

Safety Belt May Save Your Life

Almost everyone at some time or another has ridden in the "suicide seat"—that's the softly cushioned two feet of car space next to the driver.

It's the most dangerous spot in the car and 75 per cent of the fatalities in automobile accidents are front seat occupants. Other statistics show that one person is killed every 14 minutes and one person is injured every 15 seconds in highway accidents.

Police in Indiana during a 90-day period studied 130 fatal accidents in which 153 persons were killed and 220 autos were involved. They reported that if a suitable body restraining device—a seat belt for example—had been used, 69 per cent of those killed would have lived and an additional 21 per cent might possibly have survived. Only 19 per cent were listed as hopeless.

Another study has shown that the most prominent single cause of injury in accidents was related to the opening of the front doors under impact.

What's the point of all these words? If cars are going to continue to become more powerful and speeds are going to continue to go up, an added safety feature is needed—a seat belt for the car occupants. "Karbelts" are now being ordered by Firestone dealers and stores.

The function of a seat belt is to hold the occupants securely in their seats. Thus the occupant slows down with the vehicle instead of hurtling forward into the instrument panel or windshield when his auto comes to a crash stop.

The belt would also prevent the occupant from flying out the door to strike the pavements.

The lap-style seat belt, a proven safety factor on airplanes, will not always prevent head contact with the instrument panel or steering wheel but it will reduce the force of the contact. It restrains more than half the body weight and without this restraint, the energy of the motion of the entire body may help increase the blow.

"Karbelts" are endorsed by safety authorities and insurance companies. Firmly anchored to the door and to the floor they are designed—when in use—to hold the door closed. The closed doors make it possible for the car body to retain its maximum structural strength and add a protective armor in a crash.

When the belts are not in use, the method of installation eliminates dangling of belts around the floor of the car and they are out of the way.

These safety belts should be on your car—see them soon at your Firestone Store. A set of two for the front seat of your car sells for only \$22.95 minus your discount. It's a small price to pay for your safety and the safety of the person who rides in your "suicide seat."

Summer Calls For Fire Prevention

Now that summer is here and the outdoor season is in full swing, campers need to be reminded of forest fire prevention. So that each one can do his part toward conserving America's timberlands and other valuable property, here are some basic rules to follow.

Matches—Be sure the match is out. Break it in two before throwing it away.

Tobacco—Be sure that pipe ashes and cigar or cigarette stubs are dead before throwing them away. Never throw them into brush, leaves or pine needles.

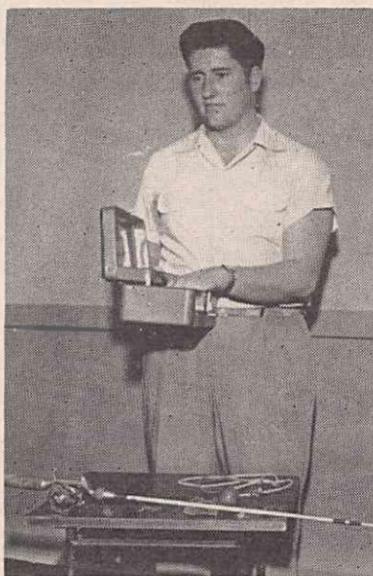
Don't smoke—While traveling through the woods.

Making camp—Before building a fire, scrape away all inflammable material from a spot five feet in diameter. Dig a hole in the center and in it build your campfire. Keep your fire small. Never build it against trees or logs or near brush.

Breaking camp—Never break camp until your fire is out—dead out.

How to put out a campfire—Stir the coals while soaking them with water. Turn small sticks and drench both sides. Wet ground around the fire.

Be sure the last spark is dead.



COOL WATER BECKONS—Samuel E. Crawford, of the Refreshment Department here goes over his fishing equipment for a last-minute inspection before leaving on an angling trip to Putman's Lake near Kings Mountain.

Nylon Sports Tire Is Introduced

A new high-speed sports car tire that combines increased traction, greatly improved tread wear, and improved lateral and forward stability, was introduced recently at the Fifth Florida International 12-Hour Grand Prix of Endurance by the Firestone Company.

The tire, called the Super Sports 170, is of nylon construction. Its improved safety features and greater wear characteristics were proved in the difficult 12-hour race over the 5.2-mile cement and black top course at Sebring, Fla.

