roads are: high type 5.44, intermediate type 6.43 and low type 7.50. These figures include fixed costs for oil, license, garage, interest and insurance, which are identical for all kinds of highways. The main difference is in gasoline, tires and tubes, maintenance and depreciation.

It has been found, says the motor association, that the following increases cover operation of the average vehicle over the three types of roads: gasoline 1.09, 1.31 and 1.61; tires and tubes .29, .54 and .84; maintenance 1.43, 1.72 and 2.11 and depreciation 1.26, 1.52 and 1.67.

Motorists using intermediate roads pay 1.13 a mile more than when driving high type roads and if they use low type roads their cost is 1.38 cents a mile higher than high type road expenses.

Since the average driver operates his vehicle over approximately 10,000 miles annually, the saving is important, the motor association points out. If he drives entirely on high type roads, his costs would approximate \$544, whereas on secondary roads the expense would be \$545, an increase of nearly a hundred dollars and on low type roads it would be \$750, or an increase of \$206.

\$80 Congestion Expense Per Man Over the Nation

Every individual car owner pays an average penalty of \$80 a year as a result of the tremendous national waste due to traffic congestion, delays and accidents, according to J. B. Shelton, general manager of the Oregon State Motor association, who points out that on this basis, the expense in this state alone exceeds twenty million dollars.

The \$80 average is reached by dividing the national annual loss of two billion dollars by the 5,000,000 registered vehicles.

"Bottle-necks and narrow roads at the outskirts of cities and towns, with traffic crowding into single arteries, while nearby streets are virtually unused, lies at the root of the problem," said Mr. Shelton.

"Here in Oregon, as well as in other states throughout the country, streets should be laid out and widened with the view of caring for traffic needs of the future, instead of the present."

"While the widening of highways and the separation of grade crossings offer the ultimate solution of the problem, much can be accomplished at present through surveys of traffic needs and careful planning of new streets, as well as steps to relieve congestion on the arteries now used."

The Oregon State Motor association, he pointed out, is solidly behind the national program of the A. A. A. to devise ways and means to eliminate this national waste. The task is being undertaken by the A. A. A. national committee on highway widening and planning.

GARAGE GOSSIP

Buy Sedan—Mr. Nelson, of Portland, has purchased a Nash sedan, from the Nash garage.

Here Two Days—Mr. Rumb, of the Ford Motor company of Portland, was in La Grande two days this week on business, calling at the Pitkin Motor company.

Buy Oakland Sedan—James McKinnis, of Imbler, has purchased a new Oakland sedan from the La Grande Motor company, Inc.

Territory Representative—Mr. McConnell, territory representative of the Oakland-Pontiac Motor company was in La Grande this week visiting at the La Grande Motor company, Inc.

Whippet Roadster—J. A. Bridges, of Baker, purchased a Whippet roadster this week from Gettings and Banks.

Of Enterprise—Glenn McGarry, of Enterprise, has purchased an Oldsmobile coupe from the Oldsmobile Sales company.

At the Willard Station—The latest Weidnerhoff testing equipment for starters, generators and magnets has been installed at the local Willard branch, for the purpose of giving better service to the customers. Testing can now be done while the customer watches and it will save him the worry of whether or not he is getting "his money's worth." A large shipment of batteries has been received in preparation for the new cold winter, which will undoubtedly cause a rush for batteries, according to R. W. Sine, manager of the Willard branch.

Auto Accessories Solve Gift Problem



Help Uncle Sam by buying and sending Christmas presents early this year. Correct preparation of the packages for mailing is important for safe delivery. Above photos show a Western Auto Supply Company salesman assisting Barbara Kent, of Universal Pictures, in selecting and wrapping automotive Christmas gifts for her friends. Something for the car is sure to please and will be a reminder of the donor's thoughtfulness as accessories are enjoyed throughout the year.

New Display Window

A new display window for the purpose of exhibiting Goodyear tires has just been completed at the Playle Oil station at the corner of Adams and Greenwood. The floor part is made of hardwood and is about five feet deep extending the length of the two large windows (seven and a half feet each) at the left corner of the building. The large black floor against a setting of light oak make a very attractive display. Sometime next year they plan to build another display window on the right side.

