

INSURANCE OF DRIVERS UNDER 16 DISCOURAGED

The following informative letter concerning automobile driver's insurance has been received by Fred Dunbar of the Dunbar & Dunbar agency from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company:

This letter is written in an effort to correct a misunderstanding which seems to have arisen in reference to allowing coverage to a person under 16 years of age. The present form of automobile policy prohibits the operation of an automobile by any such person. However, due to the fact that quite a few states have established the legal age of operating between 14 and 16 years, it was found necessary that some provision be made for such states, and the provisions as stated in our circular letter of May 10th, 1929 were made.

Some agents have construed this ruling to mean that coverage can be extended by the endorsements mentioned in the above letter in states where there is no legal age limit or where the age limit is either below 14 or above 16.

Please be advised that the extension of coverage authorized for persons under 16 years of age can only be made in the following states where the legal age limit is 14 or 15 years, and further that we wish to discourage the issuance of such extension as much as possible as we do not believe that persons under 16 years of age are likely to be good drivers.

Fifteen (15) years: legal age: Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming.

Fourteen (14) years: Florida, Kansas, Michigan, New Mexico, West Virginia.

Haynes Co. Working on New Type of Car

Persistent rumors are current along automobile row in this city that Elwood Haynes, the inventor of the first American automobile, and president of the Haynes Automobile company, at Kokomo, Indiana, is ready to bring forth an entirely new automobile that promises to revolutionize the automotive industry.

Nothing definite as to the exact character and details of this latest product of Mr. Haynes' genius is known here, but the stories are prevalent that the new Haynes car is to be considerably smaller and lighter than the present Haynes car and will be marketed at a relatively lower figure.

AUTOMOBILE MUFF IS LATEST ACCESSORY

An "automobile muff" has been invented to keep the hands of the motorist warm while driving in cold weather. Securely fastened to the steering wheel is a light but rigid framework of steel over which the muff of padded cloth or fur is fitted. The arrangement is such that the person driving can operate the wheel with ease.

ARENS MAKES FIRST SALE OF YEAR TO ARNOLD RICHTER

The first sale of the New Year is credited to the White Pelican garage, L. O. Arens having sold a Chevrolet Grand to Arnold Richter of the Palace Market. "I'm a bit superstitious," said Arens, "and I have a hunch that the sale means another, and another, and then another, for believe me, as Harry Lauderdale says, I'm tellin' ye, the Chevrolet is some car."

Nuts and Bolts

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Enough.
A big powerful motor car showed up as the occupants perceived a car of very modest proportions standing by the roadside in a rather battered condition. The owner of the car was on his knees, endeavoring to straighten out some of the parts.

"Have an accident, my man?" queried the man with the big car. "No, thank you," grimly returned the other, "just had one."—Life.

Truth Will Out.

"Where's that infernal proof-reader?" shouted an irate man with blood in each eye.

"He certainly would be hard to find now," said the editor uneasily. "What's he done this time?"

"In the advertisement of my valveless motor he turned the second v into a u."—Houston Post.

The High Cost of Language.

"Hey, Bill."

"What is it?"

"Your doctor's out here with that tire."

"Diagnose the case as flatulency of the perimeter, and charge him accordingly," ordered the garage man. "That's the way he does biz."—Chicago Journal.

Shocking.

An elderly lady of very prim and severe aspect was seated next to a young couple who were discussing the merits of their motors cars.

"What color is your body?" asked the young man of the girl at his side, meaning of course the body of the motor.

"O, mine is pink. What's yours?"

"Mine is brown with wide yellow stripes."

This was too much for the old lady. Rising from the seat, she exclaimed:

"When young people come to asking each other the color of their bodies at a dinner party it is time I left the room."—Ex.

There is an automobile to every sixteen people in the United States. The population may therefore, be roughly proportioned as six riders to ten dodgers.—Syracuse Post Standard.

"Have you got any of the bomb throwers yet?" Policeman: "No, but I captured three automobilists who turned to the right instead of the left."—Brooklyn Standard Union

DON'T RACE MOTOR ON COLD MORNINGS

"Beware of racing your motor on cold mornings," warns McCollum of the Imperial garage.

"If the car is left standing on the street or in an unheated garage overnight the oil in the crankcase thickens and congeals." "For this reason, when the motor is first started it should not be raced until such time as it has begun to warm up, permitting the oil to become warm and perfectly fluent. If the motor is raced with the oil in a congealed condition, the proper lubrication cannot be given to the bearings and pistons."

ONE WAY TO STOP THE THEFT OF AUTOMOBILES

Many modern cars are fitted with a battery ignition system in which the distributor arm is removable. By removing this arm the car owner makes it possible to steal his vehicle only by towing it away or by fitting another distributing arm. The arm may be removed simply by unclasping the distributor cover to which the wires are attached. It usually happens that there is only one way in which this arm will fit, so that there need be no worry about replacement.

