

# HIGHWAYS NOW REAL DEMAND

Ten Million Motor Cars in Use in United States Causes Agitation

## PRACTICAL USE SHOWN

National Tragedies Caused by Poor Roads, Declares W. A. Johnson

With more than 10,000,000 motor cars in use in the United States alone, and with more than one-half the population of the country doing more or less riding in these self-propelled vehicles, it is not strange that there should be a nation-wide sentiment for more and better highways. In the opinion of President George C. Diehl of the American Automobile association, who points out:

"With light delivery cars and giant motor trucks operating in every section of the land where good roads exist, transporting quickly and economically every type of freight from eggs to pig

iron, blind indeed is the man who can not see the value of highways. Today, however, this type is a rare specimen.

**Change Brought About.**  
"But what a change from the days when the American Automobile association came into being and inaugurated its long, hard struggle to convert a presumably enlightened people to the roads-building idea! In those days automobiles were few and generally considered playthings of the idle rich. Now, with the bulk of the people, motors are a workday need and a Sunday pastime. And with good roads to travel upon today they serve alike industry and commerce, capital and labor, poor man, rich man, beggar man, thief."

According to President Diehl, first in this country to work in organized form for good roads was the American Automobile association. In the beginning of its efforts, he says, the A. A. A. stood practically alone, while today it is assisted, supported and commended by practically all big national organizations, both in and out of the automobile industry.

**Johnson Reminiscent.**  
Writing reminiscently of the A. A. A.'s early roads efforts, and how difficult it was in those days to get the people to accept increased taxation for roads improvements, W. A. Johnson, manager of the Goodrich auto tire department, in a letter to President Diehl, points out and dwells most interestingly on a sorrowful situation created largely by a lack of highways communication. Mr. Johnson said, in part:

"Over in China there is an area about the size of the state of

Pennsylvania where fifty million people are starving. Every blade of grass, every green leaf or shrub, every grain, berry or herb has been eaten. The bark has been eaten from all the trees. Millions have died, and despite world-wide relief efforts, millions more will die. The great war was a catastrophe, but no such tragedy as this. In all recorded history only two or three pages tell a tale as horrific as China's famine.

**Contrast Striking.**  
"Yet the very next province is one of the most fruitful sections of the world. Grains, vegetables and fruits in abundance. Think of Pennsylvania starving and New York with plenty and you have the right mental perspective. Such a condition could not occur in this country. The specter of famine might be seen and felt, but the actual pinch of desperate hunger would be unknown even on the remotest hilltop. Relief would come over every highway and railway.

"In China there is not a single modern highway between the fertile province where song and laughter are heard and the lean province where the children are too weak to cry for food. When the relief agents went to China they found it would cost far more to bring food from that rich province next door than it would cost to transport it from Europe or America. When China establishes some kind of a transportation system more elevated than the wheelbarrow its periodic starvings will cease.

**Tragedies Will Cease.**  
"When the whole world shall have learned the lesson that the march of civilization demands a

# SALE OF FUEL KEEPS GROWING

Distribution in Oregon for July Exceeds That of any Previous Month

## TAX PAYMENT IS HEAVY

Tabulation Covers Entire Period from Effective Date of First Act

Gasoline sales in Oregon for the month of July, this year exceeded by 53,223.3 gallons the largest quantity sold in any other month since the first gasoline tax law became effective in February, 1919.

Figures compiled by Secretary of State Kozier from the regular reports of the oil companies selling fuel in Oregon show that during July total sales amounted to 5,827,517.3 gallons of gasoline and 367,742.5 gallons of distillate. August, 1920, made the closest approach to this figure when gasoline sales amounted to 5,289,389 gallons. The amount for July, this year, exceeds by 778,469.3 gallons the total for the preceding month of June.

### Statistics Given

Recapitulation of a summary prepared by the secretary of state shows that from November 26, 1918, the date when the first tax law became effective to December 31, 1919, sales amounted to 31,835,988.5 gallons of gasoline and 4,680,746.75 gallons of distillate and taxes collected totaled \$31,943.58. From January 1, 1920, to December 31, 1920, gasoline sales were 44,900,674.5 gallons and distillate sales 2,721,717 gallons, and taxes collected amounted to \$462,615.32. For the period from January 1, 1921, to July 31, 1921, gasoline sales were 27,412,934.4 gallons and distillate sales 1,321,365.5 gallons while taxes collected under the tax law of 1919 amounted to \$280,786.23 and under the tax act of 1921 the sum of \$235,655.18. Totals for the entire period since the first tax act became effective are 104,167,597.4 gallons of gasoline, 8,723,829.25 gallons of distillate and tax collections of \$1,085,345.14 and \$235,655.18 under the tax acts of 1919 and 1921 respectively.

"Provision was made in the law of 1921 for refunding the tax levied under the terms of that measure, or 1 cent per gallon, on all motor vehicle fuels used for purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways," said Secretary Kozier. "The total refunds up to August 25, 1921, aggregate \$7,798.56. There is no authority in the law of 1919 for making rebates, so that the original tax of 1 cent per gallon on gasoline and other motor vehicle fuels and 1/2 cent per gallon on distillate cannot be refunded for any reason.

