

# HUP VICTORIA IS BEAUTY CAR 8 CYLINDERS

The new Victoria on the distinguished Hupmobile eight cylinder chassis announced this week nicely combines the close-coupled seating arrangement particular to this type of body with an unusual amount of seat room for five passengers.

"The Victoria has ever been a favorite among those who demand exclusive and individual body types, and the Hupmobile interpretation of it will surely extend that vogue as a result of its unusual and distinctive beauty," says Mr. Pospisil, local dealer, who is quite enthusiastic over the sales possibilities of this latest addition to the line.

Body colors has been selected to accentuate the original pleasing lines of this model. The lower body is finished in Southfield light green; the belt and rear deck in Monte Carlo darker green with black upper body; heading is black with thin white striping on belt, hood leaves and wheel hubs. The upholstery in grey wool mohair with button tufting gives an attractive tone to the interior compartment.

"Comfort for passengers is assured by the generous dimensions in all seats. The rear seat, 52 inches wide, gives ample room for three passengers. Arm rests and deep back cushion springs further add to the comfort of the luxurious body. A luggage compartment in the rear deck is convenient for carrying grips, traveling bags, or small parcels.

"Wide doors (30 inches) and tilting front seats give easy access to or exit from all seats. The right front seat folds completely under the cowl when not in use, both front seats are adjustable for height to suit the individual owner.

"The steering wheel is all walnut, with walnut grained instrument boards and door moldings. The body hardware is an attractive pattern of the newest and most convenient design such as "remote-control" door opener and crank-controls on windows and windshield. "We now have" Mr. Pospisil points out, "a complete line of bodies, ten in all, on the eight cylinder chassis. This gives us the widest offering we have ever had which leads us to expect a large increase in sales during the fall and winter months."

## RICKENBACKER QUILTS AS COMPANY HEAD

DETROIT, Oct. 16.—In announcing his resignation as vice-president of Rickenbacker Motor company, Captain E. V. Rickenbacker states the reorganization and proposed combination plans will in no way cause him to dispose of his holdings in the Rickenbacker Motor company.

He further states his future plans are not definitely decided upon. However, he will confine himself to his aviation interests for the present.

## BILLIONS SPENT ON OIL FIELDS IN U. S.

Since the beginning of the petroleum industry sixty-five years ago, it is estimated that \$12,500,000,000 has been spent in developing American oil fields. In return only \$8,000,000,000 has been realized from the sale of the petroleum "found."

## NAVY PUTS O. K. ON AIR-COOLED TYPE

Definite specifications of the new 400 h.p. Wasp air-cooled motor for all single-place navy fighting planes, and conversion of all heavier-than-air navy flying craft to the air-cooled type was indicated in a plan recently announced by Commander E. E. Wilson, head of the engine section of the Navy Department, Aeronautics Bureau.

Commander Wilson, after several tests of the Wasp motor in one of the famous Curtiss Hawk planes, pronounced the air-cooled engine "superior in performance from every angle" and stated, that the carrying out of the navy's full program for air-cooled power equipment awaits official O. K.

## DRIVE SLOW ON ROUGH ROADS

Consideration of the unsprung weight of the car is too often overlooked by car owners. The weight above the springs may be riding easily enough over a rough road, but the axles, wheels, wheel bearings, differential, pinion gears, steering rods, brakes and other important parts which are below the springs are certain to suffer more as the car is driven faster. It is true that many cars ride better at forty than at thirty, but the higher speed means a big sacrifice of long life and efficiency from the unsprung weight.

## AMMETER FLICKERS; UNEVEN FIRING

Having learned to watch the flickering of its pointer at low-gear speeds as evidence of uneven firing, it is well to be prepared against mistaking a natural flicker for the kind indicating trouble. There is one point in the range of the indicator that tells when the current used for the ignition is generating direct. This is due to the action of the cut-out on the generator. Naturally there must be a flicker or a series of them, if the speed of the engine is kept just over the edge.

