

AUTOMOBILE NEWS of the WEEK

Statistics Show Women Are More Careful Drivers

That women are better automobile drivers than men, is the deduction made by William L. Cheney, editor of Collier's Weekly from a striking analysis of motor accident records from forty states. After making every allowance for the larger number of men drivers and the greater mileage covered by them, Mr. Cheney concludes that women drivers were responsible for proportionately fewer deaths and injuries in the 1920's than men.

As a whole, American motorists were guilty of more reckless driving in 1930 than ever before in history. Auto accidents killed 32,000 people and injured 850,000 more. The casualties among children under five years of age were 2,000 killed and 45,000 injured. The World War did not take a greater toll of American lives in battle.

Improper driving and nothing else was responsible for more than two-thirds of all the deaths and injuries. Speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road and failure to grant right of way, all evidences of improper driving, accounted for sixty-eight per cent of the accidents.

More than 80,000 accidents resulted from motorists driving off the roadways. The biggest single cause of accidents, however, was the improper attempt to take the right of way from some other traveler—in a harsh word, hogheadedness.

Not only is reckless driving the greatest cause of motor accidents but also is the carelessness of pedestrians the chief explanation of the accidents which befall them. Last year more than 7,000 pedestrians were killed in automobile accidents for which pedestrians were themselves responsible. The greater number of these, however, were children and old people, the two classes least able to care for themselves.

The hour of the day and the day of the week of the accidents also tell significant stories. Afternoon is the danger time. Between 4 and 9 p. m. occur thirty-eight per cent of the accidents which result in death. Drivers are tired and hurried during those hours. Sunday is the worst day and Saturday next. The safest days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"The encouraging aspect of the year's appalling record," says Mr. Cheney, "lies in the fact that recklessness was its principal cause. If carelessness and over-confidence kill and injure so many, carefulness and consideration can prevent such losses. The majority of accidents occurred on straight and dry roads in broad daylight with experienced and mature drivers at the wheel. In an overwhelming majority the machine functioned properly; the fault, if any, was human. He took unjustifiable chances. Young men were the worst offenders. The enthusiasm of youth can make a motor car a dangerous weapon."

It is perfectly obvious to anyone who thinks about this distressing record of injury and death that it will not be allowed to continue unchecked.

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lenged. Mileage decreased last year by about ten per cent, according to gasoline sales records. Yet with less driving we had more accidents. Cars could not be blamed since nearly eighty-nine per cent were apparently in good condition at the time of the accident.

"As drivers we are not so good as the cars we operate. Automobiles are built for safety but we throw caution to the wind and reap the harvest of recklessness. What we have to learn is that safety is more important than speed."

"When you drive remember that a lot of ideas are on the road and that you may have to protect yourself against both fools and road hogs and occasional drunks as well as against absent-minded pedestrians and heedless children. In such fashion you will at least have made your contribution to national safety and, incidentally, you will get more pleasure and more use out of your motor car."

Factory Orders Show Increase Of 53 Per Cent

KENOSHA, Wis., Mar. 7.—Factory orders received for March cars on Mar. 1 reveal an increase of 53 per cent over those received February 1. This increase, according to C. H. Bliss, sales manager of the Nash Motors company, is entirely consistent with the definite upward trend of automobile business since the middle of January, and with the steady improvement of sales throughout February.

"It also indicates the steadily increasing popularity of the 1931 products, which have proved their quality and outstanding value to thousands of motorists," he said today.

"Sales department figures show that there was an increase of 80 per cent in February orders during the course of that month."

"Increasing Nash demand overseas is reflected in shipments for January."

New Licenses Will Be Blue and White

SALEM, Mar. 7.—Oregon license plates for the year 1931-32 will be blue and white, with a dark blue background and white letters. The contract for these plates, necessary after July 1, was let Friday by the state board of control to Irwin-Hodson company of Portland for \$1,224 per set. The contract called for 288,000 to be delivered May 1, and additional sets at later dates.

Four bids were submitted, the only one offering competition was one of K. E. Erickson of Portland, who offered Missouri pentastyle rates at 11 1/2 cents per set. The cost, however, would be increased by the additional percentage for work done outside the state. The Irwin-Hodson company manufactures the plates in Portland.

In a Nutshell

Look upon your "resent" as it past of your future.

New Auto Mark Brings Up Race Won at 9 M.P.H.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP)—When Capt. Malcolm Campbell hurried over the sands of Daytona Beach at more than 245 miles an hour, Oscar B. Mueller recalled a motor race that was won at a little less than ten miles an hour.

Mueller, who spends much time here and who is president of a brass company at Port Huron, Mich., was the winner of a 92 mile race in 1905. So far as is known, this was the first national automobile race in America. The 92 miles were covered in a few minutes more than nine hours.