"Refunds of taxes paid under the law of 1921 can be secured by filing a claim on a regularly prescribed form with the secretary of state within 90 days from the date of purchase or invoice, but as this provision of the law has been held to be strictly mandatory, no claim can be paid unless it be presented to the secretary of state before the statutory period has expired."

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# BUICK SHIPMENT EXTREMELY BIG

Total of 5800 Cars Sent From Factory First Half Of August

Five thousand eight hundred Buick cars were shipped from the factories at Flint, Michigan in the 12 full shipping days of the first half of August, according to announcement by the Buick Motor company. This figure represents an average daily shipment of 483 1-3 cars of all models.

High point shipping days were August 3, when 635 cars left the factory and August 15, when 634 were placed in transit. Of the 634 cars shipped August 15, a total of 615 were loaded in box cars, representing 261 box car loads of Buicks.

Following upon the excellent sales results and deliveries accomplished in June and July, the Buick company regards the shipment of 5800 cars in the first 12 shipping days of August as a positive indication of the healthy condition of the automobile industry.

## PLANNING TO RETURN.



Reports are current in London that Bonar Law intends to return to public life. It is rumored in political quarters that suggestion has been made to him to go to the Washington conference, either as the principal British representative or as the first lieutenant of Premier Lloyd George.

significant in that they represent not only a well maintained but a steadily increasing demand from the purchasing public.

Buick's production schedule for August was set at 12,000 cars and the factory manufacturing receipts indicate the company is swinging along at a pace which will more than meet this schedule.

## REPORT ON ROADS

(Continued from page 1.)

Heppner - Gilliam county line: rough and dusty.

### McKenzie Highway

Springfield - Belknap springs: Good to Blue River; under construction but open, Blue River - Belknap Springs.

### McKenzie pass fair.

Sisters - Redmond: graveling under way; no delay to traffic.

### Redmond - Prineville: good

graveled road.

Prineville - Mitchell: Under construction and rough to Forest boundary; rocked to Summit and in good condition; open to auto travel from Summit to Mitchell and fair.

### Sherman Highway

The Dalles - Madras (Head and Redmond): through Sherman county via Wasco, Moro, Grass Valley, Shaniko and Antelope; fair throughout.

### Shaniko-Mitchell Highway

Fair in general, rough in a few places.

### Baker-Unity Highway

First 10 miles macadamized and balance in fair condition.

Ashland-Klamath Falls Highway: Both Topsy grade, via Ager, and the Green Springs mountain

road are rough and dusty and full of chuck holes.

### Klamath Falls-Weed, California

Rough and dusty throughout.

### Klamath Falls-Lakeview Highway

From Klamath Falls to point 5 miles east of Olene is good macadam, thence to a point 2 miles west of Dairy is very rough on account of trucks hauling rock; thence to Dairy is newly macadamized; good from Dairy to Bly; travel is advised to take the river road from Olene to Bonanza and the hill road from Bonanza to Bly; if it is not desired to pass through Dairy; Bly to Drews valley rough, Drews valley-Lakeview good.

### (Bend) Lapine-Lakeview Highway

Bend-Silver Lake-Rough and dusty via either Lapine or Millcan.

### Silver Lake-Paisley-good.

Paisley-Lakeview—On account of construction work, traffic is advised to take the hill road between these points; 6 miles very rough.

### Lakeview-Burns Highway

Best road via Warner Canyon and Plush; Warner Canyon recently graded and macadamized.

### Klamath Falls-Crater Lake

Travel advised to go on east side of lake; good macadam from K. F. to Barclay springs; Barclay Springs-Lamm's Mill, recently graded and rough as no surfacing has yet been done. Lamm's Mill-Williamson river, good dirt road; thence to Fish Hatchery is badly rutted and dusty; Fish Hatchery-Crater Lake, excellent condition.

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## What comes after the purchase price?

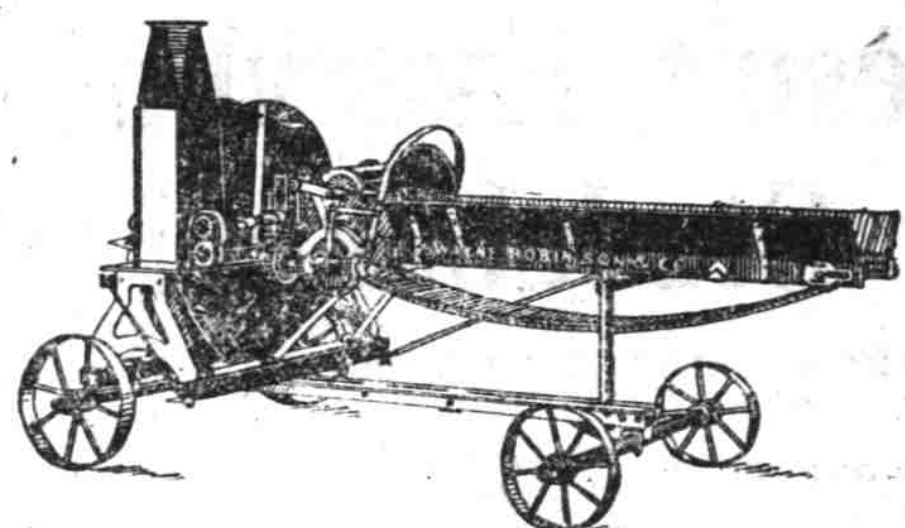


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