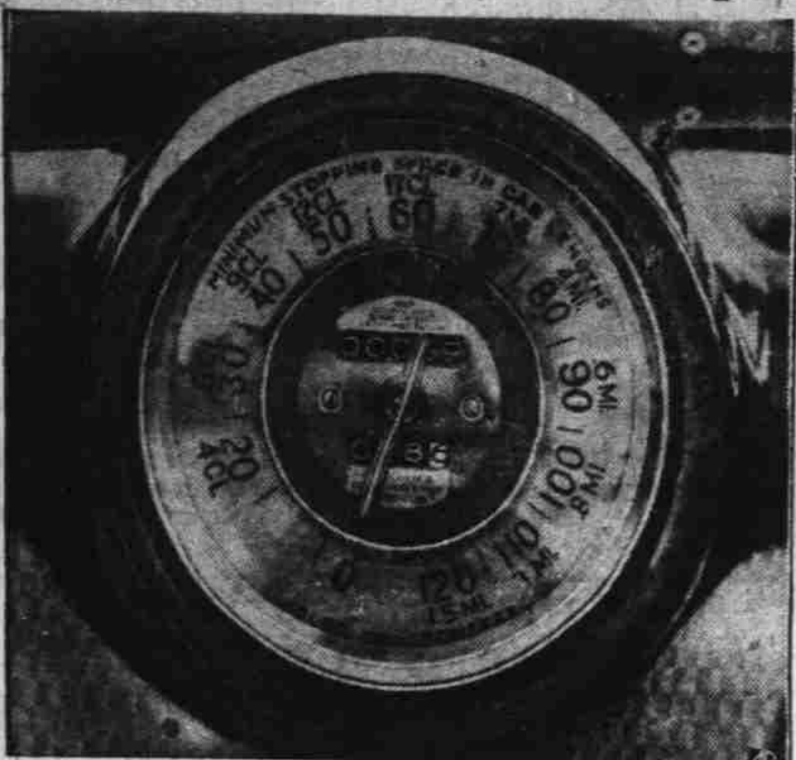


May Reduce Auto Smashups



NEW SAFETY DEVICE — The Spaceometer, invented by Charles Alder Jr., of Baltimore, tells driver how many car lengths it will take to stop at given rates of speed.

Good Idea But Wrong Method

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The man explained he was afraid his loaded revolver might fall into the hands

of some child and that he decided to unload it. Three carloads of policemen agreed it was a good idea—but they were not so sure about his unloading method. Dunard had neglected to warn his neighbors that he was going to empty the weapon by firing it into the ground in his back yard.

Gadget Called Spaceometer Helps Driver Gauge Distance

BALTIMORE — When you try to figure out how long it will take you to stop your car at a given speed, what do you do?

Use a slide rule? Memorize the standard figures? Or just step on the brake and hope?

Well now there's a gadget which can be put right on your dash dial to tell exactly what space you need to stop.

Called a "Spaceometer," it's the brainchild of Charles Alder, Jr., widely known Baltimore inventor. He has made it available to everybody by turning his patent rights over to the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission.

The Spaceometer works this way:

It's actually a speedometer with the usual numbers for miles per hour, and next to them are numbers showing the minimum distances (in car lengths) that a car can be stopped on a dry, hard-surfaced road.

The numerals show that at 20 mph, for instance, it takes four car lengths (4 CL on the dial) to stop. It's nine car lengths at 40 mph, and seventeen car lengths at 60 mph. The latter is one-tenth of a mile.

After 60 mph, the dial shows the distance in tenths of a mile—at 110 mph it takes you exactly a mile to stop.

The main idea of the new safety

device is to avoid rear-end collisions.

Safety requires the driver to keep at least the listed number of car lengths behind the vehicle in front.

The Safety Commission, of which Alder himself is a member, hopes to make the Spaceometer available to all car owners in time.

Alder, among other things, invented the blinking lights on airplanes to increase their safety factors.

Aerial Homing Device Made

DONALDSON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. (AP) — A cheap portable radio homing device for helicopters has been designed by the 1st Aeromedical Unit personnel here. It will speed up air evacuation of casualties.

Resembling a television antenna, the unit puts out radio signals which are picked up by incoming helicopters.

Capt. D. S. Naylor says the device is much smaller and easier to handle than other guides. It costs only a few dollars to build, weighs but a few pounds and can be set up and dismantled in minutes.

Don't Need to Rake Leaves

RALSTON, Neb. (INS) — A new version of the power lawn mower on the market gives the homeowner an assist in trimming grass along sidewalks, driveways, curbs, walls and fences.

Powered by a 1.6 horsepower engine, the mower cuts an 11 inch swath of lawn or tilts at angles up to 90 degrees for beveled or straight edges.

The machine is designed to take the bend, pull, clip and dig out of trimming under bushes and around trees as well as building foundations and other map-routed objects.

Also new in the power mower field is an attachment for rotary mowers to eliminate the back-breaking autumn chore of raking, hauling and burning leaves.

It is a leaf grinder which pulverizes the leaves as they lay on the ground.

Several nations have erected special cities for their capitals, including New Delhi, India; Canberra, Australia; and Washington, D. C., U.S.A.

tor. He says his only interest in his latest gadget is to save lives.

"My father was a doctor," says Alder, "and throughout his life he took the position that any medical advance which would save lives should be made universally available."

"I'm trying to do the same thing with my own talents."

Lass Voracious Book Reader



RAPID READER — Carole Ann Durham, eight-year-old Louisville lass, who has read 932 books, sits in library with used up library cards spread out before her.

Eight-year-old Girl Reads 932 Tomes; No Obstacle Allowed

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Carole Ann Durham, who at eight has read more books than most people do in a lifetime — 932 — doesn't let ANYTHING keep her from the printed page.

Not even television. "Usually I listen to the sound but look at my book," the bright-

eyed fourth grader explains—as if there's nothing to it.

Nor does play make much inroad. "I go out for a while and then come back for a few minutes and read—then I run out again."

Carole even reads when eating. She also scans a book while her mother curls her long brown hair.

Altar 'Boy,' 85, Thinks He's Oldest Such in U.S.

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — Eighty-five-year old Joe Ryan believes he is the oldest altar boy in the country. He serves at the 6:30 a.m. Mass daily at the Holy Family Church.

Associating with young people, he says, keeps him young. The former Boston jeweler says, "I don't think I could associate with old folk any more. Just give me the young people, God love 'em."

Water transportation accounts for 22 per cent of all bituminous coal moved directly from the mines in Pennsylvania.

And always before going to sleep. In three years she has used up 16 library cards. But she isn't moody or "bookish"—at least she doesn't like textbooks or other non-fiction.

"Fairy tales are my favorites—or stories like 'Nine Hundred Buckets of Paint' or 'The Five Chinese Brothers,'" she says.

It's true the 932 books are for children but some have words so difficult that Carole had to have her mother's help.

The mother, Mrs. Earl Durham, says, "We sometimes feel that she reads too much but we don't want to discourage her. . . . Where did she pick up the habit? We certainly don't know — neither I nor my husband read very much."

But the Durhams may have another bookworm coming along — Carole spends a lot of time reading to her younger brother, Bobby.

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