

Car for Every Pocketbook Is Boast of Omaha Dealers

Omaha Auto Theft Squad Has Record

Remarkable Average of 94 Per Cent of Cars Stolen in City Recovered by Police.

Pszanowski Is in Charge

The automobile theft bureau of the Omaha police department is considered by authorities to be one of the most efficient departments in the United States and is conceded by the Automobile Protective and Information bureau of Chicago to be second to none.

The record of the Omaha bureau for the recovery of stolen automobiles is remarkable. For the year 1924 this bureau recovered 721 stolen automobiles, of which number were included 87 cars stolen from cities other than Omaha.

J. J. Pszanowski, inspector of police, organized the automobile bureau on June 1, 1921, and because of the remarkable work of himself and the men of this department has retained command of the bureau since its inauguration.

Inspector Pszanowski takes particular pride in the department and the work of the men under his command and is constantly in touch with every phase of this branch of police work.

Due to the efficient work of the members of the auto squad, organized bands of automobile thieves, such as are now operating in other cities, have given Omaha a wide berth.

The percentage of recoveries of stolen automobiles has increased each year until the remarkable average of 94 per cent of all cars stolen in Omaha are recovered and returned to their owners.

The personnel of the department is as follows: J. J. Pszanowski, inspector of police, commanding; P. E. Daly, secretary to inspector Pszanowski; Detectives Robert Heller, John J. Montag, Joseph T. Miklas, Valentine Bugiewicz, William F. Cich, Harvey L. Bolan, Leo Hays and Frank Freeman.

Inspector Pszanowski declares that approximately 40 per cent of the automobiles reported stolen are "crooked" losses, due to the fact that the cars are over-insured and it is the owners desire that the car be stolen; others have wheel locks and transmission locks placed on their automobiles in order to get the reduced insurance rates and they will leave the keys in the locks. The majority of automobile thieves arrested in the past four years say that the ignition, wheel, and transmission keys were in the locks when they stole the cars.

Arrest Garage Thieves. During the past week Automobile Detectives William Cich and Lloyd Bolan and Detectives Kimball and Fielding have been instrumental in the arrest of Earl Kiva and Louis Hertz, who have made it a business of breaking into garages and stealing tires, batteries and other automobile accessories. Detectives Cich and Bolan have in the past week, recovered property stolen by Kiva and Hertz to the amount of \$4,500.

Kiva and Hertz have confessed to about 25 burglary jobs and the officers have been successful in locating and returning to the owners practically all of the property stolen.

The police department is handicapped to a great extent in the apprehension and conviction of tire and accessory thieves because of the fact that the majority of automobile owners cannot positively identify tires and accessories stolen from them.

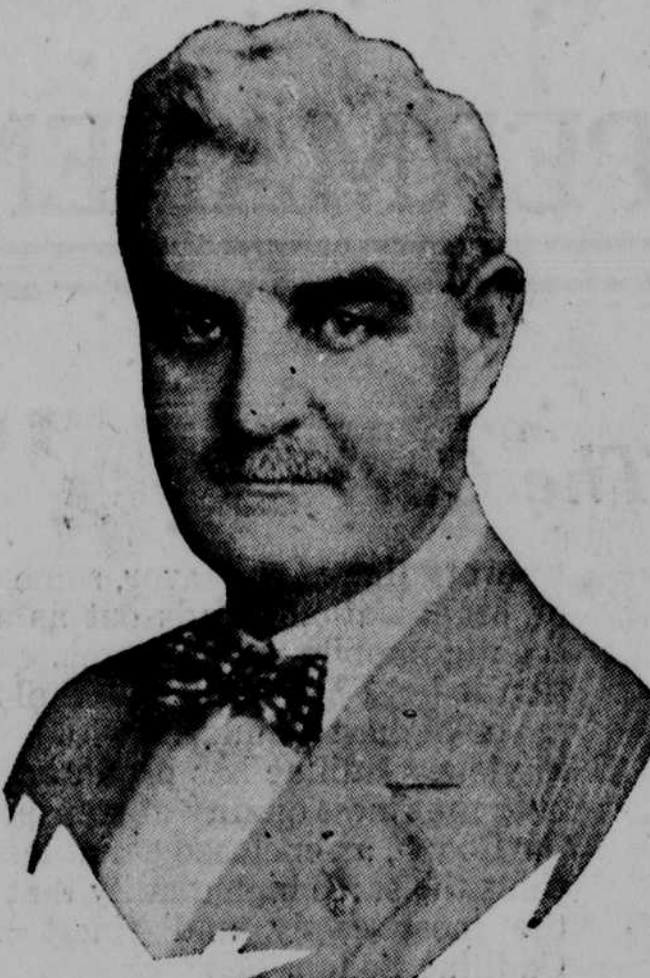
Inspector Pszanowski suggests that all automobile owners make and keep a record of the serial numbers on their tires, particularly the spare tires so that they may have a positive means of identifying their property in the event that it is stolen.

