

URGES MOTORISTS TO DIM HEADLIGHTS

Gov. Harrington of Maryland Would Avoid Auto Accidents at Night.

HOPES THAT LEGISLATURE WILL PASS STATE LAW

Declares Drivers in Passing Should Show Proper Regard for Welfare of Each Other.

Gov. Harrington of Maryland has issued an appeal to the motoring fraternity in general using the roads of that state to dim the headlights on their automobiles at night when passing other machines, and in the event that their machines are not equipped with dimmers to provide their cars with the same. He says:

"I understand there is a Baltimore ordinance requiring the dimming of lights, but there is no state law of that character and I understand the automobile commissioner is powerless in this matter. I think there ought to be a law requiring all motorists to have lights which can be dimmed and that they ought to be required to observe the rule of dimming their lights when meeting another vehicle on the road.

Cause of Accidents.
"My attention has been called to the fact that a considerable proportion of the automobile accidents result from cars approaching each other at night in the blinding glare caused by the headlights. When one is driving a car at night and is approached by another car with its headlights turned on full the glare is such that the driver cannot see where he is going. If two cars approaching each other dim their lights the driver of each has a normal vision along the road and each can see the other's course and also his own course, thus reducing the possibility of accident to the minimum.

"I hope the next legislature will pass a law requiring the use of dimmers, or make some regulation in this matter. In the meantime all that can be accomplished by such a law can be had if the motorists will do the right thing and also if the owners of cars will provide dimmers, if they do not have them. I do not believe there are many people, if any, who are inclined to use the headlights on their cars on the road, but there are a great many who are thoughtless and careless, or who do not think or do not take the time to prepare.

"Decent Thing to Do."

"I want to appeal to all motorists to obtain the dimmers and to dim their lights voluntarily whenever the situation requires. It is the right thing to do, the decent thing to do. The etiquette of the road requires dimming. I place my indorsement upon that and make a personal and official appeal to every man and woman who takes a car out on the road."

An active campaign is being waged by the authorities toward the improvement of the motor vehicle headlight ordinance, which provides "that no operator of any automobile or other motor vehicle of any kind, motor trucks or motor cycles included, while operating the same upon any public highway within the limits of Baltimore city, shall use any acetylene, electric or other headlight on such vehicle, unless such headlight be properly designed, covered, shaded, deflected, dimmed or lowered, so that it will not blind or dazzle any other operator of the highway, or make it difficult or unsafe for them to ride, drive or walk thereon."

Simple to Avoid Arrests.

It is not the desire of the Baltimore police authorities to make arrests, it is explained, and it is a very simple matter on the part of the motorists to avoid them by using their dimmers only, or when headlights are used to see that the front glass is so treated by using a patented or home-made device that the blinding glare or dazzle is eliminated.

Officers are stationed in various sections of Baltimore to see that the above ordinance is carried out, and all violators are arrested.

HUDSON CAR MAKES NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL TIME

Super-Six Touring Machine Lowers Record in Run from San Francisco to New York.

The transcontinental automobile record was broken again last week, when a Hudson super-six stock touring car, with a relay of drivers, made the run from San Francisco to New York in 5 days, 8 hours and 31 minutes, clipping 14 hours and 49 minutes off the best previous record.

The new record-breaking car left the Pacific coast Wednesday, September 13, at 12:01 a.m., arriving at Columbus Circle, New York, where it was checked in by officials of the American Automobile Association, last Monday at 6:31 a.m. The average running time for the trip was 23.14 miles per hour through the run of 3,476 miles.

A. E. Patterson drove the car from San Francisco to Elko, Nev., where Ralph Mulford took the wheel and piloted it to Laramie, Wyo. There Patterson again took charge, driving to Omaha, Neb. In that city he was joined again by Mulford, who piloted the car to South Bend, Ind.

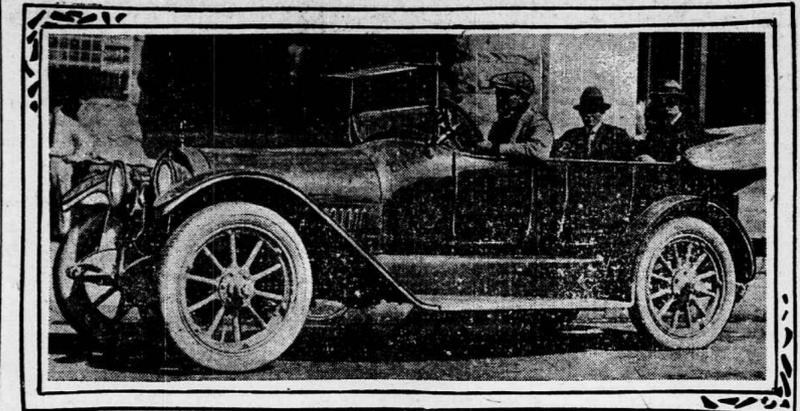
The last lap of the long trip was driven by C. H. Vincent, who remained at the wheel 910 miles, until its arrival in New York.

