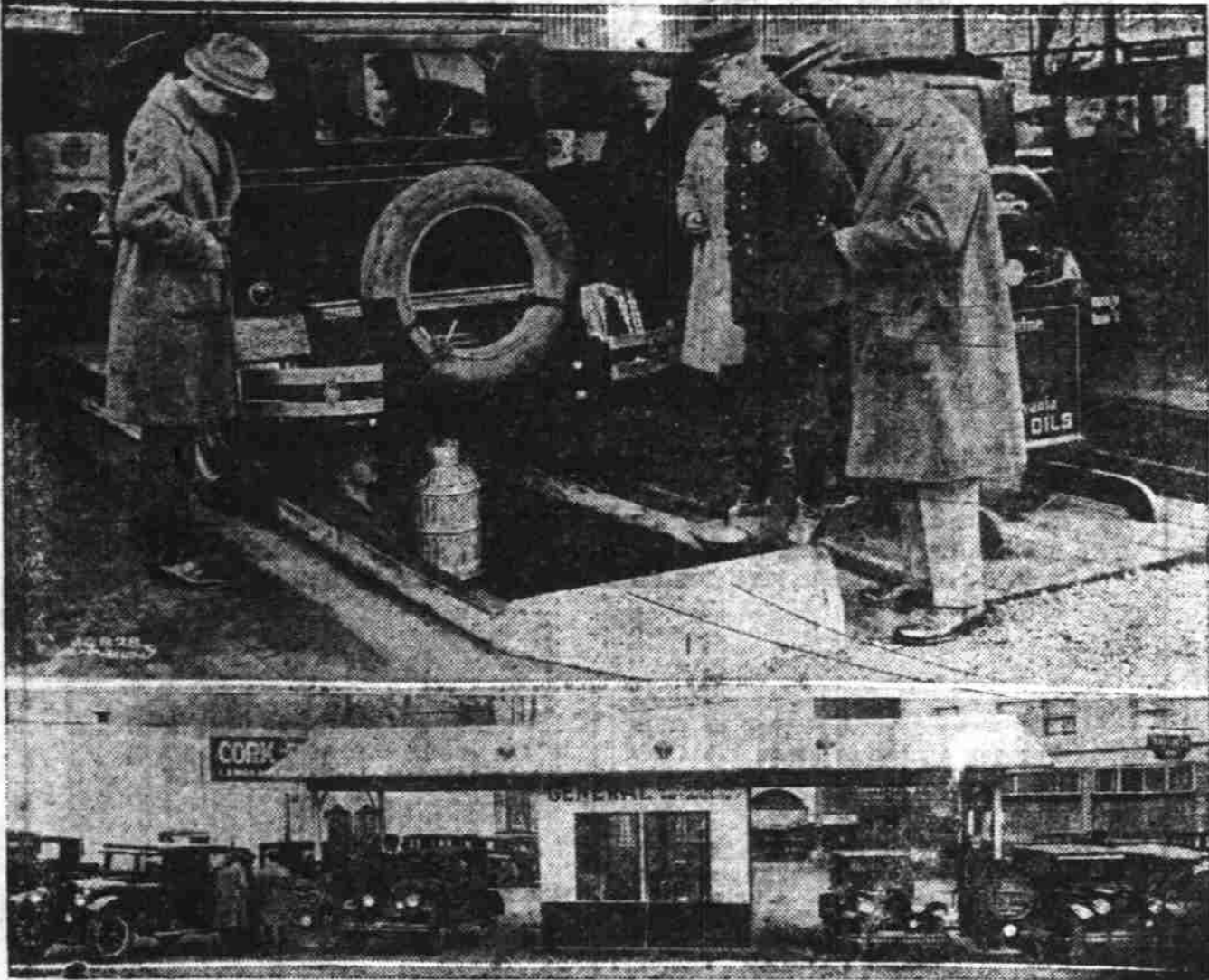


SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 8, 1925

HUDSONS AVERAGE HIGH IN TEST



A fleet of five Hudson closed cars recently completed a remarkable test in Portland. In drives over all kinds of roads it was found that the general average of the cars was over twenty miles to the gallon of gasoline. The test was officially checked by newspapermen and police. General gasoline was used in the test. The upper picture shows the officials checking on the fuel, and at the bottom the cars lined up in front of the General gas filling station at the start.