A Chicago newspaper had advertised \$5,000 in prizes for a race to be run on November 2, but several manufacturers were not ready with their mounts by that time and the race was postponed until Thanksgiving day.

So Mueller, driving a Benz, raced against a Duryea for an independent prize.

The course was from Chicago to Waukegan and return, the race ended at Grant monument in Lincoln park.

The Duryea soon passed Mueller and to make matters worse the Benz slipped a tire from a rear wheel causing a delay of several minutes.

Then bad luck befell the Duryea when a drive chain broke. Mueller picked up on his mount to prevent ignition by friction and drove in ahead to the accompaniment of cheers.

Selassie Restores Rich Province On General Who Saved His Throne

ADDIS ABABA, Abyssinia (AP)—As a mark of esteem, Emperor Haile Selassie has given the government of one of Abyssinia's richest provinces, Wallage, to Dedjazmach (General) Moullou Gueta.

The king's gift carries with it the title Ras or viceroys.

The promotion comes as a reward for the general's services in March, 1930, when he led the army of the then King Tafari against rebels who disputed the monarch's right to disavow himself to the imperial throne as king of kings of Ethiopia.

Gueta defeated the rebels, killed their chief, and came back to Addis Ababa in triumph. At that time he was given the cross of Menelik, the highest Abyssinian decoration, but it was understood that he would later receive a more substantial award. He succeeded Ras Nado, who died recently in Gorel, chief town of Wallage.

The new Ras' domain lies northwest of this capital. There is gold in its hills, and platinum, too. Several mines are working.

He will have under his control an American mission station. It is from the United Presbyterian church of Philadelphia and is situated in Gorel.

VIENNA SOCIALISTS YIELD

VIENNA (AP)—The socialist government of Vienna has agreed to give up \$5,250,000 revenue from federal taxes in favor of the provincial governments, most of which are dominated by the Austrian fascists.

METRIC SYSTEM FOR TURKEY

ANGORA (AP)—The Grand National Assembly has passed a law adopting the metric system of weights and measures in Turkey.

Take It or Leave It

Man is the opportunity that th women are always embracing.

Tempest Raging In Dem Ranks on Raskob's Speech

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—A tempest raged in Democratic ranks yesterday over the recommendation of National Chairman Raskob that the party adopt a platform calling for state control of liquor.

Raskob's proposal was advanced at a meeting of the Democratic National committee Thursday. It precipitated an outburst of dissension. Dry southern Democrats replied heatedly to the chairman's statement.

Asserting prohibition is not a "party question," Senator Glass of Virginia, said yesterday "it would be fatal" for either party to attempt to make it one.

Simultaneously, Senator Sheppard of Texas, a co-author of the eighteenth amendment, called upon all Democrats, wet and dry, to repel Raskob's suggestion.

Sensor Caraway of Arkansas, said the chairman had "lined up" on economic questions "with the extreme stand put forth by the Republican party."

Expressing an accord with Chairman Raskob's prohibition suggestion, Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, said it was contrary to custom for the national committee to discuss issues.

Glass added that attempts to make prohibition a geographical problem and to have it appear that the south was primarily responsible for the eighteenth amendment was "utter rubbish." He said such efforts were made Thursday.

Sensor Smith of South Carolina said the controversy at the party meeting had "cleared the atmosphere" and brought the Democrats to realize they must avoid these controversial things and unite on the issues that are so paramount.

"The economic distress of the country in every department of our life."

"Agriculture, business in general, the credit system, the whole fabric of our organized industries have collapsed," Smith said. "It will take the united energy of the party to meet this task and it is one that will admit of no delay."

Sensor Robinson of Arkansas, who criticized Chairman Raskob Thursday for bringing the prohibition issue before the committee, reiterated Friday his contention that the national committee has no jurisdiction over platform principles. He asserted the party should not make the liquor issue paramount.

In a brief discussion, Robinson said:

"In all the history of the Democratic party, there never has been a time when it occupied a stronger position than at present."

"We should not make the liquor issue paramount. It is vastly more important that attention be concentrated on the revival of agriculture, the rehabilitation of commerce and industry and bringing comfort to the homes of our people than upon a home rule plan for prohibition."

THE NEWS USED To Be:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From Observer, Wed., March 7, 1906) J. W. Bickford, formerly employed in the creamery here but now in charge of the Pendleton branch, is in the city visiting friends.

As a result of the election held last night, Joseph Jones is the chief of the La Grande fire department. Mr. Jones has been an active member of the department for a number of years.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From Observer, Mon., March 7, 1921) The bank of Haines was robbed this

morning. Two thousand dollars, all over, was taken and a number of safety deposit boxes stolen.

The audit of the city books, made by Perry Oliver, was completed last week.

Dan Van Housen, for many years clerk at the Foley hotel and other first class hotels in Eastern Oregon, has decided to quit us all and live on Puget Sound.

