



MOTOR MAIDS

Watch Car Instruments To Avoid Being Stranded

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So your neighbor ran out of gas the other day while purring along the highway en route to visit her Mother.

That'll never happen to you!

You're right. It won't. IF you play it smart.

It wouldn't have happened to your neighbor, either, if she was a smart driver. If she was in the habit of periodically taking a quick check of all those gadgets and gauges on the instrument panel to make certain the car was in top-notch operating condition.

Whenever you are driving the car, whether it be to the corner grocery or to a neighboring town, check the gasoline gauge frequently—to save a long walk to a filling station.

Keep an eye on the temperature and oil pressure gauges.

Watch the ammeter. If the pointer shows "discharge" when the engine is running rapidly, something is in need of attention.

By being alert to the position of all gauge indicators, you can save yourself a lot of time and inconvenience.

GARDEN TIME

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Have you ever used grape leaves in the home processing of cucumber pickles? If you have, do you know why you used them? Better color? Firmness? Taste? Or was the recipe handed down from grandmother or great-grandmother?

If you have used this method it would be of considerable interest to hear from you because grape leaves may supply the answer to one spoilage problem which has caused tremendous losses in the growing commercial pickling industry.

The problem is concerned with softening of cucumbers during brine fermentation and the storage of salt stack. Behind these losses are enzymes-chemical compounds

produced by living cells which are essential for biological processes. It was discovered that these enzymes were introduced into the curing brine vat on withering, moldy flowers still attached to the cucumbers at harvest time. Years of research have gone into the discovery of a non-poisonous substance, or inhibitor, which would prevent this enzyme action. And this is where grape leaves come in.

Recent studies have indicated that grape leaves contain a natural inhibitor against the enzymes which cause softening of the cucumbers. It was further discovered that the Scuppernon variety, of the Muscadine family, a native American variety which originated in Tyrrell county, yielded the highest concentration of the enzyme inhibitor.

It is obvious that the addition of large quantities of grape leaves to commercial cucumber vats would be impractical. However, it may be that the inhibitor can be further identified and isolated so that higher concentrations could be easily obtained by synthetic methods. If this can be done it would prove to be of great value to the pickling industry and other industries where enzyme control is desirable.

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