

Completion of Interstate Road Program in 15 Years Urged by AAA

Completion of the National System of Interstate Highways within 15 years, instead of the previously-proposed 10, is recommended in a new American Automobile Association policy adopted by the executive committee at its meeting in Miami, March 17-19.

The Committee also voted to oppose, in principle, "any reimbursement to any State for public roads or toll roads as part of new Federal legislation for financing the Interstate System." Such a provision is included in the Administration highway bill, now being considered by the Senate Roads Subcommittee.

The meeting of the Executive Committee climaxed a series of conferences by important AAA committees in the same city, including the Committee of Club Officials, the All-Inclusive Travel Committee and the National Touring Board.

With AAA President Andrew J. Sordani presiding, the executive committee discussed at length the legislation pending before Congress for a greatly expanded highway program.

The change in the proposed time limit for completion of the Interstate System was prompted by two major considerations on the part of the committee:

(1) That it probably would be physically impossible to complete the Interstate System within the previously proposed 10 years; and

(2) That the 15-year period would be more practical and economical from the viewpoint of financing.

Reasons Outlined

The AAA's reasons for opposi-

tion to the reimbursement program in the Administration program as to toll roads were outlined by AAA President Sordani in a recent letter to President Eisenhower.

At the same time, the Executive committee adopted a resolution urging a "thorough-going study and appraisal" of the National Parks and Monuments to measure "the long-range effect of the present Federal policy of drift from the original park concept."

Other reasons given for the committee action were the greatly increased use of the National Parks during recent years, the decrease in Park personnel, the shortage of adequate accommodations for the public and "the tendency toward change in concept as to the reasons for the existence of the parks."

Study by Government

Such a study, the committee said, should be conducted by the federal government with full participation by the Congress, Executive Branch, the concessionaires who provide accommodations and the public.

The committee also approved a nationwide survey of the "travel" of AAA members. Conducted through the affiliated clubs, the survey would make use of a comprehensive questionnaire to "develop up-to-date information." A similar survey was made in 1951, and the facts incorporated in "Americans on the Highway."

The employment of an additional travel consultant at AAA headquarters to help meet the many demands from clubs for assistance in the training of travel personnel was approved by the committee. At the pres-

ent time, only one such consultant is employed.

The group referred to the AAA policy committee a recommendation by the National Touring Board that the AAA urge authorities to provide suitable signs on limited access highways and turnpikes to indicate overnight accommodations areas and how such areas may be reached.

The AAA was directed in another committee action NOT to accept advertising from highway associations so as to avoid the possible accusation that the AAA shows favoritism to certain routes.

A study to be conducted by the National Touring Board into the possibility of developing a completely new program for official appointments was also approved by the committee.

The executive committee also acted favorably on the nomination of Birkett L. Williams, of Cleveland, O., as an AAA national director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late John L. Young, also of Cleveland.

Rails Undergo Radical Changes

Washington — (U.P.) — Rails, like the trains that run on them, have undergone radical changes in the past two decades.

While resembling their counterparts of 20 years ago, today's rails are more durable, heavier, stronger and safer than the older variety, the Association of American Railroad says.

The country's first railroads ran on wooden rails to which thin strips of iron were fastened to provide running surfaces for wheels. Iron rails first were imported from England.

The steel rail, common in the United States today, was first introduced in 1865. Manufacture of Bessemer steel rails began in 1867, and by the late 1890's steel had almost completely replaced iron as the most-used rail material.

With the weight increases of locomotives and cars, rails also have become heavier. The average weight of main line rails is now about 140 pounds per yard, compared to a 45 to 56-pound range for the older iron type.

Lengths also have increased steadily. The early wood-iron rail was a mere eight to 10 feet long. By 1850 18 to 20-foot lengths were in use, and 33 feet was the standard in the 1920's. Today's standard length is 39 feet, while in some cases 60 to 78-foot lengths are used.

