

All Ages, All Kinds of Cars, on Joyous Tin-Can Tourists' Trips

BY JAMES A. BUCHANAN. AMERICANS, as a rule, are migratory, are restless and inquisitive, inventive and resourceful, and these traits, combined with other characteristics, are responsible, to a great degree, for the success of the nation.

The "Tin Can Tourists" was organized at Tampa, Fla., by James M. Morrison, who holds the title of convention tin can operator. The first convention was larger in enthusiasm than in numbers, but the second gathering of the organization at Gainesville, Fla., demonstrated that the idea was a popular one.

THESE nation-wide travelers have been instrumental in giving the people of the United States an idea of how government affairs are conducted, for nearly all of these automobilists spend considerable time in Washington at some time during the year. They are close observers, and when they resume their journey to the north, south, east or west they carry with them the impressions they have gained.

The Tin Can Tourists are not only responsible for automobilists making Washington their objective, but they have been the cause of many delegations from schools and colleges visiting here. In fact, they have been living, talking, advertising for the nation's capital, and instead of having to camp in one of the poorest parks in the United States they should be provided with a field that affords every comfort and convenience.

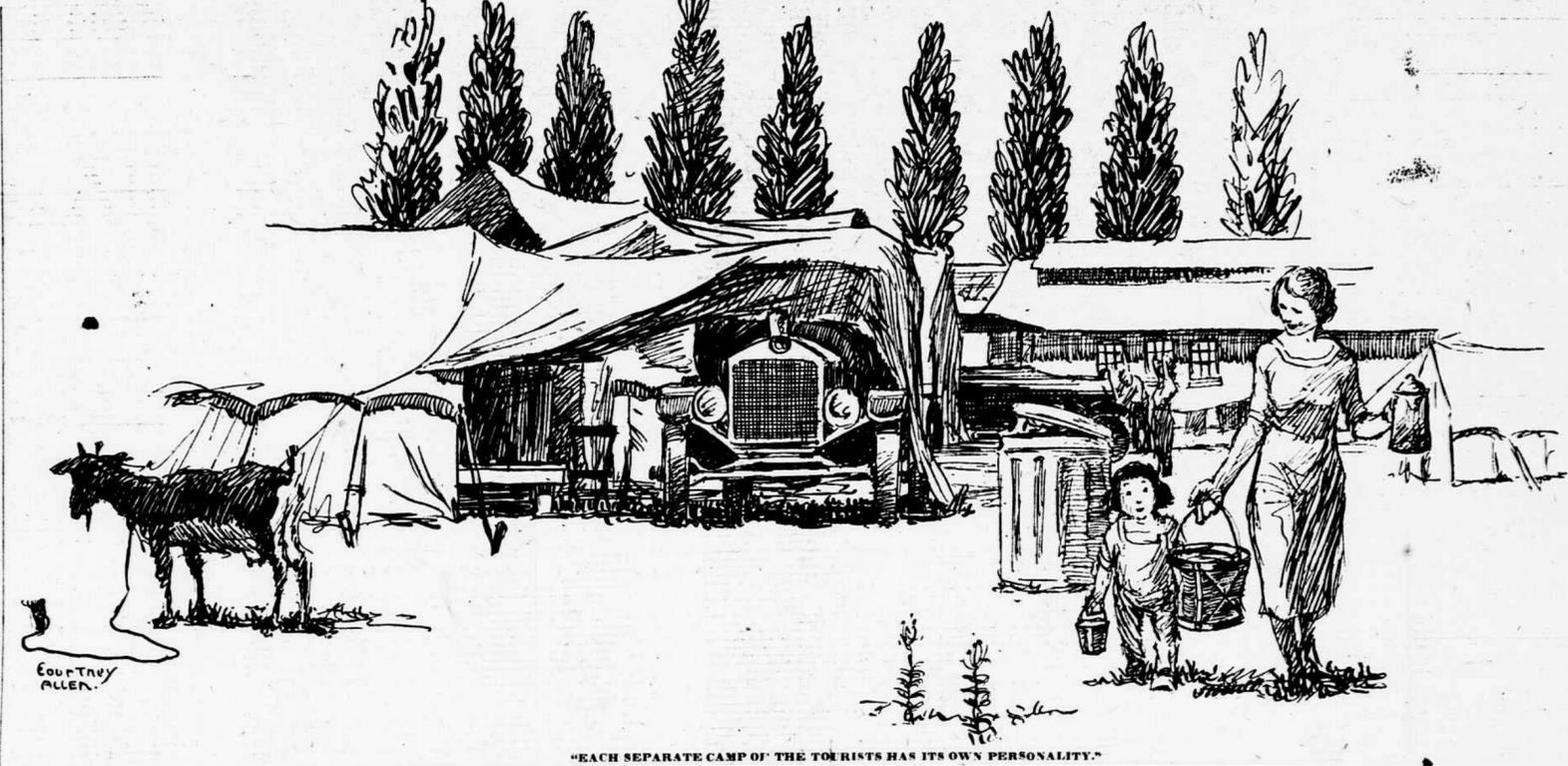
Col. Sherrill and his assistants have provided the Tin Can Tourists with all the conveniences possible, considering the very limited amount of money that was appropriated. If Congress can find time to give the matter sufficient thought there is little doubt that Col. Sherrill will be able to provide a suitable camping ground for these boosters of Washington.

