

### MOTOR LEGISLATION SOUGHT BY DRIVERS

#### Pilots Who Block Highways Are Criticised.

### ACCIDENT OFTEN RESULT

#### Laws to Prevent Stopping of Cars on Road, Thus Halting Traffic, Advocated by Westerners.

Legislation making it an infraction of the law to stop an automobile on the state highways and compelling drivers to pull off to the side of the road proper when they have occasion to halt their machines is being urged by motorists in Oregon and other Western states who indulge in extensive tours and who daily face the menace of

days of his connection when the number of employees approximated 100, and when the pneumatic tire industry was in its infancy. He recounted the pleasant associations with Mr. Firestone which he had had and humorously mentioned some of his duties as sales manager when a consignment of pneumatic tires would be available for him to sell.

Dan Goodenberger, who has also been with the company a good many years, talked of the growth of the organization, and presented Mr. Firestone with a jeweled scarf pin. Mr. Firestone in reply spoke of the happy associations and fine spirit which had always permeated the organization and of his appreciation at being honored by this celebration of his 50th anniversary. He did not refer to what the Firestone company had accomplished in a material way, but confined his remarks to reminiscences of his experience.

After the speaking several films were shown on the screen. These included the old homestead picture taken during the progress of the foremen and managers' picnic to Mr. Firestone's old home last summer, and the first authentic pictures showing the surrender of the German fleet.

### ROAD EQUIPMENT PURCHASED

#### Tractor and Trailer Will Work on Klamath Highways.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The purchase of a new four-ton Winther tractor and a five-ton trailer for county road work purposes has

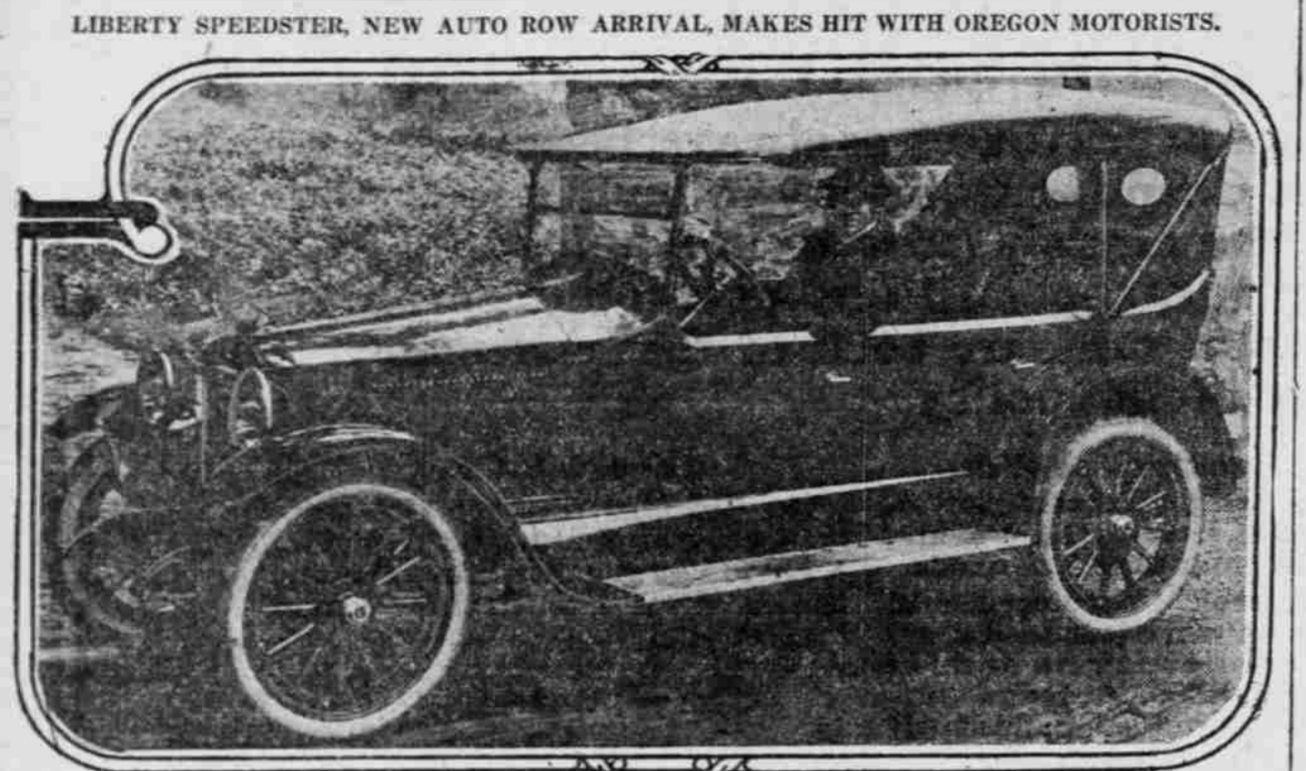
### READJUSTMENT TASK POSER IN FACTORIES

