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Small Net Loss of Population Is Indicated by Traffic Movement

While arrangements were being completed by the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission with California's border states for a count of automobile traffic movement, figures obtained and analyzed by the commission for the month of August show there has been no large net loss in California's population via automobiles since V-J Day.

This was reported to Governor Earl Warren today by Colonel Alexander R. Heron, state director of reconstruction and reemployment, who stated that a cooperative exchange of information on auto traffic movement has been made with the State governments of Arizona and Nevada and that a similar arrangement will be made with Oregon. The traffic count is being made in cooperation with the California State Department of Agriculture. Nevada has undertaken a special count of current movements, figures from which will be available in a few days.

Colon Heron said: "A year ago a report on California population made by the Commission stated that after total victory, a net outward movement may occur. Any outward movement of population, however, should be relatively small and of short duration. Present trends indicate this prediction will hold true."

Twice as many cars entered California from the three bordering States in August, 1945, as came in during the same month of 1944. During August, 1945, 39,953 cars and stages are reported as entering Arizona from California. But at the same time 29,900 cars and stages entered Arizona from the East, and 33,103 cars and stages entered California from Arizona. The number of cars entering Arizona from California during August, 1945, represented an increase of 108 per cent over August, 1944. The number of cars entering Arizona from the East during August, 1945, showed an increase of 71 per cent over August, 1944. The number entering California from Arizona showed an increase of 64 per cent.

Credit Cards Being Issued By Standard Oil Co.

With the scheduled termination of another war-time government restriction, new national credit cards have been mailed to several hundred thousand customers throughout the West, says A. D. De Witt of Standard of California. They are for use now since the federal order lifting the ban went into effect on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1945.

"All former credit card holders will receive new cards, good immediately, as soon as postal distribution can be made," A. D. De Witt explained. "Applications are being taken at all our service stations and offices from motorists who did not hold them previously."

"Strangely enough, this was one of the things most missed

Palos Verdes Schools Get New FWA Allocation

Allotments made by the federal works agency for planning California public works include: Compton Union high school district, school facilities, \$198,000 estimated cost, \$7831 planning allotment; Palos Verdes school district, school facilities, \$87,000 estimated cost, \$4000 planning allotment.

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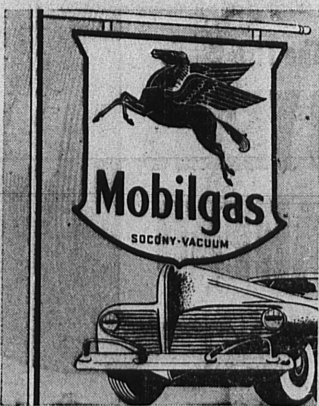
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Warning On Auto Fires Given By Local Chief

In the past 12 months, the Torrance Fire Department has been called out for 21 car fires, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

Millions of dollars worth of private automobiles burn up every year in the United States, and some 500 persons lose their lives in these fires, the Chief explained. The older or more poorly serviced the car, the more fire hazards it carries around.

"If we get to a car fire quickly enough," the Chief said, "we can usually put it out with a hand extinguisher before much damage is done. But cars often catch fire miles away from a municipal fire department, and that is when many drivers first realize that they should be carrying a fire extinguisher in the car."

Since most car fires are in electric wiring, grease or oil, the Chief suggests that Underwriters' approved extinguishers of the vaporizing liquid or carbon dioxide types are appropriate car equipment. Trucks operating under Interstate Commerce Commission regulations have to carry such extinguishers, and a recent survey indicates that truck drivers use them to save other people's cars about as often as they do to protect their own property.

He suggests five rules to follow if your car catches fire on the road:

1. Turn off the ignition.
2. Get people out of the car and keep them away from the fire.
3. If you have a fire extinguisher, use it. Fight the fire from outside the car, but never crawl under it, and aim the stream of extinguishant directly onto what is burning. Keep to the windward side of the fire, so you can see what you are doing and will not be overcome by smoke and fire gases.
4. If you have no extinguisher yourself, hail a passing truck or bus, as most of them do carry such equipment.
5. After the fire is extinguished, let the car air out before getting back in.

Little Change In September Supply of Tires

War's end brought little relief to Southland motorists in connection with their tire problems. In fact, although national allotments of grade one passenger car tires for September were the same as the previous month, the total, 119,716, available to drivers in the nine counties included in the Los Angeles district would have been fewer by 2,485 than the 122,201 provided during August had not county totals been increased slightly through a reduction of the district reserve stock pile.

NO MORE CHAPLAINS

Appointments of chaplains in the Army of the United States have been discontinued, according to word received today by Colonel J. L. Blakeney, Ninth Service Command chaplain, from the Chief of Chaplains in Washington, D. C.

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