Contrary to the belief of some, the tin can tourist does not work his way through the country. The vast majority of them are people who have incomes and spend considerable money at the different points they visit during the year. The majority of them do prepare their own breakfasts in the camp, but their luncheons and dinners are often purchased at hotels or restaurants, for the main portion of their time during the daylight hours is spent in going to points of interest in the cities they visit. One of the officials of the organization is responsible for the statement that there are more than twenty men rated as millionaires who are duly enrolled members of the association.

WHILE it is true that many members of the organization drive "tin lizzies" and carry their camping outfits attached to the running board or installed on a trailer, a majority of the T. C. T.'s possess higher-priced cars. In fact, some of these vehicles are handomely appointed. The local camping ground is situated just east of the railroad tracks leading south. It adjoins the war gardens and runs almost to the southern drive of the speedway. It is just an ordinary lot with a few conveniences placed thereon, but with the appropriation of a small sum of money it could be made into an ideal spot. On the site is a small edifice which contains shower baths for both men and women, a newsstand, and a sort of miniature commissary depot, run by Clyde Avery, where one can secure potted goods, canned meats and vegetables and other emergency rations, as well as newspapers, magazines and maps. There is nothing of the tent odds and ends that appear to be so necessary while traveling. The prices are no higher than at the first-class stores in the city.

Adjoining the building are two washstands where the tourist may remove the mud or dust from his car, and at the other end of the structure are concrete repair pits where cars may be "tuned up" preparatory to the resumption of the journey. All tin can tourists are required to register upon their arrival at the camping grounds, giving name, home address, make of car, where from and destination. In the registration book there is also a space left for remarks, and many of these comments are of an intensely interesting nature.

FROM April 5 to December 21 of last year more than six thousand tourists camped on this site. The average stay was three days, but some stayed two weeks, this being the limit for remaining in camp. Only bona fide tourists are permitted to use the grounds. No local cars are permitted to park overnight in the space set aside for the tourists. Col. Sherrill has lately caused to be planted numerous trees and shrubs on the speedway side of the park. This was done in order to insure privacy for the tourists and also to shield them against the wind. Every state in the Union was represented last year at the park and there were also cars from Alaska. Among those registering was a tour-



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ist from Burma, who was on his way to New York, from which his car was to be shipped to England, then to France, through the balance of Europe, and so on back to Burma. Up to the 4th of April, this year, 1,200 tourists had registered at the local camping grounds. Whether it is because the President of the United States comes from Ohio or because the people of the Buckeye state are great travelers, a question that can not be answered by Mr. Avery, Ohio license tags on the cars predominate. The majority of the tourists are on their way back from Florida, Arizona, New Mexico or California.