## BABE RUTH GIVEN MOTOR CAR PRIZE

In a contest recently conducted by an eastern publication Babe Ruth, "king of swat," was voted and acclaimed the most popular athlete in America today.

As such he was presented with an Auburn 8-88 sport model Italian cream roadster, the presentation being made at the world series game at the Yankee stadium on October 2 by a representative of the paper and Howard W. Walton, district sales manager, Auburn Sales company, New York city.

## TO MAKE TIRE CHANGING EASY

The nuts and threads on the rim-bolts should be oiled every time a tire is changed, so that they will tighten up readily. If they become too dry it may be thought that the nuts are too tight when they are not, with the result that the driving log, which holds the rim in position, may pull out, allowing the rim to shift and cut off the valve stem.

## SPARK PLUGS TELL TALE

The carburetor mixture can be determined by the condition of the porcelain of the spark plugs. If the shell is covered with a dry deposit, the mixture is too rich, while if there is a moist black, gummy fitting properly, as the condition of the plugs show oil is getting past them.

# MUFFLING OF CARS IS NOW REAL SILENCE

Silencing vibration—muffling out noises and jar—these have constituted the most difficult problem in chassis engineering since the beginning of the automotive industry, in the opinion of Roy La Prairie, of the H. R. B. garage, local Oakland dealer.

He pointed out that because of the demand for greater comfort and ease on the part of the automotive buying public, the problem has been given much thought in recent years by automotive engineers.

"Through a series of engineering refinements, each distinctive but with the one purpose of eliminating vibration, Oakland engineers have solved the problem with the special rubber silenced chassis—an epochal engineering achievement comparable to the introduction of balloon tires as an aid to more comfortable riding and longer chassis life," continued Roy La Prairie.

"The first step in eliminating vibration was pioneered more than a year ago by Oakland through the introduction of the Harmonic Balancer, built into the crankshaft. This device completely eliminated torsional vibration from the engine. There still remained, however, other major sources of vibration—the vibration and noise coming through the propeller shaft from the rear axle and wheels, and the vibrations from the torque reaction of the motor.

"The first of these—the problem of road rumbles and transmission hum carried up through the drive shaft—was eliminated by an entirely new and exclusive development, the rubber silenced drive. The vibration due to torque engine from the frame with rubber cushions.

"Supplementing the action of the Harmonic Balancer, the rubber cushioned engine and drive, is the

## HERE'S REMEDY FOR ANY MISSING

Moisture or grease on the surface of the distributor housing will sometimes cause serious missing, because the high tension current skips across the surface of this foreign matter instead of through its regular channels. The remedy is to wipe off the surface. The presence of moisture may be explained by the fact that it is drawn in with the air through the radiator, or may condense on the surface on a damp day. The grease often collects from the oil spray thrown out by the engine.

## REMOVE BROKEN STUDS WITH EASE

If a stud is broken in a screwed hole, apply a thin lubricant, such as paraffin and light engine oil mixed. In a few hours the lubricant will soak to the bottom and make removal easy. If from this stage a hole about half the diameter of the stud is drilled with a flat drill, with the cut reversed, or "left-handed," the vibration usually will loosen the thread, and the drill will turn the stud instead of cutting its way into the metal.

## FOREIGN AUTO LAW STRICT

In Australia there is a motor vehicle regulation requiring that rear lights be so adjusted that they cannot be extinguished from within the vehicle; in other words, the driver must descend from the car to light or extinguish the tail lights of his car.

addition to the frame of another cross member of exceptionally heavy construction which gives super-rigid support to both power plant and body, constituting the final step in Oakland's complete conquest of vibration.

"From the point of view of the public these improvements mark another milestone in Oakland's dramatic sweep to leadership. Two years ago Oakland ranked 13th among the motor car builders of the world. Today it ranks with the ten leading manufacturers of America."



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