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Grade Crossings Take Usual Heavy Life Toll

During 1927, persons killed at grade crossings numbered 2,371, and 6,613 were injured, according to information received by the accident prevention department of the Chicago Motor club. A report just completed by the American Road Builders' association in cooperation with the Interstate Commerce commission shows that 206,533 unprotected grade crossings existed on class 1 steam railroads alone at the beginning of 1927, while there were only 27,747 protected crossings. Of the latter, 6,148 were guarded by gates, 7,760 by watchmen; 6,427 by audible and visible signals; 5,308 by audible signals only, and 2,204 by visible signal only.

Notwithstanding this apparently high rate of fatalities, the safety section of the American Railway association recently issued figures tending to show that the number of persons killed in grade crossing accidents in 1927 was per cent less than in 1926, although there was an increase in the number of automobiles on the highways.

Canada Popular Host to American Motor Tourist

Canada has made the most of her opportunities to play host to Americans planning vacation trips outside the borders of their own country. Last year approximately \$200,000,000 was received from visiting tourists, and more than 95 per cent of this amount was estimated to have come from the United States, says a bulletin issued by the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club. The bulletin points out that the value of the tourist traffic is increasing \$200,000,000 in 1927.

Hupmobile Sales Rooms Occupy New Winnetka Location

Work of remodeling the building at 548 Lincoln avenue for its conversion from an electric power plant to one of the most modern automobile salesrooms and service stations on the north shore, has been completed, and Gould C. Davis, Inc., announces the formal opening of the Hupmobile headquarters there Friday of this week.

Large sections of the brick walls have been converted into display windows. The salesroom, 36x52 feet, and floored with a light terra cotta colored covering harmonizing with the drapes and other furnishings, now houses a complete line of the 1929 Century models of the Hupmobile.

In an adjoining room is an equally up-to-date service station

The new north shore home of the Hupmobile is splendidly favored as to location, being directly north of the Elm street station of the North Shore line, with display windows visible from Lincoln avenue and Elm street and also from the trains.

General Tires Built for Mileage Records

"Not until 1931 or 1932 will motorists who are purchasing new General tires this summer again be likely prospects for new tires," says L. E. Starkel of Quality Tire shop, local distributors, who points out that the General tires of this year have been made for many thousand miles of wear over all kinds of roads. "Keeping the mileage records on General tires will be a long drawn out job, stretching over a number of steadily ranging from \$83,734,000 in years," Mr. Starkel says. At the 1920 on up to \$148,940,000 in 1924, and same time these tires are the lowest in price they have been for fifteen years.

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Safety Council Seeks Legislation on Brakes

Decision to ask legislation requiring rigid testing of brakes on all automobiles was made by the board introl of the Evanston Safety coun' its last meeting. Viewing defect faulty brakes as one of the car many accidents, this body v onfer with Senator James A r and Congressman Ralph (erning the possibility for le on the question. ses where hedges are provi

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