ONE YEAR AGO

(From Observer, Thurs. Mar. 6, 1930) Geo. T. Cochran, city attorney, was elected. He is in position as member of the library board last night.

Chats With Parents

WHY NOT LIE?

By Alice Judson Peale

When we sympathetically consider the child's situation in a grown-up world, we must see what difficult tasks are required of him, and how many satisfactions he is expected to give up in return for relatively few compensations.

He is made to be punctual, clean and obedient. He is required to eat certain foods and forbidden to eat others. He is compelled to stop his play at any arbitrary moment, to go to bed, to come and go, to talk or keep still—all as grown-ups please that he should. On top of this he is expected also to tell the truth about whatever he does.

Truth-telling is in the first place a concept which is fairly unintelligible to the small child. Even after it has become fairly understandable, it does not necessarily seem always pleasant or desirable.

From the child's point of view, the advantages are all in favor of telling the truth only when it is convenient. If, therefore, we wish to train him to the necessary standard of truthfulness, we must make truth-telling attractive.

Punishment for lying is not half as effective as approval for telling the truth.

Since the child can, and no doubt often does, escape punishment through lying, it is necessary for us to see that the rewards of truthfulness counter-balance the rewards of lying.

If Johnny admits that he forgot to tell Aunt Mary to bring the children to lunch tomorrow and mother, instead of scolding him, thanks him for letting her know and then proceeds to invite Aunt Mary over, his whole phone, Johnny experiences the happy results of his telling the truth.

Similar experiences, often repeated, demonstrate in terms that the child can understand that telling the truth is really worth while.

The mother who, with painstaking care, dresses a bearded and curly-headed doll for her four-year-old is likely to be disappointed by the way the recipient mistreats the finery over which she spent so many hours.

The natural play of little children with their dolls is not the neat and dainty thing we'd like to think it. The toddler grabs her doll by the leg and bumps it head on the floor

as she walks. When she is through with it, she throws it into the box with her airplanes or auto-trucks. The doll has hair or clothing they are soon pulled off.

The child is four before she plays with dolls in anything like an imaginative way, but even then a doll's life is hard. Its clothes are taken off and put on again in the wrong order, inside out. A single garment is all a child cares about. Shoes, stockings and fancy under-clothing are apt to be lost in the shuffle.

Dolls for a pre-school child must be built to stand the strain. They should be of a size convenient to carry. They should be washable and unbreakable. The only kind of hair that lasts is that which is painted on.

The clothing may quite satisfactorily be a single garment, made of bright-colored washable stuff which slips over the head and stays in place with an elastic about the neck, or fastens with a single large button.

If there are to be accessories, these may be a cap and jacket which fasten with tapes or ribbons, offering

splendid practice to the little mother in learning to tie knots and bows. Always there should be several squares of material to act as coverlets and wrappings, for even the toddler loves to wrap and unwrap her doll.

A four-year-old boy was given for his birthday a fine set of paints, but no paper to go with them.

An hour later his mother came into his room to find walls, furniture and bedspread vividly decorated with "designs."

His best new suit had also received attention. As a punishment he was thoroughly scolded and his paints taken away.

A little girl of six received permission to play in the wash basin with her celluloid ducks and fishes. When, some 20 minutes later, her mother discovered her dripping wet, from chin to knees, she punished her for her carelessness.

Both children were punished for something which was certainly not their fault. One cannot expect a

four-year-old to restrain his desire to paint simply because he has no paper on which to do it. The importance of adult possessions is not half so real to him as his desire to use a beautiful new toy. If we let a child play with water we must expect her to get wet unless we give her a rubber apron.

Unless mothers exercise foresight and plainness, children will always get into mischief. It is the parent's responsibility, not the child's, to see that his interests do not get him into trouble.

Children need such things as clay, paints, crayons, hammer and nails, to carry out their play ideas. If the use of these materials spreads destruction and makes extra work for mother, it is not the children's fault.

Linoleum on the playroom floor, clichee on the table, rubber or oilcloth upon proper materials to work with—these plus a certain amount of training in the use of tools and materials would obviate many of the little daily tragedies which make life so hard for a child.



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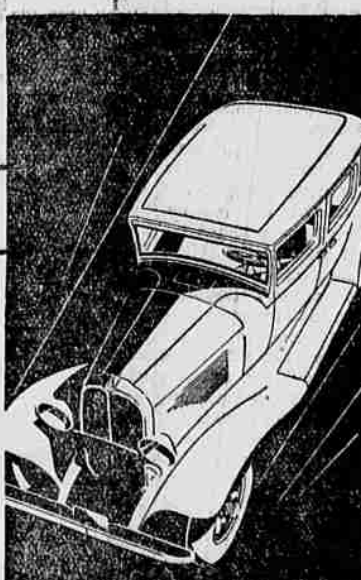
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