# Safety on the Highways is ybody's Business

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ince between May and October.

The Vehicle Safety Committee of the CHSC is also participating. With the co-operation of many agencies across the country, motorists are urged to have their cars checked by competent mechanics before the heavy summer season of driving begins. They are right, laws alone will not do the job. The individual motorist must accept the responsibility for the condition of his car.



New superhighways like this new Washington, D.C. road can help cut the highway accident toll in the U.S. Limited access roads, both in cities, and in rural areas, are safer to trayel on than conventional thoroughfares. Also, they take the strain out of driving, rul travel time dramatically.

# Vehicle Maintenance is a Part of It

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes annually, a document with the sobering title "Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents." Its over seventy pages of statistics present, in neatly tabulated form, the arithmetic of the chaos on our highways. It doesn't take a statistician to get the message.

Reducing the findings to their simplest form, there are more accidents, more people being injured, more dicing, and total property damage is increasing, every year.

To become a statistic, you hardly have to 17. Indeed, a special effort is necessary to stay off the score board.

The place to start is in making sure that your car is in first class mechanical condition. This is good advice from the Vehicle Safety Committee of the Canadian Highway Safety Council which also tells us that nine per cent of all motor vehicle accidents in Canada are caused by mechanical failure. For instance:

An unfuned car can be a gun pointed at your head—particularly if it's your car. Passing and other maneuvering situations often call for absolute performance. To be caught "dead" under such circumstances is just as criminal as a case of reckless driving. Perhaps you always obey the Tules, such as always signalling your intention to turn before changing direction. Then comes that one time. You dutifully flick the turnsignal lever, and make your turn. Wham! You have just been slammed broadside by another not-so-careful driver who immediately complainty you never signalled the turn. It's then you discover that a burned out bulb made the signal inoperative. A regular check of all lights would have revealed a faulty signal light. Then there's the case of the

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seven-year-old girl trotted up to the safety crossing at her school. The crossing guard waited for an opening in the traffic, stepped out with his stop sign, and she started

stop: sign, and she started across:

"A ten-year-old car was approaching. It was speeding, but the driver knew he had space to stop if he braked hard. There was a brief screech of tires and then the car ran right through the crossing. The little girl was killed.

An investigation showed the part of the car's steel brak line had become a shrivele twig of rust. One hard tram on the brake pedal had burs it, causing complete brak fallure."

is mechanically safe is a moral responsibility. Having one's car checked periodically may cost a few dollars but, as the Canadian Safety Council says

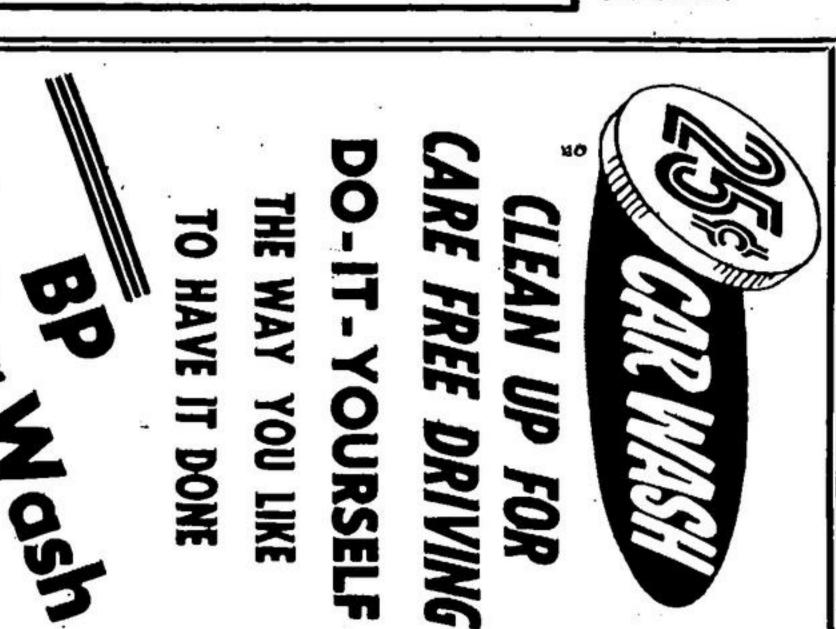
In Ontario, compulsory inspection is on a selective basis performed by portable stations at which rehicles are directed off the road by police and into inspection lanes. The stations operate throughout the prov-Inspections in Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia, are designed to have every registered vehicle checked. While the system is hampered by a shortage of facilities and funds, enforcement is increas-

Many starting failures listed as battery failures actually are not. The trouble often is caused by abnormal conditions in the ignition system which causes the batteries to become run down while the driver is attempting to get the car started.

