

Mechanical Condition of Auto Considered Important for Safety

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles dealing with traffic safety, written by veteran drivers of the Indianapolis speedway.

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1951 Winner Indianapolis
500-Mile Race

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At the Indianapolis Motor
Speedway our first concern is
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What about the mechanical condition of your car? You should be just as sure of it as we are, because highway conditions are, believe it or not, more hazardous than they are on the race track. And you are carrying passengers.

I guess driving race cars for many years has made me more critical than most people. Maybe it's because race drivers are more safety-conscious than other drivers. Or maybe it's because I've been talking safe driving to teenagers across the country. Anyway, in driving 15,000 miles in 20 states in the last year for the Champion highway safety program, I saw some tourists who added a lot of gray hairs to this old head.

Check Car
Maybe, without realizing it, you are driving an unsafe car. Have someone check the tires and brakes. They are highly important. Have them check under the hood. Your radiator hose, your battery cables, fan belts, windshield washer container, spark plugs and wiring, if you want a carefree mind while traveling.

Race drivers generally concede that their success in a race is about 75 per cent dependent on the mechanical condition of the car. In many respects an automobile race—especially one like the Indianapolis 500-mile classic—is a contest of mechanics. The car must be safe and dependable to compete with any degree of success.

It's true with highway driving, too.

And three more points:
1. Stay under the speed limit. Stay below 60 miles an hour. I average 16 miles per gallon in my 8-cylinder car and about 41 miles per hour for a trip, with time out every hour or so for a rest break.

2. If you're out "Sunday driving" on a main express highway where cars are entitled to go 50 to 65 miles an hour, don't go 30 or 35. A car approaching you will have to make a quick stab for his brakes. The person behind him will have to do the same. There are plenty of country roads for the Sunday driver to enjoy scenic drives. My advice to enjoy a casual, pleasurable drive is this: take to the side roads and stay off fast-moving thoroughfares.

3. The little dingbats which hang from rear view mirrors are distracting. A glance at them at

the wrong time can lead to serious trouble. And take a look at the back seat. Is it packed high with books, maps, hat, candy or tissue boxes? Then put them away. A sudden stop and you could be the victim of what the newspapers might call a "freak" accident. Some of our worst accidents have been "freaks."

APPLEGATE - JACKSONVILLE Historic Rose Blooms

By HELGA MITCHELL
Applegate-Jacksonville — The yellow Logtown rose, which was planted by the late pioneer, Mrs. John McKee 94 years ago, bloomed once again last week on the side of highway 238.

The Logtown rose, which inspired Fred Law, uncle of Glenn Smith, to write a poem about it in the year 1913, is one of the most cherished landmarks to old timers in this area. The rose designates the historical spot, where the ghost town, "Logtown" once flourished.

The late Mr. and Mrs. McKee came to this area by ox team from Missouri in 1852, and neighboring friends assisted them in building a hewn log house. One day in the year 1863, in her spare time, Mrs. McKee took a tiny slip of a yellow rose bush and planted it by the side of her house, unaware of the significance it would have to residents of this area 94 years later. Today, the historical bush is surrounded by white posts.

The McKees had 13 children, 2 of which are John McKee and Mrs. Mary Higginbotham, both of Central Point. Mrs. Rolland Smith of Little Applegate is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. McKee.

The Logtown cemetery association held their annual meeting on May 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adams. The morning hours were spent in cleaning the cemetery and dinner was held at the Adams' home. Officers elected were Mrs. Gertrude Winningham, chairman of the board of directors, Mrs. John Black, clerk and Glenn Smith and John Black were re-elected to the board. About 24 local people attended this event. The association was organized in 1939 to preserve the pioneer cemetery which is the remains of Logtown. Anyone interested in this association is welcome to join.

Mrs. Anna Scott attended the Rogue Valley grange last Saturday night.

Graduating this week from the Jacksonville high school are Norman Pawlowski and Calvin Walker.

The beef division of the Ruch 4-H club met at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Richter on May 19. The meeting was in the nature of a rehearsal for the fair to be held later this year. County agent Glenn Klein did the judging, and Miss Shirley Dunlap used one of Richter's cows in demonstrating points to look for in a good dairy cow.