The tourists vary in age from the babe in arms to the eighty-year-old person who sits at the steering wheel of the present-day chariot. In fact, one not very youthful couple registered while the writer was visiting the camp, their combined ages being one hundred and fifty-five years. The husband is eighty years old and the wife five years younger, but both were as spry as crickets and a competency and are enjoying their life. I have a particular interest in this place, because several years ago I went to Senator Harry New and Representative Fred Purnell and asked them to have this camp established. While it will do, yet at the same time it seems to me that in this, the capital of the greatest nation in the world, we should have the finest camp site of any.

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Washington Usually on Itineraries When Nation-Wide Travelers Undertake Their Journeys—Government Provides Camp Ground Here for Those Who Carry to the States Their Interesting Stories About Uncle Sam—Membership in Organization Rapidly Growing—Alaska and Foreign Lands Represented—Rent Day Bothers Them Not—Emblem of the Order.

broader view of life and it makes us appreciate the wonderful world God has given us to live in. "No, we don't have to have much repair work done on the road, because our experiences have made us practical automobilists, and we all realize that a little care and attention now and then means that a car is always in condition. It is the old story of a stitch in time saves nine, but both were as spry as crickets and a competency and are enjoying their life. I have a particular interest in this place, because several years ago I went to Senator Harry New and Representative Fred Purnell and asked them to have this camp established. While it will do, yet at the same time it seems to me that in this, the capital of the greatest nation in the world, we should have the finest camp site of any.

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usually are down south during the election period. Cranky wives are not among the T. C. T.'s. "OUR neighbors this week are the Sweeneys. Mrs. Sweeney pulled a 'hot one' the other day. We were all discussing women's rights, when Sweeney, who owns the beautiful Madjim car, piped up and said, 'Woman's sphere is in the home.' Thereupon Mrs. Sweeney came back at him with: 'And when it's house-cleaning time a man is where the home is not.' "Speaking about friendships, right across the roadway is Mr. Barlow and his family. He is a fine southern gentleman we met on the road about two years ago, and we've been pulling around together for the last two years. "What speed do we hit? Oh, ten,

fifteen or twenty. We don't run on any schedule. When we want to see anything we stop. Afraid of hold-ups? No, because the majority of us never carry more than ten to twenty dollars in currency. We use travelers' checks. Do we get good things to eat? Well, I guess yes. We get eggs that come direct from the chickens, not from the storage house; and oh! man, you ought to see some of the nice fat chickens we buy from the country folks along the line of travel. "Mascots, there are many. Some have goats, a few have roosters, and I know of one party that carries its own chickens. They have a little wire arrangement they make their yard of when in camp, and they have advantage of having fresh eggs every morning.

Without doubt the most attractive and palatially appointed home on wheels that has ever visited Washington is the Madjim. The car was so named by Mr. Sweeney so as to include the names of his two children, Madeline and James. It has every convenience that could be enjoyed in an up-to-date apartment. It is finished entirely in mahogany and has sleeping compartments for seven persons. It is the only machine that is equipped with twin beds. Commencing at the front of the car, there is in front of the radiator a platform on which may be carried emergency utensils, and while in camp it may be turned into a settee. The windshield is not only equipped with plate glass, but is so arranged that it can be shifted and a wire screen utilized to exclude mosquitoes, flies, etc., while in camp. There is a clock on the dashboard while at either side are fire extinguishers. To the right of the seat, just outside of the driver's enclosure, is an emergency seat, so that the occupant may have a complete view of the road to the rear, and the door of the driver's compartment is so arranged that the "lookout" seat can be partly or completely closed, as necessity may require.

PLANETS SMILE THIS YEAR ON PERSONS BORN IN JUNE

Business Will Flourish, Say Those Who Find Material for Horoscopes in Astrological Lore—Advance of Jupiter and Saturn.

These astrological forecasts have greatly entertained students of the theory of horoscopes. The author says that if your date of birth is not included among the lists given below then, unless you are the rare exception innumerable cases, June will pass without unduly disturbing you.

