









### Your Health

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AUSTIN.—The State could appropriate and spend one million dollars annually on a health program without cost to the State, declares the Texas State Department of Health. This can be demonstrated in connection with our schools alone, without regard to the saving effected in the general economic life of the State.

If the State Department of Health had such a sum for the maintenance of a comprehensive health program in all public school through savings to their fund effected by the elimination of repeaters and other costs incident to health conditions.

At least 25 per cent of the pupils in our public schools do not make a good grade per year and have to be taught a second year in the same grade. With a total enrollment in the elementary schools of 1,071,000 pupils there are approximately 289,232 repeaters. The cost of instruction for this group is thereby doubled.

It costs \$45.00 per year to educate a child. If this sum is multiplied by the repeaters the loss is \$13,000,000. Not all of this could be chargeable to

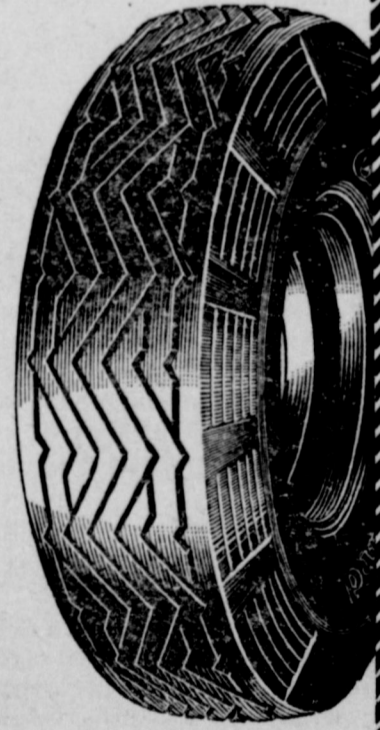
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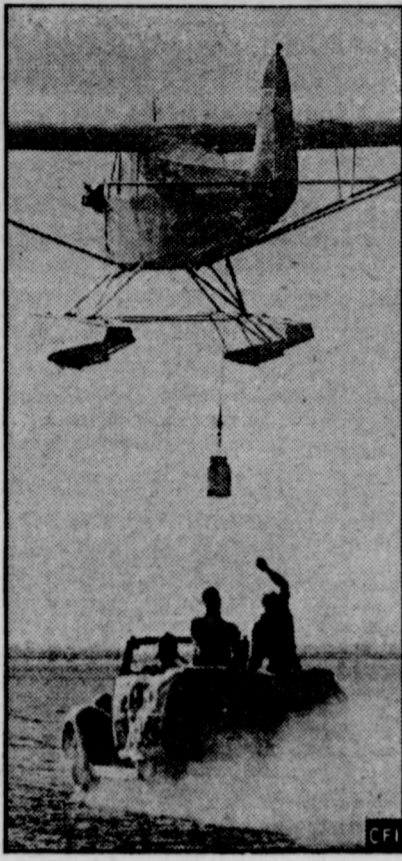


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### BREAKS RECORD



LANCASTER, Calif. — Droning over Rosamond Dry Lake here last week, a tiny seaplane passed its 24th hour aloft, shattered for its crew, Clyde Schlieper, and Wes Carroll, the light plane endurance record and roared on toward the 30-day record for planes of all classes. They broke the mark on Friday 13th. On Sept. 29 the pilots lifted their plane from Long Beach Marine Stadium and have since been refueling the 50-horsepower motor by drawing up cans of fuel from a speeding automobile and storing the fuel in the pontoons.

health conditions, but at least two-thirds, or \$9,750,000 could be so charged. By spending one million dollars per year, in promoting an adequate health program, enough of the money now wasted on repeaters in the elementary grades would be saved in three years to retire the present deficit in the general fund.

### 125,000 TEXAS FARMS HAVE NO COW, 75,000 HAVE NO CHICKENS

FORT WORTH. — There are in Texas 125,000 farms on which there is not a single cow. There are 75,000 farms on which there is not a single chicken, and another 75,000 on which there are only a few neglected chickens of the "dunghill" variety, and of little commercial or edible value.

These figures may well cause concern to those interested in a balanced agricultural program, uniform spending power, and the extension of manufacturing in Texas. They mean that one-fourth of the State's farms have no income from dairy or poultry products. In the final analysis they mean too that one-fourth of Texas farms, with many acres retired through Government regulation must from revenues on grain, cotton and other field crops, not only earn taxes, cost of production, interest, depreciation, return — however small — on invested capital, but a "store living" for owner or tenant as well. This may be said to be an unnatural condition, for no state can or has succeeded in agriculture where the providing of a living from garden, cows and poultry is not the first thought of its farmers.

There is small chance of expansion in the manufacture of dairy products within the State until this condition is uniformly corrected. No farmer, not first providing a living from his own efforts, can meet seasonal price declines in the sale of milk, for its production on bought

groceries and feed cannot be profitable.

Lack of sufficient volume, uniformly located, and produced at a price equitable to both producer and manufacturer is the problem confronting the management of Texas manufacturing plants. Creating a greater interest in better dairying is the only route through which manufacturer and producer may hope to stabilize both manufacturing and production.

For many years the work of Texas Agricultural Colleges and its workers has been devoted to teaching its farmers the benefits of living at home. It is now time for its business men to lend their assistance to these agencies in making the State as nearly 100 per cent self-supporting as possible.

### AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY GREATLY ADVANCED BY NEW HEADLIGHTS

AUSTIN. — New beams of light slid through Fall nights and down Texas highways this month at the same time bringing new figures into the statistical records of the Traffic and Safety Division of Texas' Highway and Public Safety Departments. The effect of the new "Sealed Beam" headlights on the after-dark accident toll is described in an article, "In the Headlights' Beam," by Vernon A. McGee in the October issue of Texas Parade.

"During the first eight months of 1939," writes Mr. McGee, "improper headlights and the lack of headlights jointly accounted for a total of 209 accidents. In 37 of those accidents deaths occurred; injuries were sustained in 92 accidents; in the remaining 80 costly property damage was the chief casualty. Other safety statistics show that half of all automobile accidents occur after dark, when less than one-fourth of the traffic is moving.

"The new 'sealed beam' headlights, standard equipment on most new models of automobiles, were engineered to reduce the after dark accident toll. The data available lend credence to the belief of illumination engineers that the new headlights system will prove as great an aid to safety as did unbreakable glass, four-wheel brakes, and steel bodies.

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years automobile builders, lamp manufacturers, and safety experts pooled their efforts and technical resources to build a better, safer headlight. Finally there came a moonless August night when the product of that co-operative research was previewed on the test highways of Nala Park, General Electric's huge laboratory near Cleveland, for a selected group of journalists, traffic engineers, technicians, and safety leaders.

"Rather than just a new lamp, they found a complete headlight assembly in which the reflector, filament, and the lens were contained in a single sealed unit. They found also more light, but less glare.

Heretofore the reflector, lens, and lamp have been separate units of the

headlight assembly and frequently were made by separate manufacturers in separate plants. The new sealed unit containing all three cannot be opened. Before its release from the factory each element is adjusted to a precise relationship to the others.

"The new headlamps throw two light beams. The first is a no glare beam for use in traffic. It is characterized by a wider distribution of light to the side of the road, with sharp revealing illumination up the right shoulder of the street or highway. The 180 prisms of the lens are so devised as to cut the glare from the eyes of the approaching driver.

"The second is the country beam, for use on open highways when the road is clear. This piercing, lon-

range beam picks out small but distant objects in sharp relief and provides reassuring illumination of the right lane and its adjacent shoulder of the highway."

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