The Richters have been using one of their barns for these meetings, complete with an arena and a grandstand made up of bales of hay. Unfortunately, the Richters' cows, in the process of leading a contented life, consumed the grandstand seats of the last meeting. Confronted with this dilemma, the Beef club solved the problem by obtaining bleachers from a school.

The three daughters of Chester Kubli were home for his birthday recently. Staying two weeks were Lt. Col. Lorna Kubli, of Geiger Field, Spokane, en route to Honolulu, and Mrs. Thomas Rosmus of Atwater, Calif., Mrs. K. T. Norwood, of Pasadena, stayed only a few days.

The Applegate Health Unit met at the Ruch school last Thursday, and the following officers were elected: chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy, vice-chairman, Mrs. Rex Davis and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chester Kubli.

Claude Haggard, safety engineer of Copco, gave a talk and showed slides on accidents caused by electricity, due to faulty wiring and carelessness. Refreshments were served while a question and answer period was in session. Mrs. Edmund Ramsey reported on a talk given by Dr. Chisholm at a recent child guidance meeting, which she had attended. The next meeting will be in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farrand recently received a surprise visit

from their daughter, Mrs. Joe Rocha and 2 boys, of Ferndale, Calif. Mrs. Rocha arrived here in time to celebrate her mother's birthday.

Miss Marilyn Myhre, of Medford, and Floyd Pawlowski will exchange marriage vows in the Zion Lutheran church in Medford on Sunday, June 9.

Last week the poppies on Top o' the Hill were at the height of their glory, and many passersby stopped to view the yellow dotted field.

Recent visitors at the Armin Richter residence were Mr. and Mrs. Verne Shangle, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Calloway of Eagle Point, Mrs. Otis Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Smith. Verne Shangle played a tape recording of the Natural Foods group.

Mrs. Ruth Granby, teacher of the first grade in Ruch, took her class of 20 pupils on a field trip class of 20 pupils on a field trip to Beck's bakery and the Medford fire station recently. Accompanying them was Mrs. George Sample and Mrs. Buford Wells.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sanford and son Dick last Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanford and family of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Don Layman and family of Conville, Miss Nancy Adams of Jacksonville and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bulson and family of Remote, Ore., who were also houseguests recently at the Sanford residence.

Mrs. M. W. Couch was a patient for several days at the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital, but is home now, and feeling much better. Mr. and Mrs. Couch celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 26, but due to Mrs. Couch's recent illness, original plans for this event were postponed.

Willis Scott has been salmon fishing at Gold Beach during the month of May. He says fishing is good.

Dolph Bevins was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Milam last Monday night and helped the Milams celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy and Miss Alena Makinen of Medford attended a meeting of the State Tuberculosis and Health association in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barker went on a business trip to Salem and are expected home on Tuesday. S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Misner recently arrived in this area and are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wicksten. Misner was recently discharged from the Air Force in New York.

Mrs. Henrietta LePinec has been attending a geology class every week in the Medford Senior High school, and recently she completed her course. Last week, Mrs. LePinec, together with her class went on a field trip in the Siskiyou, where they studied rock formations. Their instructor was Len Ramp, field geologist of the state of Oregon.

Mrs. Gorton Fleet and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, both of La Jolla, Calif., will be spending the Memorial day holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Richter of the Circle G ranch.

Attending the annual Jackson county Republican tea at the home of Mrs. C. Reese Braley last Monday were Mrs. Anna Scott, Mrs. Lester Adams and Mrs. Adams' mother, Mrs. Pearl Flenner.

Mrs. Maurice Cobbs, the former Miss Janice Couch, recently had two wedding showers given in her honor. The first one was given by the senior class of Jacksonville high school at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Couch. Guests attending were



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On The Side

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Busy Minister

The Rev. Randolph Ray of the Church of the Transfiguration (The Little Church Around the Corner), Manhattan, officiated at 39 marriages in one day. If that isn't the record for marriages in one day in the same church, what is?

