

Eight Mechanics on Winter Staff at Skokie Garage

There is one man who doesn't weep when the cool breezes begin to blow and force folks to don the old overcoat and that man is the garage owner. There is considerable difference between the business of a garage in summer and in winter. For instance, listen to this from Mr. Ramsey, foreman at the Skokie Motor company garage on Main street in Wilmette:

"We're just putting another mechanic to work in our garage. The cool weather has made it necessary to increase the number of men on the job and now five are kept busy. Our usual summer staff is four mechanics, but in winter we have eight. That just doubles the workers and the work

is at least twice as heavy in the winter as in the summer."

The Skokie company which is the north shore Ford dealer handles forty cars during the winter and in this connection there is an interesting point.

FALLS AS BAD AS ACCIDENTS

"Truth is stranger than fiction," and in this particular case, statistics recently compiled show us that the average person has as great a chance of being injured through a fall as that of being maimed or injured by automobile.

Popular Science Monthly, who made the survey, included over 22,000 accidents which occurred outside of industry. Of this amount, 6,647 were caused by automobiles, which 4,524 were attributed to falls. Persons getting in or out of beds who suffered injuries were 73. Athletes indulging in sports of some kind or other receiving injuries numbered 4,542.

Gasoline Waste Will Soon Be Turned Into a Profit

"The oil industry soon will vie with the packing trade, which utilizes all of the pig but the squeal," says a recent news item. Formerly what is called "lean gas" has been worthless because of its low gasoline content, and the large quantities of it found in Texas gas fields have never been utilized.

Now a company is erecting a new type of refinery which will extract gasoline from this once wasted product.

This is another example of the progress the oil industry is making in effecting economy in operation and efficiency in production. In the past few years great strides have been made; many by-products that previously were considered so much waste matter have been forced to yield a value.

Elegance Honors Are Won in Europe by Graham-Paige

Now we have something new for automobiles. Carl Hanson of Winnetka, Graham-Paige dealer, reports that he has received information from the factory that Graham-Paige has achieved new international honors by winning a prize in Switzerland's first international elegance competition. The event was held at Lucerne and a Graham-Paige was the only American car to win a prize.

Thirty leading makes of European and American automobiles were paraded before the board of judges. First and second prizes went to custom-built European cars; an Isotto-Fraschini (Italian) and a Martigny (Swiss). An eight-cylinder Graham-Paige five-passenger sedan was third, winning the highest award for cars carrying standard production bodies.

In a similar contest at Karlsbad, Czecho-Slovakia, a Graham-Paige took the prize in its class, defeating such European cars as the Skoda, Horch, Isotto-Fraschini, and Tatra, besides other American entries.

Mr. Hanson also has received word that Graham-Paige has begun the erection of a mill at Perry, Fla., to supply dimension-cut hardwoods to the Graham-Paige body plants at Wayne, Mich., and Evansville, Ind. The new mill, costing \$150,000, will have 50,000 square feet of floor space, with nine dry kilns 20x150 feet. Its production capacity will be 60,000 board feet a day.

By drying and cutting the wood to dimensions before shipping to the body plants, the new mill will effect a great saving in transportation costs, as these operations eliminate 20 per cent of the weight. Perry is a center of hardwood timber operations in Florida.

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