Crisp News for Autoists

To prove that an automobile accident is no new thing, an English magazine recently reprinted a picture of the explosion of a steam carriage in Scotland in 1834.

The great Brooklands track is proving anything but the financial success anticipated, and the promoters may call upon the British public for subscriptions to keep the affair alive.

The automode commission of the Imperial Automobile Club of Germany has been investigating a piece of land near Aix-la-Chapelle as the site for the proposed motor track.

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A leading automaker's reason for entering the fabulous races is that he believes that 15 per cent of the high-priced automobiles in this country are driven more than 2,000 miles a year. The fact that the Grand Prix race is a 2,500-mile affair is the reason for the growth of automobile racing as a popular sport.
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A leading manufacturer's reason for catering to feminine taste in the designing of his cars is that he believes that 15 per cent of high-grade automobiles in this country are purchased by women.

The Automobile Club of Portland, Ore., has come on record as favoring legislation forbidding persons under 18 years of age driving cars requiring eight years of chauffeur's license before they are licensed.

But even though the older boys are in charge with the cars, some of the younger boys are bound to be tempted by the lure of the road. The miles of high-speed driving, the thrill of the open air, the excitement of the speed, will all combine to make it a temptation, even if the boy has not yet reached the legal age of driving. But it is well to remember that the law is not an idle threat, and that many accidents have been caused by boys who were under the legal age of driving.