

# Of Interest to Motorists

## STEADY FOOT DRIVING NEED

A good steady foot is far more important for first-class automobile driving than is generally supposed. With millions of automobiles crowding the thoroughfares of the country, the condition of the feet may be as vital to the proper driving of an automobile in crisis as is clear vision, according to Dr. William M. Scholl, of Chicago, expert on the human feet.

"With increasing traffic congestion, good feet and legs become important factors of safety in driving," Dr. Scholl said. "A flat foot, one of the commonest of physical disabilities, does not properly respond to clutch and brake movements, and cannot be relied upon to respond with the quick precision often necessary to avert an accident. Each year it is becoming more and more evident that every faculty must be on the alert to avert motor crashes.

"But consider the man who suffers from one of the many ordinary defects of the feet which are not acute. When he has become fatigued by constant driving, his nerve impulses are slowed up and

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Earl C. Potter, Rivenoak avenue: "We had a very pleasant Easter in Washington when we were at Annapolis there was a sleet storm and it was not so comfortable, but the trip home over the mountains was delightful. It seems cold in Birmingham after the warm weather at the capital."

respond with less certainty. Many accidents occur to drivers who have induced a form of auto-intoxication by prolonged and wearisome drives and who are not on the qui vive when they reach crowded traffic in the city after an exhausting trip. Such persons require good strong feet and legs.

"The relation of the leg muscles to the feet are not well understood. The powerful leg muscles direct the more vigorous motions, too, between the nerves of the feet and legs and the great nerve center in the small of the back. When a man is thoroughly 'let down' and exhausted by constant motoring, he is not complete master of his feet, and he is apt to perform unskillfully on the brake and throttle. For this reason, as I have stated before, it is advisable to break the monotony of a long ride by a brisk walk.

## Co-Eds Seek Auto Course



Michigan State College Co-Eds Petitioning Professor G. W. Hobbs for special automobile engineering course.

ed a state increase of only 927. The total membership increased during the first three months of 1928 amounted to 6,746, or nearly a thousand more members than secured in the same quarter of 1927. This increase establishes a first-quarter record over the club's entire history.

During this quarter a new branch was established at Niles, Mich., known as the Cass-Berrien branch. Great studies were made in the Oakland county territory, where the Detroit Automobile club recently consummated a consolidation with the Oakland County Automobile club.

W. B. Bachman, membership director of the club, expressed belief yesterday that membership in the 14 state branches of the organization will soon equal that of Detroit itself, where the club enjoys the largest metropolitan membership in the country.

With the increase of more than 10,000 members in 1927, the Detroit organization has established its fourth consecutive record for annual growth.

## DRIVER JAILED AFTER CRASH

Cornwell Under \$500 Bail Pending Trial After Pleading Not Guilty On Arraignment

Clyde Cornwell, 203 Holland avenue, faces trial today in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Bail was set at \$500 Saturday at his arraignment when he entered a plea of not guilty.

Cornwell was arrested by Patrolman George Stevenson Friday night on east Maple avenue after the car he is said to have been driving struck an automobile owned by J. F. Whitehead, 1792 Seminole avenue, Detroit. Slight damage was done to the cars.

George Crawford, 142 Hamilton avenue, with Cornwell at the time, was fined \$25 by Justice Buck on a charge of drunkenness.

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## IDEAS OF WOMEN DISPLAYED IN NEW OLDSMOBILE MODELS

Many of the refinements that have added increased comfort to the new Oldsmobile were the result of opinions and suggestions advanced by the score of women who were consulted, according to John C. Wood, chief engineer of Oldsmobile.

"In designing the new Oldsmobile, motoring comfort was held of prime importance," said Mr. Wood. "Knowledge of the best engineering practice enabled us to procure exceptional balance and the use of four hydraulic shock absorbers as standard equipment further enhanced easy riding qualities. But this was not sufficient.

"Our attention was attracted to the front compartment, which is occupied more often than is the rear, yet the rear compartment has received lavish attention from designers. We outlined several ways of making improvements and then obtained a consensus of opinion from a number of women.

They agreed that the following conditions existed in most cars and could be improved:

"Loose floor boards; a rubber mat which formed an indifferent covering; wide openings for pedals and levers afforded entrance to drafts and road dust; the sheet metal dash separating the engine from the compartment with its usual array of instruments or accessories was a potential noise source; the starter was in the way and sometimes stuck; the button type accelerator was hard to hold at an even pressure and frequently slipped under the high instep of a woman's slipper, making her lose control of car speed.

"Overcoming these objections was merely detail work. First we moved the battery forward so that it could be covered by an inspection plate and the need of raising the floor boards was eliminated. Then we provided a rubber floor covering that was heavily lined with wool. This was fitted closely to pedals and levers and practically insulates the compartment against drafts. As a further precaution this covering was fastened to the metal dash and carried up to the cowl. All accessories were removed from the motor side of the dash.

"We changed to a manual starter which gives positive engagements before the electrical connection is made. The starter switch was moved to the foot board where there is no chance of its being accidentally engaged, yet it is readily accessible. The flap-type accelerator, which gives full support to the foot, minimizing the possibility of the foot slipping off the pedal and affording even pressure, was improved and retained.

## HUPP DRIVEAWAY MAKES RECORD

Michigan Humobile dealers formed one of the largest single driveaways in Humobile history Thursday when, in honor of Irwin M. Kaufel, manager of the local Humobile branch, they drove 112 "Century" six and eight-cylinder cars from the factory to all parts of the Lower Peninsula.

Dealers and their employees gathered at the factory at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, where they listened to DuBois Young, president and general manager, and R. S. Cole, general sales manager. Luncheon followed at 1 p. m., after which the driveaway was inaugurated with a parade through parts of Detroit's business section before drivers left for their home cities.

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