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As we said last week, pediculosis capitis is the scientific name for infestation with head lice. To kill these parasites the hair may be thoroughly soaked with a half-and-half mixture of kerosene and olive oil three evenings in succession. After soaking the hair with this mixture, wrap the head snugly in a heavy Turkish towel to keep the fluid from running down on the face or neck. Keep away from any fire or flame, as the mixture of kerosene and olive oil will easily catch fire.

After the first three days, wash the hair thoroughly every day for two or three more days with a solution of two teaspoonfuls of soda in a cup of water or preferably four tablespoonfuls of vinegar in a cup of water to loosen the eggs from the hair. Both dead lice and loosened eggs can be combed out of the hair with a fine comb.

Tincture of larkspur may be used instead of the kerosene and olive oil mixture. It is cleaner and smells better, but it is no more efficient and costs much more.

The course of treatment may be repeated every ten days, if necessary, until no more lice or eggs can be found. One course of treatment, however, is often sufficient.

Stratocruisers To Be Put In Airways Service

Contracts for purchase of 20 Boeing Stratocruisers, the 65-ton, 80-passenger, high performance "big brother" of the B-29 Superfortress, were signed in New York last week by Pan American Airways.

The Stratocruiser is the commercial version of the C-97 Army transport which holds the transcontinental speed record for all types of aircraft. More than twenty-five million dollars are involved in the transaction, according to President William M. Allen of Boeing.

The luxurious plane will speed from Los Angeles to Honolulu in 8 hours, and to Buenos Aires in about 30 hours and bring Los Angeles within 20 hours of London and 21 hours of Tokyo.

The Stratocruiser is the commercial air transport development of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress, the heavy bomber that brought peace to the Pacific and last Tuesday established a world's record of 8,198 miles by flying non-stop from Guam to Washington, D.C.

VETS DOMINATE

Military personnel and veterans dominated enrollment at California Institute of Technology.

Failure to Dim Headlights Brings Warning

Widespread disregard of the Vehicle Code section requiring motorists to dim their lights when approaching other vehicles at night was reported today by the California Highway Patrol.

Director of Motor Vehicles Gordon H. Garland, said a survey recently indicated less than half of the night drivers are complying with this section.

"Since the return of unrestricted gasoline many of our drivers appear to have forgotten it is not only a courtesy to approaching vehicles but also a legal requirement that lights be dimmed," Garland said.

Director Garland urged greater compliance with the law as a means of reducing the hazards of night driving. He said the dimming section is difficult of enforcement because officers patrolling at night often find it impractical to turn around in heavy traffic and chase vehicles with glaring lights.

Two Big County Sanitation Districts Loom

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, petitions requesting the Board of Supervisors to divide the City of Los Angeles into two county sanitation districts, one covering the territory east of La Brea ave., and the other covering the territory west of La Brea ave., excluding therefrom the San Fernando Valley, were filed at the Hall of Records by a group of citizens headed by Municipal Judge Charles B. McCoy.

The board decided to call a conference with the cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Culver City to determine the advisability and probability of forming two such districts. If the plan is carried out the sewage from the City of Los Angeles could be discharged into the ocean at White Point instead of Hyperion but if the White Point outflow is not available the petition suggests a new inland treatment plant to be built near the Baldwin Hills.

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What All Drivers Should Know

Prepared By The Department of Motor Vehicles

Directions: These questions are official and the same you are asked when you apply for your driver's license. Test your knowledge by marking yes or no in the space at the end of the line. Correct answers printed below.

1. May a parent teach his child to drive a motor vehicle without first getting the child an instruction permit?.....

2. Is it legal to drive for several days after your California driver's license has expired, until you can get to the Department to renew it?.....

3. May you park your car in front of a private or public driveway if you leave the motor running?.....

4. Must you give an arm signal and look back before you pull away from a parking space parallel to the curb?.....

5. Are you breaking the law and making an accident possible if you load up your car so that you cannot see ahead or to the sides?.....

Answers

1. No. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by heavy fine, for any person to cause or knowingly permit his child, ward or employee under the age of 21 years to drive a motor vehicle unless and until such minor is properly licensed to drive (Section 333 Vehicle Code)

2. No. A driver's license is invalid after the expiration date shown thereon, but may be renewed 90 days prior to such expiration date. Exception: Drivers' licenses expiring in **January** may be extended 30 days by the Department, upon order of the Director. (Section 276 Vehicle Code)

3. No. No person shall stop, park or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended in front of a public or private driveway, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, and it is illegal to park a vehicle anywhere and leave it unattended without first stopping the motor. (Section 586-595 Vehicle Code)

4. Yes. No person shall start a parked vehicle unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety, and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the event any other vehicle may be affected by such movement. (Section 543-544 Vehicle Code)

5. Yes. No person shall drive a vehicle when it is so loaded, or when there are in the front seat such number of persons as to obstruct the view of the driver to the front or sides of the vehicle or as to interfere with his control over the driving mechanism of the vehicle. (Section 596 Vehicle Code.)

COMMAND ENDS

The wartime command created to protect the southland from possible invasion, has been abolished. It ceased as a unit at midnight Nov. 30 when Maj. Gen. Cortlandt Parker turned over his command to Col. William W. Hicks, commanding officer of the harbor defenses of Los Angeles at Fort MacArthur.

Pull Over To Right, Chief Of Police Says

Declaring there has been a steady increase in the number of traffic accidents caused by white line straddlers in California ever since the removal of gasoline rationing restrictions, Chief of Police John Stroh today urged drivers to "stay on their own side of the road."

Stroh said several cases have been reported recently in which accidents were caused because line straddlers refused to yield the right of way and pull over to the right hand side of the highways when other drivers attempted to pass them. In one such accident both drivers were killed and the occupants of a third car were injured.

"Line straddling is a bad habit-it a lot of drivers developed during the days of restricted travel when traffic was light," Chief Stroh commented. "They got by with it then but they can't do it under present congested conditions. Play safe and stay on your own side!"

'Gold Rush' To California In Offing

There will be a post-war "gold-rush" to California, but the newcomers will bring the gold with them, Elmer Nelson, of the Los Angeles OPA office, has declared.

For some time to come people will spend a great deal of money for travel because of the lack of durable goods, Nelson said.

He predicted that much of that travel, originating in the Middle West and East, will come here.

The county now has 250 billion dollars in liquid assets as compared with only 50 billion dollars at the end of World War I, he added. Among other things, this will mean a great land boom in Southern California.

Nelson said he made a recent tour of the Middle West, during which he interviewed many people on their post-war plans.

A trip to Southern California figured prominently in these plans, he declared. Beyond that, many of the persons he interviewed plan to settle in California.

MORE MILES FLOWN

American Airlines flew 30 percent more miles in October of this year than it did in October of last year.

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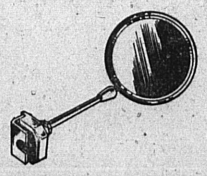

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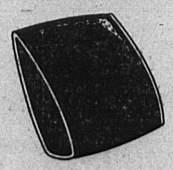

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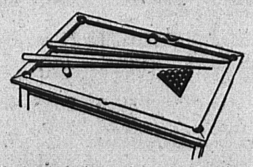

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