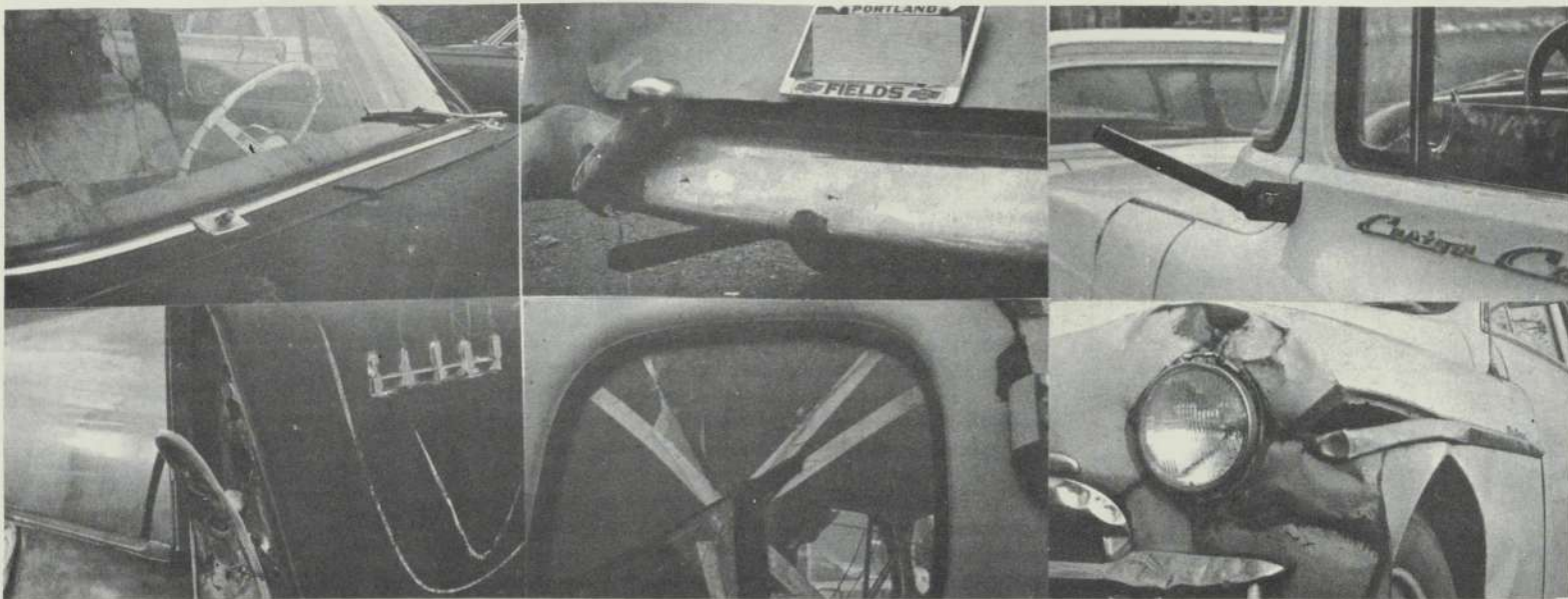


Driving outlook, equipment save lives



AUTOMOBILES driven to school by students and faculty members were investigated for defects which might impair driving safety. Defects found, shown above, are not in direct disagreement with the law but violate common sense safety measures. **PHOTOS** top row, from left to right, show single windshield wiper on driver's side, exhaust pipe is fastened insecurely with

wire, truck lacks rear-view mirror.

BOTTOM ROW, left, to right, right rear of car has no stop lights, back-up lights, or turn signal lights, view through truck's rear window is obstructed by masking tape sealing broken window, and bashed-in car fender is split open along chrome, presenting steering difficulties.

by Cecile O'Rourke

Oh, no! It's raining! Stupid weatherman told me no rain for a week! Thought I could get along without wipers for a while, at least until my next paycheck.

Had to ask Sally out, couldn't afford getting them fixed . . . what's that ahead of me? Scre-e-e-e-ch!!! Two dead, one injured. ("A windshield wiper in good working order is required.")

This new car sounds great, going fifty on this narrow dirt road and it handles like a charm. Better slow down. No, who would be on this lonely road? Wait, are those children up ahead? They don't see me, no time to stop. Got to warn them—the horn!

No sound came. The children are dead, the driver lives to let his memory haunt him. ("A horn in good working order is required.")

The Oregon Driver's Manual, published by the Department of Motor Vehicles in Salem, states, "It is unlawful to drive, or for

Car registration urged for pupils

by Marilyn Leonard

At the beginning of the school year, students are asked to register their cars if they plan to drive them to school. Students doing so number 204 this year, but there are approximately twice that many cars parked around the campus.

Why aren't these cars registered? Is it because the drivers are too lazy to fill out the registration cards or is it because they had no idea of the trouble unregistered cars can get into?

In answering the last question, unregistered cars can get into trouble when there is no one in them. Vandalism and other cars can cause damage to these cars.

Take the vandalism—someone breaks into your car and takes something. The driver calls his insurance company to make a claim, the insurance company in turn calls the school to find out if the car is registered. The school says no.

The driver cannot definitely prove his car was parked at the school or that it was even in the same district.

The same thing can happen when a vehicle hits a parked, unregistered car. How can it be proven that these cars were not in an accident miles from school?

the owner to knowingly let anyone else drive, an unsafe vehicle or one not equipped as required by law."

Then it lists the basic equipment which must be in good working order—windshield wiper, rear-view mirror, hand brake, headlights, license plate light, stop light, horn, foot brake, muffler, tail light and adequate fenders.

It appears that most of the traffic violations committed by students, however, lie not in inadequate equipment, but in attitudes towards driving.

According to Officer Bob Tardiff, head of traffic safety in the area, "A high percentage of those cars with obvious equipment defects, where there appears to have been no attempt

to repair the defect, are owned by drivers with poor driving attitudes."

"They don't care enough to have it fixed," he continued. "Some teenagers as well as adults think of the automobile as a two ton toy."

Much of the problem, too, lies not only in required equipment, but in common sense things.

There is no law that requires a proper latch for the hood of an automobile. Yet, if while driving on the freeway at an average speed of 50 miles per hour, the hood flies up blocking the driver's vision, what can be done?

There is no law that requires a hood on an automobile at all. Yet, if the car should be parked and left unattended, what's to stop a young, curious child from touching certain parts of the motor and getting severely burned?



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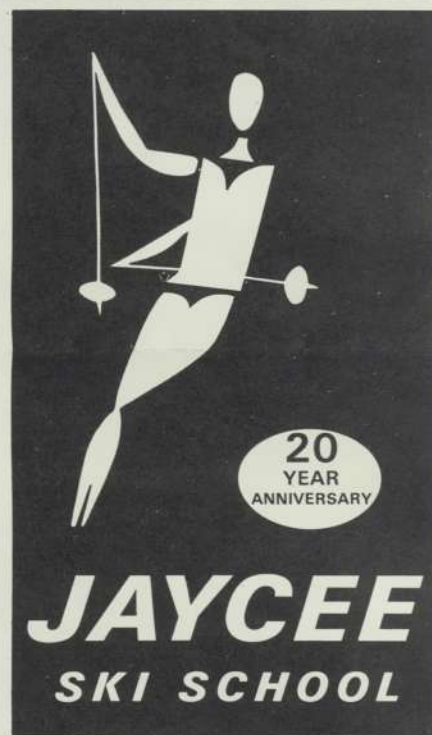
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