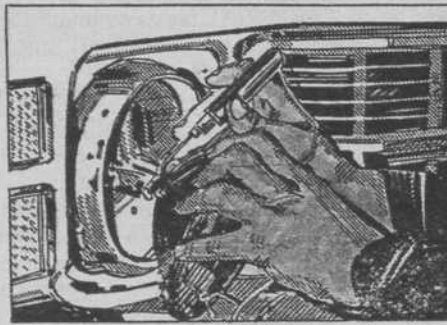
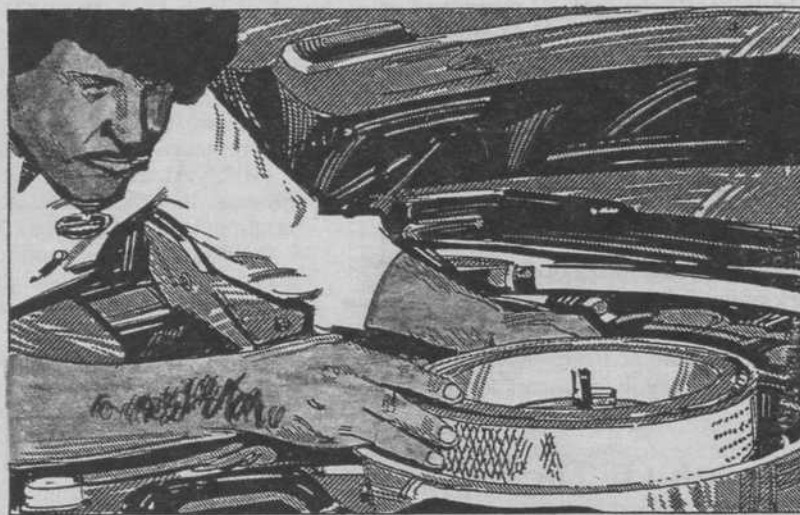


Just Around the Corner—Summer Your Car Needs TLC*

Tender Loving Care



With summer just around the corner, the whole family starts making plans for vacations, weekend trips and all sorts of other wonderful outings. Transportation for most of these fun-packed trips is provided by the family car.

How many of us realize that the hot

weather which beckons us to enjoy the outdoors can be devastating for automobiles. Heat puts added stress on your car's cooling system, tires and transmission.

Summer is definitely not the time to take your car for granted. Tender loving care (TLC) in the form of frequent checkups is

strongly advised.

TLC means that, in addition to regular visits to your favorite mechanic, you personally should:

•Check radiator hoses for cracks, worn areas or unusual bulges. During the sum-

mer, use radiator hoses with a wire lining that will not collapse when hot.

•Regularly inspect the belt on the air conditioning compressor.

•Check the carburetor adjustments. Increased use of the air conditioner during the summer and hot temperatures cause the use of more horsepower which puts a strain on the engine.

•Watch the battery closely. Summer heat causes more evaporation in a battery. If the water level in battery cells is low, the engine may not start.

•Examine tire treads very carefully. Road heat in the summer causes tires to expand more which creates greater tire wear. Tires should be filled at the manufacturer's recommended air pressure to reduce wear and improve mileage.

Before driving on a long vacation trip, you should:

•Consider adding a transmission cooler if you are planning to pull a heavy load like a trailer or camper.

•Check the condition of spare tires as well as the equipment that might be needed to change a tire.

•Carry a spare water hose or heavy tape for temporary emergency repairs on the road. Preparation such as this, beforehand, may save you an expensive towing bill.

•Try to have some type of flare in the car for use in an emergency situation. It might also be wise to carry a spare gallon of water in the car to put in the radiator if the car should overheat.

Treated with TLC, your car should transport you trouble-free to your various summer playgrounds.

