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EDITORIALS

THE NEW CARS ARE OUT

Last month the automobile shows were held throughout the country.

The new cars are more beautiful in design and finish than ever before. They offer much in the way of improvements and gadgets. Their power plants deliver staggering performance—you can push the throttle down and run up to eighty or ninety m. p. h. without trouble—so far as the mechanics of your car are concerned.

However, the emphasis placed on speed has been productive of one of the gravest national "troubles" America has known—the growing accident toll. And the driver thinks that seventy is safe because it seems as slow as thirty used to, should think again.

Silent engine performance won't help if we encounter a cement guard rail at high speed. Effortless steering won't make a head-on crash less destructive. Lack of vibration won't help the undertaker patch us together after the wrecking crew gets the body out with blow torches.

But these modern cars are magnificent examples of safety-engineering—blue-print safety. Brakes stop a hurtling machine in amazingly short distance, without sway or shock. All steel bodies will take a lot of punishment without serious damage. Steering mechanisms are next to fool proof. And the tire manufacturers have done their bit by reducing the blow-out hazard to a minimum.

Yet each year's safety improvements have been followed by more accidents, not fewer accidents—and by more serious accidents, not less severe accidents. Why? Because we, the motoring public, have overestimated the safety factor of the new cars, just as we have overestimated the safety factor of wider, better surfaced highways. The cars and the roads are improved—and so we take the chances that lead to disaster.

The new, super-performing cars are out. Maybe you are lucky enough to be able to buy one. Have a good time with it—but treat it with respect and remember that 36,000 people die and many times more are injured and maimed on our streets and highways every year. Don't add to that list.

THE DAY OF LITTLE BUSINESS

It is often argued that the development of large businesses—especially in retail fields—has tended to destroy little businesses and to make it next to impossible for a man without vast capital to set up his own establishment.

This argument has a strong appeal—but apparent facts contradict it.

During the depression, thousands of little businesses sprung up in this country—because of the difficulties of individuals in finding employment. These little businesses offered specialized services, or lower prices, or were the outgrowth of a new idea of some kind. Many of them found a ready welcome, and have prospered. With the return of better times, they are going ahead—and in due course a percentage of them will become big businesses.

Some of these little businesses failed—because they provided poor service, or did not fill a definite need. But many a large business has failed for the same reasons.

One has only to look around any growing community today and see a legion of opportunities in retail lines for young men and women who are

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Student Reactions To Great News Story

Members of the Journalism class of Central Point High school were asked to write their reaction to what has been called the "biggest news story of all time"—the abdication of King Edward VIII of England, who gave up his throne for the love of an American girl.

Following are three of the best stories handed in. Members of the faculty were unable to choose which was the best so we are printing them all. What is your verdict?

WE HEAR NO EVIL

—PEOPLE OF ENGLAND

By Janice Nealon

The king of England has abdicated for the love of a woman. He did it of his own free will we are told.

For a period of months Edward has been seen in pictures in the newspapers and on the screen accompanied by Wallis Simpson and various statements have been made concerning the couple but, up until the king's abdication, the people of England as a whole knew very little about the situation. They were, as the jury, not presented with the arguments on both sides of the case. The newspapers were stilled and the radios muffled.

It is said that the cards were stacked by Baldwin and his followers. Edward was given no choice but was compelled to abdicate. In order to

willing to work, and realize that riches can't be earned overnight. Even as changing times made necessary big business combinations to serve the public, so the evolutionary process has created a hundred opportunities for small retail businesses where one existed a generation ago.

The day of little business isn't done—it is just beginning.

preserve good feeling, Edward said he voluntarily abdicated because he would not serve as king efficiently without the woman he loved. The common people, having no other, had to accept his statement.

George VI has ascended the throne and will probably be an excellent ruler but what would the people of the United States do if a free discussion of a situation such as this were kept from them and what will the people of England do when they realize what is and has happened?

By Roberta Wertz

Edward VIII has renounced the kingship of the greatest empire in the world at the present time and has followed the impulse of nature—love of a woman.

