

WANT A USED CAR?

The used car show at Olympia was visited by the Minister of Transport, Ernest Marples. No one in his position can hope to be the Motorist's Best Friend, what with Pink Zones, ticket fines and the rest, but Ernie does try not to be anybody's enemy. He said he doesn't want to keep used cars off the road, merely to make sure that they're road-worthy. Even nowadays there are some priceless beauties going for sale. Not so long ago some dealers were almost giving them away to make space for cars a bit better. So to protect the roaduser and the secondhand car buyer, there's an organisation called the British Safety Council. For an annual fee, any dealer can belong to it. The Council's inspectors drop in from time to time, to make sure that the cars for sale are up to Council standards, a safeguard for the purchaser.

Some old cars really ought to be pensioned off, but very little gets by the inspectors. They're up to every trick in the trade.

Leaking brake fluid can spell danger, and it's always a good plan to see there isn't too much play in the steering, and to check the wheel nuts.

Funny! What was that.

He's still got three wheels, but you should see the one that got away.