#### Automobile Makers Have Job Requiring Months.

### PROSPERITY ERA FORESEEN

#### Restocking With Materials and Parts, Refinancing and Making Contracts Part of Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Reports received here show that automobile manufacturers are bending every energy to readjustment of their affairs for production of their regular lines as speedily as possible. This involves restocking with materials and parts, rearrangement and retooling of machinery, the refinancing of car and parts



A 1919 Model Which Has Won Instant Favor in Portland is the Liberty Speedster, a New Product of the Liberty Factory and Which is Distributed Here by W. H. Wallingford. The Car Has a Snappy and Businesslike Appearance. W. C. Montgomery, Salesman for the Wallingford Company, is at the Wheel.

caused by thoughtless or selfish pilots blocking the road. At the recent better motoring laws meeting in Sacramento which was attended by motorists from all sections of California, many good measures were advocated, but several that might have been suggested were overlooked. Among these was the one outlined above.

Anyone who has toured knows that the average driver, when he feels a tire go flat on him, stops then and there to change it. Also, one can find two cars stopped alongside each other, their owners discussing everything from the late war to next year's price of airplanes, forgetful of the fact that others are entitled to that same section of highway.

### Tires Changed on Road.

It would be just as easy, say those who are more thoughtful, for these same motorists to pull off to one side and do their gossiping or tire-changing. But so long as no law covers the matter the selfish ones will continue to "hog" it and let the other fellow shift for himself.

"Hardly a day goes by but an instance of this selfish and thoughtless condition is encountered," said R. C. Durant, one of those advocating a law to cover the situation. Mr. Durant, whose duties as vice-president of the Chevrolet Motor Company of California take him all over the West, is noted as one of the most careful and skillful drivers in the country, but time after time he has been forced to exert all his experience to avoid collision, the situation being brought about by the stationary machine of some "road hog."

### Hurried Stops Burn Rubber.

"Thousands of dollars' worth of rubber are burned up each year because of hurried stops occasioned by thoughtless blocked roads," said Mr. Durant. "Lots of times I have swung around a 'blind' curve well within the legal speed limit and swooped down on some motorist changing a tire right on the fair highway. With a machine coming from the other direction due to meet me just where I would be forced to turn out for the car standing still it was up to me to stop the best way I could to avert an accident. You can imagine what would have happened if the brakes had failed to hold.

"It is just as easy to change tires or swap yards off the road proper, but until they are compelled to do so by law a certain class of motorists will stop right on the highway for whatever they want to do. Let the Legislature make it a misdemeanor to block the roads and this condition will be materially benefited."

### FIRESTONE HEAD HONORED

#### TIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT IS GIVEN BANQUET.

#### More Than 600 Members of Akron Organization Attend Fiftieth Anniversary Affair.

Harvey E. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, O., was tendered a complimentary banquet, December 29, to celebrate his 50th anniversary. The hosts were the foreman, department managers, factory managers and executives of the Akron organization. At 6:30 between 600 and 700 sat down to dinner in the auditorium of the Firestone Clubhouse, Firestone Park. The Firestone orchestra provided the music.

