

URGES SPORTSMANSHIP IN DRIVING MOTOR CAR

**Motor Club Executive Says
Handling of Car is much the
Same as Playing Golf**

"Have you ever realized how much work you do when you participate in your favorite sport," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club. "For example, just look at the work you do when you play golf. You rush to get through at the office, you dash madly to your car, spend a tedious time negotiating a corrugated road, and when you do reach the course you wait in a broiling sun for your turn at the first tee. You trudge miles over a hilly course, stopping to fish in muddy water for the ball, and you think nothing of whacking around in the rough for half an hour in search of your piece of wound-up rubber. All this, and yet you call it sport!

"Why not the same thing with your driving in traffic? Why not take the wheel and call your driving sport instead of work? Why not regard every annoyance and problem as something against which to match your wits?

"Play that difficult parking space as you would play a difficult poker hand. Study your gear shift as you would your stance at golf. Give your steering the same attention you would give to your wrist motion at tennis.

"When driving a car becomes sheer work it becomes burdensome, which is the same as saying that it becomes unsafe. The man who is annoyed by every little thing is bound to give too much attention to details and thus overlook safety, which is always the main feature. He may become so annoyed over the fact that the car ahead of him is parked too far from the curb that in proceeding to park his own car he forgets to make sure that there are no children playing in the street behind him.

"On the other hand, the man who tackles his driving as he would a game simply regards the car in front of him as a hazzard or an obstacle to be played. It is so much less important than the many other hazards en route that he gives it but passing notice. Thus his attention is not diverted from the more important task of looking out for human safety. As a matter of fact if a driver does not consciously recognize the fact that driving a car is a game he is not a good sportsman and should be barred from the road. The world has no place for the grouch driver. He is dangerous.

"Half of traffic troubles, and accidents are the result of incompetence, which is a sort of mental paralysis brought on by fear. This incompetence could be overcome by sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is, in fact, the best cure for it. The true motorist, like the true sportsman, never takes an unfair advantage. He waits for pedestrians to cross the street, he does not try to crowd in ahead of his turn in a traffic jam, he does not dodge in and out of traffic, he drives surely, safely, and like a sportsman. In other words, he is a gentleman driver and has fun being one.

"Nowhere is the need for sportsmanship in driving greater than in traffic."

PAY ELECTRIC DIVIDENDS

Regular and special dividends to be paid by the electric department of the village into the general fund were approved by the Village council at its meeting this week. The regular dividend is 8 per cent, amounting, in this case, to \$34,780.35. The special dividend of \$80,000 is paid in accordance with the five-year financial program and general fund budget adopted at the beginning of the fiscal year.

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