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GOOD ADVICE ON DRIVING MOTORS

Proficient Pilot Soon Learns to Watch Road Some Distance in Advance of Car.

ALWAYS ALERT FOR DANGER

Some Drivers Forget Every Little Hole, Stone, Horn, Shoe and Broken Bottle With Short Turn of the Steering Wheel.

Some motorcar drivers run their cars along the road in nearly uniform speed, preserve an almost straight course with scarcely perceptible fluctuations when the road is straight, avoiding small obstructions on the surface as if by good luck more than by attention, and never getting into tight places in traffic that require sudden detours, movements to prevent collision or other accident.

On the other hand, there are drivers who dodge every little hole, stone, horseshoe and broken bottle with a short turn of the steering wheel that results in an unpleasant swaying of the car body; who slow up and start ahead with annoying frequency and are repeatedly treating their companions in the car to thrilling moments of suspense as they narrowly avert the running down of a slower moving pedestrian or a cyclist.

Looking Ahead.

These differences are noticeable alike on city streets and country roads, and are amply sufficient to make it a delight to ride with one friend at the wheel and almost torture to sit in the car behind another. You may be unconscious of the precise reasons that give you confidence in the one and make you apprehensive with the other, yet the feeling is there. In all probability the secret lies in this fine point in driving an automobile—the distance ahead of the car at which the driver focuses his gaze.

The proficient driver has early learned to watch the road far in advance of his car—as far, in fact, as the road is visible. On a straight, level road this may be several miles, on a winding road so far as the next turn; on a hilly road the crest of the next rise, and on city streets as far as the state of the traffic permits the way to be seen clearly.

Following this practice, all bad places and small objects on the surface of the road are seen long before the car comes to them, and almost unconsciously the car is steered to avoid them. The action begins so early that the movement is practically imperceptible to other passengers, and the driver does not find it necessary to keep his eyes fixed upon the spot or object until it has passed; he has early learned that it will not be struck by the wheels, and so continues to keep his eyes focused ahead. Thus he avoids dropping his eyes to watch all such near objects and raising them again to the focusing point, a practice that becomes wearisome to the driver and gives rise to unexpected emergencies.

Indifferent Drivers.

The novice or indifferent driver who concentrates much of his attention on the road directly in front of his wheels does not see impediments far enough in advance to begin a gradual movement in avoidance of them, but must make quick turns to swing out around the holes, stones and other obstructions. Then, with his attention fixed upon the particular thing or place he is avoiding, he is unprepared for the next one, which he has not seen.

The human eye is like a camera in this respect that when focused upon the distance the immediate foreground is also in fairly good focus, but when focused only a few yards or two or

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While the magneto only needs two drops of oil in each bearing every thousand miles it is well to remove the distributor cover once a month and wipe out with a cloth dipped in gasoline. At the same time pass a piece of double-oiled sand-paper between the breaker points to remove any corrosion that may be forming. This will put off magneto troubles almost indefinitely.

Big Sister's Command.

Margaret, though scarcely older, was almost constantly at the side of her brother, William, ready to impart her special beauty, which neither left for downtown shopping and gave baby the usual bye-bye, he seemed much amazed at all the excitement until Margaret came to the rescue with "Wipe your hand, William."

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School Notes

DONNA BASSETT.

Seventy-five new books have been added to the library.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas program.

Johnny's class dramatized "Thorn Rose."

The Geography class are observing the weather.

The first basketball game of the season will be played with Fowlerville next Wednesday.

All the grades are singing Christmas songs and making miniatures of Santa Claus.

Farmington High School is now giving motion pictures. First show: "The Wizard of Oz," on Wednesday of this week.

The Fourth graders are making a Christmas table representing the three wise men and the manger. Other decorations have been made.

The Third graders have made candles from crepe paper. The plan is that each pupil who is neither tardy nor absent until Christmas has the privilege of "lighting his candle."

