

MANY ACCIDENTS DUE TO COASTING

SLEDS CROSS MOTOR ROADS

Motorists Should Exercise Due Care and Parents Also Urged to Warn Children

So far this winter the accidents and fatalities to child coasters in many parts of the country indicate that neither the motorists, the parents nor yet the municipal officials are directing to this hazard the attention it deserves, according to a statement issued by Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor Club.

"The reports from the safety departments of American Automobile Association motor clubs in many key sections of the country are incomplete, but on the basis of these partial reports, there is no indication that there has been a material reduction in accidents to child coasters during the first part of the winter season," the statement continues.

Motorists' Responsibility
"The motorist's responsibility is to exercise the greatest of precautions in areas where this form of winter sport is being indulged in by youngsters who, in their zeal for its pleasures, forget that it is fraught with many dangers."

Parents, on their part, the statement asserts, should impress upon their children the dangers of sledding in areas other than those set apart specifically for this purpose, and municipal officials should see to it that such zones are designated and police-patrolled immediately upon the opening of the coasting season. It continues:

Constant Alertness
"Constant alertness on the motorist's part is essential. Even the most vigilant parental and police control cannot prevent a child with a sled from regarding almost every hill as open territory for coasting. It is easy to lose sight of the fact that a rapidly moving sled is one of the most difficult conveyances to control. Once started, a sled carries its occupant almost where it will and frequently does lead into the path of an automobile."

"Perhaps a child has no right to be where he is, but he is there and no motorist will attempt to dodge the fact that it is very largely his responsibility to see that no accident results."

"Parents can do a great deal to prevent coasting accidents if they will lose no opportunity to impress upon their children the dangers of this sport at places other than those where there is no traffic or on streets from which vehicles have been diverted. Every gift of a sled should be accompanied by the very definite caution that its use is restricted to locations where there is no motor traffic."

Set Apart Areas
"Each municipality should see to it that areas are designated for this sport from which all other activities are barred. This is the practice of a majority of the alert municipal governments of the country and one that should be adopted by all others. Barricades should be erected definitely closing the street to all traffic."

"In addition to diverting traffic, it is an excellent idea to patrol such streets, for when they become crowded, some of the daring spirits among the children are tempted to go to nearby thoroughfares. The most effective way of dissuading them from such a dangerous step is through positive action on the part of the police."
"If this course is followed generally, it will relieve winter of one of its greatest traffic hazards. Its negligible cost and relatively slight inconvenience more than justify it as a nation wide practice," Mr. Hayes concludes.

WOMEN GRADUALLY GET WEALTH OF THE WORLD

Prediction That in Century They Will Dominate; What a World!

Women are gradually getting all the wealth of the world in their hands and in the next century will dominate the world, experts on financial statistics in New York declare. Figures from various sources on the subject collected by the Woman's Home Companion show that forty-one per cent of all checking accounts in the country are in the names of women, either alone or jointly with men. In the eastern states it is found that eighty per cent of all savings accounts are in the names of women. In the New York telephone company \$680,000,000 worth of stock is held by women and tax returns show an increasing number of great fortunes concentrating into hands of women.

Psychologists attribute the movement of wealth to the fact that the average woman's span of life is ten years longer than that of men and add that since women love power they will dominate the world at the beginning of the next century.

It is hoped that Congress will be able to finish its work before the presidential conventions, but they should be careful not to adjourn before the campaign speeches are all made.

"ORPHAN GOOSE" IS LIKE SOME PARTIES

SIMILARITY IS SHOWN

Independent Political Organizations Usually Get Cold Reception in Race for Popularity

"Out in the somnolent suburb of Glendora, in Sig Eisman's barnyard there is an outcast goose shunned by all the other geese and ganders," says the New York Times. "If it tries to mix with them they hiss. When it feeds it feeds alone."

"The sad goose was hatched last spring under a hen which had mothered it after her own setting of ten chicken eggs had been stolen. From that moment the hen-mothered goose has been ostracized by all the other water-fowl in the yard."

