Study Oil Viscosity and Torque Needed to Start

Some attention has been given by the bureau of standards, Department of Commerce, to the relation between oil viscosity and the torque required to start an automobile engine in rotation or to bring it up to a given speed. From the results thus far obtained it appears that while the viscosity of the oil does have a pronounced effect upon the power required to crank the engine at speeds of 100 r. p. m. and higher, it does not have any appreciable influence upon the torque required to start the engine rotating.

Keep Glass Clear

Among the new laws affecting motorists in New York state are: The windshield and rear windows must be kept clean from posters. A license plate must be clearly visible on the front of the car. Manufacturers and dealers are required to register the sale of new cars.

Statesman's View

Poetry at its best is easily intelligible, touching the finest chords of taste and feeling, but never striving at effect. This is the highest merit in every department of literature, and in poetry it is well called inspiration. Surprise, conceit, strange combinations of imagery and expression, may be successfully managed, but it is merit of an inferior kind. The beautiful, pathetic and sublime are always simple and natural, and marked by a certain serene unconsciousness of effort.—Edward Everett.

Stars in the Flag

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Modern Terminology

Little Jimmy came running in from play, to exhibit to his grandmother a huge hole in his stocking. "Look, grandmother," he said, "I've just had a blowout."

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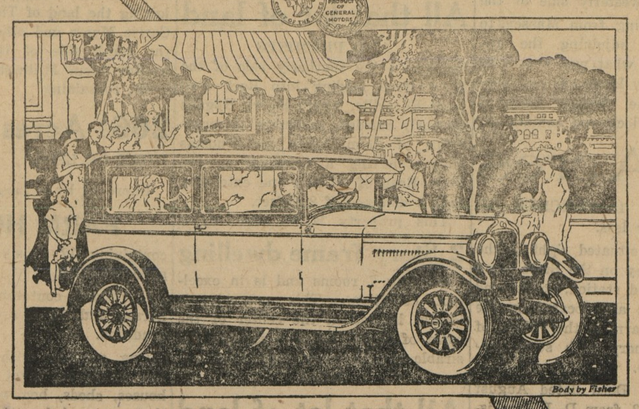

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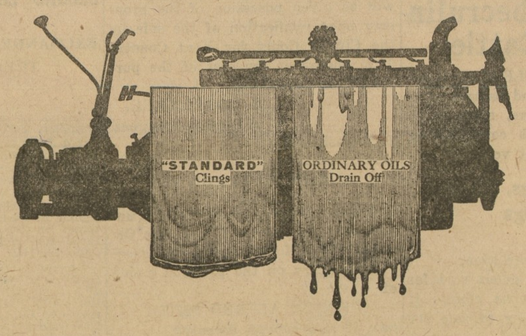

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THE SAVING SAWYERS

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A JOLLY group of young people sat before the gas log in Sam Killen's pretty apartment. Doris Killen in an exquisite orchid-tinted gown, sat on the hearth rug toasting marshmallows which she offered in turn from the point of a hatpin. They were all married, just starting in life. Peggy Bliss and Leroy, Betty Horton and Ted, Cornelius Sawyer and Jane—"Plain Jane," as they called her, although she was not plain at all, but a fresh-faced, substantial-looking young woman with gleaming black hair.

They were talking about their plans and prospects. Peggy Bliss had just mentioned that Leroy was going to buy a new Superior Six sedan, in which they expected to enjoy their vacation in Canada, when Sam Killen said in his lazy, downright way

"Well, it's too early for me to be thinking of vacations. I haven't got my winter bills paid yet."

"Why don't you pay them as you go, Sam?" Cornelius said. He leaned forward, the firelight playing on his clear, fine face. "That's the way Jane makes us do."

"Oh, Jane!" Doris laughed. "We all know how stingy she is, the dear old thing."

Jane blushed and Leroy Bliss defended her with a quick: "Good thing to be stingy sometimes. I vow expenses swamp a man sometimes. The administration—"

"Oh, don't lay it onto the administration," Ted Horton cried gayly. "Lay it onto our wives, who want so many things we can't afford."

Betty pouted and there was a general laugh, in which the discussion ended.

"I know what the crowd calls us," Jane said as she and Cornelius walked home to save car fare. "They call us the Saving Sawyers. Of course I don't want to be made fun of, dear, but—"

"Never mind what they say, you keep right on the way you're doing," commanded Cornelius, squeezing her arm.

But Jane was grave.

The Sawyers lived in a small apartment for which they paid about half what the Killens paid for their fashionable location. But Jane made it very cozy and homelike, simple though it was.

During the days that followed she asked herself whether it really paid to economize the way she and Cornelius were doing. She did thus question, especially after Peggy Bliss came wearing a marvel of a new hat to take Jane for a spin in the shining new car. She did it again when Betty Horton took her on a shopping trip for the purchase of the smart sports clothes which were to accompany Betty to Canada.

