



## Lawns Should Be Renewed Now

If you are planning to make a new lawn this fall, the seed should be sown now. Old lawns may well be renovated and renewed this month. Fall is nature's time for germinating grass seed. Best results are always obtained by following nature's methods.

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## Best Paved Area Has Most Autos, Registration Shows

The best paved area in the world has more automobiles than any other similar population center. Wayne county, Michigan, in which Detroit is located, has the equivalent of 766 miles of rigid, rural pavements, 18 feet wide, or better still the equivalent of 345 miles of 40-foot pavement, according to the annual Wayne County road report. Just what effect these good roads have had on automobile purchases may be judged by the registration figures which show that Detroit and Wayne county together have 422,000 cars, or one car for every four persons.

### BIG JOB FOR FORD COMPANY

The Ford Motor company is faced with the prospects of filling a million orders for cars, a condition which assures it an unbroken period of activity for many months to come, regardless of what the daily output may be.

## Seven States Act to Protect Owner From "Short Gas"

Although motorists spent \$2,350,000,000 for gasoline and oil in 1927, only seven states have taken action to protect the car owners from short measures, comments an official of the Chicago Motor Club.

"A recent survey by the American Automobile association revealed that the motoring public is fleeced of approximately \$20,000,000 a year through 'short sales' of motor fuels," he pointed out. "It is deplorable that so few states have made provision for checking the sales of 317,000 gas stations and 604,000 pumps that were in operation last year.

"The seven states that check these sales are California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. Illinois is one of the twenty-five commonwealths which have passed protective legislation but are without sufficient appropriations with which to enforce those laws.

### States Need Legislation

"The states in need of such legislation are Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico and North Dakota. Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile association, urged in a bulletin addressed to 1,065 motor clubs affiliated with the A. A. A., that a program be launched immediately to check the losses sustained by motorists in purchasing gasoline and oil.

"The principal recommendations of the national motoring body are, first, immediate adoption of new legislation on weights and measures by those states wherein there is no law of this sort or the existing legislation is inadequate; secondly, the creation of state and local enforcement organizations with an efficient personnel; thirdly, sufficient appropriations by the legislatures to enable the organizations to operate efficiently every day of the year.

"It is expected that the National Conference on Weights and Measures, the United States Bureau of Standards, and responsible gas and oil companies and filling station owners, will led their maximum cooperation in a determined drive to rid the highways of dishonest station proprietors and pilfering pump attendants."

### Ballot on Bond Issues in 6 States

Also it is pointed out that six states will ballot November 6 on bond issues totaling \$330,000,000 for the purpose of constructing new concrete roads, while five other states are formulating programs providing for bond issues aggregating \$555,000,000.

Iowa heads the former group, according to a report from the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, with a contemplated \$100,000,000 bond issue to be used in retiring and replacing some \$60,000,000 already expended for highway construction. Missouri will vote on an issue of \$75,000,000. Colorado's program provides for a \$60,000,000 issue. Pennsylvania's ballots will contain a proposal to issue \$50,000,000 worth of bonds. West Virginia is planning to expend \$35,000,000, and California seeks \$10,000,000 with which to eliminate grade crossings.

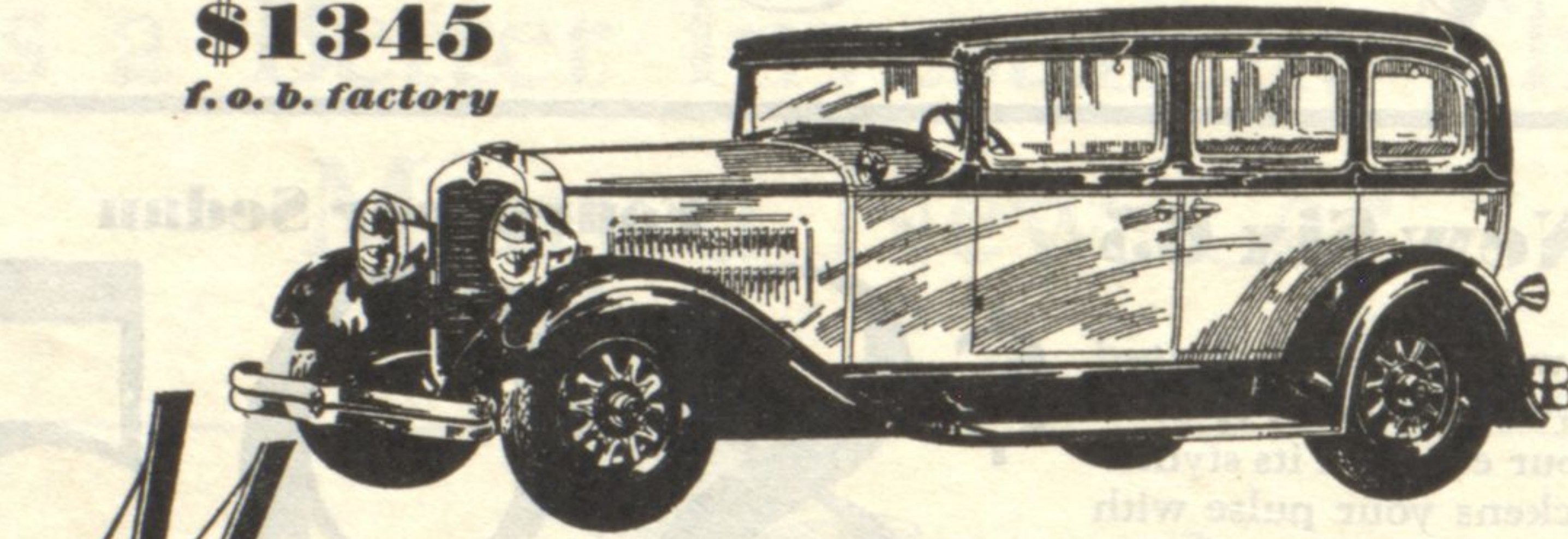
With respect to those states in which the propositions are still in the tentative stage, Texas is talking in terms of \$300,000,000, with which to redeem county bonds expended for state highways, and to further the state highway system. Georgia contemplates seeking \$150,000,000 for the same purpose. Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama are moving towards issues of \$50,000,000, \$30,000,000 and \$25,000,000, respectively.

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