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NO LONGER ANY NEED TO DREAD RADAR CHECKS

The jury of the International Salon of Inventions in Geneva awarded the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade Prize, an award given to the best Swiss invention, to the speed limit warning device for automobiles produced by a firm at Renens (Vaud, Switzerland). This small appliance warns the driver of a vehicle by means of an acoustic signal every time he approaches the speed limit set beforehand on one of the keys on the instrument; as speed limits are tending to become more and more general in all countries, this accessory saves motorists from having to keep their eyes glued to their speedometers instead of being able to concentrate on the road. Mounting is very quickly done and requires no special installation; it is enough to fix a probe near the tachometer, without direct connection to the cable, and to plug the instrument into any available socket, the cigarette lighter for example. (SODT).

NEWS IN BRIEF

The firm of Wild Heerbrugg Co. Ltd., Heerbrugg (St. Gall, Switzerland), manufacturers of optical instruments, has acquired a majority share in the Ernst Leitz works at Wetzlar (West Germany) well known for its production in the fields of microscopy, photography (Leica cameras) and measuring technique. In co-operation with Leitz, Wild plans to revise the manufacturing and sales programmes of the German firm; a special effort will be made in the sectors of microscopy and measuring technique by joint research programmes. (SODT).