

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLANNED BY LEAGUE

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patriotic efforts of the League of Women Voters for increased interest in the franchise, deserve the enthusiastic support of every citizen who believes in the stability of our institutions and the permanence of popular government."

The New Republic—"The New Republic has observed on more than one occasion that there is no organization of men, in the political field, one-half so intelligent, efficient, and devoted as the League of Women Voters."

Among the measures for support this year on the State league program, is the Motor Drivers' License.

Urges Importance

"Senate Bill No. 1, identical with House Bill 36, is of vital concern to every citizen," announces Mrs. Harold White, chairman of the Joint Committee on Motor Driver's License, speaking over WGN for the League of Women Voters. "It is proposed as a preventive measure to the deadliest of modern epidemics. Last year in Illinois, automobiles killed more people than diphtheria, smallpox, infantile paralysis and typhoid, combined.

"There are two objects of this Motor Driver's License Law: to eliminate the unfit drivers by examination, and to control the remainder by licensing, the licenses to be subject to suspension and revocation by the proper authorities.

"First of all, it should be understood that this is a tried and proven life-saving measure, in use in 13 other states, some of which adopted it as early as 1919. No state that has ever passed this law has ever repealed it.

Judge Can't See Sport in Herding Geese with Airplane; Fines Hunter

The tenderfoot who was sent to round up the lambs on a western sheep ranch, and at nightfall closed the corral on 50 panting jackrabbits, met his match recently in two not-Oklahomans who set out in an airplane to ride herd on a flock of wild geese.

They succeeded, but too well. Circling about the river banks they forced together an enormous flock, and drove the birds southward along the river. Here "hunters" were waiting in blinds, and fired almost point-blank into the mass of birds.

The fun was taken out of this new form of slaughter, however, when the "herd riders" in the airplane learned that game wardens had witnessed the incident. Oklahoma, like many other states with progressive fish and game commissions, prohibits the hunting of birds from airplanes, and the two airplane pilots paid fines of \$131 each.

The financial experts on the metropolitan papers assure us that money is plentiful—but where is it?

A lot of people are trying to reform the calendar and our opinion is that the best way to reform it would be to cut out rent day.

NORTHWESTERN MAY TRY DIESEL ENGINE

Possibility of Use of This Type Oil-Electric Power for Trains Discussed

The possibility of using Diesel-electric locomotives on the Northwestern line between Milwaukee and Chicago, as a means of abolishing the smoke and dirt of steam operation without the tremendous expense of complete electrification, is the subject of a careful survey at present, according to H. M. Eicholtz, assistant general manager, says a newspaper report.

Heads of the road have spent several years studying electrification methods, but have come to the conclusion that present business conditions do not warrant the heavy outlay which would be necessary if the entire road were electrified. The Diesel-electric idea is being investigated with the hope that locomotives operated by that principal may soon become as efficient as electric cars.

"There is a possibility that the Diesel unit may be developed in the near future to the point where it may replace the steam locomotive and do as well as the all-electric system," Mr. Eicholtz said. "There are such locomotives now, powered by Diesel engines burning a low grade oil and running an electric plant that provides the motor power. They are able to haul tonnage, but they are not speedy enough for passenger service and long runs.

"If these locomotives are developed sufficiently, we believe they will give service equal to electrification and at a great saving in initial cost. Electrification will cost many millions for the erection of trolleys, plant, and other equipment.

"There would be another advantage in the Diesel-electric locomotive.

When an electric railroad line has a failure to the plant, every train in that particular area becomes tied up. That has happened already on some electric roads. But if a one-unit Diesel locomotive failed, its train would be the only one affected and another engine could be sent out to haul it in."

Plans of the North Western road to put 100-foot steam locomotives into passenger service between Chicago, Milwaukee and the Twin Cities are held up because it will be necessary first to strengthen bridges in the Chicago suburban district, according to Mr. Eicholtz. These engines

are heavy and will pull many more cars than now are carried in a train.

"That would be an \$800,000 job and conditions are not right now to go ahead with it," he said. "The chief aim in using the new locomotives is to provide greater comfort to the passenger on the high speed, de luxe trains. Engines with roller bearings start more smoothly and handle the train much better than other types."

Three engines of this type will be placed into service within a short time on the Omaha road, a subsidiary of the North Western, between Adams, Wis., and the Twin Cities.

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