

### HOW MILLIONS OF FORTUNES DISAPPEAR

IS INTERESTING HISTORY

New York Paper Traces Lessening Estate of Pioneer Rich from Generation to Generation; Details

Impressed with the axiom that money always goes to money, economists a few years ago were wont to speculate on the probable growth of the vast fortunes of the day. Some of them declared that they would eventually become a menace to the state. Within the past few days we have had evidence that these fears were exaggerated. No matter how great a sum one man may gather in his lifetime, it is subject to distribution through natural causes. The final dispersion of the famous Hopkins fortune is a case in point.

Mark Hopkins was a pioneer among American multi-millionaires. Through his part in building the Union Pacific railroad he amassed a fortune which was estimated at his death to be anywhere between \$50,000,000 and \$300,000,000. The disintegration of this sum began at once upon his death. The estate was divided among a number of relatives, the largest part by far going to his widow.

**Adopted Son**  
Before her husband died Mrs. Hopkins had adopted the son of her laundress and indicated that he was to be her heir. Subsequently she married the son of a New England mill hand, Edward F. Searles, whom she had hired to decorate her home. When she died she left Searles her fortune, and the adopted son brought suit. The case was in the courts for years, and was finally settled by Searles for \$3,000,000.

From then on Searles lived a life apart. His closest associates were his secretary, Arthur T. Walker, and an elevator boy, Angelo Milton Ellison, to whom he had taken a fancy. At his death Searles left his fortune, which had shrunk to \$13,000,000, to his secretary. The elevator boy brought suit, and the estate was again tied up in the courts, this time for seven years. Walter finally revealed, according to some estimates, that the Hopkins fortune had decreased to \$5,000,000, which will be distributed among a number of Walker's relatives and friends. Thus the colossal fortune which Mark Hopkins gathered had been dispersed, most of it going to persons in moderate circumstances who were in no way related to him.

**Armour Fortune**  
The dispersion of the great fortune of J. Ogden Armour is even more dramatic. So recent as 1916 Mr. Armour was believed to be worth \$125,000,000. Within five years his fortune collapsed and the question is now raised whether what remains will much more than liquidate his debts. "I have lost so many millions," he is reported to have said just before his death, "that I cannot keep track of them."

Evidently it is much more difficult to keep these vast fortunes intact than it is to gather them, hard as that is.—New York Post.

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### MAKE SURVEY OF AUTO TIRE WEAR

SERIES OF TESTS GIVEN

Conclusions Reached Result of Experiment of University of Kansas and Government Agencies

A study of the wear of automobile tires has been made to determine, as far as possible, the destructive effect of different types of road surfaces on the tread rubber, or that, in so far as possible, surfaces may be so improved as to make the total cost of building and maintaining road surfaces and of operating the traffic over them a minimum, according to Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor Club. The cost of tires is one element of the cost of operating motor vehicles and may well be studied.

The University of Kansas, co-operating with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the State College of Washington, has conducted a series of tests in an effort to determine the loss of tread rubber caused by several types of road surfaces, including concrete, brick and bitulithic pavements, penetration macadam, and several types of gravel and broken stone. The following tentative conclusions have been drawn from the data now available:

- Conclusions Reached**
1. Tire wear increases with the speed.
  2. Tire wear increases with the temperature. High temperatures are very destructive to tires.
  3. The wear of rear tires is greater than that of front tires, the relative wear of rear tires being 2000 per cent on smooth pavements, and as little as 118 per cent on gravel surfaces, probably averaging 150 per cent on the wear on front tires.
  4. Tire wear per ton of car is probably constant for any given road surface, when size of tire, load and inflation pressure are determined by a single standard.
  5. A few records of bus companies show actual tire mileage life on different road surfaces in approximate agreement with tire wear tests on similar surfaces.
  6. Relative tire wear index numbers, based upon average concrete pavements as 1.0 are approximately 2.0 for good gravel and macadam, 4.0 and 5.0 for average western macadam or uncrushed chert gravels, and may be as high as 10 or 11 for unusually unfavorable surfaces. Based upon tire wear alone, average size cord tires should show a life of 20,000 to 24,000 miles upon pavements; 10,000 to 12,000 miles on good gravel or macadam, and as little as 2,000 to 4,000 miles upon unfavorable surfaces. The corresponding costs per vehicle mile are about 0.5 cents for pavements, 1.0 cents for average gravel or best macadam, 2.3 cents for average macadam, and maybe as much as 5 cents per vehicle upon road surfaces of loose, sharp-edged stones.

### BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat Doings

John W. Carney, a resident of Lake county for his 61 years of life, died in the Victory Memorial hospital in Waukegan last week, after a short illness.

Death last week closed the active and useful life of Miss Mary Elizabeth Kirk, a daughter of the late Senator George Kirk, a resident of Waukegan for all of her 74 years. She died at her home, 1418 North avenue, in that city.

David E. Clarke, a resident of Waukegan for thirty years died last week at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., according to a telegram received Friday afternoon by Waukegan relatives. Death, which occurred Friday morning at 10:45 o'clock, was due to heart disease, of which he had been critically ill nearly two months. He was 63 years old.

Mrs. Hazel Beman of 433 Brainerd street, Libertyville, while walking about her home recently, stepped on a needle. The object became imbedded in her foot, creating a painful injury. It was necessary for Mrs. Beman to undergo an operation in the Victory Memorial hospital to remove the needle.

William H. Mohrmann, former attorney, bakery owner and lastly a farmer, and a lifelong resident of Waukegan and Lake county, died in the Victory Memorial hospital last week after having suffered a stroke of paralysis at his farm home, located near Gurnee, last night. The deceased was 63 years of age.

The clerk's and bar docket for the October term of the circuit court, is by far the biggest ever printed for the court which has been buried in a flood of cases in spite of the fact that three jurists have been trying to trim down the docket. The book carries 144 pages showing cases in criminal, chancery and law sides of the docket. This is about 44 pages greater than any previous book.

**A SLIP OF THE CHISEL**  
A Nebraskan recently filed suit against the company that misspelled his uncle's name on a tombstone. Probably considered it a monumental error.—Farm and Fireside.

**AMERICA'S PANTRY**  
No one who has munched a bread crust or demolished a plate of cereal could ever be lonesome in Minneapolis.—Woman's Home Companion.

**YES, MANY MORE**  
More than one attorney picks up some coins as he lays down the law.—Farm and Fireside.

### MIGRATORY BIRDS ON INCREASE, SAYS REPORT

Deputy Chief United States Game Warden Declares Federal Act in Cause

A statement by Deputy Chief United States Game Warden Talbot Denmead says that many migratory birds are increasing as the result of protective legislation by the federal government and by the states. A few years ago the great feeding grounds occupied by ducks, geese, and other migratory birds, were greatly depleted.

Then came "Federal interference." This "interference" was backed up by all of the good sportsmen of the country as well as by manufacturers of guns and ammunition. It was not long before results began to manifest themselves with the improvement referred to in Warden Denmead's statement.

That official urges better enforcement of the existing laws; curbing of the "bootlegging" of ducks killed unlawfully; futher provisions for wildlife refuges; discouragement of drainage projects where the gain to agriculture will not offset to public welfare the loss of the birds and other wild life; better protection of the natural food supply for birds; studies of bird losses from sickness caused by too great concentration, by alkali poison, disease, and oil pollution; and scientific investigation of bird life as a basis for improved legislation.

The game birds listed as on the increase in recent years, are wild geese, canvasback, mallard, redhead, wood, and black ducks, whistling swans, pintails, and coots.


The young people are told to follow in the footprints of great men, and many respond by seeking to emulate the footprints of the track athletes.

President Coolidge has got back to the White House, but the neighbors have not complained that it is any noisier around there than usual.

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