

## N. S. Motor News

### Uniform Traffic Code Sought by Chicago Groups

Aiming to simplify driving conditions in the city for the benefit of visiting motorists, the various governmental groups of Chicago in control of the city's streets and boulevards in the several park districts are planning to enact a uniform traffic code, according to the Chicago Motor club.

Taking the lead, the city council recently enacted a new traffic ordinance. It was drafted by a special committee, in co-operation with representatives from the South, West, Lincoln, North Shore and other park boards. It is expected that the boards soon will pass ordinances incorporating the same provisions as those adopted by the city.

The conflicting provisions of the various ordinances which have been in effect were the cause of many accidents, some of which were serious, and caused no end of confusion, the motor club pointed out. Many residents, as well as the majority of out of town car owners, unwittingly violated the regulations because they were unaware of the different procedures prescribed in different sections of the city.

As an instance of the contradictory nature of the ordinances, the motor club cited the fact that a left turn on Ridge boulevard or Sheridan road north of Devon avenue, thoroughfares under the control of the north shore district, is permissible in the face of either a red or green traffic signal, whereas on any of the west side boulevards, under the control of the West parks board, a left turn in the face of a red signal would result in arrest.

Under the ordinance passed by the council, left turns can be made only on the green signal, except where signs or police indicate to the contrary. The latter condition applies on Michigan avenue, where signs, prominently displayed, announce that left turns can be made on the red signal only.

The ordinance also provides that Stop, Danger and other warning signs shall conform to national standards in color, shape and other characteristics. The ordinance makes no mention of speed limits. These are defined by the Illinois motor vehicle act, and are in effect in every city, town and village in the state.

### State Completes 642.2 Miles of New Highways

Construction work completed on the state and county highway systems of Illinois at the close of work on July 29, totaled 642.2 miles of road building, and in addition many important grade separation projects and bridges have been finished, according to a report compiled by Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer. At the end of July, the men employed in road construction had reached a total of 7,500.

#### 8.8 CARS PER MILE

For every mile of highway in the United States there are registered 8.8 motor vehicles, according to the Chicago Motor club. Gibraltar, with forty motor vehicles per mile of highway, has the most, while Japan, Russia and several other nations possess only .1 of a motor vehicle per mile.

### County to Purchase Road Rights of Way

Seeking to avoid the expense and delay of condemnation proceedings, Cook county in the future will pay cash for all rights of way for road building which in the past have been sought from property owners without cost, County Commissioner Homer J. Byrd, chairman of the roads and bridges committee, declared recently. Difficulty in court actions when property owners refused to part with their land caused the change in policy. The saving effected by diminishing condemnation proceedings will offset the cost of the rights of way, Byrd said.

The new policy was made known to property owners of Elk Grove and Palatine townships recently when tentative offers for rights of way for state route 53 were made. The road will begin at the Indiana state line and skirt Chicago for eighty miles to a point near Libertyville.

### U. C. Abel Leads All Competitors in Tire Contest

U. C. Abel, head of the Abel Battery and Ignition Service, 716 Elm street, Winnetka, champion Goodyear tire salesman and runner-up in many local golfing contests, is now going after "champ" records in the latter game.

He has just received a set of MacGregor Go-sum matched wooden golf clubs, with steel shaft, first prize awarded by the Goodyear Tire company in the June super-twist sales contest, for the best letter on "How I Super-twisted and made the sale."

"Super-twist" is the cord used in the manufacture of Goodyear tires," Mr. Abel explains, and it was the volume of tire sales in June which brought him the clubs from the company.

"I thought I could play golf with those old clubs, of mine," the champion tire salesman explained, as he took his stance and swished one of his new clubs through the air, "but, O, boy, watch my smoke now."

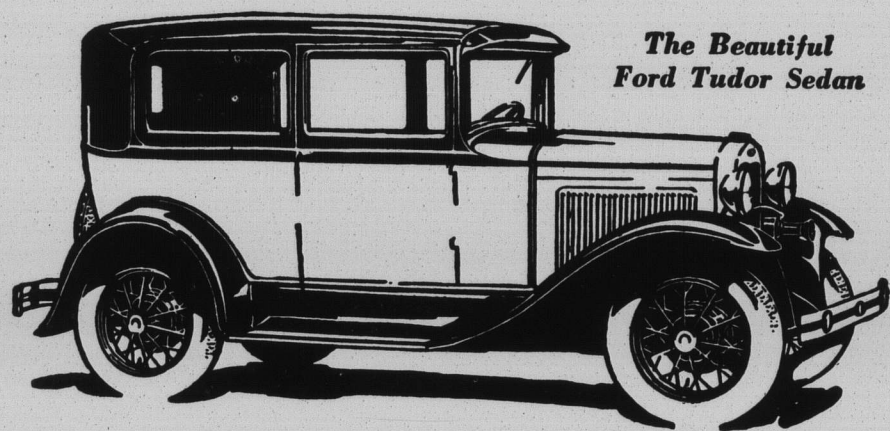
Mr. Abel is now "up in the air" with elation over his July sales victory, but may take a real trip through ethereal lanes to Akron, Ohio, in the big Zeppelin, if he maintains his tire sales record for the balance of this month.

The winner in the July-August sales contest is to receive the Zeppelin trip, and Mr. Abel's sales record to date shows him far ahead in this contest.

### Wage Scale Objections Postpone Road Projects

Indefinite postponement of more than \$11,000,000 worth of road construction work, for which bid were to be received August 18 and August 25, appears almost unavoidable, due to objections filed against the prevailing wage scales stipulated in the specifications for the work. Director H. H. Cleveland, of the department of public works and buildings, had this to say about the situation: "It is most unfortunate that this delay is in prospect, especially when every effort has been made by the highway department to launch the biggest construction program in its history so as to provide employment for many thousands of men."

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