



Travel & Transport Topics

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A total of \$149,193,505 was collected in 1920 by the United States treasury from the manufacturers' excise tax on the automobile industry. Of this amount \$83,114,340 was received from the 5 percent tax on passenger cars and motorcycles, \$60,944,571 from the 5 percent tax on tires, inner-tubes, parts and accessories, and \$15,134,594 from the 3 percent tax on motor trucks and wagons.

In many cities school children are educated regarding traffic laws in a unique manner. The teacher chooses one of the children to act as a traffic cop. The little one then stands in the middle of the class room with hands uplifted and goes through the familiar traffic signals. Another child then acts as a tall building, another as a truck, still another as an automobile, and so on until the setting is similar to everyday busy corner conditions.



The movie folks have gone Mark Twain one better. He mixed medieval knights with modern characters and slang. In "movie-izing" his famous satirical comedy, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court," a motion picture director has mounted 400 armored knights on motorcycles. The armored riders race through innumerable mountain passes and over steep hills as they rescue the hero in the dungeon just as the trap door is about to fall.

The opening and closing dates of the tourist season in the principal national parks for 1921 follow: Glacier Park, Montana, June 15 to September 15; Mount Rainier, Washington, June 15 to September 15; Rocky Mountain Park, June 15 to October 1; Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, June 20 to September 15; General Grant Park, California, May 24 to October 10; Grand Canyon Park, Arizona; Hot Springs Park, Arkansas; and Yosemite Park, California, are open throughout the entire year. Free camp grounds are provided in each park for motorists who bring their own camp equipment.

GOOD ROADS

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Butterfield recently was paid a high honor when she was called to Washington to receive at the hands of President Warren G. Harding a certificate of the scholarship during formal exercises on the White House lawn. Mr. Firestone and members of the highway and highway transport education committee, of which he is a member, were present for these exercises, which were photographed and filmed by newspapers and moving picture news weeklies and shown to hundreds of thousands of parents and pupils throughout the country.

Back of the idea of the essay contest is the wish of the highway transport committee and cooperating organizations to bring to the attention of the high school pupils of the country the urgent need for immediate improvement in the national highway system.

Members of the highway and highway transport committee are: Dr. P. F. Claxton, United States Commissioner of education, chairman; T. H. Macdonald, chief, U. S. bureau of public roads; Colonel M. J. Patrick, corps of engineers, United States army; Roy D. Chapin, national automobile chamber of commerce; W. S. Keller, president American association of state highway officials; H. S. Firestone, rubber association of America; Dean F. L. Bishop, society for the promotion of engineering education; Dr. Walton C. John, U. S. bureau of education, secretary, and Professor C. J. Tilden, Yale University director. The offices of the committee are in the Willard building, Washington, D. C.

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