The weather was getting warm and the apartment seemed close in spite of all Jane could do, and she was very clever with ice and air, too. Why she could get a whole ocean breeze out of a lump of cold crystal as big as your fist. That came from training. Jane had had to economize all her life. And when she married Cornelius, whose salary seemed sufficient for everything, although it was much less than what either Sam or Ted or Leroy was receiving, she decided to save for a definite object—a home. For three years they had put aside every penny not called into active use. When their friends came to dinner Jane pocketed her pride and fed them on cheap cuts of meat cooked deliciously instead of chicken. She was a good cook and could make every ounce of food count.

"Cornelius, are you tired of our thrift plan?" she asked one night. "The rest of the crowd save nothing and see what good times they have." It was just after the Blisses and Hortons had left for their vacations.

Cornelius gave her his tender smile.

"What's a vacation to a home?" he said. "That's what we're saving for, isn't it? A vacation is over and forgotten inside of a month, but a home lasts forever. By the way, I heard about a nice little place that's for sale out Westend way. How'd you like to take a look at it, Jane?"

It was excessively hot in town and the thought of Westend with its trees and wide-open spaces appealed vastly to Jane. Even if they hadn't all they wished to pay down maybe it would be a good thing to start right in with this real home business now.

Next day they went to see the place on West street. It was a two-story house with six rooms, a front and back porch, a good-sized lot with garden room and a big tree. The price was a litle more than they felt they wanted to pay, but they took it nevertheless. And a week later they moved out there. There was still time for Cornelius to make a garden.

They were blissfully happy. Jane, beating eggs on her back porch which the tree shaded envied nobody and Cornelius looking up at her as he worked in his garden pitied every man who had not a Jane and a home.

Of course, the Blisses and Hortons and Killens came out to see what was being done. They came to dinner and ate the young lettuce and radishes and green onions with gusto.

"Jane declares she's going to keep a few hens," Cornelius said. "There's room I think for a coop in that corner where I'm going to put up the garage."

"Oh, you're going to have a car!" Peggy Bliss cried. "For heaven's sake don't get a Superior Six. Why it broke down—"

"All we can afford is a flivver," Jane said.

There was silence.

It was a glorious moonlight night and cool air blew in from the west bringing the scent of the pretty flower garden next door. A nighthawk circled and uttered short penetrating cries. Otherwise there was a blessed quiet.

"Well," Sam said, "I wish we had money enough to buy a home."

"So do I," Ted Horton spoke quickly. "But we never shall have." Leroy Bliss threw the end of a cigarette over the railing.

"I expect to pay rent all my days," he said. "Peg wouldn't live out like this for anything, would you, Peg?"

"Seems lonesome to me," said lively Peggy.

"It's not lonesome at all," Jane said, "we have the most wonderful neighbors—"

"Neighbors! What are neighbors?" Sam laughed.

"There's one coming now," answered Cornelius.

It was Mrs. Holmes steering for the back door with a great bowl in her hand. Jane whirled up and ran to meet her. After a gay conversation Jane came back with a tray, spoons, dishes.

"Ice cream," she said. "They made a big freezerful expecting company and the company didn't come. So we are lucky. Made out of real cream and eggs. Doris—here's your portion."

They ate the delicious cream appreciatingly while Jane planned how she could return the pleasant courtesy on the morrow. Her thoughts were interrupted by Sam Killen saying in a low voice:

"So this is what neighbors mean! Let's come out here to live, Dor!"

"Sure." Doris responded.

Sailor's "Weather"

The seaman often speaks of "weather" when he has in mind nothing more than wind, says Nature Magazine. "Dirty weather" suggests to the landsman the idea of rain and mud, but in nautical parlance it means a blow.

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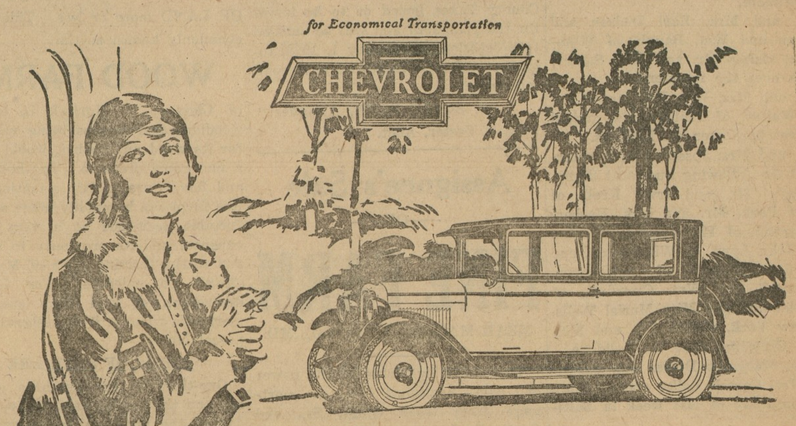

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