

TRUCK-MAKERS COMBINE TO COMBAT EXCISE TAX

Oppose Penalty on One Type of Transportation

PROGRAM IS OUTLINED

Will Carry Action to Floor of House, Senate—Have Assurance of Shippers' Aid

Aroused by the action of the senate finance committee in fastening an excise tax on the motor truck whereas the house bill had removed this levy, shippers, users, truck makers and dealers are prepared to exert every energy in fighting this measure which they regard as a penalty on one branch of transportation. Members of the National Automobile chamber of commerce are calling a special meeting to formulate a program. In this battle they have assurance that the issue will be carried to the floor of the house and senate. Many representatives and senators are on record favoring the complete removal of excise taxes on motor cars as well as on motor trucks; and it is possible that much further reductions will be granted on the cars as well as on the trucks now that the senate finance committee has precipitated the issue.

Motor trucks pay much higher taxes than motor cars in the various states. State authorities hold that if commercial vehicles should pay still more for highway use that is a revenue which the state should secure and this source of taxation should not be seized for the purposes of the general federal treasury.

This tax will fall on the truck operating farmer and as this class of citizen lives most remotely from the railroads it is particularly hurt.

Among the groups on record against the federal motor vehicle war excise taxes are: National Grange, American Farm bureau federation, American Automobile association, National Automobile chamber of commerce, National Automobile Dealers' association, Motor Truck Association of America, Rubber Association of America, Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' association.

FUMES FROM GASOLINE TANK

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towns when they arrive would be about the most assuring policy imaginable. The time will come when the tourist will be greeted by a standing committee to welcome the homeseeker within our gates and entertainments and service at the municipal camp extended to the visitor free of charge. Other cities are pursuing this course.

The practice of skulking "dry" sleuths in attempting to halt belated motorists on the highway in the middle of the night should be

severely condemned. Not even the vilest sap would be foolish enough to halt his car at the command of a man in the road when he looms up in the darkness. An instance is recited of a traveling man who recently motored to Eugene, was confronted by a spotlight and ordered to halt. With commendable pluck he stepped on the gas only to have his tires and gas tank punctured by bullets from the weapons of "dry" sleuths. He stopped the car and these wretches proceeded to search for booze but without result. On protesting over such high-handed procedure he was coolly informed that "next time he would better stop on command." Stick-ups and "dry" sleuths of this type appear to be the most dangerous outlaws with which the motorist has to contend.

The C. L. Dunn Motor company expects a new consignment of Nash and Ajax models for the first of the week for exhibit purposes at the forthcoming Auto show.

A carload of Dodges is now due to arrive here as a consignment to the Hawaii Motor company. The order consists of coupes and sedans. These cars are already sold and the buyers are awaiting deliveries.

Stripped Chassis for Exhibit
The F. E. Calkins company, Oldenburg distributors, Thursday, received a carload of coaches and sedans de luxe. A stripped chassis will arrive Monday for exhibit at the auto show. The chassis will later be shown at Cottage Grove and probably at Junction City. Hugh Winder, formerly an employee of the Lane Auto company, has joined the sales forces of the Calkins agency.

The wayside lunch stands which advertise hot pork sandwiches ought to make a big profit with little overhead. There are so many horns running loose on every highway.

Mr. Grant, factory service representative of the Oldsmobile for the northwest visited the P. E. Calkins establishment Thursday in the interests of the firm. Mr. Grant is now located in Spokane but after having toured scenic Oregon and noted its advantages and charm as an equable climate, has decided to move his headquarters to Portland.

Star Sixes Rolling In
The Lane Auto company now has on its floor two Star six touring and one six coach on the floor for the present, deliveries in the new models having become a little more prompt. The firm has been unable to secure the new six sedan but several of the coupes have been received. These were all promptly sold.

Prospect: "That new car is not worth the price you are asking for it."

Salesman: "Neither is that old car of yours."

Cars Come Fully Equipped
C. S. Benjamin announces a new policy inaugurated by the Hudson-Essex car builders. All models of these lines now come fully equipped to the dealers and distributors. This new policy necessitates a slight advance in

the prices but constitutes a considerable saving in equipment in its ultimate effect. Also, in place of the former terms of "f. o. b." the new arrangement includes a definite figure of so much for the car "at your door." There are no handling charges, simply the freight and war tax added to the price of the car.