The new sports racing tire has tread and sidewall of special compounds developed as a result of tests conducted on the Indianapolis Speedway and the Bonneville Salt Flats, as well as extensive testing in actual sports car races. It combines the maximum side and forward traction with high abrasion resistance for long wear.

The individual tread units of the new tire are knitted together with tie bars which make the entire tread pattern operate as a single unit. The uniform wear characteristics on each traction block gives much improved wear and keeps the flat, non-skid tread pattern intact throughout the life of the tire.

The Super Sports 170 is designed for us with a tube pending development of suitable air-tight racing wheels. It has already been successfully tested as a tubeless unit.



Weaving

Mrs. Blanche Dobbins, battery hand, is a patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Shirley Moore is spending a month's vacation with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Moore, battery hand. Miss Moore is in nurses' training at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. After her vacation she will report to a Raleigh hospital for further training.

Mrs. Betty Martin, battery hand, had visitors recently from Erwin and Fayetteville, N. C.

Carl Stewart, Jr., 1954 Firestone Scholarship Winner is working in the Weaving Department during the summer months. In the fall he will resume his studies at Duke University.

Mrs. Sarah Ward, smash hand, has been out from work, due to illness for several weeks.

Mrs. Belle Blaylock, battery hand, spent a recent week visiting her father, John Phillips, who has been ill for the past 3 weeks.

Mrs. Ella Ruff, change hand, her parents, S. C. Tate, Firestone retired employee, and Mrs. Tate spent a recent week end with Mrs. Ruff's brother, Clifford Tate and family in Denton, Md.

Twisting

Zeb Bradley, fixer and his family spent their vacation in Franklin, N. C.

William Allen, twister tender, spent his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Allen, in Weaverville, N. C.

Mrs. Clara Mitchell, reclaimer, and Lonnie Mitchell, doffer, are out from work due to illness.

Employees on vacation the week of June 13 were Bart Allen, twister tender, and Grady Birch, twister tender.

Miss Jo Ann Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Corrie Johnson, reclaimer, spent a week end in early June at Central, S. C., where she attended the graduating exercises at Wesleyan Methodist College.

Hobart T. Aldridge, overseer in the Twisting Department, was one of the 13 officers and directors of the Gastonia Lions Club, installed at a recent meeting in Masonic Temple. Mr. Aldridge will serve as tail twister for the club during the ensuing year.

Spooling

Margaret Summitt, warper helper, is a patient in Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Pvt. Norman Welch of Fort Jackson, S. C., recently spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Welch, spooler tender.

Elsie Hullender, spooler tender recently underwent surgery at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Johnny Fowler, son of Mrs. Lucille Fowler, speeder tender, had an appendectomy recently.

Shop

Larry Hughes, son of Rufus Hughes, plumber, and Mrs. Hughes, spent a week in early June at Coaran Camp, Morehead City, N. C.

John Goebel, electrician, and Mrs. Goebel recently spent a week in Indianapolis, Ind., as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mack.

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FOR YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

North State Offers Variety For Sightseers

In North Carolina at this season you may choose from a wide selection of accommodations in motor courts and inns. Picnic and camping areas are open in the Great Smokies Park, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, in the national forests, and in Mount Mitchell State Park, on top the highest peak in Eastern America.

At Cherokee village, near the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, the arboretum and nature trails developed by the Cherokee Historical Association is open to visitors from May 14 through the autumn season. Some 18,000 shrubs and plants have been added to this natural botanical garden.

Scenic overlooks and high-altitude attractions like Grandfather Mountain, the Blowing Rock, Chimney Rock and Whiteside Mountain offer sweeping vistas of the highlands.

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EASTWARD IN THE STATE, the Outer Banks are ideal for outing in the spring and summer. Near

the southern end of the banks at Buxton one may visit the famous Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Hatteras State Park. Buxton, buried in a growth of yaupon, pine, holly, and oak is reported by many to be the "healthiest place in the state." At Cape Hatteras fishing is at its best, providing blue and warm water fighters like dolphin, amberjack, king mackerel, cobia, barracuda, albacore, sailfish and marlin.

At several points on the Outer Banks wild ponies roam and are penned for selection of a few which are deemed of value. These pony penning have become celebrated summer events at some of the places, especially on Ocracoke.

At Cape Hatteras is located America's tallest lighthouse and the new Maritime Museum. Designed to tell the story of man's struggle against the sea, the museum was recently opened in America's first National Seashore Park, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area.