Some railroads are now employing so-called "continuous" rail, with joints welded in sections of a mile or more. The longest welded rail in use in the United States is 33,792 feet in length. Continuous stretches of a mile or more are common.

India Students in American Colleges

Washington — (U.P.) — More than 1,800 Indian students are being educated in American colleges and universities, India's embassy announced.

Muni Lal, India's director of information service, said approximately 80 per cent of these students are studying sciences in order to take part in India's vast economic and technical development program.

"Two hundred are on scholarships," Lal added, "while the rest are financing their own education."

The greatest concentration of Indian students is in New York City. More than 300 study there. Michigan and California come next.

Pre-college age Indians also are being educated in the United States.

"Among embassy personnel alone, 25 children are enrolled in the school system in Washington," Lal said.

About half of these attend public school; the others are in private schools.

Quick Arrest Made In Hit-Run Case

Quincy, Calif. — (U.P.) — Highway Patrolman Dave Story received a report on his home telephone of a hit-run accident and made an arrest in the case almost immediately.

Story was told a truck had side-swiped an auto driven by Dr. James Styler 20 miles north of here about 25 minutes before the call to him. Story looked out his front window, which gives a commanding view of the highway, and spotted the truck reported to have been the offender just entering town.

He went out, stopped the truck and arrested its driver, William Graff, San Leandro, Calif., on charges of reckless driving and crossing the center line. Graff said he was unaware his truck had hit anything.

V-8 Engines Pioneered by Cadillac; Worth Proven by Industry Acceptance

Nearly 80 per cent of all 1955 model American cars will feature V-8 engines, according to industry estimates.

The first production V-type 8 cylinder engine was developed by Cadillac Motor Car Division engineers and incorporated in their 1914 automobile. The new Cadillacs are shown at Skinner's garage, 143 South Riverside ave.

The industry-wide acceptance of this type of power plant is an indication that the Cadillac engineers of that early date had hit upon something of lasting value. It was the first major move in the development of today's high speed, high compression engines.

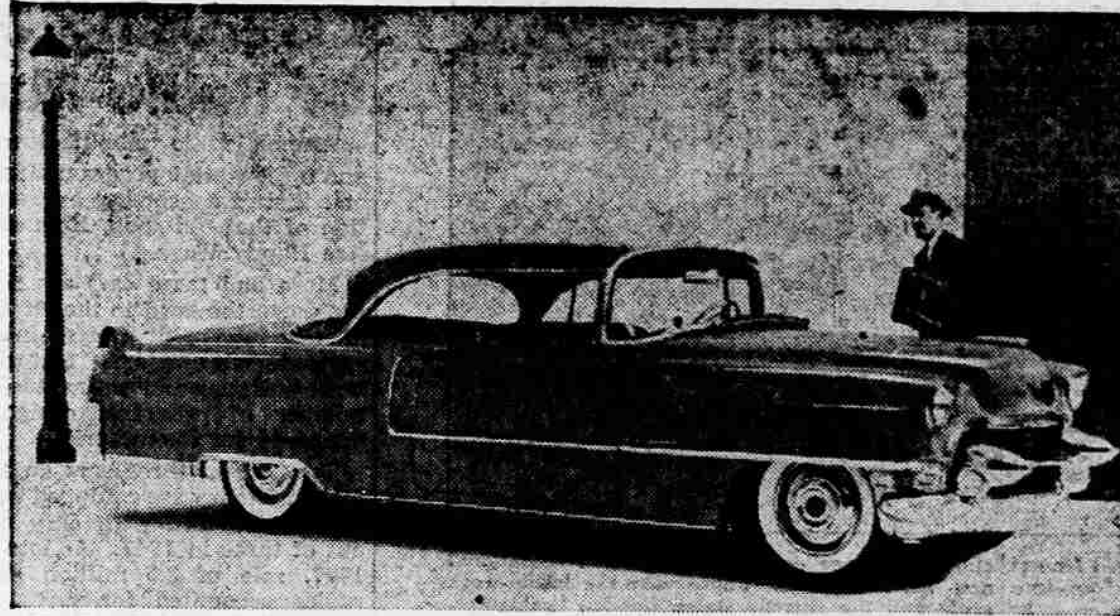
It was a natural step for Cadillac engineers to come forth with the first V-8 because just nine years prior, 1905, they developed and introduced the first four cylinder engine.

