

# SECTION



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## Don Shortz Is Maxwell Agent In San Pedro

A recent addition to auto row in San Pedro, and one that will fill long felt want is the opening of Maxwell agency and service department in the new Lever building, eleventh street near Pacific avenue, with Don Shortz in charge.

Mr. Shortz was for five years manager of the Chalmers and Maxwell agency in Oakland, but has decided to join the auto colony of the "white spot" on the commercial map and will make his future home in San Pedro. He is also agent for the Lomita and Harbor City territory and is prepared to make instant deliveries of all styles of this well known and well liked car.

An added attraction to Maxwell is the fact that Mr. Shortz will have in connection with his salesrooms a complete service department under the direction of Mr. Lever, the owner of the handsome building that has recently been erected and that is a model of convenience to those in need of auto repair or overhauling. Maxwell experts will be in charge of his service and all parts for Maxwell that may be needed will be found there.

## Women Cause But 13 per cent of Auto Smashes

Ten thousand women drive automobiles in Los Angeles. They cause 13 per cent of all accidents.

That figure is low, because 50 per cent of men drivers become involved in smashups sooner or later. Those are police traffic bureau figures. Also:

Approximately 160,000 California owned automobiles use the city's streets every day, besides 10,000 from other States, driven by tourists.

Police checked motor cars on the streets one day last week. They counted:

- 141,100 pleasure cars, of which 1055 were driven by women.
- 15,425 trucks.
- 1600 motorcycles.

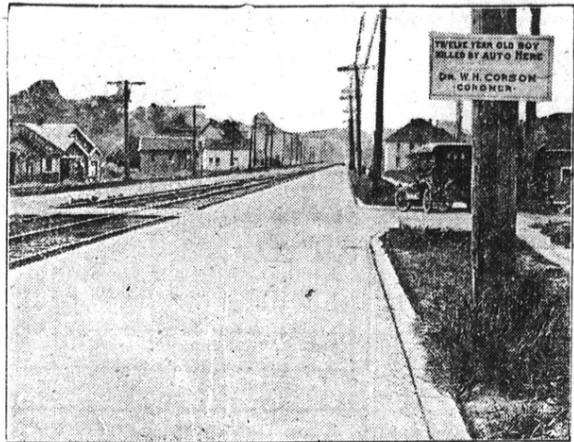
And that count was made only in the congested districts.

## HEAT DETERIORATES RUBBER.

Tires Cannot Long Remain Intact When Highly Heated by Continuous Speeding.

A high-grade tire on a racing car will sometimes stand up as far as 500 miles, about one-twentieth of the life of a tire operated under ordinary conditions. This difference in tire service is due directly to a difference in the heat developed. Heat exerts a deteriorating effect on rubber in proportion to the intensity and length of time the rubber is exposed to it. Running at high speed quickly raises the temperature of a tire. This heat results from the internal friction set up in the tire carcass. Tires are designed to resist the effects of heat produced by ordinary everyday car operation, but they cannot long remain intact when highly heated by continuous speeding. The tire bills of the speeder are likely to be higher than those of the driver who proceeds at a moderate pace.

## CORONER POSTS WARNING PLACARD AT DANGEROUS SEATTLE CROSSING



In an effort to cut down the toll of fatal accidents throughout Seattle and King county, Dr. W. H. Corson, King county coroner, has started the practice of erecting signs at places where fatalities have occurred, stating in detail the particular accident. Herewith is shown one of the signs erected at a dangerous street corner.

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## BAROMETER OF AUGUST SALES SHOWN

### Inability To Make Deliveries Makes Many Changes

The monthly position of many cars changed considerably, as the barometer shows after a close study of the figures as compiled and printed in Motor News published in Oakland. Ford, Chevrolet, and Studebaker, in the order named, retained their respective positions of first, second and third. Dodge Brothers moved back into fourth place, and Overland climbed into fifth position instead of sixth, the mark it attained in July.

Buick dropped from fourth to sixth place. Lack of deliveries on new models is the reason contributed by Howard Automobile Company officials, who declare that they are many days behind in this respect.

Nash climbed to seventh place from ninth position and attained a total that almost equaled its high mark made in May. Hupmobile also moved from tenth to eighth position, and came within striking distance of its record month, also achieved in May.

Durant dropped down a notch from eighth to ninth place, and Essex climbed one, from eleventh to tenth.

Jewett made a sensational spurt, landing in eleventh place from seventeenth position. This advance is a notable one for a car which is still new to the public. Maxwell dropped from seventh to twelfth position, the lowest rung it has held in the sales ladder for a number of months. This is due entirely to inability to make deliveries. Oldsmobile advanced one notch, going into thirteenth place.

Cadillac also went up a peg, finishing August in fourteenth position. Willys-Knight dropped from twelfth to sixteenth in the list; Hudson dropped from thirteenth to seventeenth. Cleveland fell back two paces to eighteenth place, and Chandler lost one, winding up in nineteenth. Packard put over its best in California history, and did well enough to be in twentieth place.

Chalmers took a decided jump ahead, going up from thirty-first to twenty-first place. Stephens lost two places, but gained two cars in sales over the previous month. Haynes came back into the limelight, four points better than in July. Lincoln advanced a notch. Reo likewise went ahead one.

Wills Saint Claire recorded the same amount of business it showed in July, but lost two positions in the sales ladder. Jordan lost four places. Peerless is in the same position it was during July. Liberty is one point better than in July.

## AUTOMOBILE GOSSIP

Valve clicks and slaps are the most common engine noises.

The neglect in tightening bolts of filling grease cups often leads to trouble and frequently a breakdown.

Spring shackles, wheel bearings, steering connections and universal joints should be oiled frequently to save wear and insure smoother operation.

It is a good plan to have one's car gone over thoroughly by competent mechanics once in a while, but there are certain points that every owner can look after himself.

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