

## EXTENSIVE USE OF MOTOR TRUCK NECESSITY NOW

National Council of Defense Urges Widest Possible Use of Motor Truck; Better Highways Advocated.

Washington, April 13.—Through the highways transport committee, the Council of National Defense has approved "the widest possible use of the motor trucks as a transportation agency," and furthermore "requests the State Council of Defense and other state authorities to take all necessary steps to facilitate such means of transportation, removing any regulations that tend to restrict and discourage such use."

"If the war is to continue for any length of time, motor truck transportation must be largely extended and increased, as it has been demonstrated that in the matter of transportation there are limitations beyond which the railroads cannot go," comments Dr. H. M. Rowe, president of the American Automobile association.

"This cannot avail unless there are built between the principal manufacturing and shipping centers substantial highways, which permit the employment of motor trucks. The time in which this work ought to be done is right now. If the construction is not within the financial capacity of the states through which these highways pass, then it should be done by national funds. In my opinion, the Chamberlain-Dent bill should be passed by congress, as it would give needed authority and money to the secretary of war, who could then designate certain roads to which federal attention could be given.

**Misdirected Efforts.**

"In some of the state legislatures now in session misdirected efforts are being made to establish prohibitive taxes on trucks. Whatever sums are sufficient to strengthen our highways as to carrying the heaviest military loads safely and without serious destruction to the roads should be appropriated at once, out of state funds and federal co-operation sought of congress. It is just as much, in my judgment, the business of the government to build roads as it is to build good muskets or good cannon, or to furnish proper equipment to its army. Of course, federal funds should be placed on roads of national importance, and highways possessing a special military value come under this head at the present time.

"This country can no more do without properly and adequately built highways than it can do without properly and adequately built tonnage for ocean travel. The country should impress upon congress the importance of this matter. Of course, the expenditure of money on the highways would be for the benefit of those who use motors. That is right, because it is by the use of motors that we are going to be able to transport thousands and thousands more of tons of commodities, material, and products of all kinds that are absolutely necessary to maintain this country at the point of highest efficiency in its determination to win victory and substantial democracy, not only for its own people, but for all the people of the earth."

The American Safety society has asked all auto clubs to request their members to observe all Sunday in April as "Pleasure Careless Sundays," investing the money ordinarily spent for gas and pleasure in war stamps.

Horky's park, on the Blue River, near Crete, Neb., is one of the pretty spots in Nebraska. Large cottages, furnished, make this an ideal weekend for family parties. Good fishing, boating, bathing and launch rides.

## PRactical PARAGRAPHS

By S.P. LaDue

**Grease Cup Covers.**

Certain of the grease cups fitted on the modern car are so placed that they inevitably collect dirt on the outside, some of which may work its way in and eventually get into the bearings with the grease, when the cup is refilled. By way of covers for such cups, an ingenious car owner takes hollow rubber balls and enlarges the holes just enough to permit of the balls being slipped over the grease cups, retaining a good tight grip on the bottom. If the balls are painted the same color as the adjacent parts of the car, they are not at all unsightly.

**Wiring Terminals.**

In applying wires to terminals, the correct way to perform the operation is to twist the bare end of the wire around the terminal in the same direction that the hands of a clock move. This is because the screw thread is right handed and the tendency in tightening the nut will be to twist the wire tighter even than it was. If the wire is twisted the other way, the nut tends to untwist it, making its hold uncertain.

**Test Wheel Bearings.**

The wheels of a car should be periodically jacked up and tested not only for smoothness of running but for side play as well. If in spinning a front wheel, a sharp click occurs now and then and the wheel is momentarily checked, it is probable that there is a chipped or split ball in the bearing, which should be removed at once, as it may do serious damage and necessitate renewal of the entire bearing.

**Rattling Hood.**

A hood that has a tendency to rattle with the vibration of the motor, may be silenced by drilling a series of holes in the band of metal on which the hood rests and threading a strip of leather through the holes. In this way the hood rests on leather instead of metal, so that it cannot make a noise.

**Mat Restorer.**

Rubber matting that has been in use for some time and is beginning to look the worse for wear may be restored to respectability by painting it with lead colored paint. This gives a varnish surface that is not only oil-proof, but is easily cleaned with a cloth.

**Polishing Metal Fittings.**

After the car is first brought out of its winter storage, the metal fittings are usually dull and tarnished. They may be restored by the following method: First apply a weak solution of oxalic acid and water to the tarnished surfaces by means of a cloth wrapped around a stick. Any acid accumulations are then loosened and may be easily removed by simply wiping. After this ordinary metal polish used for brass work, should be applied with a linen cloth and the polishing carried out with soft woolen clothes. If the surfaces are slow to respond to the polishing, try a good carriage maker's metal polish made as follows: twenty parts of whiting, one part of soda, one-quarter part of citric acid. This compound is moistened with water for using.

**Valve Grinding.**

In cases where a badly pitted valve requires grinding, here is a short-cut. Cut a piece of emery-cloth in dimensions a little bit wider than the valve seating and twice as long and then double it over so that both surfaces are cutting surfaces. Next cut a hole in the cloth so that the valve stem may be passed through and the emery-cloth brought close up against the valve head. The valve is then placed in position for grinding under comparatively high pressure. Both sides of the emery-cloth will conform to

## Commerce High Seniors To Present Three Plays

Miss Gertrude DeWall and Harry Mittleman will portray the leading characters in "The Gate of Wishes," by Mary McMillan, one of the three plays to be presented by the 1918 graduating class of the Omaha High School of Commerce on the nights of April 19 and 20, at the Central High school auditorium.