A feature of the banquet was the cutting of the gigantic birthday cake from which 56 birthday candles burned, and which was brought into the auditorium by two of Mr. Firestone's younger children.

J. W. Thomas, general superintendent, filled the role of toastmaster. He recounted some of his early experiences with the company and with Mr. Firestone, and traced the growth of the organization from his entrance to the present time. He said that if a good many men could see the monument which would be erected to them after their death they would refuse to die, and that Mr. Firestone had deemed it better to commence the building of his memorial in early life, hence the Firestone organization at the present day.

A. G. Partridge, general sales manager, who has been with the organization over 13 years, spoke of the early

been authorized by the Klamath County Board. The combined cost of the two machines is \$4600. It is desired that with this new equipment the road work on the county highways next season can be expedited.

### WHITE TRUCK IS HONORED

#### CROIX DE GUERRE AWARDED TO TRANSPORT UNITS.

#### French Government Gives Recognition to Organizations Using Over 1000 Vehicles.

A most signal honor has been conferred on the White truck by the French government.

The Croix de Guerre has been awarded the First and Second Groupements of the Great Headquarters Reserve No. 1 of the French army, each operating 500 or more White trucks. Citations for distinguished service accompanied the order, supplemented by a later citation to the entire Reserve No. 1 operating 2500 White trucks.

The word of this great honor being conferred on the White was received yesterday by G. A. Urquhart, Pacific Coast manager of the White company. "This is the first and only instance on record of motor transport formations in any army receiving this high honor," said Mr. Urquhart in commenting on the awarding of the Croix de Guerre to the White. "Naturally, every member of the organization is extremely proud of the honor, as it proves again in a definitely conclusive manner the performance of the White.

"The White trucks in the service were all veterans, many having been in continuous war service since 1914."

### MOON CAR WELL EQUIPPED

#### C. H. S. COMPANY SHOWS NEW MODELS IN PORTLAND.

#### Manufacturers Strive to Conform to Latest Ideas in Auto Construction.

New models of the Moon car, on display by the C. H. S. Company, 65 North Twenty-third street, are being viewed with a good deal of interest by Portland motorists.

"It is a small, individual appearance of the Moon car immediately places it in the class of the custom-built car," reads an announcement of the company. "The beauty of its long, symmetrical lines conforms with the best ideas of a well-built car.

"In interior finish, upholstery and cushion work, as well as in the exterior color and varnish, the car testifies to careful manufacture by men who strive for the niceties in motorcar construction. Every detail of equipment and appointment is chosen on the basis of quality.

"It is consistent with Moon history that no car is put out which does not conform in every particular with the best and latest idea in automobile design and construction. But, more than that, the Moon is made for the man who appreciates character in his car.

"Because of the upholstery and scientifically designed seats, extra long springs and perfect chassis balance, the car is comfortable to ride in and easy to drive.

"The car's mechanism is completely standard, including Continental (Red Seal) motor, delco ignition, multiple dry disc clutch, Timken axles, Spicer joints, Fedder's honeycomb radiator and Firestone rims. All these essential parts are considered the best units obtainable by the motorist.

makers, making contracts with new distributors and dealers, getting out new trade literature and advertising matter and a clearing out of their plants of finished and partly finished war products and materials to make room for civilian passenger car and truck stock.

The industry cannot resume work where it was stopped. Just as the plants were filled with passenger car and truck parts and chassis in all stages of manufacture, from raw stock to completely assembled, upholstered and painted cars, and required many months to get into production of various war articles, so reconversion means a great deal of physical effort to prepare for and get into pre-war production.

The process will be greatly facilitated if there is prompt settlement by the government under the war contracts and procurement orders which have been and will be canceled, so that the manufacturers will have the necessary money and credit to restock quickly with materials and parts and thereby hold their workmen during the transition period, but if there is any considerable interval of uncertainty and delay in making settlements, complete resumption will be greatly hindered.