A great many of the tire and automobile accessory thieves are arrested and escape punishment because of the laxity on the part of the automobile owner in establishing a means of identifying his property. Until the automobile owner keeps a record of the serial numbers of his tires conviction of tire thieves will continue to be a matter of chance.

Carbon Monoxide Peril, Says U. S. Health Service. A warning is issued to all motorists from the office of the surgeon general of the United States public health service of the danger involved in running a gasoline engine in a small closed place for any considerable period of time. The deaths which have occurred from carbon monoxide poisoning are cited.

The attack of carbon monoxide poisoning comes on insidiously and consciousness is lost gradually. Even though the victim may become aware of the danger, he is often unable to escape because of loss of power. The automobile worker in the small garage is most frequently the victim. It therefore behooves every person who runs an engine in a small garage to see that the room is ventilated properly by having the windows and the doors open. So say the federal experts.

He Sells Buicks to Nebraskans



Lee Huff of the Nebraska Buick company and vice president of the Auto Trades association, which is putting on the show.

SPARK PLUGS TO BE CHANGED OFTEN

R. A. Stranahan, president of the Champion Spark Plug company, recently explained why an automobile owner should change his spark plugs once a year, or every 5,000 miles.

"When spark plugs are new," he said, "they fire with a hot intense spark. The gas mixture burns rapidly and combustion is very nearly complete. That means full use of the gasoline with no waste."

"But the tremendous engine stress begins almost immediately to sap the efficiency of the spark plugs, no matter how well they may be made. The electrodes become pitted. Carbon is burned into the insulator. It forms a crust inside the shell. Then the spark begins to lose intensity because of the current leaks away. The flame does not spread sufficiently fast or intensely enough to burn all the mixture. There is a loss of power. Unburned fuel is discharged through the exhaust or seeps into the crankcase to dilute the oil. Carbon forms on the cylinder heads, pistons and valve seats. The engine becomes sluggish. It falters on the hills. It is wasting both oil and gasoline."

"All these things are happening in a car in which the same spark plugs have been used for 5,000 or more miles."

1925 GRAND PRIX HELD IN BELGIUM

The European automobile Grand Prix for 1925 will be held in Belgium on July 5. Among the other races of interest are: France's Grand Prix for touring cars, Monthly autodrome, July 19; France's Grand Prix for speed cars, Monthly autodrome, July 26; Italian Grand Prix, Monza, Italy, Sept. 6; St. Sebastian Grand Prix for touring cars, Sept. 14, and for speed cars, Sept. 15.

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Hupmobile Has New Motor

8-Cylinder Car One of Features of Omaha's 20th Automobile Show.

Details of construction of the new Hupmobile Eight reveal even more advanced refinement in design than were incorporated in first statements of the car. They disclose more clearly that the application of numerous advanced engineering principles was contributed to it in ways not heretofore brought out in any multi-cylinder automobile.

Among the car's unusual mechanical features are the crankshaft, pistons, combustion chambers, valve mechanism, cooling system, starter and generator. The crankshaft, drop forged from carbon steel, is tested for static and dynamic balance. Short length between bearings gives it extreme rigidity and freedom from periodic vibration. It weighs 99 1/2 pounds—probably the heaviest ever manufactured for an engine of comparable size.

The smoothness that such a shaft might be expected to mean to engine operation is accentuated by especially designed light iron pistons, with extremely light and strong connecting rods of drop-forged duralumin. Combined with the short, balanced crankshaft—heavy and stiff—light connecting rods and light pistons in eight-in-line construction mean the complete elimination of vibration.

Heavy Crankshaft. Hupp engineers believe it better engineering practice to use an extremely heavy crankshaft, with bearings of large diameter and length, than a lighter shaft of cheaper design and smaller diameter with more bearings. Though the Hupmobile design is more costly, the company's engineers point to the engine's performance as convincing proof of its greater desirability. Small, light crankshafts are more subject to twisting and torsional strains, they point out, regardless of the number of bearings used.

Pistons are a special, permanent mould light cast, of gray iron. They weigh but 14 ounces each. Total weight of the entire piston assembly, including connecting rod, bearing and piston pin, is but 32 ounces. This exceptionally light reciprocating weight, in combination with the heavy, stiff crankshaft, makes for the rapid and smooth acceleration and deceleration particularly noticeable in the engine.

GERMANS STUDY AUTO DRIVING

In all of Germany, which is somewhat larger than the state of California, there is not a single parking space for automobiles. This fact came to light as a result of an investigation to determine the condition of the motor industry in the country. Police regulations do not permit automobiles to stand in the streets unless attended by the driver, and even then for only a short time.

