



SERVICE AWARDS... Eight employees of the National Supply Company in Torrance were honored with watches and diamond pins for service with the company for a combined total of more than 260 years. Receiving their awards at a luncheon were (from left) William Geach, 25 years; Ernest Betz, 30 years; Carl McClung, 25 years; Lloyd C. Warhan, 40 years; Forrest Young, 40 years; Edward R. Dawson, 30 years; Harold Briggs, 35 years; William Burgener, 35 years.

Clubs Can Get NIKE Programs

Social, civic and community organizations in the San Pedro-Torrance area on the Army's NIKE missile system can now request speakers from the 47th AAA Brigade Speakers Bureau, Captain Olin M. Hardy, Brigade Information Officer announced today.

"Our speakers are equipped to provide anything from a 30-minute luncheon program to a one-hour dinner talk," the captain said. "The topic will generally be 'NIKE in the Defense of Los Angeles.'"

Included with the talk will be a demonstration firing of a model NIKE missile at a model aircraft, and the presentation of a film, "NIKE in the Defense of America."

Organizations desiring speakers should contact the 47th Brigade Information Office, Fort MacArthur, Calif. Telephone requests can be called to Ext. 4311 at the base, the captain said. He added that



TRAINING COURSE... Melvin A. Duvall, son of Eddie A. Duvall, 3516 W. 185th St., has just completed an intensive two weeks' basic course in insurance adjusting in Boston. Duvall represents an insurance company in San Francisco.

about two weeks advance notice is normally needed to definitely schedule a program.

Rolling Around

By JIM CALLAHAN — Herald Auto Editor



Last week we devoted Rolling Around to a treatise on retreads and their advantages and possibilities as a good buy for the motorist who wanted to get a new set of shoes for his favorite auto.

It might have seemed that we placed too much emphasis on the good points of top line retreads to the detriment of new tires. Such is not the case. We do think that top quality retreads are a good buy—but it is doubtful if they will ever replace new tires in the minds of many motorists—at least not for a good many years. If retreads are so good, you may be asking yourself, why should I buy new tires? First, you'll buy new tires because of some intangible element that makes you feel that there is that certain extra margin of safety and wear in a new tire that you won't get in a retread.

When you buy a new tire you are buying a brand new casing. This is the backbone of the tire and continues to be safe and serviceable, in most cases, after the surface tread has served out its useful life. This casing in a new tire has never been subjected to any road hazard, or heat and guarantees you, as nearly as possible, many miles of carefree motoring, barring pictures and blowouts. You will recall that last week we stated that a top line retread could be a better buy than a cheap new tire. That still holds true and we would like to qualify it for you. Guard against the pitfalls of a something for nothing purchase. There are some new tires at greatly below normal price which have skimp y treads and thin walls. They'll give service, of course. But they aren't the tire that a good retread is and certainly there is no comparison between these and first line new tires.

When you decide to purchase a set of new tires for your car you are going to have to decide whether you want the conventional tube type or the newer tubeless tire. The tubeless tire is growing in popularity by leaps and bounds. It comes as factory equipment on many new cars. There is much to be said for the tubeless tire. This is a decision that you will have to make for your self. Go to a reputable tire dealer and let him tell you the good points of the tubeless. These tires must be properly mounted and once installed give many miles of trouble free service. The criticism that a bent wheel or rim as the result of an accident will cause a tubeless tire to lose its rim bond and therefore go flat is not a very valid one in our opinion. In an accident where such impact is involved, tube

or tubeless might suffer and in any event no safe minded motorist should want to continue very far without having these tires checked.

As regards the question of ply, four or six, in either tubeless or conventional, here again you have to be the arbiter. You know how you drive your car, the extent of the load it normally operates under and whether it is necessary to go to the additional extra play for good tire service. We reiterate when you buy a new tire you are doing it because you want that peace of mind that seems to come with the knowledge that you have new rubber all the way around. So don't jeopardize this advantage by trying to save the few dollars in cost between a four and six-ply when you know you need the heavier tire.

On the market today are a variety of tires that have been designed to give you the ultimate in driving safety, these puncture proof tires and blow out proof tires are outstanding in how far they have gone to enable motorist to laugh at road hazards which used to spell almost certain disaster. In all cases these tires seem more expensive than you may want to pay. However this higher initial cost is a form of insurance and if you can afford these tires we certainly recommend them. Puncture proof tires can save a life if you have a flat on one of our famous freeways. If you stop to fix or change a tire on a freeway you are inviting disaster—if you drive to the next turnoff you can be pretty certain that you have ruined a casing. One such adventure will make you realize the advantage of these puncture proof tires that have been driven many, many miles after deliberate perforation to duplicate an actual puncture.

In all new tires a high quality casing, rubber or nylon, assures you retreadability after thousands of miles if you wish to take advantage of it.

So if your tires are bad don't delay—see about replacements today. Go to your neighborhood tire dealer he'll help you decide whether conventional or tubeless are the best for your needs. He'll show you the safety tires and you'll agree that they are a worthwhile investment. If you need credit, he'll be happy to arrange it. Good tires are your greatest contribution to motoring safety—make sure you have them.

You alone know that these casings have been properly taken care of and you may wish to retread your own casing where you wouldn't consider buying a retread. All of these are factors in the purchase of new tires.

If you need and want a set of new tires, in most instances credit can be arranged. And this is a time when we honestly recommend the use of your credit to get the safe new tires installed and pay for them as you drive along. If you wait until you have the cash—you might have waited too long. Practically ever reputable tire dealer and service station invites your credit on the purchase of top quality tires—so take advantage of this offer.

Tire care is extremely important, whether you have purchased new or retread tires. Proper care will give you longer life and safer service from your tires. Be sure that they are properly inflated at all times. Check them frequently and use the pressure gauge. You can't always tell by looking and the kick has been ruled out as a method of determining the degree of inflation.

Don't forget to cross cross your tires every 5000 miles to equalize wear. If you notice that one tire is wearing much faster than the other check your wheel alignment. This will not only save your tires it pays handsome dividends in safety and handling of your automobile.

Your tires are the most vital part of your automobile. Don't fool around with worn, broken, or unsafe tires. Remember that no matter how well tuned and perfect your engine operates, it can't give you any degree of satisfaction if you have a flat tire when you go out to get into your car in the morning. And certainly you won't feel like taking the family on any kind of a trip when the tires are smooth and old. You won't be too safe going to and from work either.

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