Road Connects With The Witty Home Near Elgin

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent) CHICKET FLAT (Special)—An extension has been made to the Chick Flat market road down to Q. V. Witty's house. The grade is now finished and it is ready for the gravel which will be put on by the county crew that is graveling the other market road. The new market road has the coarse gravel to the Hindman school house and the fine gravel is past J. E. Witherspoon's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hug were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ferguson, of Lostine, Sunday.

Mrs. Elva Williams, of Jerome, Ida., and Mrs. Mary Abbott visited at the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Witty, Sunday and Monday. Mr. Witty will leave for Portland Wednesday where he will visit his son until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rydman were La Grande visitors Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Hug and children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon Sunday.

The Epworth League gave a party for the Christian and Presbyterian Endeavors Friday evening at the Masonic hall. Games were played and refreshments of cake, sandwiches and cocoa were served. There were about 45 persons present.

Miss Mae Smith, Miss Doris Miller, Fred Miller and Kermit Meyers were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witty, of Wallowa, Sunday.

Prize Corn



Seven perfectly marked ears of corn brought Evelyn Clark, above, first prize at the recent stock and grain show held near Omaha. Thirty-two different colors are displayed in the corn kernels of the seven ears. Mrs. Clark, formerly of Albany, N. Y., lives with her family on a farm about 20 miles from Omaha. The corn was grown on the family farm.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hallgarth gave a party at their home Friday evening. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches and coffee were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hallgarth, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gilliam and sons, Harry and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hindman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brucker and son, La Verne, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knight, daughter, Verma, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Stowe and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb, John and Arnold Weidner, Charabell Rhine, Eldridge Tameris, Geneva Taylor, Louise Meyers, Dorothy Coffin, Clarence Hallgarth, Raymond Thompson, Lyle McCallister, Reuben McClune and Mr. and Mrs. James Hallgarth and children.

Readjustment Of Taxes Held Need

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Solution of the Pacific northwest's lumber problem lies in the readjustment of taxes, Carl H. Gray, president of the Union Pacific railroad, told delegates to the Pacific northwest advisory board meeting here yesterday.

He said that while coal and oil interests had faced an equal depression, there was no urge for the production of either of those products until the demand is greater, but because of the tax on timberlands, this is not the case with the lumber industry.

Commenting on the work of the advisory group, Gray said that the "age of industrial individualism passed in 1913 when the period of sympathetic, progressive and constructive co-operation began."

"Since that time," Gray said, "as never before, railroads and shippers are working together in building up the country, a process that depends fundamentally on transportation."

Snow Handicap To Park Road Builders

YELLOWSTONE PARK, Wyo. (AP)—Building roads to withstand heavy winter traffic after severe snow storms is a problem confronting the U. S. National Park Service.

With increased winter use of the national parks there is also the problem of providing accommodations for cold weather use.

Twelve of the park areas and several of the national monuments of the northwest now are accessible to travel throughout the year. Each winter, some more people traveling through the parks and even some campers. They unroll their bedding beneath the roasting shelters, undaunted by cold, and tackle the toughest roads.

The enlarged program for construction and reconstruction of park roads calls for expenditure of \$5,000,000 annually over a 10-year period.

Xmas Buying Is Fully As Good As Last Season

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Reports received by President Hoover from the department of commerce and other agencies were said at the white house to indicate that Christmas buying is fully as good this year as it was in 1928.

The reports were said to show that in some sections the volume of buying was much better than last year. The comparison for various sections of the country is uneven, it was said, with some localities showing up better than others.

President Hoover considers these reports as a fair index of the general situation in the United States.

Have Ghostly Tenants—Some well-known buildings in England are reported to be haunted are the Tower, Windsor castle, Cambridge university and Oxford university, Hampton court, St. James' palace, Bisham abbey, Corby castle, Balmham Hilton castle, Lambton castle, Lowther hall, Newstead abbey, Pease castle, Bolling hall and Ince hall.

It is going to be a white Christmas for plenty of people who a year ago were successful investors. Wall street cleaned them.

BUNTING COMPANY ENJOYS BIG YEAR

Many Sales Made During 1929—Outlook for Coming Year Optimistic.

