

**RAILWAY SERVICE IS IN DIFFERENT AREAS**  
**Quickly Populated, Thinly Settled and Those of Minimum Population**

In every local situation there are two classes of service territory for street railways," according to S. Storrs, managing director of the American Electric Railway association.

One of these territories is the thickly populated area where operations can be conducted at considerable profit," said Mr. Storrs. "Another is the area where operations are self-sustaining, and the third territory where operations are conducted as a distinct loss.

It is fully as important, if not more so, for the good of the whole community, that these lean areas be afforded reasonable service as that profitable areas be served. It is fair, then, that any organization which attempts to render community service, as all utilities should do, should be permitted to have the whole territory without competition so that profitable operations may equalize the unprofitable but unprofitable serv-

**RESOLVE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF CAR**

**GOOD SLOGAN FOR YEAR**

**Essential Features to Be Incorporated In Program of Conservation of Auto Given**

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The beginning of the year is a good time for motorists to make resolutions in connection with the care of their automobiles for the coming months. It is also a time when many people are attending automobile shows and are becoming owners of motor vehicles for the first time. These folks, especially, need to consider and adopt some practical program for operating and taking care of the valuable machines they acquire.

Among the most essential features which should be incorporated in such a program perhaps first in importance is lubrication. A sensible plan of lubrication calls for maintaining an oil level in the crankcase sufficient to keep the engine functioning properly. It is usually considered advisable to change this oil about once in every hundred miles. Manufacturers usually furnish a lubrication chart which comes with the car. This should be studied and its recommendations followed systematically.

**Cooling System**

Another important item is the cooling system. The radiator should be kept filled with clear water in the summer within three inches of the top and with a good freezing mixture in the winter. The fan belt needs to be kept tightened, particularly in hot weather. The water pump packing

nut needs frequent inspection and tightening if necessary.

The steering apparatus is a vital part of the automobile and its mechanism must be kept properly adjusted and well lubricated. The alignment of the front wheels is another matter to watch. Of course, the brakes should always be kept in proper adjustment to perform effective service. It is considered undesirable to form the habit of riding the clutch pedal.

When starting the car the foot should be removed from the starting pedal as soon as the engine begins to fire. The choke button should be pushed in before the cylinders begin to flood with gasoline. It is undesirable to race the engine just after it has started or to undertake high speed before the machine is thoroughly warmed up. Carburetor adjustments are usually best made by a service station mechanic. See that there is always sufficient fuel in the gasoline tank.

**Batteries**

To keep the battery plates covered with electrolyte, distilled water may need to be added every week or two. All connections should be adequately tightened. Batteries should be tested occasionally.

When going up a steep hill or having a hard pull relieve the engine of unnecessary strain by going into first or second speed. Be sure the clutch pedal is fully depressed when shifting gears. Keep the spring clips tight and the shackle bolts free and thoroughly oiled.

In order to protect the beauty of the car it should be given a good bath frequently enough to keep the finish free from grease and dirt.

**Conserving Tires**

It is important not only from the standpoint of ensuring the rider comfort, but also from that of maximum service of automobile tires, to give them frequent testing as to the air pressure. Now that balloon tires have come into general use, there is sometimes a tendency to allow the pres-

sure to become too low, with the result that the fabric in the sides of the tires is encouraged in rapid deterioration. The manufacturers' instruction books usually state the best number of pounds of air pressure to carry in tires under various circumstances.

While there are numerous minor details concerning which the owner of an automobile should be familiar, these which have been given are most essential from the standpoint of operation and care. If they are given adequate attention by owners of automobiles it can be taken for granted that their automobile experience during 1927 will be unusually satisfactory.

**FEDERAL HIGHWAY MILEAGE INCREASES**

A net addition of 9417 miles to the mileage of improved roads in the federal-aid system was made through the completion of projects during the fiscal year 1926, according to the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture. This

brings the total of improved federal-aid roads up to 55,902 miles. The improvement of several transcontinental routes is approaching completion. The entire federal-aid system has an aggregate length of 182,134 miles.

**REPORT MACEDONIA TO BE PROSPERING**

**Remarkable Revival of Salonika and Southern Part of the Country Noted**

Recent visitors to the sites of British camps and battlefields in the world war in the Near East report two significant changes since the end of hostilities. One is the remarkable revival of Salonika as a commercial metropolis, and the other is unexpected development of southern Macedonia. Here were of the danger spots of Europe for more than fifty years, but the changes affecting them during the past six years have been hardly noticed by the outside world.

A large part of the improvement has been due to the efficient leadership of the American Near East Relief in guiding the settlement of 1,500-200 refugees in Greece and also in waging war on malaria, hitherto the insuperable obstacle to agricultural development in Macedonia.

The fire of 1917 destroyed more than three-fourths of the city of Salonika. Today the entire area has been cleared of debris, provided with wide street and boulevards, and rebuilt according to American city-planning methods. The new harbor of Salonika is the largest and most useful in the eastern Mediterranean, and the city which has been built around it has grown from a pre-war population of 200,000 to 500,000.

More than 2,000 new refugee villages have sprung up in the Macedonian plains back of Salonika, and the entire area will be under intensive cultivation this year, for the first time since the days of Alexander the Great.

**AMERICA IN NEED OF MORE FORESTS**

Every country, foresters believe, should have one-third of its land area in forests in order to meet its timber and wood needs, says the forest service of the United States department of agriculture. Our country now has 138,000,000 acres of virgin forests, together with 250,000,000 acres of cut-over land, or a total of only 388,000,000 acres that are really valuable for timber production. This is only one-fifth of our total land area.

In addition to the wood used in buildings and other construction, medicines and clothing, are made thousands of articles, including even from trees or lumber. Furthermore, forests protect game and give enjoyment to hunters and vacationists. They also prevent the washing away of hillsides by heavy rains, and help to check floods by holding back the melting snow and rain water and allowing it to drain off slowly.

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