Some Have Little Difficulty. Those companies whose war orders were for their regular models, such as some of the truck manufacturers, will have little, if any, difficulty in getting into production on orders for civilian use, except the usual loss of time in securing delivery of certain engines, transmissions, axles, springs and a few other parts the manufacturers of which were heavily engaged on war orders.

Other truck makers who had large contracts for the standardized B truck or one of its variants, and whose own trucks, will have more trouble getting into full production of their regular models and the sizes that were suspended to make way for those needed for military use.

Greatest difficulty will be experienced by those passenger car companies which endeavored patriotically to comply with the request of the War Industries Board to liquidate their stocks of parts and materials and get on a 100 per cent war basis by January 1. The facilities of a number were already fully absorbed in war work entirely apart from passenger car production, while many others were fast approaching that condition.

Such plants were working day and night shifts on a long list of Army and Navy materials which required special machinery and readjustment of the whole plant. This list includes airplane engines, tractors, tank parts, 75 m. m. and 155 m. m. shells, adapters for shell fuses, gun carriages, naval gun mounts, gun recoil mechanisms, artillery wheels, water carts and escort wagons, mine anchors, depth bombs, airplane bombs, grenades, balloon chasers, litters, handling trucks for seaplanes, and so on.

Forty Build for Army. There were in addition many thousand motor trucks, ambulances, officers' cars, trailers and electric industrial trucks, orders for which ran into many millions of dollars. Nearly 40 truck companies have built and delivered motor trucks for the Army and Navy, aggregating upward of 30,000, most of which have gone overseas.

Automobile and truck companies that were engaged from 50 to 100 per cent of their capacity on war orders when the armistice was signed, November 11, include Mitchell, Buick, Ford, General Motors Truck, International Motor, Inter-State, Locomobile, Nordyke & Macdonald, Packard, Paige, Pierce, Root & Vandervoort (Moline), Simplex, Studebaker, Yellie, White and a number of others. More than 80 companies holding membership in the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce were at work on Government orders, the total value of which amounted to more than \$1,000,000,000—equivalent to 80 per cent of the whole value of the output of motor vehicles by the industry in 1917.

Increased efficiency and facilities and experience gained in war work, such as manufacture of airplane engines and shells, requiring a high degree of engineering skill and accurate machine work, will be of value to the industry after the transition period and should result in improvement of cars and trucks and increased production of both. Thus, while the industry may suffer temporarily because of its patriotic efforts to help win the war in the shortest possible time and with the smallest sacrifice of lives, in the end

both it and the general public will derive benefits therefrom. The best thought is that there soon will be large production and full employment of labor in all lines, with consequent prosperity in America for a period of years following the settlement of peace terms.

### HIGHWAY BUILDING IS URGED

#### Sum of \$75,000,000 Available for Work During Calendar Year.

Resumption of highway construction under the Federal Aid Act, in full measure and as quickly as possible, was urged by the Secretary of Agriculture at a recent conference with editors of agricultural journals. About \$75,000,000 of unexpended balances of Federal and state appropriations for several years past and amounts available for the current fiscal year are available for road work during the calendar year. Next year there will be \$30,000,000 additional from Federal appropriations and probably more than this amount from state sources, for cooperative road work. Good roads are not only important, said Secretary Houston, but furnish worthy projects on which unemployed labor may be engaged during the period of readjustment, and it would be in the public interest to make available larger appropriations from the Federal Treasury to be used separately or in conjunction with state and local support.

Both the President and the Secretary of War have written to the Secretary of Agriculture favoring the earliest possible resumption of highway work. Senators favoring the earliest possible resumption of highway work. Senators Bankhead and Smoot have introduced good roads bills within the last few days. The American Association of State Highway Officials and the American Automobile Association have agreed to support a bill authorizing an increased Federal appropriation for another five-year period to follow expiration of the present Federal Aid Act appropriating \$75,000,000 for the purpose. The measure will call for creation of a Federal plan providing in general for two main highways in each state, one from east to west and the other from north to south, both connecting with corresponding roads in adjoining states. Canada and Mexico both desire to make trunk highway connections with the United States.

