

Left Hand Drive on Automobiles One of Ford's Inventions

A worn and tattered Ford car catalog bearing the date of 1908, now in the archives of the Ford Motor Company, graphically illustrates the infant stage of the world's great industry and also provides some interesting comparisons with a number of features of automotive engineering often quoted as new developments.

Back in 1908 the question of from which side the car should be controlled was regarded as of little importance. Henry Ford, however, recognized the fact that when automobiles became as popular as he intended to make them, safety in traffic would be greatly increased by the left hand drive. So, with the advent of the model T, Mr. Ford pioneered the move to popularize this type of control.

As the number of automobiles increased, other manufacturers recognized the soundness of his vision and followed his precedent until within a few years virtually every car made in America was left hand drive.

The torque tube drive, now one of the outstanding construction features of many of the finest American and European automobiles, was invented by Henry Ford and applied to the first Ford model T in 1908. The multiple disc clutch is frequently quoted as a "new improvement," yet a multiple disc constantly bathed in oil was one of the features of the 1908 model T.

Mrs. W. P. Happ, 890 Elm street, has received word from her son Theodore, who is on a motor trip through northern Wisconsin, that the wash-outs along the highways are exceedingly bad. Theodore wrote of one seventy mile detour he was forced to make.

Establishes Taxi Firm in Hubbard Woods Area

William Merrill, who for several years bore the sobriquet of Winnetka's "Millionaire policeman", has launched upon a taxi cab business entitled, "Hubbard Woods Taxi Service." Offices of the company are located at 915 Linden avenue.

Three cabs have been placed in service—all metered—and others will be brought to the village in the immediate future, Mr. Merrill explains.

It is the purpose of the new taxi company to provide efficient transportation for the Hubbard Woods and south Glencoe area.

SELL NORTHBROOK ACRES

Henry Keeling of Northbrook, has sold thirty-five acres north of Dundee road adjoining the new Skokie Valley route, to a syndicate of Evanston men who purchased for investment. Hokanson and Jenks, Inc., represented all parties as brokers and will have charge of the resale of the property.

The Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin of the Congregational church, has as his guests this week his sister, Mrs. J. S. Custer, and her sons, Edwin and Thomas, of Lawrenceville, N. J., who arrived in Winnetka Wednesday.

Mrs. Louis P. Zinke, 375 Woodlawn avenue, Glencoe, entertained at tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Charles Pitkin of Pittsburgh, formerly of Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. M. Miller of 936 Elm street, with their three daughters and two sons, have just returned from a trip to Keokuk, Iowa.

Miss Hazel Flanagan of Chicago spent the last week-end with Mrs. George R. Cooke, 395 Elder lane.

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