Is "Orphan" Goose
"This bird talks with a high nasal honk and apparently doesn't even know true goose language," says Eisman. "It is positively the last goose I will ever hatch under a hen, because it's a losing game. The goose is going to starve."

There is a political lesson to be drawn from this humble story of the goose that was hatched but never got any place, says the National Republic. This is campaign year. And in every presidential year we have the threat of a new party, a party which will be neither one think nor the other, hatched in a non-partisan way, without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity, as the old story had it. Sometimes the new party is never hatched but there is always a threat that it will be. The year 1928 will prove no exception. Already there are gentle tapings on the political egg shell which indicate that efforts are being made by irregulars to break into the great American political arena.

Like Some Parties
But past experiences have shown that motherless and fatherless political poultry house as the unfortunate goose, mentioned above, is getting in the New Jersey barnyard.

Each time after the strange party has hatched, honked more or less feebly, and passed into oblivion, its survivors exclaim as Mr. Eisman is quoted above: "never again for me." Yet every few years some one does it again with the same disastrous results. Let us hope the independents will be wiser in 1928. America has always been a land of major political parties and the bloc system has never yet been able to dominate the situation. If it ever does and the unaccustomed fledglings come into their own, we must be prepared to say goodbye to American political principles. The entire poultry yard will starve then, the strange geese along with the rest. Let us see that fundamental American principles, which are the real eggs, shall not be stolen.

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BUSINESS MEN AND SOCIAL AGENCIES

CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL

Writer in Welfare Magazine Points Out Need of Co-ordination of Work For Benefits

"The way must be found to bring social work and business men into a productive partnership."

Thus Wilfred S. Reynolds, director of the Chicago Council of Social Agencies, sums up the main problem in welfare activities in an article, entitled "Co-operation in Social Work" in the February issue of the "Welfare Magazine."

The author traces the growth of social work from the early days of the country's history when the pioneers of the first settlements were sufficient unto themselves, to the present day when thousands of needy must be cared for or assisted in their struggle for existence.

Neighborly Acts
In speaking of the pioneers, he wrote, "To these people social work was unknown," but "in the neighborly acts of these folk is found the kind of soil out of which the tap roots of modern social work were to spring."

In the voluntary nursing groups, in the way orphans were cared for, in the old-fashioned neighborhood gatherings, "may be found the underlying ideas and ideals which have gone into the organized social work as represented today by family rehabilitation, public health nursing, child welfare, recreation, character building and all the rest of it."

With the rapid changes in the industrial and commercialized world came "a society which produced greater individual and family tragedies than were found in our more simple community and for whose relief an entirely different process of treatment became necessary. Gradually

services to minister to the various phases of individual and family distress and social maladjustment were organized, financed and operated, throughout our American communities. In this era of social work building, altruistic initiative was given a free rein."

Duplication of Effort
This free rein policy finally resulted in duplication of effort, overlapping of service and missing links of overlooked needs, the author explains, which showed a "specific need for a leadership and guidance to make sure that social work in any community is a perfect composite of its individual parts and to establish social work as an essentially co-operative enterprise."

And thus has come the need for complete co-operation among social agencies and between social work and business men, whose support is essential to the continuance of welfare work. The two tendencies toward a co-operative system are known as Councils of Social Agencies and Community Chests or Financial Federations.

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VARYING PRICES FOR GASOLINE IN STATES

Forty-seven different prices are charged for gasoline throughout the United States, the Chicago Motor club has been advised by the American Automobile association which recently conducted a survey, through its affiliated organizations, to determine the various motor fuel costs. The lowest figure for straight run gasoline was 10 cents at Peoria, Ill., while the highest was 27 cents at Phoenix, Arizona.

