

Winter Driving Tips Are Listed

With a probable 55,000 miles appearing on the speedometer of the average car—a 1939 model—and highways and streets not yet back to their prewar state of repair, the fall and winter of 1946 loom as "danger days" for the American motorist, it is pointed out by Ed Hedner, national director of service for Chevrolet.

To the normal winter driving hazards of icy streets, poor visibility and greater driver strain, have been added several new factors that might adversely affect highway safety records, he adds.

"The motorist will do well to exercise greater caution in the handling of his vehicle this winter. In most instances he is driving an older car, and one that has perhaps not received its full quota of service attention. He is driving over streets and highways that have not been as well maintained as they were before the war. His tires may not be up to standard; his brakes may be less effective. In short, the driver must make up in extra skill and caution what his car may have lost in operating efficiency due to the war years," he says.

A complete pre-winter service checkup is advised, with particular attention to brakes and the car's electrical system. The shorter daylight hours of wintertime mean additional use of lights and other electrical equipment which puts added strain on the battery. Motorists were urged particularly to give special care to batteries, for current lead shortages have resulted in a low new battery production rate.

Windshield wipers, likewise, bear a greater load during the winter season. New blades are available and easily installed.

Heaters and windshield defroster connections should be checked and made ready for wintertime service. Since small motors likewise are a critical production item, present car heaters must serve and a thorough-going inspection of this accessory is advised.

All hose couplings and the auto's engine cooling system should be inspected to insure that anti-freeze will not be lost.

Other pre-winter attentions every car needs include the cleaning of summer dust from the air filter,

VA CLAIMS CHIEF



Willis Howard, above, an employee of the Veterans Administration since 1919, recently was elevated to a top spot on General Omar N. Bradley's staff, that of Assistant Administrator for Claims. Mr. Howard previously was assistant chief of that activity.

RAPE CHARGE DEMISSED AGAINST BRIDWELL

A charge of rape was dismissed against Wilbur Bridwell, Disston Rt., Cottage Grove, Friday at a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Chester Anderson in Eugene.

Lack of evidence that the crime had been committed was the reason given for the dismissal of the case in which the charge was brought by Mrs. Jean Marie Tidwell, Eugene waitress.

People who have a limb amputated often feel pain for some time as if the limb were still present. Blocking of the sympathetic nervous system with an anesthetic or cutting the nerves stops this pain.

A change to winter grade lubricant, switching of tires with best tread to rear wheels for greater braking effectiveness, and motor tune-up to insure maximum operating efficiency during the period of greatest demand upon the engine.

Many Chevrolet dealers, Hedner pointed out, are currently suggesting special "winterizing" services.

Army Continues Enlistment Drive

Continuing its drive for the enlistment of men with specialized training and MOS ratings, the United States army is this week offering special inducements to qualified clerks, typists, stenographers, musicians and airplane engine mechanics.

In addition to these groups there is available now, in the Army enlistment requirements, a special opportunity for former GI's to enlist in the regular army recruiting service and live at home. This phase of army enlistment has never been emphasized in civilian circles heretofore, as requirements have been strict and replacements into the recruiting service have come from within the ranks. Now, however, Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio in San Francisco point out, very high type of "public relations—salesmen" are needed to assure the United States of a high calibre peacetime army—ready for any eventuality.

Locally, it has been noted that more and more former GI's are returning to army service because of the greater opportunities being offered. Some of this community's finest young men are enlisting or reenlisting to be assured of a constructive lifetime career and an ample retirement income after the service period.

Among other statements made by the Presidio Headquarters was reference to the necessity for "inside" personnel. This means such clerical help as any big business needs—and the United States Army is definitely a "big business" phase of our economic life.

It is recommended by the recruiting service that anyone interested in taking advantage of these specialized openings should act immediately as there are relatively few of these positions open.

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The Salton Sea, under ordinary conditions a salt marsh covered in places by shallow lakes, is 30 miles long, 12 miles wide, and is 280 feet below sea level.

MOSBY CREEK

The children and teachers of the Blue Mt. school gave a Halloween party Friday afternoon at the school house for the parents and friends of the district. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eastburn have bought a home on Harvey Road, and have moved there from Walden.

Mrs. Elsie Mainwaring and sons Lester and Sammy visited several days last week with friends at Willamina and also at the home of a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mainwaring of Hood River.

Laurence Palmer of Eugene visited Sunday at the Doc Pitcher home at Walden and called in the evening at the Harry Castle home at Blue Mt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chapman and

STRAWBERRY ROOT-ROT DISCUSSED

The three best methods so far found of preventing loss from strawberry root rot are to get clean planting stock, plant "as soon as possible after digging, and then use a crop rotation system that keeps strawberries from following crops that complicate the root-rot problem. Latest report on these control practices is contained in an O. S. C. station circular of information No. 392 prepared jointly by the departments of horticulture, plant pathology and soils.

The "first really English grammar" was published in 1586.

small son of Saginaw called one day last week at the Ben Anderson home.

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