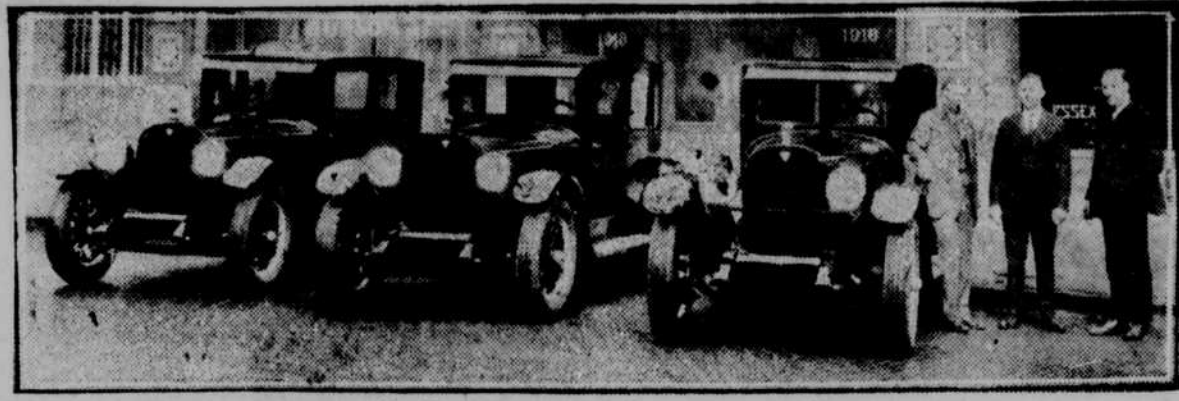
In order to popularize locally the great American pastime of driving one's own car a movement has been started in Berlin and some of the other cities to set up automobile parks within the city centers.

West Indian Oil Increases.

The petroleum industry of Trinidad, started 19 years ago, has shown an increase from 368,934 gallons in 1905 to 1,067,780,531 gallons in 1923. The total production during this period of time has been more than 658,000,000 gallons. Only twice has the steady increase in production been arrested, in 1915-16 and in 1919.

The exportation of crude and refined oil in 1923 amounted to \$5,136,457 gallons.

Three Young Men in Omaha Know There's a Santa Claus



There are at least three young men here in town who are sure that Santa is still on the job. The picture shows three Hudson coaches recently purchased from the Omaha Hudson-Essex company and presented to members of his family by one of Omaha's influential manufacturers.

We not only will agree Santa deserves a lot of credit for the motive back of these gifts, but he also displayed excellent judgment in selecting these powerful, well-built Hudson coaches.

Is Seven Seconds Work Risking Lives?

Driving your car, you see a train coming. It's a passenger train, but you are sure you can beat it across the tracks. So you take the chance. Likely as not you cross safely and are quite a distance away when the train thunders past.

But—Thousands are killed each year at railroad grade crossings, a foot or in auto. Every one of them was sure he could beat the approaching train, except in cases where they were careless and didn't observe the train coming.

Now—The average fast train passes the grade crossing in seven seconds. Are you really so rushed for time that you can afford to take a chance on your life to save seven seconds? Think it over.

Best Rings Necessary.

When replacing rings, the best fitting rings should be used at the top, so that the oil below cannot be consumed by the high temperature of the exploding gas. The replacement of the rings is the reverse of the removal.

Poles Whitewashed.

On all Pennsylvania state highways the poles are whitewashed six feet above ground.

Silencing Brake Rod Clevises.

The clevises on the ends of the brake rods are usually held by a pin having a cotter pin through one end. This permits a certain amount of side play which sometimes causes an objectionable rattle. One car owner, to overcome this rattle, removed all the pins and replaced them with machine bolts, held in place by a nut with a lockwasher under it, which prevented any side play.—American Automobile Digest.

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Spark Plug Replacement

President of Champion Company Urges New Ones Every Year.

Automobile owners many times go to the expense of having their engines overhauled when a new set of spark plugs would have corrected the trouble, points out R. A. Stranahan, president of the Champion Spark Plug company.

Cars Shipped in Paper Bags

Lincolns Reach Destination as Glossy as When They Leave the Factory.

Lincoln cars are now being shipped in paper containers. It all came about recently when the Lincoln division of the Ford Motor company found that cloth coverings didn't fully protect the cars from dust, cinders and other dirt incident to shipment. It was then decided to seal them up in dust proof paper containers.

Here's how it is done: Interiors of freight cars in which Lincolns are loaded are first swept and then thoroughly scrubbed, water from a hose even being played on the top to make certain there are no leaks in the roof.

After the car is cleaned and dried the floor is covered with dust proof paper. The Lincoln is carefully blocked into place and then sealed up in the big paper bag.

When it arrives at destination, the container is cut open, and the Lincoln comes out clean, fresh looking and inviting—as glossy and bright as when it left the factory.

MISALIGNMENTS CAUSE TROUBLE

One of the most prolific causes of tire trouble and premature wear of the casing is wheel misalignment. This means, of course, the wheels are not running true and it may be any one of the four.

The front wheels are cambered to provide ease in steering and are thus toed in to care for the natural spread in driving. But if the pitch, or camber, is wrong the car will not meet the highway naturally and thus some part of the casing will have to bear an unnatural brunt.

Again, if the rim is not setting snugly the tire will wobble, and it is sometimes difficult to tell this from misalignment.—American Automobile Digest.

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