

## ECLETIC ECURIAM

Continuing the saga of the brass tap, a run in No. 85 with the taps fully open and with an ambient temperature of 4 degrees C, no noticeable additional choking was needed. The next experiment was to now find out how the performance of the engine had been affected and what was the petrol consumption. I therefore rigged up a temporary petrol tank mounted in the cab into which I put one gallon of petrol plus one litre. For this purpose a Unipart plastic oil can I found to be ideal as it had a visual level window down one side marked in half litres. The extra amount of petrol was to ensure I had enough with which to get me home when the level had dropped to the one litre mark, the speedo trip being read at this point and a spirit level check made on the can.

The test covered a start from cold, running in traffic, stopping at traffic lights, 10 miles at 70mph, the rest cruising at 50mph and plenty of lively acceleration. This gave me a figure of 32.2 miles per gallon. Now, how would this compare with previous petrol consumption. The first thing I do when obtaining a car is to open a log book in which I put an entry for every day it is used. This consists of the day and date, the journey, speedo reading, miles covered, petrol bought and all maintenance and spares and when carried out.

Since I bought my Naylor, I have covered 7050 miles and put in 218 gallons of petrol. This gives a petrol consumption, taken over two years, of 32.3 miles per gallon. An accurate figure as near as one can get, no wishful thinking. The removal of the thermostat has not affected the efficiency of the engine, but given the cooler running condition which was the object of the exercise. I have therefore removed the tap and left out the thermostat.

( EDITOR'S NOTE ) All of us who saw that tap so boldly displayed will remember the sight of it. That it has gone is all part of our progress...but the memory of it will linger long...we shall miss the sight when your bonnet is raised but thank you Maurice.

## SILLY STORY

Two cows were conversing in a field. The first remarked his concern over B.S.E. and expressed concern as to his future prospects. The second cow agreed his friend's future was indeed in some doubt but went on to remark that for himself he could see no problem since he was, in fact a tractor !