Why did he abdicate within so short a time? How was everything accomplished without the English people knowing anything about the matter until it was too late? Was Mrs. Simpson the real cause of his trouble or was she used just as an excuse. Such questions as these are only a few points of the greatest newspaper story of the century.

Edward said that no pressure was brought to bear upon him but was that the truth, or did he just say that to calm the people. Reliable sources say that the prime minister did use force.

Could he have been forced to give up his throne if the people had known it. The British government has charge of the press and strictly censored every item that was published concerning the affair between the king and Mrs. Simpson. Rumor has it that had the people known

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sooner, prime minister Baldwin would have been forced to resign and Mrs. Simpson would have reigned supreme.

Many people wonder if Mrs. Simpson was the real cause of the trouble or whether she was used only to shield the more difficult one. The Duke of Windsor was said to favor many plans which would benefit the commoner, and his opinions were hard to change, once he had decided a question. Such a man might have embarrassed the stern old officials. They preferred to have a king who would agree to everything.

The fact remains, however, that Edward has abdicated and means to follow his heart's desire. He left a good word for the English people and left no hard feelings. Why shouldn't he be entitled to a long and happy life now?

By Roberta Pankey

The greatest news story of the century has run its course. David Windsor abdicated from the throne of the British Empire for Wallis Simpson.

David decided his love for a woman was greater than the need of him by his empire.

Had the people of England known what was happening this decisive move might have been prevented. If the issue had not been rushed to a head it might have straightened out before Mrs. Simpson's divorce was final.

Losing such a beloved king may arouse the people of England to fight for rights that should be theirs or, it may even break up the largest empire of the world.

Setting all romance aside it seems as if this were an issue between the cabinet and the king. Does the cab-

inet dominate the king or does the king have some rights?

It wasn't the people who objected to Mrs. Simpson as the King's wife, because the people knew nothing about the situation, but rather it

was Premier Baldwin.

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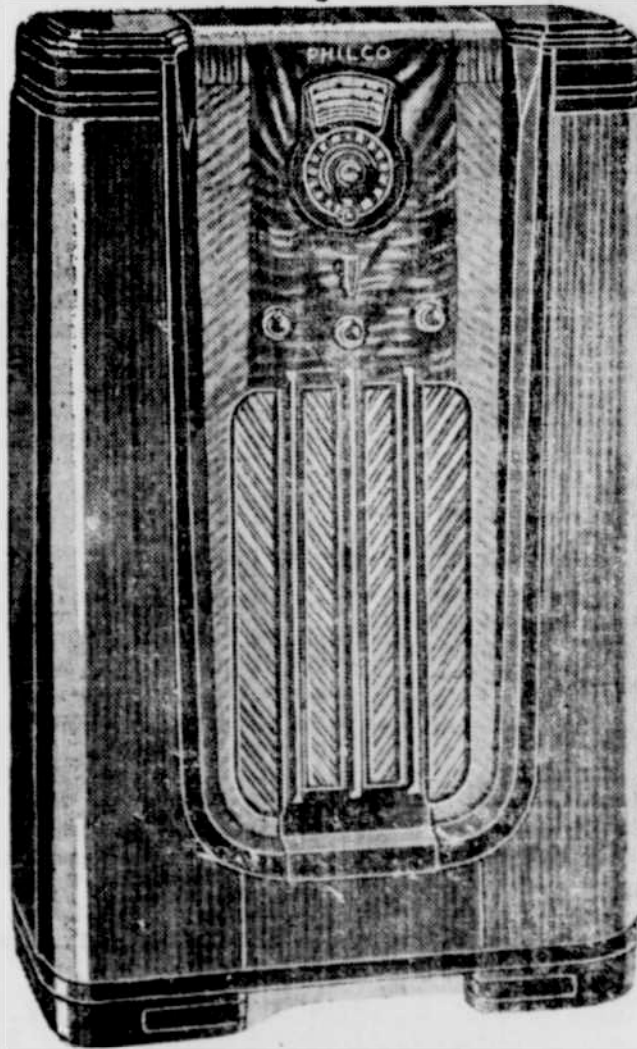
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