

MOTOR EXECUTIVE GIVES SAFETY RULES

Ten Simple Rules Recommended by Studebaker Head

The conscientious observance of ten simple rules for safe driving prepared by one of the nation's foremost traffic authorities would materially reduce the number of traffic and highway accidents in the United States, and at the same time result in a decidedly more efficient use of our motor cars, according to A. R. Erskine, president of The Studebaker corporation.

"The many complications and new safety requirements imposed by modern traffic conditions are ably covered in these ten commandments for motorists," said Mr. Erskine. "They were compiled at the request of safety workers by Dr. Miller McClintock, director of the Erskine Bureau for Street Traffic Research which The Studebaker corporation endows in Harvard university as its contribution to the solution of modern traffic and safety problems.

"The rules are based on traffic studies made by the bureau in city and suburban areas with an estimated total population in excess of 10,000,000 people. The ten pointers which it is believed motorists should always bear in mind whether driving in the city or in the open country are:

1. Keep your car in sound condition.
2. Keep your car under control; it is dangerous if you cannot stop in the assured clear distance ahead.
3. Keep your eyes on the road; one second's inattention may mean an accident.
4. Never fight for the right of way; the only real utility of right of way rules is at inquests or damage suits.
5. Go along with the procession; you have no more right to "drag" traffic than you have to jeopardize yourself and others by unnecessary "cutting in."
6. Be as courteous on the road as you are in your own home; give other drivers and especially pedestrians a fair chance.
7. Know your local traffic rules and obey them exactly; they are the motorist's safety code and book of etiquette combined.
8. Take pride in your driving skill; if normal people are nervous to ride with you, something is wrong with your driving.
9. Don't miss liquor, worry, or anger with gasoline.
10. Study local maps and experiment for shorter and less congested routes; you may be surprised at the time you will save.

After a year in the United States, Hoy Hat Mar, a Chinese boy, is leading his third grade class in Pawhuska, Okla.

Horses are disappearing from American agriculture at the rate of 500,000 a year, says an investigator of the California Agricultural college.

AMERICAN SECRETARIES HAILED IN PLYMOUTH



As the statesmen of the five-power naval conference gathered in London to discuss the naval limitation, the American delegation, accompanied by their secretaries and stenographers, took Plymouth with storm by their beauty and fashionable attire. This is the first picture taken of the secretaries and stenographers on their arrival in England.

Italian Births and Deaths Are Approximately Even

By ANDRUE BERDING (Associated Press Staff Writer)

ROME—(AP)—Despite all Mussolini's efforts, his personal example, his campaign of high-powered publicity and his money rewards, Italy has swung into the trend of other European countries so that her births and deaths teeter on an even balance.

The deaths, in many cases, weigh down the scales. The press is crying "Is the Italian race dying?"

In the first 11 months of 1929, the births totaled 23,460 fewer than in the same period of 1928. At the same time the deaths jumped almost 30,000, making the "demographical balance" yet more unfavorable.

At the door of the cities is laid the blame for this set-back. "The city," says the Popolo di Roma, "renders men sterile and it is stricken by the folly of suicide."

Florence, which harbors a large American colony, had 4,053 births in the 11 months period, and 4,647 deaths.

Novarra's birthrate is 13 to the thousand. Its deathrate is 16. Trieste's births were 246 and its deaths 245 in a total of 245,000 inhabitants.

The cities of Padua, Parma and Modena are on the right side of the balance, but so close to the center that they exist in momentary danger of going over to the other side. The cities to the south show better records but do not offset the unfavorable sum total.

The publication of these figures has flashed through Italy like lightning. In the last several years, Italy, lulled by reports of triplets and quadruplets and by isolated birth and death figures, has come to believe that her population was growing apace. Now she has awakened, and the Duce is thundering once again: "We need more children."

Mussolini has been strenuous in his efforts to increase the manpower of his country. He gives rewards personally to the parents of large families; he gives them preference in governmental positions; he forbids the sale of any birth control devices or literature; he sets the example by having five children of his own, the youngest of whom was born in 1929.

There is a certain political significance to this decrease in births. The Popolo di Roma says:

"Other nations will rejoice not only because misery loves company but also because the Italian threat, rising above the horizon, will slowly fritter away. A nation in which deaths finish by surpassing the births has no need of colonies in other lands. But for its clemencies it will never have enough ground."

RANCH JOB EASY PENDLETON (AP)—Mrs. Marie Barnett Cooper of Wasco, in Sherman county, the only wo-

man to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, finds farming a 8,200 acre wheat ranch a snash. She

was bank president at Wasco for years and in that capacity she learned a lot about farmers' troubles they never learn.

FOREST SURVEY TO TAKE TREE CENSUS

OLYMPIA, Wash. — (AP) — Along the shaded trails of the Pacific northwest's remaining timberlands crews of surveyors will soon begin the preliminary work for what ultimately will be the most extensive tree census and forest survey in the history of the United States.

