

Autos Needing Repairs Contribute To Sixth Of Nation's Traffic Fatalities

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It is usually too late to do anything about a defective steering wheel that suddenly fails to function when you are rounding a curve, or the headlamps that go out on an unfamiliar road, or the horn that is silent when you need it on split-second notice, or the right front tire—which has been looking bad lately—that blows out on a slippery highway. When these things happen, death, injury and destruction of costly property usually result, but they are no "acts of God." They are wholly inexcusable, because they are wholly preventable.

These days a tremendous effort is being put forth all over the nation to reduce the growing threat of traffic accidents. Yet more than 30,000 persons were killed last year, and a vehicle defect was reported as a contributing cause in 18 percent of these fatal accidents. Here is one factor in traffic accidents where absolute prevention is reasonably possible—one simple means by which it may be possible to save 5,000 lives every year.

Like the human body, an automobile gives advance warning of impending danger. The steering wheel becomes loose, it is no longer as sensitive as it was when new. The tread is gone on the tires or the white braker strip may be showing or possibly the automobile is creaking for want of grease. These are danger signs loudly shouting the alarm for immediate repairs.

All of the following parts of an automobile are essential to safe driving: brakes, lights, steering mechanism, horn, rear-view mirrors, tires—including the spare tire—windshield wipers, heater, defroster, muffler and exhaust pipe. When they are in proper working order, studies show that accident chances are greatly lowered.

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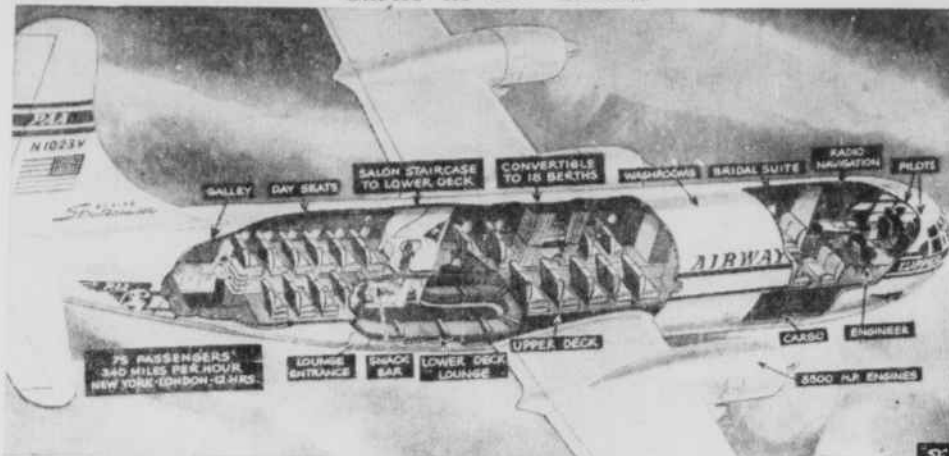
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one form or another, that motor vehicles be maintained in a safe condition. Sixteen states and the District of Columbia require periodic inspection of the safety elements of motor vehicles at least once, and more often twice, each year. Legislators in many other states are giving consideration to the creation of required periodic motor vehicle inspection and repair.

Here are five major benefits to be derived from such motor vehicle inspection:

1. It improves the general standard of vehicle condition.
2. It maintains each automobile at a higher value level by lessening depreciation.
3. It affords opportunity to check motor and serial numbers actually on the vehicle against registration certificates, and in other ways assists in the enforcement of motor vehicle laws.
4. It improves the quality of garage workmanship in making adjustments and repairs.
5. It provides excellent opportunity for informing drivers concerning the condition of their cars and their responsibility for driving safely 365 days of the year.

Highway safety is the responsibility of the individual. Public support is necessary if wise traffic laws are to be enacted and intelligently enforced.

Plentiful Foods Listed For Month

October brings a shift in the plentiful foods list of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with grapefruit, onions, cabbage, and carrots moving into the lineup of fresh fruits and vegetables. Miss Mary Cornwell, home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, said here this week.

Sweet potato harvesting will reach its peak in October to put the potatoes on retail markets in seasonally plentiful supply, she said. Total production this year, she added, will be less than last year and below the ten-year average, but supplies most likely will be plentiful during and immediately after harvest.

Other new additions to the plentiful list for October include cranberries, tree nuts—peacans, walnuts, filberts, and almonds—prunes, raisins, dried figs, and canned apricots, the home agent said.

Though October harvests will put new plentifuls on the market, Miss Cornwell called attention to the excellent supplies of canned citrus, apple, and tomato products, fruit spreads, honey, and peanut butter which will be on retail markets during the next 30 days. Irish potatoes, grapes, oranges, and lemons—all September plentifuls—are on the October list, as are fresh and frozen fish, the agent said.

Based on September 1 conditions, production of snap beans in North Carolina for processing is estimated at 1,200 tons, or 25 per cent lower than the 1947 crop of 1,600 tons.

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Ernest and Haden Crow were visitors in this section over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lawrence of Martel, Tenn., were week-end visitors in this section.

Coy Sparks of Lenier City, Tenn., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks, recently.

The church in this section has elected the Rev. Lester Stowe as pastor full time for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Payne were visitors in this section Sunday.

Wade Montgomery and Clifford Mason visited the Rev. E. A. Beaver last Saturday.

Mrs. Ethel Collins Tate and Mrs. Norma Beaver have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stille.

The Rev. L. B. Meadows will preach at Suit church on Sunday, October 17, at 11:00 a. m.

Use Care When Selecting Utensils

By RUTH CURRENT

State Home Demonstration Agent

Special metal cleaners which require very little rubbing are available for cleaning copper. If you prefer, salt and vinegar or lemon will do a good job. Sprinkle the copper with salt and then rub with vinegar or a slice of lemon. Rinse well and dry with a soft cloth.

In selecting all roasting and baking utensils look for materials sturdy enough not to warp when exposed to high oven temperatures. Few seams, smooth edges, and rounded corners all make cleaning easier. Study the size and shape of your oven before buying casseroles, utility pans, muffin tins, cake and pie pans. Wherever possible select utensils which can be used for top range as well as

to oven cookery. Plain seams in unlined jackets or in ravelly materials may be finished by turning the edges and machine stitching.

Here is a new idea and a good one: Top a casserole of seasoned, mashed squash with a meringue. It's different. Do try it and use your canned squash. To make the meringue, beat two egg whites with one teaspoon sugar, salt and pepper to taste and one half teaspoon mixed herb seasoning. Sprinkle with paprika and brown in the oven.

Add a dozen chopped pitted dates and a tablespoon or two of finely cut crystallized ginger to your next Indian pudding. Plain cream or ginger-flavored hard sauce is best.

There's no short cut to the home-baked bean. Long, slow baking does it. There's no substitute for molasses. And put off the whole affair if you can't get some salt pork.

CANCER MEETING

The National Deputy Commander of the American Cancer Society, Mrs. H. B. Ritchie of Athens, Georgia, will be the featured speaker of the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society. The meeting, to be held at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh on Tuesday, October 12th at 3 P. M., was announced today by the State Commander, Mrs. George E. Marshall of Mt. Airy.

Now is the time to make plans for getting the spray equipment and materials which will be needed next spring.

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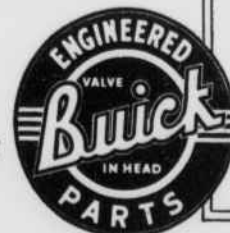
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