Waterproofing Mohair Top. There is a very simple remedy for leakage of water through the material

of mohair tops with which comparatively few motorists are familiar. The process of rubbing boiled linseed oil into the material will render it waterproof.

Use Lighter Oil in Winter. Cold weather tends to thicken oil and grease. Motorists who are anxious to get best results with their cars then use a lighter oil in the engine than in Summer. Some even substitute cylinder oil for the heavy oil or grease ordinarily used in gearset or axle housing.

Grease transmission case and gears, putting in fresh greases.



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30x3 Republic Non-Skid...	\$12.75	35x4 Savage Plain.....	\$23.80
30x3 Vitalic Plain.....	13.00	33x4 Vitalic Non-Skid...	26.50
30x3 Republic Plain.....	11.75	33x4 Fisk Red Top.....	31.25
30x3 Standard four.....	15.45	33x4 Republic Plain.....	22.50
30x3 ½ Vitalic Non-Skid...	16.50	33x4 Ajax Plain QD.....	24.50
30x3 ½ Congress Non-Skid	13.75	33x4 Goodyear Plain QD	25.50
30x3 ½ Pullman Non-Skid...	15.25	33x4 Firestone Non-Skid	20.75
30x3 ½ Republic Non-Skid...	16.25	34x4 Springfield.....	28.75
30x3 ½ Springfield Rib...	18.50	34x4 Savage Plain.....	24.80
30x3 ½ Superbar Non-Skid...	15.25	34x4 Congress Non-Skid...	25.80
30x3 ½ Standard Four N-S.	19.75	34x4 Fisk Plain.....	27.50
30x3 ½ Fisk Non-Skid.....	19.75	35x4 Firestone Non-Skid...	33.00
32x3 ½ Diamond Non-Skid...	18.50	35x4 Lee Plain.....	25.50
32x3 ½ Congress Non-Skid...	16.95	34x4 ½ Congress Non-Skid...	34.65
32x3 ½ Republic Non-Skid...	19.25	34x4 ½ Springfield N-S...	38.50
32x3 ½ Goodyear QD.....	21.25	35x4 ½ Portage QD.....	40.00
32x3 ½ Firestone.....	19.75	35x4 ½ Goodrich Plain...	35.00
31x4 Vitalic Non-Skid.....	25.25	35x4 ½ Congress QD.....	33.50
31x4 Congress Non-Skid...	24.25	36x4 ½ Congress.....	35.50
31x4 J. & D. Rib.....	29.65	36x4 ½ Springfield.....	38.50
31x4 Standard Four.....	29.75	36x4 ½ Imperial.....	34.00
32x4 Congress Non-Skid...	24.25	37x4 ½ Springfield.....	47.50
32x4 Firestone Non-Skid...	28.75	37x5 Congress.....	37.50
32x4 Montford Non-Skid...	23.40	37x5 Imperial.....	36.00
32x4 Springfield N-S.....	28.50	37x5 Springfield.....	53.50

## TUBES TUBES TUBES

30x3 Gray.....	\$2.45	31x4 Gray.....	\$3.65	34x4 Gray.....	\$4.45
30x3 Red.....	2.75	32x4 Red.....	4.00	34x4 Red.....	4.75
30x3 ½ Gray.....	3.25	32x4 Gray.....	4.65	35x4 Gray.....	4.75
30x3 ½ Red.....	3.60	32x4 Red.....	4.00	35x4 Red.....	4.75
32x3 ½ Gray.....	3.25	33x4 Gray.....	4.00	36x4 Gray.....	4.85
32x3 ½ Red.....	3.75	33x4 Red.....	4.45	37x4 ½ Gray.....	4.75

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