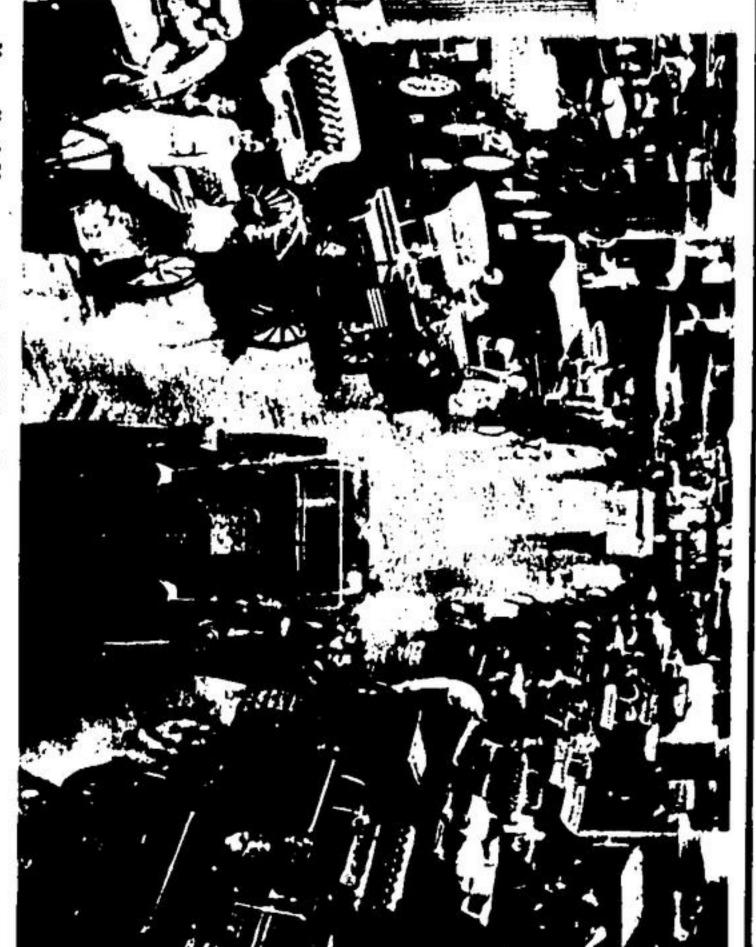
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Henry Ford Museum at Greenlield Village has one of the world's largest collections of antique cars. Maintained in mint condition, these cars range from an 1863 Roper stram carriage to some that barely qualify as historic cars (25 years or more). (Photo by Philippe Halsman)

## Car Care Rec Warranty Benefits **luired** for

Contrary to what many owners may think, the five-year or 50,000-mile warranty on American cars is not necessarily a "pay-all" if trouble strikes!

Under the new warranties, owners are required to have certain preventive maintenance services performed as outlined in their owner's manual to keep the warranty in force.

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These services fall into two groups. One, services to be performed at specific mileage intervals. Two, services that should be performed on an "as needed" basis.

As far as the warranty is concerned, maintenance services can be performed at a garage, service station, or dealership — whichever is most constant.

All that's needed is to have the service man furnish verification of the work done, the material used and the date and mileage the service was performed so that the selling dealer can validate the warranty.

The importance of the regularly-scheduled services such as oil changes, chassis lubes and air cleaner service speak for themselves.

The so-called unscheduled services, those whose frequency depends totally on how and

where the vehicle operates, usually include such things as brake system checks, engine tune-ups, and wheel alignment, to name a few.

A tune-up every year of 10-12,000 miles is a particularly important maintenance service. Operating a car in an out-of-tune condition can rapidly accelerate engine wear.

For example, worn plugs and points can lead to partial combustion. Some of the unburned fuel goes past the pistons, washes the protective film of oil from the cylinder walls, and permits undue scuffing of the cylinders and pistons.

When unburned fuel gets down in the crankcase and dilutes the oil, the oil can't do its job of protecting bearing surfaces or keeping valve lifters working freely and quietly.

Also related to partial combustion is varnished valve stems and guides causing sticking valves. If a piston should strike a partially open valve, and an expensive repair bill may result.

Far beyond keeping your warranty in force, planned care of your car through regular visits to your service man is a good way to make sure

you'll get the safe and useful life out of your car that you've paid for. In fact, the higher trade-in value most dealers allow for a well-cared-for car may pay back most of the service dollars you've invested to enjoy reliable, worry-free driving.

### Car Facts

According to the World Health Organization, Americans are the safest drivers on earth. In the U.S., there were 52 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. Japan had the highest toll with 402 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles.

With close to 3,000,000 passenger cars registered, Los Angeles County leads the nation in number of cars. Only seven entire states in the U.S. have more cars registered than the

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