Coincident with the recent announcement at Portland, Ore., that District Forester C. M. Granger, of the Pacific northwest district, had been promoted to the position of head forest economist in charge of the nationwide survey, advice received by forestry officials at Olympia indicated that the survey will be undertaken in the early spring.

The survey will be conducted under the direction of the forest service, United States department of agriculture. It was authorized by the McSweeney-McNary act of 1928 and forestry officials here said, will be one of the biggest undertakings in the development of forestry yet instituted.

Because of its outstanding complexity and importance as a lumber producing region, the Pacific northwest has been selected as the region where the first work of the national survey will be started. The study will be extended as rapidly as possible to other forest regions and will eventually cover all the forested areas of the United States.

It will be a comprehensive appraisal of existing forest supplies and conditions, growth and requirements, and for present and future trends, all of which prop-

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A sick, broken old man sits in the villa St. Augustine, Cannes, France longing for a sight of the Statue of Liberty and the Kansas and Oklahoma oil fields which produced his fortune. He is James O'Neil, former president of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, and missing witness in the famous Teapot Dome Oil scandal.

handled by the regional forest experiment stations under Granger's direction.

Another step already taken as an adjunct to the survey is a canvass, in cooperation with the census bureau, of the wood requirements of the wood using industries.

The agricultural appropriation bill now before congress carries an increase of \$85,000 for the forest survey for the next fiscal year. It is planned to use \$50,000 of this to expand the work in the Pacific northwest, foresters said. In the southern hardwood region, \$25,000 will be spent to institute intensive work. The remainder, \$10,000 will go for individual assignments.

Granger is now in Washington, D. C., where he was called to confer with Chief Forester R. Y. Stuart as to plans for starting the survey in the Pacific northwest. Active preparations are expected to begin immediately after Granger returns to his office at Portland about the middle of February.

TROJANS SHADE BEARS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31 — (AP)—The University of Southern California defeated the University of California basketball team 24 to 22 in a Pacific Coast conference game here tonight.

FIGHTS CALLED OFF

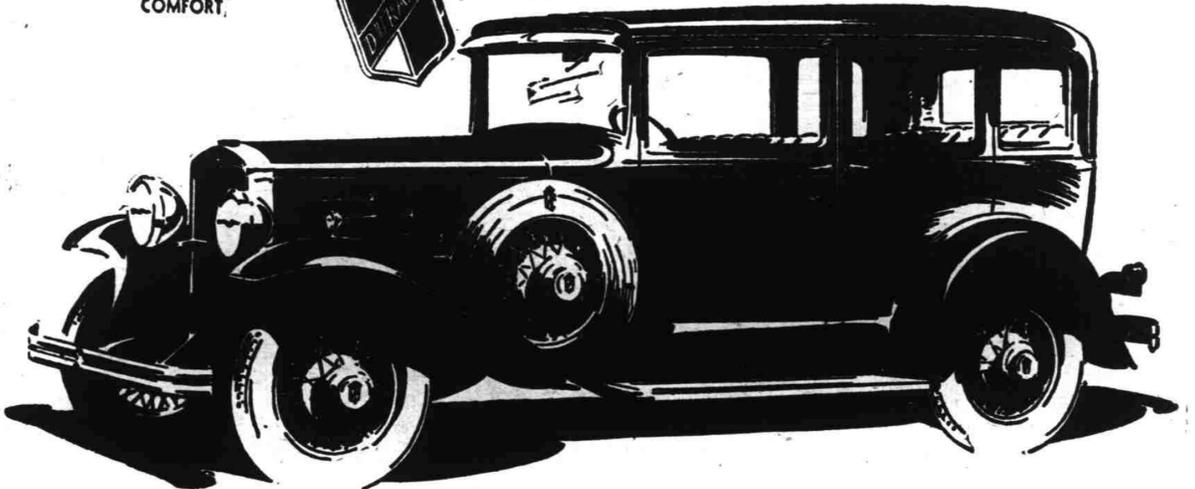
EL CENTRO, Cal., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Boxing bouts at the El Centro arena, in which a Filipino had been scheduled to appear were cancelled tonight.

A plug of tobacco figuring in a civil war raid in Tennessee is in the confederate museum at Richmond.

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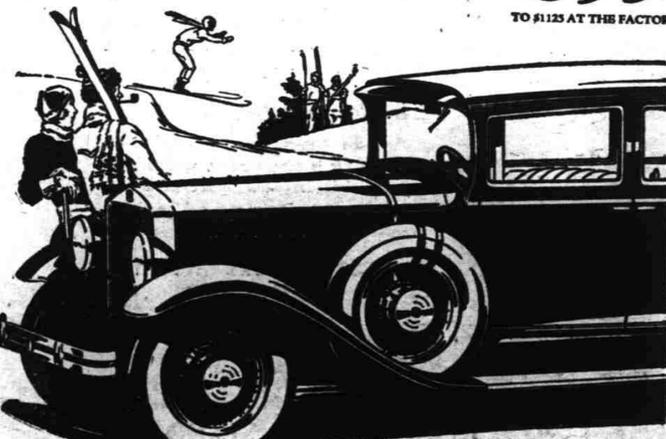
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