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In a recent study of American highways, with particular attention paid to the relation of roads to safe driving, the magazine Fortune said: "The cold fact is that traffic today is a combination of an eighty-milean-hour car in the bands of a twenty-mile-an hour driver struggling to istence and can only be justified by adjust itself to a thirty-mile-an-hour road."

There is little we can do about the and families of individuals. car in this case-its speeds will continue to increase, and the automotive engineers have done wonders in im- is the degree of freedom possessed proving the "safety factor", brakes, by the citizen? Can he speak and act lights, steering mechanisms and the freely under well-established, wellbody construction approach perfec- known laws? Can he criticize the executive government? Can he sue tion.

There is something we can do the state if it has infringed upon his about the highway, as the Fortune rights? Are there also great prearticle shows. It says that half of cesses for changing the law to meet the roads of the country are obso- new conditions? "Judging by these standards.

lete. It points out that engineers have devised the model highway of Great Britain and the United States the future-a road with over-and- can claim to be in the forefront of under passes at intersections, with a

"The founders (of the United wide dividing iland down the center to prevent head-on crashes, and States) * * * were as well acquainwith separate lanes for slow and fast ted with the follies and intolerance traffic. Such highways will be built of parliaments as with the oppres--but their cost is gigantic, technical sion of princes. 'To control the powproblams are involved, and it will be ers and conduct of the legisalture." many years before the milage of such asid a leading member of the Consuper highways will amount to much vention of 1787, 'by an overruling in relation to the total milage of all Constitution was an improvement in roads. the science and practice of government reserved to the American So in the meantime, about all we

can do about automobile accident states." problem is to "work on" the twentymile-an-hour driver with his twentymile-an-hour car. We must revise and make more stringent our licensered obsolete? ing laws-it is an undeniable fact a very high percentagle of present drivers are incapable of operating nature has been conquered, a mighty

keep our traffic laws up-to-dateand we must enforce them without We must improve the ear or favor. personnel of highway patrols and, In Collier's Weekly. in many states, greatly increase the number of men on the force. The Entered as second class matter at best highway patrolman alive cannot prevent accidents nor apprehend

ate his car at eighty on a thirty-mile-

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sibly about this vast and burning

topic without in the first instance

making up his mind upon the funda-

mental issue. Does he value the

State above the citizen, or the citizen

above the State? Does a government

exist for the individual, or do indi-

"I hold that governments are

meant to be, and must remain, the

"I judge the civilization of any

"All the great names of American

"In the shelter of the Constitution

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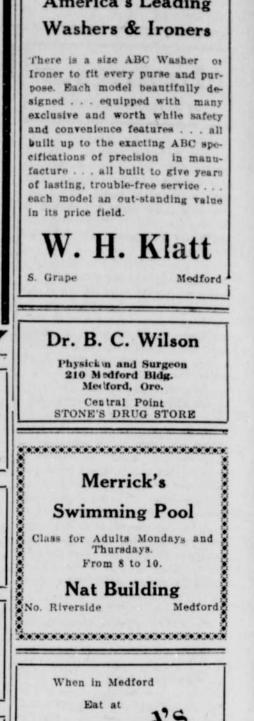
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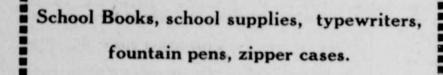


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