Songwriting

Carrie Jacobs Bond collected over \$250,000 in royalties for her song "The End of a Perfect Day." On the other hand, H. P. Hanks sold the rights of "Silver Threads Among the Gold" for \$15. Danks made only \$12 profit on the deal as he had paid Eben Rexford \$3 for the lyrics.

Asides

Edgar Wallace was probably the speediest writer in literary history. In one year, 1921, Wallace wrote 26 novels and six plays! All the plays produced in Minnesota, "The Land of the Sky Blue Water" continues to point with pardonable pride that it has 10,000 lakes. That's a lot of lakes, but Florida has 20,000 more lakes than Minnesota.

Phobias

Has your daughter any phobias? Not androphobia I hope. That is a fear of men. Jane Russell once confessed she suffers from androphobia. However hers is just a mild case. Jane does not suffer in the presence of one man. But when near three men she gets nervous.

'GILDED' MISSILE

Washington — Republican House Leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., who sometimes gets his tongue twisted, gave his colleagues a possible clue Tuesday on why the newest weapons cost so much. Reading from a handwritten paper, he referred to the weapons as "gilded" missiles.

Mrs. Louis Straube and Mrs. Bill Barker were in Jacksonville recently and visited their sister, Mrs. Henry Paul of Yuba City, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Paul are staying with her mother, Mrs. Maggie West, in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Edna Sawyer will be spending the Memorial weekend in Portland, where she will visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jackson and other relatives.

Rural Reflections: "You have to think like a gopher to trap one" commented Mrs. Robert Sorber in an impromptu talk given in a recent Applegate-Valley Garden club meeting. In discussing the problems of killing mice in the home, Mrs. Mansel Milam came up with this observation, "When you kill one, 40 more come to his funeral!"

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Navy Man Expresses 'No Regrets' Over Slaying of Officer

San Francisco — A 21-year-old mild appearing sailor had "no regrets" today over killing his division officer and wounding two other men during a seven-hour rampage aboard a Navy attack transport.

The sailor, Jimmie L. Henderson, of Marin City, Calif., said he was not sorry he shot and killed Ens. Arthur L. Morris, 26, of Stow, Ohio.

"I feel like Mr. Morris, he needed it," Henderson said. He said he shot Morris' roommate, Ens. Richard V. Harrison, 23, of Grand Rapids, Mich., "because he got in the way." Harrison was shot in the abdomen and the arm, but was reported in satisfactory condition at Oak Knoll Naval hospital.

After the shooting, Henderson took Seaman R. W. Lakey, 20, Springfield, Ore., as hostage and seized control of the ship's bridge for more than six hours. He finally surrendered to the pleadings of his mother, two chaplains, his commanding officer and a Marine officer, as a dozen Navy and Marine sharpshooters watched warily from the rigging and decks of the U.S.S. Uvalde.

Convicted By Court
The tense drama had its beginning Monday when a special court martial convicted Henderson on charges of failing to return a shipmate's watch which he had found.

He was broken to seaman from third class dispensing clerk and sentenced to four months in the brig. Morris reported him and Harrison defended him at the court martial. His commanding officer, Capt. Robert O. Beer, who helped coax the bespectacled Henderson to surrender, said "he felt he was being persecuted . . . that the sentence was too severe."

After a delay of nearly two weeks, the AEC Tuesday set off the initial detonation in the United States' most extensive series of nuclear tests.

Second Nuclear Blast Called Off
Las Vegas, Nev. — Atomic Energy commission scientists today called off the second blast in the 20-shot series of A-tests. The test of the second "mid-gel" nuclear device was postponed for 24 hours after a weather evaluation meeting. The next weather session was scheduled for this afternoon.

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Chiloquin Man Found Guilty at Klamath

Klamath Falls — Bennie Raymond Belgarde, 25, Chiloquin construction worker, was found guilty here Tuesday of voluntary manslaughter by an all-woman Circuit court jury that deliberated three hours and 37 minutes.

Belgarde, formerly of Portland, was indicted for second degree murder March 25 in the death of his wife, Maxine Walker Belgarde, 20. She was shot with a .45 caliber pistol.

Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg set June 3 for sentencing. Belgarde could get 15 years in prison.

OYSTER PAID OFF

Chicago — Lino Cavazos, who likes to eat oyster stew when he has a cold, says it really pays off. Cavazos was gulping some of his favorite remedy Monday when he almost swallowed a pearl.

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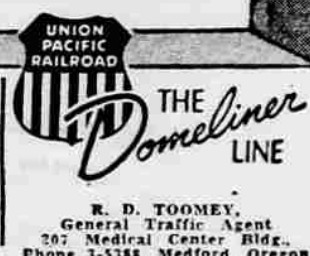
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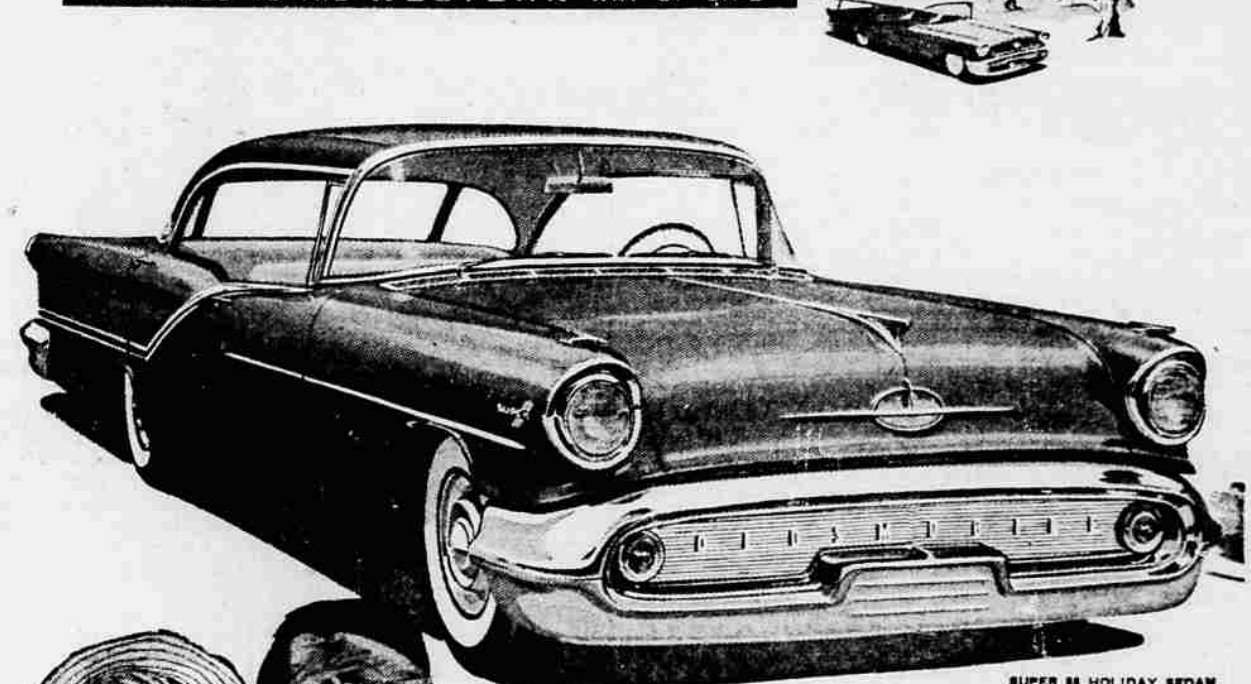
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ANNE: You should! I'm not trying to pry, but I'll bet it cost a king's ransom.

BETTY: Wouldn't you be surprised! It cost a lot less than we expected. And, Ed says it will cost less in the long run, too, because an Olds holds its value.

ANNE: Leave it to you to have your cake and eat it, too!

BETTY: And why not? Ed, bless his practical streak, wanted an Olds for its extra value and the Rocket Engine. So, who am I to say "no" to the prettiest thing on wheels? You ought to pass the word along to John!

ANNE: You can say that again! I will tonight!

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