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FARMERS USE MANY TRUCKS

Passenger Cars And Trailers Not Included In Survey Of Country

Survey forces that can be concerned when the time is "just right" have always been a necessity on the farm, but the farmer's difficulties in this connection are augmented by higher labor costs, and this is proving a powerful argument for the motor truck on the farm, according to advocates of motor transportation.

A preliminary survey of the ownership and use of motor vehicles by farmers, undertaken by the office of farm management and bureau of crop estimates, department of agriculture, which shows that out of 50,000 farmers in the United States, 10,000 own motor trucks which they use on their farms.

Figures on which the totals for the entire country as well as for the states are based, were secured through the co-operation of approximately 35,000 selected crop raisers, who were asked to report names and addresses of farmers using motor trucks for farm use, passenger cars and trailers for use in hauling or on regular scheduled routes were not included, while this survey cannot be complete, it is reasonable to believe that in no state where less than 75 per cent of the trucks on the roads are reported, so that the figures are relative distribution satisfactory.

The exact number of truck owners reported is 49,195, divided among the states as follows: Alabama 847, Arizona 55, Arkansas 721, California 1,190, Colorado 804, Connecticut 357, Delaware 100, Florida 320, Georgia 808, Idaho 329, Illinois 2,261, Indiana 1,543, Iowa 2,773, Kansas 1,732, Kentucky 813, Louisiana 310, Maine 5, Maryland 596, Massachusetts 1,255, Michigan 1,636, Minnesota 1,255, Mississippi 957, Missouri 2,045, Montana 359, Nebraska 2,739, Nevada 41, New Hampshire 283, New Jersey 3, New Mexico 104, New York 5, North Carolina 1,460, North Dakota 601, Ohio 2,261, Oklahoma 733,

Food Cheaper If It Comes By Mail Truck Is Claim of Blakslee, Assistant U. S. Postmaster



Oregon 249, Pennsylvania 2,760, Rhode Island 152, South Carolina 1,190, South Dakota 1,708, Tennessee 978, Texas 1,688, Utah 173, Vermont 922, Virginia 1,198, Washington 682, West Virginia 465, Wisconsin 1,465, Wyoming 174.

BRITTON TO MEET O'DOWD.

Canton, O., May 17.—Jack Britton, the welterweight champion, will meet Mike O'Dowd, recently dethroned middleweight title holder, in a ten round contest here tonight. O'Dowd's original agreement called for a \$10,000 guarantee, but after his defeat for the middleweight title he agreed to accept a smaller amount.

"Efficiency in the movement of food from producer to consumer" would be painted on the sides of this truck very probably if it were being operated as part of a privately-owned rural motor express line. But as it is operated as part of a government line delivering food from farm to consumer it must content itself with the sign, "U. S. Mail R-168." In the photograph it has standing beside it Fourth Assistant Postmaster General James I. Blakslee, sponsor of the idea of combining rural mail routes and rural motor express.

Recent experiments, for which congress appropriated \$300,000, have demonstrated to Mr. Blakslee that broad expansion of the service would

not only increase the revenues of the postoffice department, but also deliver foodstuffs to the postal patrons at a cost considerably below the prevailing minimum market prices at which the patron would have purchased the article had the service not been available. The report he has just submitted recommends that congress make provision for such expansion. In the report he points out that the postal service now reaches the doors of practically all producers and all consumers, thereby making itself a valuable potential agency for direct distribution of foodstuffs.

The truck shown here runs between Washington, Leonardtown and Scot-

land, Md., a distance of 80 miles. Its average load is 7,000 pounds, although on several trips recently it has carried over 11,500 pounds. In addition to products such as hogs, chickens, eggs, oysters and turkeys, it carries an average of approximately 1,000 pounds of parcel post and mail.

It was regularly equipped with the Firestone giant pneumatic tires seen in the picture, after it had been found that they made its schedule dependable. With its former solid tire equipment delays were frequent in bad weather on account of the slippery roads. Since mails are carried dependability of schedule is held particularly desirable.

GRANGES TO AID IN TRUCK WEEK

Because Of Effect On Good Roads, Farmers Urged To Help Move

Washington, May 15.—Directing the attention of more than one million farmers to the issues involved in highway transportation and good roads, Thomas C. Atkeson, Washington representative and moving spirit in the National Grange, Patrons of Hus-

bandry, has addressed a letter to the grange secretaries throughout the country enjoining their participation in National Ship by Truck-Good Roads Week to be observed May 17 to 22.

"In this connection," writes Mr. Atkeson, "heartily approve of the general idea involved in Ship by Truck-Good Roads Week and attention that will thereby be directed to the problems of highways, transportation and distribution."

As a preface to his letter, Mr. Atkeson says: "The national grange believes that the time has come when all national government highways should be unified in a single administrative department and that a national highway law should be worked out which will serve the welfare of the whole country and distribute the expense of highway construction equitably between the beneficiaries."

Expressing his belief that there is a place for the motor truck in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Atkeson continues:

"It is conceded that there is a place for the motor truck on the farm and most particularly does this apply to the economic use of the motor truck by farm associations. To secure the most satisfactory and beneficial use of the motor truck the nation, the state, the county must have suitable permanently constructed road beds to insure motor truck operations from the producer to the consumer. Not only is the necessity for permanent highways apparent in this instance, but an improved highway is a step toward the improvement and consolidation of rural schools and the use of schools as rural social centers."

Mr. Atkeson requests the grange secretaries to bring the preparations for the week to the attention of farm members. He says:

"In view, therefore, of the simultaneous discussion, study and attention on the part of the citizens of this nation, which will be directed to these problems National Ship by Truck-Good Roads Week it is recommended that you bring this matter before your grange and take part so far as it is possible in the activities attendant on the success of the national week."

"It is evident, therefore, that the grange should be represented on committees and it is thought that because of this the grange will be able more intelligently to define the farmer's angle and arrange for farm participation than anyone else."

ESSAYS ON GOOD ROADS ARE ASKED

College Scholarship To Be Awarded High School Students For Work

High school pupils of the country are to be given an opportunity to compete for a four-years' university scholarship to be awarded for the best essay submitted in connection with Ship by Truck-Good Roads Week, May 17-22, according to announcement made today, which said that the essays will be read and the prizes awarded by judges to be appointed by the Federal Bureau of Education.

The contest, it is said, is for the purpose of focusing public attention on the necessity for good roads and the feasibility of the motor truck as a short haul medium.

According to plans approved by Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton, contestants, to be eligible to compete for the national prize, first must have won one of the prizes to be awarded by various organizations and individuals in their respective communities. The national prize is to be known as the H. S. Firestone University Scholarship, and will be given in any college or university chosen by the winner. All high school pupils may submit a five hundred word essay, which must be entitled, "Ship by Truck and Good Roads," but if the national prize is won by any pupil other than a senior, the award will be deferred until the winner is ready to matriculate at the institution of his choice.

Commerce, the National Grange, the Ship by Truck Bureau, the Army, the Navy, and churches and schools generally.

State superintendents of instruction are being requested to direct their contest within their commonwealth. Prizes are to be awarded in each community and will be determined by local committees.

Announcement of other national prizes to be awarded by organizations which are lending their support to the program for the week is expected to be made soon. H. S. Firestone,

donor of the scholarship, is originator and sponsor of the Ship by Truck movement.

OFFICERS STRIKE

Vienna, April 28.—(Mail.)—Officers and attendants of the Vienna courts have gone on strike and taken with them the keys to the lockers containing the robes and wigs belonging to the judges. Consequently the Vienna courts for the first time in history are sitting in ordinary civilian clothing.



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