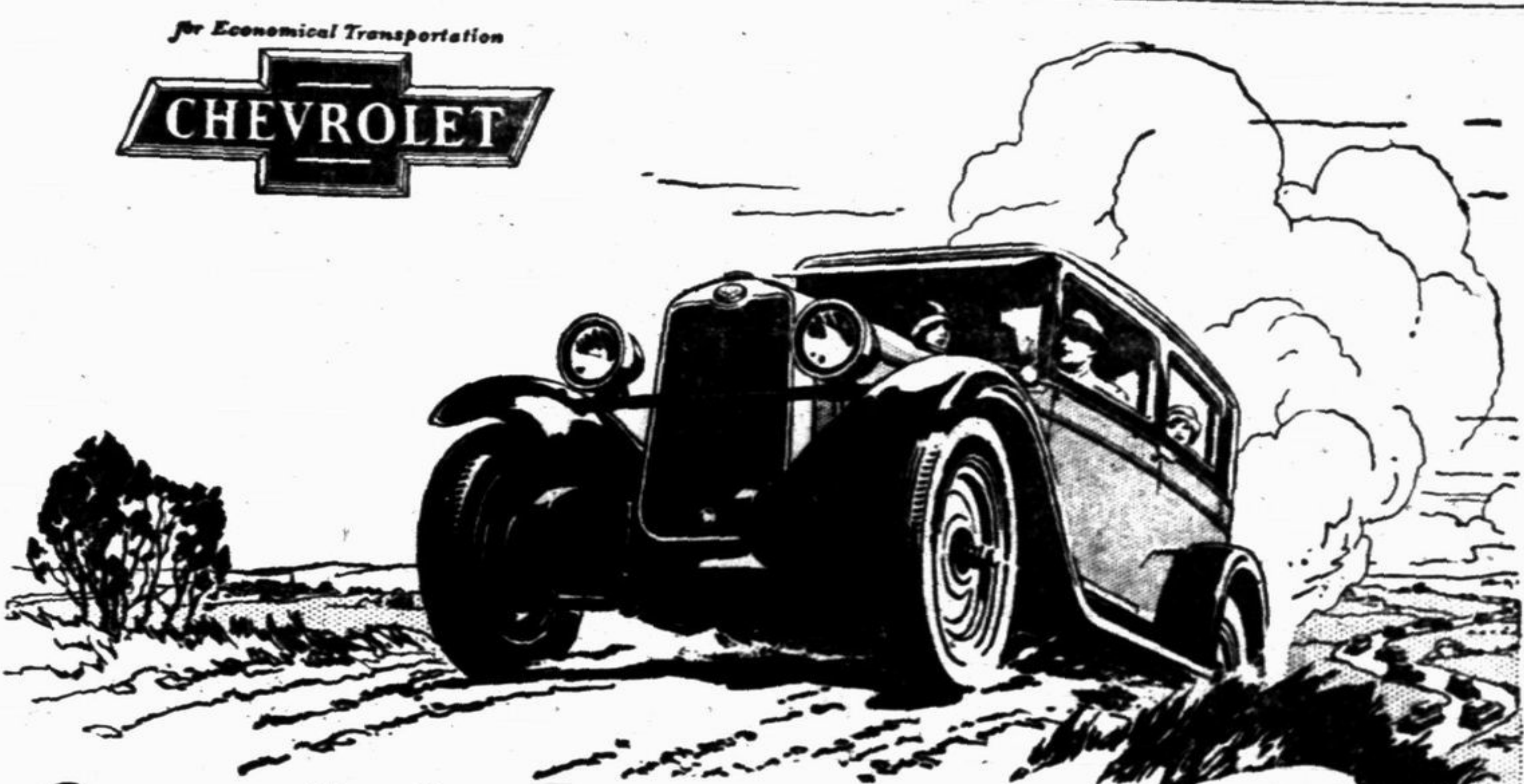
The Mississippi valley average is the

lowest recorded by the survey, being 19 cents, while the average on the Pacific coast is 20 cents and on the Atlantic seaboard is 28 cents. All of these figures are without special state taxes, which range from one cent to five cents a gallon.

A member of the British nobility was recently pitched out of a motor-boat into a choppy English Channel sea. That must have calmed the waves at once. There's nothing like pouring an earl on troubled waters.—Farm & Fireside.

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