

Michigan Mirror

INTERESTING THE NEWS

By Gene Alleman

Maybe YOUR automobile is in good mechanical condition. But how about the "other driver"—the fellow who is driving the automobile you meet on the road?

Secretary of State Fred M. Alger, Jr., believes Michigan could save both money and lives by requiring the other driver to keep his car in safe driving condition. By this Alger means the following: brakes should work, headlights should light up the road, tires should have some tread; the windshield wiper should function.

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porting through a modest fee—50 cents every six months. "It should be worth 50 cents to know that the other automobile on the highway is in good running order," said Alger. "And it's worth something to know your car is able to stop at a reasonable distance in an emergency."

What is the highway traffic problem in Michigan?

State police report that traffic accidents climbed to a new high in 1947. The accident total climbed 25 per cent over 1946. Not so many people killed. Property damage was 29 per cent.

All in all, the highway toll ran into many millions of dollars in property damage and hospital bills, not to mention the tragic snuffing out of human lives and the suffering of survivors.

All these facts were reviewed recently by a group of Michigan newspaper editors. The editors met to study ways to arouse the public to the need for better law enforcement, a high standard of education, and periodic vehicle inspection. The legislature in 1947 raised the age of drivers from 14 to 16.

As shown by a reduction of highway death in 1947, much progress has already been made in Michigan. But there is still much left to do, in the opinion of Secretary of State Alger and the newspaper editors' committee.

"It is significant to note that New Jersey cut highway deaths 30 per cent in one year by requiring the 'other driver' to keep his car in safe condition," said Alger. "New automobiles are potentially more dangerous than ever before. They are faster. My assistant, Charles Crendon, went to New Jersey and investigated the system there. He reported that motorists were well pleased. The inspections serve as a double check on their safety."

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And yet a rise in the cost of highway accidents as shown by the 1947 toll, is costing someone—the other driver, now and then—far more in the aggregate than the amount required to buy the inspection equipment.

Here is another problem that affects everybody.

Are the savings worth the cost?

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