By 1914, consumer acceptance of the four-cylinder Cadillac had grown so that car production was seven times greater than in 1908. With this demand, Cadillac might have capitalized on the large volume demand. The young GM division chose not to do so.

Cadillac engineers were bent on creating the finest, most advanced engine possible. The immediate and lasting success of the V-8 proved them right.

The V-8 has remained Cadillac's basic power plant to this day. The 1955 Cadillac V-8 El Dorado engine rated at 270 horsepower, is destined to provide performance and dependability as yet unexcelled by an American production automobile.

The beaver is the largest North American rodent and one of the most valuable furbearers.



The 1955 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe de Ville offers distinctive styling that includes the use of several interior-exterior color schemes and three optional "glamour" interiors combining leather and fabric. The 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville is powered by a 250 horsepower high compression V-8 Cadillac engine.

Chickens Listen To Radio Programs

West Plains, Mo. — (U.P.) — Sixteen thousand broilers at Earl Woodrell's chicken ranch listen to radio programs from dawn to 11 p.m.—not to make them happy but to keep them alive.

In the pre-radio days, when a dog barked outside or any sudden noise came, the chickens would go into a panic, pile up, and smother by hundreds. Now the chicks are so accustomed to broadcast excitement that they don't notice barnyard noises.

Woodrell is so convinced of radio's benefit to 66,000 chickens marketed yearly that he has rigged up an automobile battery to take over automatically.

OLDEST TWINS?

Kennewick, Wash. — (U.P.) — James Johnston of Kennewick claims he and his brother, Frank, of Woodstock, Conn., are the oldest twins in the nation. Johnston said they were 90 years old on Jan. 22. They were born in Broughton, Canada, about the time President Lincoln was making his Gettysburg address. They parted in the 1890's when James came west. They last saw each other in 1913.

Berber women of the Ait Hadidu tribe in the High Atlas mountains of Morocco enjoy amazing freedom, says the National Geographic society. A wife can legally divorce an unwanted husband for 15 cents. Some tribeswomen have had more than 20 husbands.

Neuberger Proposes Gasoline Tax Boost

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has introduced a bill to increase from two to three cents a gallon the excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel.

Neuberger is a member of the Senate Public Works Committee which is studying various highway improvement plans including President Eisenhower's proposed 10-year \$101,000,000 highway program.

In a short Senate statement he said he favors highway improvements. But he said he believes such program should be put on a "pay as you go basis."

Hints Given To Remove Stains From Upholstery

Accidents will happen and if your children get stains on the upholstery in your new car, here's what to do, according to Hudson Motors Division, American Motors Corporation.

To remove ice cream spots, sponge with lukewarm soapsuds, using a neutral soap. Rinse with cold water and allow to dry.

Candy, with the exception of chocolate, may be removed by moistening a cloth with very hot water, rinse out and rub the fabric lightly. Remove chocolate spots by sponging with lukewarm water, allow to dry and then rub gently with a fabric cleaner.

Remove Chewing Gum

To remove chewing gum, first moisten with fabric cleaner and then scrape off with a dull knife.

If fruit stains occur, do not use soap or hot water. Immediate attention is important, and rub slightly with a cloth dampened with lukewarm water. Allow to dry and then rub gently with fabric cleaner.