The Bunting Tractor company, local dealer for the "Caterpillar" Tractor company, has enjoyed a very gratifying year in the sale of "Caterpillar" products, according to C. W. Bunting, president of the local company.

Some of the most recent sales made by the Bunting company follow: Roy Allen, La Grande, "15"; J. O. Anson, La Grande, "20"; Jack and H. L. Craig, North Powder, "20"; J. W. Shurium, North Powder, "30"; E. E. Miller, Union, "30"; C. M. Carter, La Grande, "20"; F. A. Smith, La Grande, "30"; E. N. Thompson, Boise, "30"; R. O. Wheeler, Union, "30"; W. J. Hughes, La Grande, "15"; Payette Highway district, Payette, Ida., 2-ton; Boise county, Idaho City, Ida., "30"; State of Idaho, penitentiary, Boise, "15"; Edward Hines Western Pine company, Burns, two "60's"; A. L. Dalstrom, North Powder, 2-ton; Union county, La Grande, "30"; Stalcup brothers, Wallowa, "50"; Paul Zaugg, La Grande, "15"; City of La Grande, "10"; Joseph Pfeffer, Wallowa, "20" and a 10-ton.

In addition to the above tractor

sales, between \$30,000 and \$40,000 worth of logging equipment for use behind tractors has been sold to the lumbering industry in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho. The largest purchaser of this equipment this year has been the Edward Hines Western Pine company at Burns, who have also taken delivery of nine "Caterpillar" 60 tractors since April of this year, these in addition to a large number of other units of machinery sold by the Bunting company.

Another field being developed by the local company is the use of deep tillage implements and sales of these tools have been made to Grover Grimmett, LaGrande, Killefer panbreaker; A. H. Weather- spoon, Elgin, Killefer panbreaker; J. J. Carr and Henry Hermann, La Grande, Killefer chisel. All of these purchasers have made use of these tools during the last few weeks and are enthusiastic about the outlook for gratifying results from this system of tillage. These tools, where used, have shattered the ground to a depth of 24 inches, making it possible for the winter moisture to penetrate to that depth.

Officers of the Bunting company are very optimistic toward the outlook for 1930, in view of the recent price reduction on all "Caterpillar" products. This price reduction, coming as the sixth in four years, has, in that time, reduced tractors from 20 to 40 per cent.

All "Caterpillar" dealers engaged in selling products so vital to basic wealth producing activities of agriculture, construction and industry, are now armed with new low prices

making these products available to new thousands of users, it is pointed out.

Henry Ford resigned the other day from his membership in the Dearborn board of education. Mr. Ford really cherishes the ideal of peace.

A German investigator says that steam heat was known to the Romans. That explains why they were so proficient in oratory—arguing with the janitor.

Night Coughing Quickly Relieved

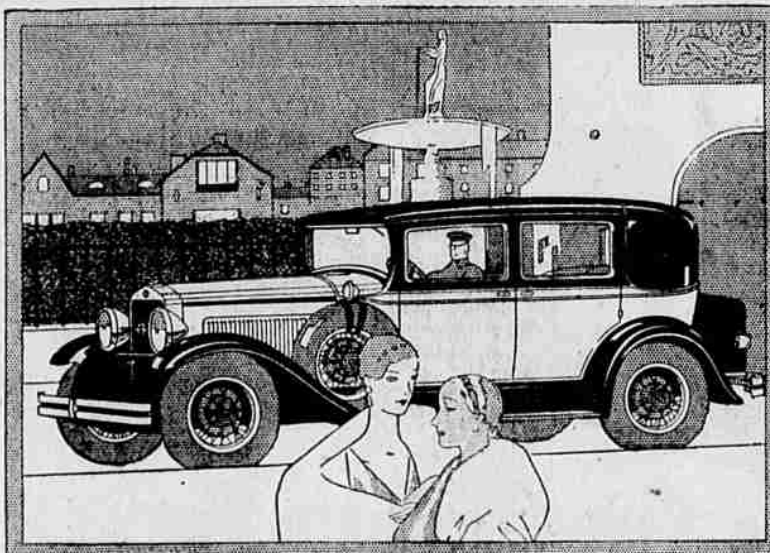
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