

# NEW ROAD BUILT TO ENDLESS CAVERNS

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS SHOW FANTASTIC ROCK FORMATIONS

### Two-Mile Drive From Valley Pike Leads to Entrance.

### RIVAL TO LURAY Visitors Find Veritable Fairy- land in the Subterranean Vaults and Grottoes.

Motorists through the beautiful Valley of the Shenandoah traverse a region rich in historical interest. From the days when the Indiana gave the river its melodious name, Shenandoah, the Daughter of the Stars, the valley, so peaceful in its physical aspect, has been the scene of bloody wars. Redskins fought their tribal wars here. The valley formed a battleground for the colonists during the French and Indian wars.

From the same old fighting ground Daniel Morgan conducted his operations against the British during the Revolution, and during the civil war, the valley was fought over repeatedly.

#### Meets Pike at Winchester.

Starting at the Potomac Water Gap at Harpers Ferry, where the Potomac River, breaking through the Blue Ridge, is joined by the Shenandoah, and where memories of John Brown's ill-fated expedition linger, the motorist strikes the Valley Pike at Winchester, famous as the starting point of Sredidan's heroic ride, as the site of Fort Loudon, built by Gen. Washington after Braddock's defeat, as the burial place of Gen. Morgan, the headquarters of Stonewall Jackson, and of such strategic importance during the civil war that the town is reputed to have changed hands no less than seventy-two times.

#### Kearns town, Middletown, Strasburg, Woodstock, Edinburg, Mount Jackson and New Market all have historical associations connected with the colonial, Revolutionary or civil wars and all of them lie along the broad Valley Pike which was chartered in 1837 and has since been incorporated with the National highway.

#### Endless Caverns Nearby.

The old pike which was destined to play so important a part as a military highway in the '60's, is one of extraordinary picturesque beauty, but tourists along it are likely to miss in their hasty passage one of the greatest of the valley's natural wonders. The endless caverns, near New Market, and easily reached by a two mile drive over a well-macadamized side road from the main thoroughfare, offer some of the most attractive and spectacular beauty.

For two hours or more the visitor may wander through the cavern's vaults and grottoes, crystals and stalactites, peer at subterranean waterfalls and miniature lakes and hear the rushing of the waterfalls and the columnar stalagmites, in a veritable fairyland that would give to its beholder the wonders of Alhambra's cave.

#### Lit by Electricity.

For all Babes, however successful he may have been in collecting gold and precious stones to fill his treasure vaults, could not command the services of any such powerful agent as electricity to light his subterranean halls. The owners of the Endless Caverns have called modern science to their aid, and with more than 500 electric lamps cleverly concealed behind the multi-colored and fantastic rock formations, have banished the darkness that made the caverns once the hiding place of bats and such nocturnal creatures, and with the flood of light the dark recesses of the labyrinthine windings of the caverns have leaped forth into new and eerie beauty. The poetic names that have been given to the various rooms seem more too romantic. Skyland, Neptune's Grotto, Undine's Fountain, Alexander's Ballroom, the Cathedral, Erda's Cave, Solomon's Temple, the Pool of Narcissus, the Pass of Thermopylae, the Fountain of Youth are only a few of the fanciful titles included in the catalogue of the cave's wonders.

#### Head Built to Entrance.

Although so close to the main highway leading from Washington to Atlanta the caverns, which were discovered in 1873, have hitherto been so difficult of access as to have achieved little more than a local reputation. All this has now been changed. A macadam road has

# BACKFIRES

Despite widely-printed warnings, many drivers roost the feet on the brake and clutch pedals. This slight pressure causes quite a bit of damage. The clutch, when partly disengaged, will slip, and creates excessive wear on the clutch plate face, making their renewal a matter of monthly, instead of annual repair. The same holds true of the brake pedal. The brakes, partially applied by the small pressure, will wear out a great deal faster.

If, when you have occasion to stop your car suddenly to avoid accident, you notice that the car tends to skid to one side, take heed. Your brakes are not equalized. This means that one brake take hold of its drum before the other, and that wheel stops turning while its twin still rolls forward. On wet streets this condition is especially noticeable. By all means keep your brakes properly equalized. Service stations make a small charge for this adjustment, and it is a good insurance investment.

A break band out of round will drag on the drum all the time, and soon wear out. This condition is detected by placing the hand on the band after a run, and noticing the excessive warmth. Any service station can re-shape a warped band for a small charge. Sometimes a brake will heat up so much from this cause that it will take fire, at times even igniting the hub grease. This difficulty is more common in large trucks.

Ball bearing braces and broken balls in wheel bearings can be detected by jacking up the wheel and turning, listening carefully for clicking or grinding. If such sounds are heard, the bearing should be repaired at once, before it is entirely ruined.

Many drivers about the city are exceedingly lax about rendering the proper signals to the traffic behind them. Some think that any sort of a signal at all indicates to the man behind that something is going to happen. It takes very little more of an effort to hold the signalling arm up bent at the elbow, to indicate a right turn, and the arm and hand extended straight, for signalling a left turn. Some do not even move the arm up when they intend to stop, and very often bent fenders and harsh words result.

The side curtains of the modern car are so built that it is very little trouble to install them when storm threatens. Careful drivers preserve their curtains in a little bag or else folded up where they can be readily reached for emergencies. How often have you seen a car tearing along in the rain with the side curtains flapping?