Separate Used Car Department
The Johnson Motor company, dealers in Willys-Knight and Overland cars, have created a department exclusively for the reception and sale of used cars. A partition now divides this department from the shop proper and Mack, formerly with the Lane Auto company, has charge of the reconditioning and sale of the used car stock. This floor space of the building occupied by the company, constituted the used car repository for the associated automobile dealers, inaugurated in 1924. It was under this organization that Mack started his career as general salesman with Howard Ackerman at its head. Mack proposes to sell only certified used cars and all those which he cannot dispose of under guarantee will be junked.

James Corbett, mechanic of the E. C. Simmons shop force, is confined to his home suffering from an attack of "flu."

H. J. Brink's, dealer in Paige and Jewett motor lines, and C. E. Boyce of the Bringle sales force, Thursday, drove a New-Day Jewett to Roseburg for delivery to a new owner in that city.

Creates Used Car Department
The Gannett Motor company, distributors for this territory of Chevrolet cars, has signed a contract with workmen who will proceed to tear out the brick partition which divides the shop at the rear from the north portion of the building which houses the company in its new Olive street quarters. It is Mr. Gannett's policy to establish the used car department of the business in the north portion of the building and to conduct it as a separate unit. The factory is taking an active interest in the used car phase of the automotive industry, realizing that the proper handling of this problem has a direct bearing upon the successful conduct of each dealer's affairs.

Autos Completely Equipped
Equipment on the Chrysler 70 includes every modern motor car necessity. Exclusive or unusual equipment includes an electrical fume to facilitate cold weather starting; patented car numbering device which greatly lessens the probability of theft; light switch on steering wheel; indirect dash lights; motor temperature instrument on dash; patented one-piece vision-ventilated windshield on all enclosed models; hydraulic four-wheel brakes that are always equalized; oil, air and gasoline filters and tubular front axle.

Probably 1925's big motor car change was in enclosed cars. In 1926 the big move will be toward six cylinder lines at moderate prices.

Usually villagers are too poor to visit winter resorts, but they have the barber shop. — Akron Beacon-Journal.

CARELESS DRIVERS GET DESERTS

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Traffic Violations
No license plates, 2; void foreign license, 9; switched licenses, 5; no operator's license, 3; no chauffeur's license, 1; switched chauffeur's license, 2; allowing minors to operate, 3; no lights, 3; headlight, 3; improper lights, 16; improper spot light, 2; failure to

dim lights, 11; no tail light, 4; illegal lights, 67; illegal devices, 7; overload, 8; insufficient rubber, 1; inadequate brakes, 2; P. S. C. activities, 2; failure to give right-of-way, 1; failure to signal, 1; reckless driving, 12; non-stop at railroad crossing, 2; depositing glass on highway, 1; driving while intoxicated, 3; intoxicated on highway, 3; transporting liquor, 7; lateness, 3; speeding, 109; failure to report accident, 1. Total 307.

Causes of Accidents
Carelessness, 1,287; failure to give right-of-way, 443; cut corners, 196; reckless driving, 107; driving while intoxicated, 88; failure to give signal, 208; speeding, 23; failure to dim lights, 7; reverse direction, 3; parking on highway, 3; arriving on left side of street, 33; improper parking, 11; passing streetcar discharging passengers, 4; double at intersection, 7; jockeying on bridge, 5; driving against traffic, 6; jay walking, 20; stock on highway, 2; obstructed view, 5; insufficient clearance, 12; obstruction on street, 19; runaway team, 1; defective equipment, 3; inadequate brakes, 6; no lights, 3; improper lights, 16; inexperience, 4; lost control of car, 8; skidding, 22; wet pavement, 13; fog, 10; rain on windshield, 13; sun on windshield, 2; snow on windshield, 4; unknown, 29. Total 2,679.

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Egypt Wants Sets
Inquiries from agents in Egypt as to American radio exporters desiring to have sets and parts handled there are filed with the department of commerce. Evidently the listeners of the Nile valley are beginning to listen in to the music from other countries. No Egyptian broadcasters are listed as yet.

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