

URGE EDUCATION TO CURB DEATHS

State Auto Body Scores Pending Legislation

Condemnation of attempts to decrease automobile deaths by new legislation and charges that motorists are persecuted were made in a statement issued by the Illinois State Automobile association this week. The motor club urges education of both motorists and pedestrians as a means of solving the problem which has been confronting all American cities recently. The following is its statement:

"Compulsion, threats, laws, rules, prosecution, persecution—or licensing—will not decrease automobile accidents as the number of motor vehicles increases on the streets and highways. Most authorities, who have studied and analyzed the situation, agree that these methods offer no solution to the problem of accident reduction," points out the Illinois State Automobile Association in a bulletin commenting on driver's license legislation.

"Yet these are the tactics employed by the legislators and police in their attempt to control the situation.

"The true solution lies in educating the public—motor vehicle driver and pedestrian alike—to remember the rights of others and, through co-operation, see to it that neither infringes upon the other.

Must Educate Public

"When motorists get in the frame of mind that they must be good drivers—and to be poor or reckless drivers will bring upon them the scorn of the public—automobile mishaps of every character will automatically diminish.

"When pedestrians realize that 'jay-walking' will condemn them to ridicule, the 'unavoidable' accidents will be practically eliminated.

"Illinois legislators at Springfield are still trying to curb automobile accidents by legislation, through which the authorities may threaten, prosecute and persecute the motorist. No notice, however, is taken of that other important factor in these troubles—the pedestrian.

"Four bills are now pending before the state legislature on this subject: two so-called 'Wolff' bills, providing for examining and licensing of every motor vehicle driver in Illinois, the revocation of licenses for the violation of this law, and the creation of a state-wide bureaucracy to enforce it—the second being a slight modification of the original; the 'Barr' bill, which is a further modification of the 'Wolff' bills, but which retains the undesirable feature of licensing drivers; and the 'Searcy' bill, which amends the present Motor Vehicle Act to provide for revocation of the state registration license where a driver is proven reckless or incompetent, but eliminating both examining and licensing of drivers.

Pending Bills Worthless

"Neither of the 'Wolff' bills nor the 'Barr' bill is satisfactory or feasible. The 'Wolff' bills are a vicious attempt to impose another tax upon the motor vehicle for revenue purposes, to control the owners and drivers by radical, drastic laws, enforced by political appointees. Legislation of this character is subversive of good government.

"The 'Barr' bill is innocuous and is merely a substitute for the 'Wolff' bills, but by retaining the licensing of drivers it also imposes an added tax for revenue on motor vehicles.

"Education of the street-using public is the only feasible solution of this great question. No one can prevent children from running heedlessly into the street in front of an automobile, but care and instruction by the parents will do much to relieve this condition.

MARMON SALES EXCEED OUTPUT

March Shows Remarkable Upward Trend

Continuing the record breaking climb that was begun when the new Series 74 line was announced last November, Marmon sales in March exceeded the sales for any one month since the new models have been on the market and were greater than the sales made in any one March since 1920, according to a report from the factory sales department of Nordyke and Marmon company received by F. C. Heaney, Evanston, Marmon dealer. The outlook is the most encouraging in the history of the company, with all indications pointing to a yearly sales volume for 1925 exceeding all previous records in Marmon's history.

According to a report received by Mr. Heaney sales in March were greater by 45 percent than the sales in February, the preceding month. Likewise, factory shipments have increased accordingly, the report shows.

The factory is at capacity production to meet the demand. The demand has been general, with the three models of the standard line—the five and seven-passenger Sedan and the five-passenger

Brougham Coupe—leading slightly in shipments. The deluxe line of enclosed cars, with luxurious interior appointments and distinctive features of design, also has met with outstanding popularity, Mr. Heaney says.

Bucharest, the capital city of Roumania, is a bigger city than Denver, Colorado, but Denver has over seven times as many telephones as Bucharest.

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