One of the incidents of the trip was the killing of two cows. Mulford ran into a herd of cattle that blocked a bridge. The radiator and lamps were badly damaged, causing a delay of three hours. Otherwise the machine came through in excellent condition.

Local A. A. A. Membership Grows.

Another encouraging increase in membership was recorded for the A. A. A. District of Columbia Club for the week ended September 23. Thirty-five new names were added to the club roster, as follows: Dr. W. H. Merrill, Edward C. Hancke, Robert Jenkins, J. Frank Campbell, T. E. Wormsley, A. W. Dorsch, A. Wakefield Leeke, John E. Baker, Leo C. Broods, Alfred E. T. Hansmann, Charles F. Burrall, F. C. Teichman, Jr., Harry F. Kennedy, George H. Townsend, H. C. Neale, Robert J. Kines, H. E. Willis, J. R. Hawkins, Walker Blaine Beale, T. B. Hedekin, E. Meade, George W. Harris, Stanley Egan, William Smith, P. J. Bayne, P. E. Hill, Edmund S. Wolfe, James C. Mumford, U. R. M. Samuel, F. Schwartz, Watson W. Eldridge, Mrs. Walter Webb, Gustave Oppenheimer, E. M. Thomas, Edward C. Jenness and Fred...

ESTABLISHES NEW RECORD BETWEEN RICHMOND, VA., AND NATIONAL CAPITAL.



D. BRAILEY GISH AT WHEEL, ACCOMPANIED BY H. E. DUCKSTEN, ROBERT K. CHASE AND FRANK JUSTICE. THE PARTY MADE THE TRIP BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES IN FOUR HOURS AND FOUR MINUTES, LOWERING THE PREVIOUS RECORD BY FIFTY-ONE MINUTES. (Photo by Buck.)

MARYLAND ROAD WORK REPORTED UNDER WAY

The following roads which are under construction in the state of Maryland and the probable time of their completion is given by the Automobile Club of Maryland in a bulletin relating to that question:

Emmitsburg rd. (Thurmont to Emmitsburg)	June 1, 1917.	1916.
Through town of Jefferson	December 1, 1916.	
Taneytown to Bridgeport	June 1, 1917.	
Foaly's bridge	June 1, 1917.	
Obert to South's bridge	September 1, 1917.	
Norbeck 1 1/2 miles toward Olney	December 1, 1916.	
Through town of Sykesville	December 1, 1916.	
Elliot City to Columbia	December 1, 1916.	
Reisterstown rd. (Arlington to Reisterstown)	June 1, 1917.	
Reisterstown rd. (Reisterstown to Westminster)	December 1, 1917.	
York road (Verona to Parkton)	June 1, 1917.	
Liberty road (North Branch to Randolph)	June 1, 1917.	
Forest Hill to Hamsay's	December 1, 1917.	
Mount Zion to Hill's bridge	August 1, 1917.	
Frederick to Wyalusing	December 1, 1916.	
Scotland to Confederate Monument	November 1, 1916.	
Stumpston to Trappe	December 1, 1916.	
Easton to Miles River road	June 1, 1917.	
Leakwood to Mount Holly	May 1, 1917.	
Westover to Pocomoke	September 1, 1917.	
Pocomoke to Virginia line	November 1, 1916.	

MOTORISTS ON LONG TRIP.

Two motorists from Wichita Falls, Tex., who are endeavoring to cover twenty states in thirty days, passed through Washington yesterday. Up to the time of arrival here they had covered 4,983 miles, with an average of 32.5 miles per hour.

NEW RECORD FOR RUN FROM VIRGINIA CAPITAL.

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TOURING HIGHWAY OPENED.

Virginia Roadway Between Pohick and Lorton Dedicated to Use.

With the dedication last Saturday of the new Virginia roadway between Pohick and Lorton, Washington motorists had thrown open for their use one of the finest touring highways in the country, through the efforts of the American Automobile Association District of Columbia Club.

Especially at this season of the year is motor touring delightful, and the forty-mile ride between the National Capital and Lorton offers tourists all the essentials of pleasurable motoring.

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Planned as Opening of Fall Season of Local Association.

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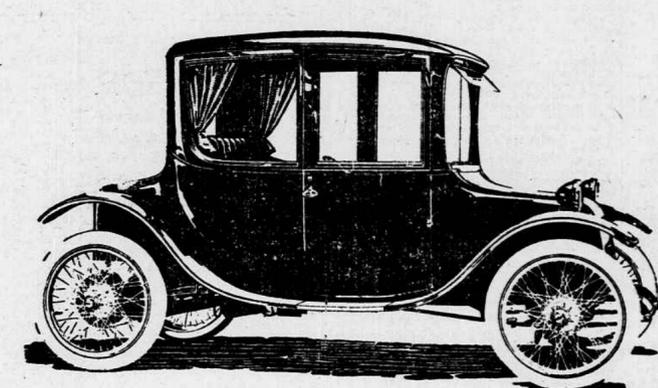
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