Sabbath School Lesson

Arranged From the Improved Uniform International by F. J. TOOZE

LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 8
Paul's Farewell at Miletus
LESSON TEXT—Acts 20:18-38.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than receive."—Acts 20:35.
18. And when they were come unto him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons.
19. Serving the Lord with all

humility of mind, and with many tears and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait for the Jews.
20. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly and from house to house.
21. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
22. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusa-

lem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there.
23. Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and affliction abide me.
24. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.
25. And now, behold, I know, that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
26. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.
27. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.
28. Take heed therefore unto

yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
29.—For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
30. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
31. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
32. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
33. I have coveted no man's silver, gold, or apparel.
34. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.
35. I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to

remember the words of the Lord Jesus how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.
36. And when he had thus spoken he kneeled down and prayed with them all.
37. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him.
38. Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.
After the uproar at Ephesus, the Jews laid wait for Paul to destroy him. This plot obligated him to retrace his steps through Macedonia instead of taking a more rapid sea voyage. He tarried with the disciples at Troas, meeting with them around the table of the Lord, and speaking words of encouragement to them. In order to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, he did not go to Ephesus, but sent for the elders of the church at Ephesus to meet him at Miletus. The picture of Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders is a very touching one. His object in this address has been so well made by

Doctor Stiffier that it is substantially reproduced here.
I. Paul Reviews His Three Years' Ministry at Ephesus.—18-21.
1. The Spirit of His Ministry.—19.
(1) He was humble, "serving with all humility of mind."
(2) He was tender, working for them in tears.
(3) He was faithful in the face of trials which befell him because the Jews were lying in wait for him.
2. The Diligence of His Ministry.—20-21.
(1) He made known everything which was of profit unto them. This every true minister or teacher will do.
(2) He taught both in public and in private. A minister's work is not done when his pulpit ministrations are over. The effectiveness of his public work is sometimes determined by his touch with the people in their homes.
(3) He neglected no class, whether Jews or Greeks. The Christian minister must be exceedingly careful here.

3. The Theme of His Ministry.—21.
This was repentance and faith. Men and women need to repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.
II. Paul Presents the Present State of Things.—22-27.
1. His Immediate Purpose.—22.
This was to go to Jerusalem. The constraint of the Spirit moved him to go forward though he did not know the things that should befall him there.
2. The Shadows Lying Across His Path.—23.
Though bonds and afflictions awaited him, he went forward to his work with undaunted courage.
3. His Fixed Purpose.—24.
This was to complete his ministry which was to testify the gospel of the grace of God which he had received from the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. A Sorrowful Prediction.—25.
Those among whom he had labored should see his face no more.
5. He leaves No Debt of Obligation Behind.—26-27.
He was pure from the blood of all men.

III. Paul Sets Forth the Ephesian Elders' Responsibility.—28-35.
1. Motives to Duty.—28.
(1) They received their call and commission directly from the Holy Spirit.
(2) The flock for which they must care was purchased with the precious blood of Christ.
2. Perils Ahead.—29-30.
(1) Grievous wolves would enter the flock and mercilessly devour them.
(2) False teachers would arise from among their number.
3. Incentives to Watch.—31.
Paul's own example for three years he watched night and day with tears.
4. He Commends Them to God, and His Word.—32.
He knew that this Word was able to build them up.
5. He Was Unselfish in His Service.—33-35.
(1) He did not covet any man's silver, gold or apparel.
(2) He labored with his own hands and taught.
IV. Paul's Prayer.—36-38.
Having spoken these words he knelt and prayed with them all.

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