GIRLS PROVE A WOMAN CAN DRIVE AN AUTO

"There is no such thing as a competent woman driver of an automobile." That is a broad statement. It is a strong statement. It is one that instantly meets a challenge. When "Bob" Battle of Los Angeles made it he did not have to wait long for the challenge, for it was forthcoming immediately. The gauntlet was picked up by two well-known stars of the movie world—Miss Margaret Cole and Miss Shipman. Almost in one voice came the response: "Is that so! I can drive a car any place you can go."

"I'll tell you girls what I'll do. If you two will drive a car to the Devil's punch bowl over a route that I will mark out for you and get there before 5 o'clock of the third day after you start I'll give you a \$1000. Needless to say the challenge was promptly accepted, and thus started a journey that furnished the subject of one of the most remarkable moving pictures ever screened—"The Trail of the Arrow."

Battle made immediate preparations for the carrying out of his plan, having one idea firmly fixed in his mind—to prove the correctness of his statement which formed the opening sentence of this story and to save his \$1000. He was not to pick out an impassable route, but there were no restrictions placed upon the rough part of it. The story takes its name from the fact that Mr. Battle used the well-known advertising device of the Essex car—the arrow. He started out of Los Angeles on foot and marked the route with these arrows. It wasn't a road—it was just a trail. There is no camouflage in the picture and no one who owns an auto or hopes to own one; and no one who ever expects to engage in cross-country automobilism, can afford to miss seeing what the movie man caught on that now famous journey to the Devil's punch bowl. The girls won the \$1000. They had just two minutes to spare. But they won and proved to Battle that there were at least two women who could drive a car, and he admitted it, for he said he doubted if he himself could have done the job.

This picture will be shown at the Liberty theatre Sunday and Monday and if you want to see a real hair-raising picture, don't miss it. But the interesting part of the story is contained in these words: They drove an Essex car.

ROAD "LIGHTHOUSES" TO GUIDE TRAFFIC IN WYOMING

Highway "lighthouses" are now coming into vogue. The entire state highway system of Wyoming soon is to be equipped with them. Dangerous curves will be designated by yellow lights and railroad crossings by red lights.

The lighthouses will "wink" 45 times a minutes, throwing a nine-inch ray which can be seen three miles away.

GOOD ROADS ARE A BIG AID TO TRUCK MILEAGE

It was recently ascertained by a comprehensive series of tests that the speed of a heavily loaded two-ton truck running over a concrete surface was 16 miles an hour, while on a gravel road the maximum speed was nine and a half miles and on dirt only four and a half miles. This is just another reason why every truck owner should get behind the good roads movement.

NEVADA DEMANDS LOWER BIDS FOR ROAD BUILDING

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 8.—In the belief that falling prices for road-building materials should bring about lower bids for construction of highways, the Nevada highway commission has rejected all bids for completion of the state highway from Carson City to Lakeview Summit. The lowest of four bids was \$45,900.

This exceeds the estimate of the commission by \$3,076, with these figures based on higher prices of materials than now prevail. New bids will be advertised for in the near future.

PACKARD CO. REOPENS PLANT ON PART TIME

DETROIT, Jan. 8.—The Packard Motor company's plant, closed several weeks ago, has reopened in some departments with seven thousand men on part time. A number of other automobile plants now closed for inventory will shortly put small forces back to work, it is expected.

The convertible body built to fit any chassis is among the new things in the automobile industry. It can be made into runabout, a coupe, a limousine, or an open touring body with a victoria top. It is possible for one person, without trouble, to convert from one type to another in a short time.

AUTOS PUT IN "HOCK" TO RAISE FUNDS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—It now is possible to "hock" an automobile. A number of New York concerns have started a form of storage business with cash loan features, whereby a man may put his car in what is known as cold storage for a specified period, and obtain a loan on it at 6 per cent.

EMPLOYEES' WAGES REDUCED BY THE GOODYEAR CO.

AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 8.—A reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in wages of all factory employees effective January 10, and of 15 to 20 per cent in salaries of all office employees, effective the same date, was announced by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

STUDEBAKER CO. TO START WORK ON 90 CAR CAPACITY

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 8.—The Studebaker corporation will resume work on a schedule production of 90 automobiles daily January 10, it has been announced here. The output will be increased gradually until it reaches 500 cars daily, it was said.

Watch for the AUTO SHOW.

Tractor and Grader Clear Snow from Roads

SISSON, (Siskiyou Co.) Jan. 8.—A large tractor has been put in use by the county here to keep the roads open. Pulling a large steel grader which spread the snow to the sides of the road, automobiles have been able to use the roads during the heavy snow. An effort was made to keep the road open to McClod, but the snow on the summit was too deep and this road probably will be closed for the next two or three months.

NATIONAL AUTO SHOW WILL FILL FOUR SQUARE BLOCKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—At the first automobile show ever held in this country, in Madison Square Garden, on November 3, 1900, there were in all 66 exhibits. At the 21st annual New York show, to be held in Grand Central Palace, January 8 to 15th, there will be nearly 400 exhibitors of motor cars and motor car accessories.

Causes of the car pulling hard or running slowly although the engine is all right are dry or worn clutch leather, causing binding when released or slipping when engaged; weak clutch spring, which will cause slipping, or brakes adjusted too tightly or not entirely released.

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