Another poor practice is that of keeping the spare inner tube loose in the tool box. When a man is wise enough to carry a spare tube, you might think that he would protect the tube against sharp tool edges by wrapping it in a cloth or bag. It is real economy to carry for your spare tube. It may keep you from ruining a good casing by driving flat on it.

Make a habit of tightening your demountable rim lugs at least once a week. The nuts invariably work loose, as there is no locking device for them, and if you lose a lug your rim will drag at the unsupported point, making the tire wobble, which will cause excessive wear on the tread.

Gasoline contains a certain quantity of water. Some of the water is in the state and some of it has been combined chemically with the gasoline. The first condition can be ascertained by placing a little on a polished metal surface, permitting the gasoline to evaporate. The water will remain in tiny globules. If the water has been chemically combined with the gasoline the mixture will burn slowly with a yellow flame when touched with a match.

Always remember that a few quick, snappy turns with your crank will do more to start your engine than 1,000 slow turns.

If a little test gasoline is poured into the hollow of the hand and allowed to evaporate a good test

can be made by watching the evaporation. If it vaporizes and disappears quickly it is a good grade of fuel, but if it evaporates slowly, leaving a greasy spot, it contains a high per cent of kerosene and should not be used in your engine.

A great many Ford owners, although having demountable rims, find it easier to change tires without removing the rim and tire from the wheel.

Underinflation is the one bugaboo of tires today. It causes many thousands of dollars' worth to find an early scrap-heap grave, every month.

Street car tracks running along cobble-stone streets are a great temptation to the average motorist. He says, "Well, this once won't hurt," and upon the rails he climbs. The raw flat rail edge chips a channel from the side wall and Mr. Owner is in the market for a new tire.

The average water pump in your cooling system is of the centrifugal type. Should the water passages be choked for any reason, the stoppage will not damage the pump. On the other hand if your water pump is of the plunger type, it should burst the cylinder pump wall, should a stoppage occur.

Since the time for fall road trips is near at hand, you will do well to pick up a few hints on road repair. One stunt, if you have a succession of mountains to cross, is to tighten your fan belt as tight as you can safely get it. You will need every bit of surplus breeze through your radiator that you can obtain.

Many owners are improving their mileage performance by making an open center gasket for the carburetor-manifold joint, inserting between the pieces of gasket material, a section of fine wire gauze, through which the mixture will have to pass. This mesh screen breaks up the particles of gas more thoroughly.

The chief trouble with all engines in the dust that chokes the fuel system, fills the cylinders with grit particles sucked through the air intake, and clogs the oil passages. Engineers estimate that nine-tenths of the fuel line and carbon troubles originate in dust. Every air intake should have a strainer screen.

# BABE RUTH MAY SELL CARS MADE BY RICKENBACKER

### Air King and Home-Run Champion Rumored in Combine.

A great deal of publicity has been given to the recent announcement that "Babe" Ruth, the New York home run champion is to take an agency for the new car that "Eddie" Rickenbacker, the internationally-known automobile racer and aviator, is bringing out. If these dispatches are true, the combination of two such active members of sportdom will do a great deal towards living the automobile industry.

#### Started in Detroit.

The Rickenbacker Motor Company is being organized in Detroit, and is receiving applications for territory, but very little is known of the type of car the company is bringing out. The bare announcement that full details will be shown at the New York Automobile show, in January, has been given out. Telegraph reports state that Barney Oldfield has asked by long distance phone from San Francisco to Detroit for the California territory.

Mr. Rickenbacker has said in a recent interview that "Our car has been driven twenty months, in experimental work, and our engineers have stamped it approved." We have not allotted any territory as yet, and cannot expect to do so until the final policy of the company has been decided upon.

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DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 10.—The Democrats of Pittsylvania County held a mass meeting at Chatham, the county seat, this afternoon and elected fifty-four delegates to the district convention to be held here September 13 to nominate a candidate for Congress from the Fifth Virginia district.

Pittsylvania is entitled to twenty-seven votes on the floor, each delegate having half a vote. The entire delegation is instructed to vote for Joseph Whitehead as long as his name remains before the convention.

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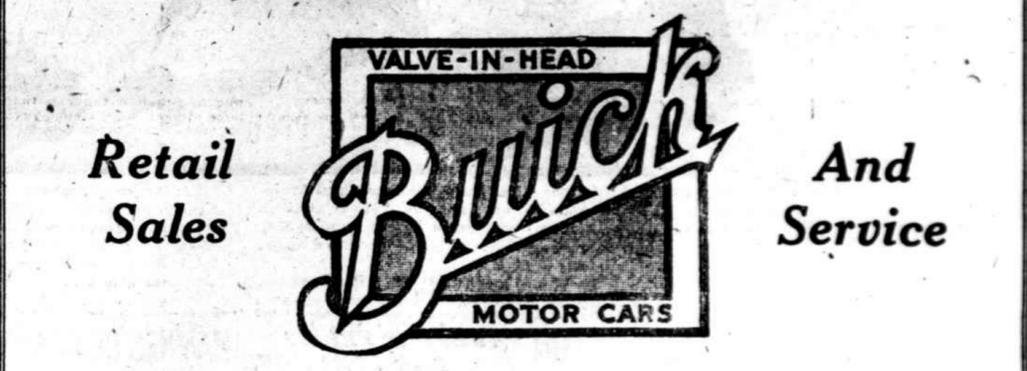
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