

FARMERS IN NEED OF MOTOR TRUCKS

Demand Continues; Supply Short; Dealers Go East to Speed Up Delivery Says Ohangstrom.

The demand for trucks throughout the counties of Nebraska is steadily increasing. War crops have necessitated motor cars and trucks to transport the produce to the market and for farm work. Every day orders are being placed by farmers for trucks, and owing to the great shortage due to the big demand the government is doing all in its power to assist the truck factories in the manufacture, but the output is not sufficient to supply the demand.

GIRL PILOTS BIG DRIVE-AWAY FOR AUTO DEALER

A service flag honors the home of C. U. Williams, distributor for Willys-Overland cars at Bloomington, Ill. Walter W. Williams, the only son of the Bloomington distributor, is in the army. He holds the rank of master signal electrician and is stationed at Chanute aviation field, Rantoul, Ill., where he is an instructor.

The departure of Walter Williams to join the colors, together with a score or so of the company's employees, threatened to impose a serious handicap on the Williams organization. This fact prompted Miss Françoise Williams to enlist in her father's business to "carry on" for her absent brother.

Factory Location May Mean Much to Dealer on Delivery

"The question of deliveries is playing an important part in the life of the automobile man at present," asserts R. E. Davis, manager of the Murphy-O'Brien Auto company. "We are in an enviable position so far as Paige deliveries are concerned. The Paige factory," asserts Davis, "is located on the main line of the Wabash in Detroit, which gives them quite an advantage in avoiding transfer in the congested terminals at Chicago. These shipments came through over one line to destination."

"The Paige factory was among those which bought the material far in advance, which eliminates the fear of buying on an advanced market for some time to come. There is very little likelihood of another price advance at the present."

Vacuum Tank Failure.

When the vacuum tank fails on the road, it is possible to get up enough pressure temporarily to feed the fuel, by blowing in the main fuel line. By repeating this process every quarter of a mile, enough fuel will be fed to get the car to a garage where repairs can be made.

Powell Supply Appoints New Sales Manager

Announcement was made this week to the effect that J. W. Sherry of Kansas City, Mo., had accepted the position of sales manager of the Powell Supply company.



I. W. SPERRY.

general manager of a large concern in the central west. He has been identified with the sale of automobile supplies and accessories for over 10 years. Sherry started with the Brunner Metal and Machinists' Supply company of Kansas City in 1908. He spent another year in the sales department of the most prominent automobile supply jobber in Oklahoma, and for three years was in the sales department of the Equipment company of Kansas City.

Talented Omaha Miss Attracts Attention as Dancer-Singer

Georgia Bess Pemberton, 5-year-old daughter of Mrs. Lillian Pemberton, 213 Farnam street, has been attracting more than local attention on account of her talent as a dancer and singer.

This talented Omaha miss has appeared at several local entertainments, notably at a patriotic event in the Auditorium last January. She will give a patriotic song and dance today in connection with a service flag program of Fraternal Order of Eagles of Omaha, South Omaha, Council Bluffs, Benson and Florence in Eagles' hall South Side.

Her mother has under consideration an offer from a motion picture company for the services of the child for two years.

High School Seniors to Stage Annual Class Play

Robert Buckingham and Clara McAdams will play leading roles in the annual Central High school senior play, "Secret Service." The play is a civil war story, whose setting is in Richmond. Buckingham will take the part of "Captain Thorne," and Miss McAdams that of "Edith."

Wounded Canadian Soldier To Aid Red Cross Drive Here

Sergeant Harold Baldwin, who lost a leg in the trenches of France, will speak Monday night, probably at the Brandeis theater, under the auspices of the Red Cross. He was lately a member of the Fifth battalion, Canadian forces, and was shot sergeant. He is author of the war book, "Holding the Line."

Since Baldwin's return to America he has been an ardent worker for the Red Cross and will be an advance courier for the next Red Cross drive which opens here May 20.



Georgia Bess Pemberton
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Is the Simplex car still being manufactured and if so, where? Is the motor used in this car known as a valveless motor?—Bustonaby.

The Simplex car is still being manufactured at its old home in New Brunswick, N. J. Not at all. From this last question I gather that you are confusing the Simplex with a car known as the Amplex, which was turned out some years ago and used what was called a "valveless motor." This latter car is not manufactured now.

What do race drivers do when they are not racing? Where are most of them now? Do you think that there will be any big races this year?—Harry Coyle.

When they are not racing, drivers usually work for some automobile company, attend to their personal affairs or work on cars for the following season. Right now some of our race drivers are in the country waiting time, others are working for themselves and some of the patriotic ones, like Rickenbacher, are fighting for Uncle Sam. It has just been announced that there will be racing during the coming season, starting probably with a meet at New York on Decoration day.

Is there any American car of the present day employing a wooden frame instead of steel? I had a car some 10 years ago with a wooden frame and as I look back it seems to me that this construction was almost

ideal. Why did American manufacturers generally take up metal in preference to wood for frame construction?—John Korb.

The only American passenger car using a wooden frame is the Franklin. The advantages claimed for the wooden frame are superior strength for equal weight and absorption of vibration. No doubt the relative cheapness of metal frames and ease of manufacture had most to do with influencing the decision of the manufacturers.

A grinding noise has developed in the transmission of my car. I have drained out the lubricant, flushed the case with kerosene and put in fresh oil, but the noise persists. Can you suggest anything?—L. F. England.

A persistent grinding noise of this kind may be caused by misalignment of the gears or by metallic particles, bits of teeth, etc., that have worked in between the gears. Unless you can do the work yourself, you had better have the service station check up the alignment of the shafts and make what repairs are necessary.

There's something or other the matter with the clutch of my car. No matter how carefully I let in the clutch, the car jumps like a jack rabbit. What can I do with it?—P. Omsted.

You do not mention the make of car, but if the clutch is of the cone type, there is a lack of resiliency in the facing. Try a treatment with

neat's foot oil, spread on evenly with a brush. If the clutch is of the disc type, lack of oil is probably the cause of your trouble.

Could I ask you to further explain your answer to the recent question of J. K. Dill in which he asked if fitting a plate on top of pistons would increase compression. You say that this will increase the power of the engine. I contend that there would be no increase in either power or compression. This is not a criticism of your valuable department, but I simply can't figure the matter out—C. G. Wilson.

Certainly, the plate will increase compression because it reduces the compression space. It does not matter whether you drop the cylinder or increase the piston crown, the results are the same. I do not recommend the use of plates, because it is difficult to keep them firmly in place.

Will you please answer the following questions? (1) Where can I get an automobile guide for the whole United States? (2) What can I do to or what can I get to make the light on my 1918 model Ford car stronger?—H. Garner.

(1) You will have to get guide books, which, however, are issued in volumes covering certain sections; thus there will be one volume for New England, another for the southern states, a third for the middle west, etc. Also the American Automobile association in New York City issues road maps at a very moderate price and these are very useful. (2) If you are using the magneto to furnish current, the only improvement I can think of is the installation of a current control. To get more light you need more current and larger bulbs and a generator and battery system gives much the best results.

I've got a rattle somewhere in the chassis of my car, but I haven't been able to locate it, because it stops as soon as the car is still. Where do you suppose it lies?—J. F. Newman.

Get someone to drive your car down a long gentle grade; shut off the engine, while you are standing on the running board. You may be able to locate the rattle at once. Noises of this kind are generally caused by loose mud guards, brakes or some of the operating rods, which extend from the levers or pedals to the various parts. It is difficult for me to tell what it is in your case, not knowing where it comes from or the nature of the noise.

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