



Wheelin' around



by Charlie Moore

Buying tires is something all motorists have to do from time to time, but unfortunately, very few know how to go about it without getting ripped off, or ultimately purchasing the

wrong tires for their car. The following is a brief guide to tire buying.

Of first importance to many tire buyers is price. Surprisingly enough, most people buy their tires at service

stations who charge up to 50 percent more for tires than large chain stores like Canadian Tire or mail-order houses like Simpsons-Sears. The reason for the difference in price is that the larger concerns buy in large

quantities and are given a preferred wholesale price. These savings are passed along to the consumer. To be fair, the service stations sometimes offer tires at sale prices which are comparable to those of the larger concerns. The best policy is to check prices at several places and compare.

There are three types of tires available and each has its advantages and bad points.

1. Bias-ply: These are the cheapest of the three but give the softest ride. Bias-ply tires are available in both two and four ply and either nylon or polyester cord. Nylon is the best value for the money and is considerably stronger than polyester. Polyester, on the other hand, has slightly longer tread life and does not flat spot overnight.

2. Belted-bias: This category is sort of a cross breed between bias-ply and radial ply tires. Bias-belted tires last longer than conventional bias-ply but have a harsher ride and are more expensive. They are available in nylon or polyester cord with either fiberglass or steel belts. Steel belts are the strongest.

3. Radial ply: Radials offer the longest tread life and the best handling characteristics but are the highest priced of the three types. However, their long tread life ultimately outweighs their higher cost, making them compare favourably with other

types pricewise. Radials are available with textile or steel belts. Steel belted tend to last longer and give more resistance against punctures.

One very important point to remember when buying tires is: NEVER MIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF TIRES ON THE SAME CAR. This can cause very dangerous handling. I have found that most tire dealers will not warn you about this, so be careful. Also, some tire dealers will try to tell you that belted bias are the same as radials. This is not true and the two types should never be mixed.

The best kind of tire to buy is determined by the kind of driving that you do. If you drive mostly in the city and only occasionally venture onto the open road, bias-ply will be adequate. Four-ply nylon bias-ply or radials are best if you do a lot of driving on rough back roads. If most of your driving is done on relatively smooth roads at highway speeds, belted-bias are a good bet, but if you want superior handling and long tread life, radials are your only choice.

Finally, it is a good idea to have the wheels balanced and the front wheel alignment checked when you purchase new tires. Remember to check your tire pressures regularly. That's all for this week, keep wheelin'.

PART-TIME AND SUMMER STUDENT JOBS

If you intend to be in Halifax next summer and for a few years; if you are willing to undergo some training; if you are prepared to go to 1147 Beaufort Avenue, at nights (before midnight) to sleep "working" week-on and week-off (as detailed below); if you want a summer and Christmas-type job at Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited, you may be interested in applying for this job opportunity, which falls into three parts:

Part 1: Training — consists of going to 1147 Beaufort Avenue during the college year for a couple of hours a day (morning or evening) to learn the night job working for and with A. D. Stairs who is a quadriplegic. This usually takes about ten or twelve sessions and you will be paid while training.

The training for "the day job" (at 1147 Beaufort Avenue — while you are working at Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited) will take place after exams and will qualify you to relieve the permanent person going on holidays and to do the job over Christmas and/ or New Year's.

Part 2: Involves a summer job (clerical or warehouse) at Wm. Stairs, Son & Morrow, Limited. Hours of work are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, I will pay one hundred dollars to those who will work at my home over Christmas and/ or New Year's.

Part 3: Consists of going to 1147 Beaufort Avenue before midnight (winter and summer) AND SLEEPING UNTIL 8 A.M. EXCEPT for being up half an hour during the night. One of your obligations will be to arrive fifteen minutes before midnight to relieve the permanent person who is going off duty and to stay until the permanent person arrives in the morning — usually five minutes before 8 a.m. This includes an obligation to be easily reached by phone (and, if necessary, having a phone installed in your room). The pay for this "night work" is \$10 per night, in addition to the pay for the summer job.

These questions should be answered specifically:

— Are you prepared to start sleeping at 1147 Beaufort Avenue (getting up half an hour during the night) starting in March/ 73 — "working" week-on and week-off, with another student (presently employed), through the summer and succeeding college year.

Where will you live in Halifax during the summer?

— Are you prepared to work 4 p.m. to midnight for a month, or so, during the summer?

Applications are being received until January 15, 1973, in writing; address to A. D. Stairs, 1147 Beaufort Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Please state name, address, telephone number, age, home town, year and courses being taken, average of marks in previous year of college or school (as an indication of motivation and ability to learn a lot of detail and to increase chance of being accepted into graduate studies), height and weight, two or three Halifax references (character, integrity).

Preference will be given to those:

- over 18 years of age;
- who live within a half hour's walk of Oxford and South Streets;
- who plan to take graduate studies (Commerce, Dentistry, Law, etc.);
- who are over five feet ten inches and can lift a 160-lb. man;
- who can have some compassion about my situation but are not so sensitive that it will affect them;
- who intend to be in Halifax at University for a few years.

Selection to enable time for training for the night job will be made before February 15/ 73; training for the day job will take place during the summer. The sleeping at Beaufort Avenue will start in March/ 73. Pay for this is \$10 per night.

Write me a long letter, covering all the points in this advertisement, and tell me why you are applying and why I should pick you for the job. Ask all the questions you wish — I will try to answer them honestly and completely.

Ray Materick Coming Soon

Ray Materick, a young Brantford-born, singer-composer, will be appearing at Dalhousie on Saturday, December 2. Materick's latest album, "Sidestreets", is described by the Toronto Star as "one of the most remarkable

folk albums of the year."

He'll be playing and singing such songs as "Dear Christine" and "Home from Parade," at Pub Stop in the cafeteria from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Admission is \$1.00 and there will be a full bar, so bring an ID.

