

Educator receives Spingarn



RAYFORD WHITTINGHAM

Professor Rayford Whittingham Logan, nationally recognized historian and esteemed educator, has been named by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as the 1980 winner of the Spingarn Award.

Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, in making the announcement said, "Professor Logan has spent a lifetime in service for his people. Through his strenuous efforts he has enlightened the world about the history of Blacks and their contributions. We appreciate the contribution, and welcome him to the family or Spingarn medal winners."

Professor Logan, who is a native of Washington, D.C. and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1917, is the 65th winner of the prestigious award and at 83 the oldest recipient every to be honored.

Logan has served as Secretary at the Pan African Congress, organized by W.E.B. DuBois, in 1921 and 1923; taught at Virginia Union, Atlanta and Howard Universities; served as Editor of the Journal of Negro History and Director of the Association for the Study of Negro life and History; served as an accredited correspondent at the organizing meeting of the United Nations and as a member of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. He was also an Accredited Observer for the NAACP at the Sixth General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris in 1950, and an overseas Fulbright Research Fellow.

Driving in the ash

The following advice is provided by the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research and Development Command from Warren, Michigan and the Washington State Patrol. This advice is based on experience and field tests operating Washington State Patrol cars in heavy ash/dust areas.

1). Avoid driving in heavy dust conditions unless absolutely required. The more dense the dust, the more urgent the requirement should be for driving.

2). When required to drive in dense dust, keep speed down to 35 mph or lower. Do not follow too close to car ahead. Use headlights on low beam.

3). Change oil often. In very dense dust change at 50-100 mile intervals. Light dust conditions change oil at 500-1000 mile intervals. Lubricate all chassis components at each oil change.

4). Clean air filter by backflusing filter paper with compressed air (30 psi). **Caution:** Blow element from inside (clean side) to outside (dirty side) Do not strike filter against anything. Air clean only. If unsure, have a qualified mechanic perform the air filter service.

Inspect filter for dents or torn paper. Clean inside of filter and cover with damp cloth before re-installing filter.

Reinstall filter in housing and tighten on cover very tight, approximately one full turn with pliers after hand tightening. Do not exceed one full turn with pliers or you may damage the system.

5). Do not install hose from carburetor air intake (air cleaner) to inside of car. Outside dust and ash will be drawn into vehicle.

6). Wrapping air cleaner element with a silk stocking or cheese cloth is of questionable value. It will not im-

prove air cleaner filtration and may actually cause serious leaks if not installed correctly. Rags, or any other intended filtering material, should not be placed over the carburetor inlet inside the air cleaner element, serious damage to the engine and/or loss of vehicle control may result.

7). Cover passenger compartment vent inlet (located at base of windshield and usually under hood) with thick, loosely woven felt-type material to filter air into vehicle. With vent filter in place, keep heater blower on high. Blower will slightly pressurize inside of vehicle and keep dust from entering through body gaps or holes. If a vent filter is not installed, keep air conditioner and heater blowers off.

8). Have service garage clean wheel brake assemblies every 50-100 miles for very severe road conditions, or every 200-500 miles for heavy dust conditions.

9). Have service garage clean alternator winding with compressed air after heavy accumulation or every 500 to 1000 miles or severe dust exposure.

10). Wash engine compartment with garden hose or steam cleaner. Be sure to seal off air intakes and electrical components before cleaning.

11). Commercial truck filters can be installed to increase the filtering capacity of the air cleaner, as the Washington State Patrol has done. However, this is expensive and should only be attempted by trained garage mechanics or experienced personnel. This would be beneficial for vehicles operating continuously in extreme dust conditions.

12). Air filter restriction gauges can be installed by qualified mechanics. The gauge will tell you when your air filter requires servicing in order to avoid overservicing.

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