Harry Mittleman

The other two plays for the programs will be "The Romancers," a romantic farce by Edmund Rostrand, in which Miss Mildred Holsten and Douglas Dunn will have the leading parts, and "The Worst of Men," a farcical sketch written by John Kendrick Bangs. In the latter, Miss Leola Skinkle and Milton Morearty will portray the leading roles.

The two farcical productions will be produced under the direction of Miss E. Wallace, and Miss Volmar has been training the pupils in the cast of "The Gate of Wishes." All of the senior students in the school will take part in the three plays.

the valve head and the seating and if the valve turns and the emery-cloth remains stationary, the valve will be ground on the upper emery, whereas if the cloth revolves, the valve seating will be ground on the lower emery.

**Tight Spring Clips.**

It is a good plan occasionally to see that the nuts of the spring clips are tight. Loose spring clips permit excess stress to be thrown on the center of the leaves, from which breakage results.

**Deputy Sheriff Resigns For Benefit of Health**

For the benefit of his health, A. I. Mead has resigned his position in the sheriff's office and will go on a farm near New Ago, Mich., being succeeded as deputy sheriff by Robert McGaffin, for several years in the employ of Robert Dempster. Mr. Mead was formerly a street railway man and went into the sheriff's office under Sheriff Brailey, going out when Sheriff McShane came in and back again under Sheriff Clark.

"He is one of my best men," said the sheriff, "and I hate to lose him. I have known Mead for 25 years. I have always counted him among my best friends and supporters and I hope the outdoor farm life will help him."

Mr. Mead's associates in the office also express regret at his going.

## UNIQUE METHOD USED TO ENLIST AUTO DRIVERS

Use of freight cars almost exclusively for shipment of food, coal, munitions, etc., has made it necessary for automobile dealers to adopt a system of driving a great many cars from the various factories to their home cities. This, in turn, has necessitated the finding of drivers, sometimes in large numbers.

A dealer in Savannah, Ga., recently had occasion to drive a considerable number of cars from the factory in Detroit to Savannah. He let it be known to a friend or two that he would pay \$75 a man to go to Detroit and drive an automobile to Savannah, the driver to bear whatever expense he contracted over and above \$75. The offer got around; the newspapers

printed it, and the dealer was overwhelmed with acceptances. The men who finally were selected to make up the driving party included a college student, whose father took him out of school to make the trip, several grocers, the city court sheriff, a wholesale grain dealer, a commission merchant, an insurance man, a lumber dealer, a physician and several mechanics.

The party of 24—several of the men being accompanied by their wives—started away from Detroit in seventeen Dodge Brothers motor cars. It was expected that the driveaways would arrive in Savannah in seven days. The route was by way of Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Huntsville, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. The dealer's plan operated so successfully that he expects to use it again and again in future driveaways.

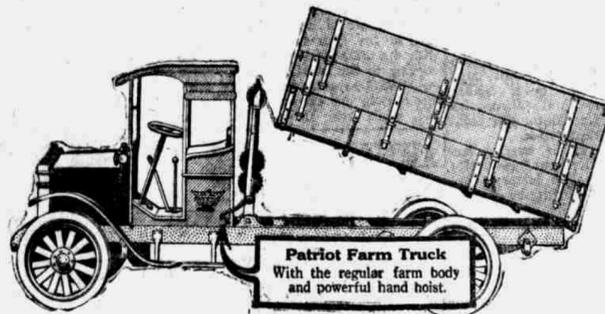
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**Cannon Returns From Trip To Fulton Motor Truck Home**

H. H. Cannon, district representative for the Fulton Motor Truck company of Farmingdale, N. Y., has just returned from a 10 days' eastern trip. Mr. Cannon reports a great deal of activity all through the east and a growing feeling that the motor truck is the one solution to the congested freight condition. Shippers in the east are at the present time organizing bureaus for the expedient handling of all kinds of products by motor truck. Return load bureaus will soon be part of the commercial life in the east.

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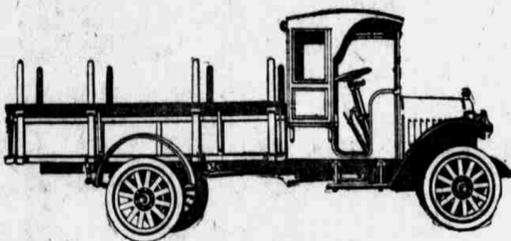
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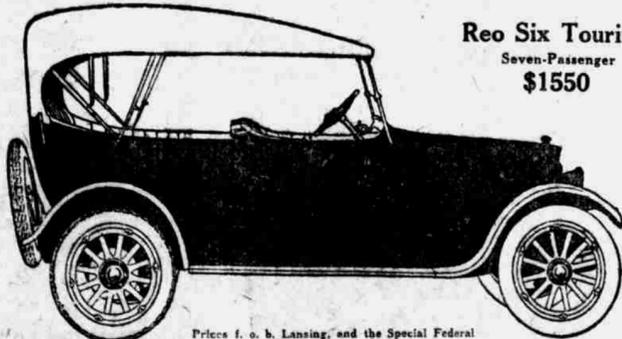
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