

AUTOS SHOULD HAVE THE BEST OF BRAKES

NECESSARY FOR SAFETY

President Hayes of Chicago Motor Club Says Most Inefficient Brakes Are Due to Neglect

Motorists who do not enjoy the latest improvements in brakes are missing a good opportunity and overlooking safety by not making greater effort to get the most from their present brakes. It is the opinion of Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor Club.

During this period of transition in brakes, he says, there is an unnecessary tendency toward a double standard of stopping, which can be prevented by getting more out of the brakes on older cars and refraining from using the newer brakes excessively.

Neglect Responsible

"In considering the details of so-called 'brake failure' as a cause of accidents," Mr. Hayes explains, "the American Automobile Association, with which the local organization is affiliated, found that most brake systems were not giving more than seventy-five per cent of their full efficiency by reason of owner neglect. This applied to four-wheel brakes as well as the two-wheel variety. One of the chief reasons for this low efficiency of so important a unit of the car is the failure of the average driver to take advantage of what is known as the wrapping action of the brake bands. When bands are of uniform clearance all the way around every square inch of lining comes into contact with the brake drum simultaneously. This causes the band to follow the drum, or to wrap around it. Brake effectiveness is greatly increased, and the car stops with far less effort on the part of the driver.

Adjust Clearance

"Most car owners consider clearance uniformity as simply a detail

which provides for even wear of the linings. Rather than take the trouble to adjust the bands carefully they allow excessive clearance all around, which means that in wet weather the brakes may get waterlogged.

"Equality of adjustment is an even more important feature. Two brakes, evenly adjusted, are safer in the long run than just one brake that makes the car stand on end. Experience demonstrates that brakes are used most in wet weather, and it follows that if the brakes are not in equal adjustment under such conditions there is no advantage in having one good brake. The 100 per cent brake may reduce the resultant braking efficiency to nil, and cause a skid.

Effect of Weather

"Comparatively few car owners appreciate the effect of the weather and the elements on the brakes. In damp weather linings will be much more effective than in dry weather, yet few owners will remember to wash the brakes when there is very little natural dampness. If oil tends to work out on the right brake band of the rear wheel during hot weather the simplest remedy is to drive up on the crown of the road instead of allowing the axle to tip to the right so constantly.

"All brakes are capable of giving greater service than owners obtain from them. The brakes on older cars can, through care and intelligent operation, be made to offer far greater safety than is at present being obtained. When we speak of the brakes as having failed what we mean, in most instances, is that the owner failed to help the brakes help him."

MORE LABOR LEAVES U. S. THAN ENTERING

Scaling Down Immigration is Affecting Growth of Population

More common laborers are leaving the United States than are coming in, now that the two per cent immigration law is in effect, according to a report made public recently by the National Industrial Conference board. During the period from July, 1924, to April, 1925, 27,908 laborers entered the United States as against 97,826 for the same period the year pre-

vious. During the same time 44,750 common laborers left the country leaving a net loss of 16,842.

During the same period of time net immigration of all classes showed a decrease of 71.4 per cent over the year previous.

"While the ultimate effect of the new quota law at this time cannot be determined," the conference board said, "the scaling down of immigration to about a fifth of what it was before the war has the immediate effect of stabilizing the growth of our population, with the attending result of a sustained high wage level. Actual money wages in industry today are 116 per cent above what they were before the war.

"Allowing for the decline in the purchasing power of the dollar, and assuming that the same standard of living prevailed as existed in 1920, the wage earner today is about thirty per cent better off, as regards 'real' wages, than he was at the peak of the wage level of 1920."

TAX CONFERENCE BEING PLANNED

Between Federal Government and Representatives of the States

Plans for a tax conference between the federal government and representatives of the various states, are being prepared tentatively by administration leaders in Washington. It is hoped to hold the conference some time during the coming winter, and President Coolidge doubtless will be asked to get behind the plans for the meeting.

Tax students and administration leaders in the senate believe that such a conference would be of great advantage in shaping future tax legislation. It is planned to discuss proposals whereby the federal government or the states might relinquish certain fields of taxation so that overlapping and conflict might be avoided in the future.

Some of the tax statesmen believe that the federal government should have the exclusive field for income taxes and that the states should do all the levying of inheritance taxes.

Although congress does not open until December, the Ways and Means committee which will have the reve-

nue legislation in charge, will meet in October and according to Senator Smoot, the Senate Finance committee will be called into session in November.

Senator Smoot stated that no definite program for reducing taxes has yet been evolved and he declared that the principal task at present is sounding out the sentiment of the country.

BATHING BEAUTIES AT LEGION AFFAIR

\$400 in Prizes Will be Awarded at Festival in Waukegan August 29-31

Bathing beauties of towns on the north shore will display their charm at the American Legion festival at Waukegan Aug. 29 and 30.

A contest on the second day will be the main event. The Legion will award \$400 in prizes: \$250 first prize, \$100 second, and \$50 third.

Notices have been sent out to nearby towns advising of the contest, and the Legion expects many entrants. Beauty and grace of figure will be the determining factors when prizes are handed out.

The bathing beauty contest will be but one feature of the Legion carnival, which will be held on the beach Aug. 29 and 30. Many other attractions are being arranged. Merchants have co-operated, and the Legion expects the show to be one of the biggest events in years.

ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIPS AS PRIZES

Girls Who Sell Most Tickets Will Get Globe Trips Free as Reward

Girls desiring to take part in the 'round-the-world' contest to be given by the Illinois Products Exposition should have their entries arranged at once, according to the announcement made recently by A. R. Shaeffer, director of the contest, 10 S. LaSalle street, Chicago. Two Illinois girls will be given trips around the world starting Nov. 26 and ending March 10.

Four other Illinois girls will be given trips through the Panama Canal via New York and San Francisco and

then home. In all twenty valuable awards will be given including also, in October and according to Senator Smoot, the Senate Finance committee will be called into session in November.

The contest starts August 22 and ends October 3. The awards will be made on a basis of tickets sold to the Illinois Products Exposition to be held in the American Exposition Palace, Chicago, October 8 to 17. The winner of the downstate contest will tour the world as "Miss Illinois" and the victor in the Chicago contest will circuit the globe as "Miss Chicago." Every expense will be paid.

President Coolidge seems to be having a good time down at the seashore, in spite of the fact that there isn't any hay to get in.

Fine thing for a community to have a health center, but each of us should have an individual one in his own back yard in the form of a well cultivated garden.

Splendid plan for the girls to go to college, but they should realize that they will have things to do there besides making fudge and attending proms.

Reason why some people have automobile accidents seems to be that they know how to drive too well. Report that a young man is going into the wholesale trade, may mean simply that he is trying to court a dozen girls at the same time.

These sun baths that they take at the summer resorts may be all right, but they don't seem to accomplish much to loosen the dirt.



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