The First debate of the season was given Friday night between Farmington and Redford. Farmington took the affirmative while Redford took the negative. The latter won, the decision standing 2 to 1. It was well attended and fine spirit was shown. The next debate will be with Northville on January 13th. Farmington will take the negative side of the question to be debated upon.

Effect of Excess.

Experts say that American women are taller than they were 40 years ago and that athletes are responsible. But only a small proportion of the women of the country indulge in athletics. It would be just as easy to prove that the increase in height is due to less exercise than formerly. Surely the broom and the washbowl are as effective muscle producers as the golf stick and the tennis racket, and the modern housekeeper does not as a rule have to work as hard as did her mother and grandmother. Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Clarenceville School Notes.

(Too late for last week.)

Next week comes exams.

School night at the Community M. E. church was a success, about two hundred children and parents were there to enjoy the program.

Friday night the night the P. T. A. met at the school house. They had planned a "regular old-time spell-down," which was very much enjoyed.

Thursday, December 22 is our Christmas Day program. The lower grades in the afternoon and the higher grades in the evening. Everyone welcome.

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(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. Dr. A. T. Holcomb is visiting her parents at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Atkinson were visitors at Pontiac over Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. D. Donelson this week Tuesday.

The Ladies Mission Road met with Mrs. F. W. Durfee last week Saturday, for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spencer and family and Mrs. Ella Spencer motored to Lansing, recently, for the day.

The Swallow Dive.

Some boys were being given instruction in diving. The particular lesson was on the swallow dive. "Now, Jenkins," said the instructor to the new, backward pupil, "you take a turn." Jenkins made a hopeless attempt and created an alarming splash. "That's not a swallow dive," said the instructor. "Don't let it" gurgled the unfortunate Jenkins. "Why, I thought I had swallowed the whole pool!"

Acadiana Cannibals.

Cannibals, apparently, have their refinements. In south Australia there are certain cannibal tribes who make a practice of eating their slain friends, but not their enemies—a habit which ought not to continue in friendliness.

A Thought for Today.

The good man prolongs his life; to be able to enjoy one's past life is to live twice.—Marital.

Northwest Farmington

(Too late for last week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have the scarlet fever.

The school is closed in Farmington District No. 2.

The grading of the minnow pond on Road No. 38 is well under way.

Mrs. Harry Wheeler was a Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham.

Mrs. Elva Tolman spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Starr Graham.

Mrs. Nelson Howard, who was struck by an automobile Sunday evening, November 27th, is able to sit up at this writing.

Mrs. William Hewitt and two sons of Detroit, spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Green.

Mr. and Mrs. E. See and family and Frank Green of Detroit, spent Sunday at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Green. Mrs. Green is confined to the house with a bad cold.

The West-Farmington Cemetery Willing Workers held a bazaar and chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham on Thursday, December 1st. They served about 75 guests and the proceeds of the bazaar and dinner were \$70.

Walled Lake News

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. Joe Keimer is on the sick list.

Mr. Amos Bentley is in poor health.

Mr. Judd Taylor is reported as some better.

They have started to rebuild the bath house at Conaqua Shores.

The Embroidery club has postponed their next meeting until after the holidays.

The bank opened last Saturday and it makes quite an improvement in the village.

Several from here attended the Pleasant Lake Aid's bazaar and chicken dinner, held last Wednesday at Ray Riley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley Bachelor and children attended a birthday party at William Graham's at West Farmington Sunday.

There was a pumpkin pie social at the Baptist church last Friday night. The proceeds went to the piano fund.

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house the Friday afternoon before Christmas and one at the M. E. church Christmas Eve.

The first number of the lecture course was given Thursday night at the M. E. church by "The Virginians," and was enjoyed by a full house. The Epworth League is giving the course.

World's Debt to American Sailor.

The famous Wind and Current Charts, published by Lieut. Meury, of the United States navy, in the middle of the last century, were immensely valuable to mariners in pointing out the quickest and safest routes for sailing vessels. British shipping alone is said to have benefited from them to the extent of \$10,000,000 a year.

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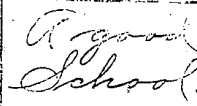
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