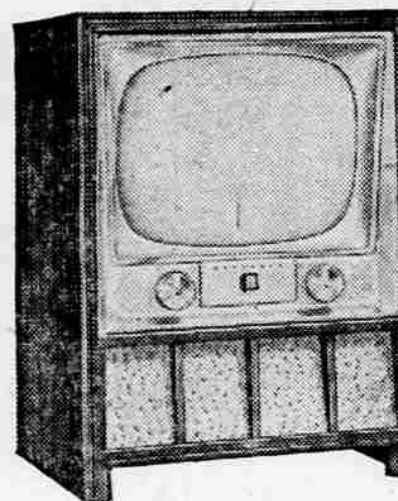
When using fabric cleaner (and don't use gasoline, it's dangerous and damages the fabric), apply to an area slightly larger than the soiled portion. Rub from the outside towards the center, using quick, circular strokes. This prevents the spot from spreading and avoids a ring.

REDUCING PLAN

Windsor Locks, Conn. — (U.P.) — Police farmed out their mascot, Blitz, a stout mongrel dog, in hopes of reducing his waistline. They sent him to a rabbit farm to chase the bunnies. The dog was sent back to the station after the experiment thinned him a little. By that time the rabbits were down to skin and bone from the exercise.

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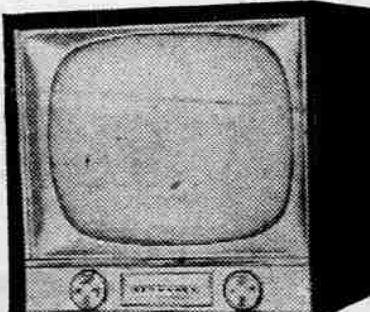
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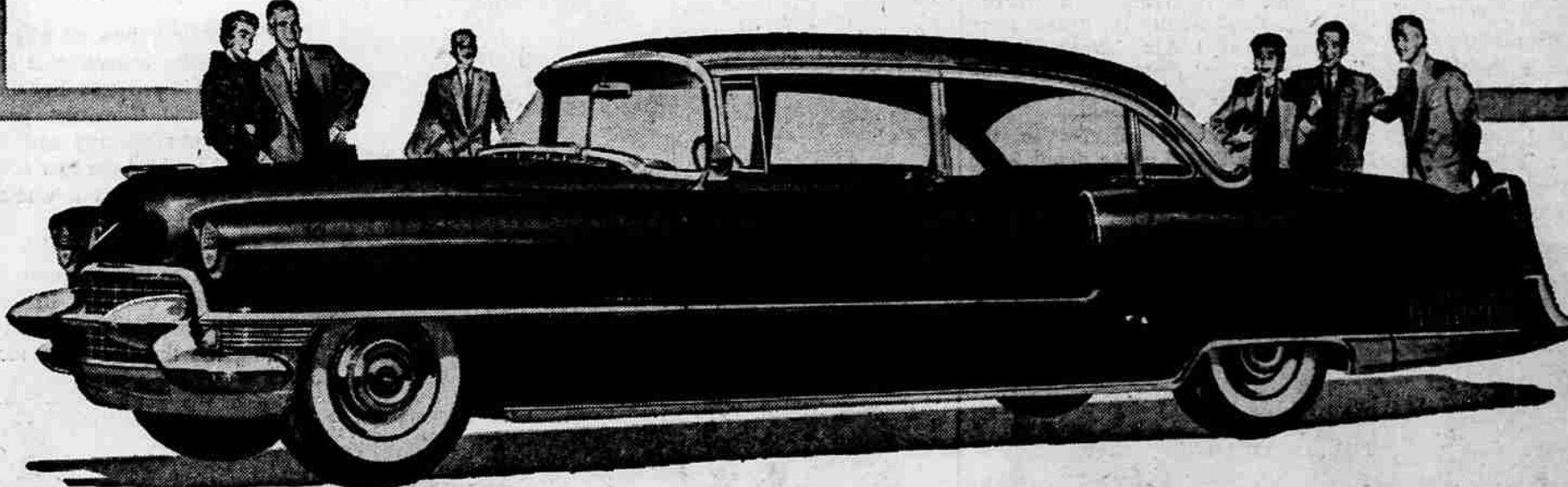
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