BY MARION DREW MEYER. AFTER the first week of June business conditions generally change for the better, due to the advance of the planets Jupiter and Saturn, which have been going backward, as viewed from the earth, all during the spring months—the backward motion being believed by astrologers to delay the good effects of any planet. Since Saturn has a particular influence on health conditions, too, it will relieve the minds of a good many people to know that influenza, colds and grippe will now sink into oblivion for a good many months. Saturn has been affecting most powerfully those people born on September 24 and 25 of any year, and during June these same people still feel its influence in poor health, disappointments in financial and business matters, and in some cases really severe losses, but for the present month and for the rest of the summer these people can expect gradual betterment in this respect. Among the other dates feeling the restrictions of Saturn are: 1874—January 1 to February 18, August 7 to 18. 1878—October 6 to 10. 1880—September 6, 7, 8—this period very subject to illness. 1884—October 14 to November 22—sudden losses. 1885—February 24 to April 12, July 29 to September 4, November 16 to 29. 1886—March 15 to 30. 1890—October 4 to 13. 1891—Last week of December. 1892—January 1 to 23, August 30 to September 15. 1898—August 12 to 19, September 8 to 13. 1899—October 25 to November 14. 1898—April 24 to June 30. 1899—August 6 to 10.

JUNE is a good month for all people born on October 2 or 3 of any year, because the planet Jupiter is now passing over the exact point held by the sun at the birth of these subjects of Libra. June has also some very good influences for people born on the following list of dates, and with rare exceptions this group can push business matters, get married with more than average hopes of happiness, and find things coming their way generally: 1871—February 4 to 14, August 24 to 30, September 12 to 17. 1874—Entire month of September—these people will profit from unusual and unexpected sources. 1878—August 29 to September 8, September 29 to November 1. 1887—April 11 to August 18—this group is much affected by speculation, betting, gambling and so on all this spring. 1892—November 4 to 24—this group profits from new responsibility. 1893—March 23 to April 15, July 28 to August 19. 1897—September 6 to 13, last two weeks of December. 1898—January 1 to 10, February 8 to March 5, August 13 to 24. 1903—January 9 to 15, March 22 to 28. People born on the above dates should feel encouraged to tackle the hardest kind of problems during the present month. Even the most impossible looking situations will be found to turn out favorably for them

with the slightest exertion on their part. URANUS, the planet ruling the civilization of this era, is stationary in the thirteenth degree of the sign Pisces, thus affecting most powerfully men and women born on March 4 of any year. To the undeveloped soul the influence of Uranus brings nothing but unforeseen events of the most unusual and disagreeable nature, but if any one makes an effort to acquire an understanding of life and a philosophical attitude toward it, the Uranian influence comes as a broadening experience and the greatest kind of a help in enabling him to see the silver lining of any cloud that crosses his horizon. More than any other solar force, the effect of Uranus is modified by the mental attitude of the person whom it reaches. The greatest benefactors of the world today are Uranians—Edison, for example. The accident which rendered him deaf as a young man led him to study the nature of sound waves and later to invent the phonograph. He might have sunk under this Uranian misfortune and joined the group of failures. Instead he chose to benefit by experience, and so felt the constructive force which this planet exerts through apparent misfortune. Persons born on the following dates have opportunities of mental development presented to them during June: 1877—March 19 to 29, July 5 to 9, September 3 to 8, October 27 and December 8. 1879—May 14 to 18. 1880—January 20 to 26. 1891—May 10 to 17, August 30 to September 6. 1892—First week of January. 1903—April 17 to 25, October 10 to December 10. The planet Mars, which created such havoc during May, notably seen in the unprecedented forest fires of that month, is not powerful during June. If you quarrel with husband or wife just now, have your house or garage burn up, or feel in a bad humor with the world at large, you will have to lay it to some other cause than the influence of the planets.



HOW do we live? Just as you see us here. We have far more comforts and conveniences than does the average camper who spends a week or two in the woods. We see the interesting points of the country and we make many very desirable detours, both on the road and at the different places where we stop. Ma and I have many warm friends all over the United States and all of them appear to be genuinely glad to see us when we roll up to their front gates. There is a comradeship among us that makes for better men and women. It teaches us to help one another. It gives us a

in New Rochelle, N. Y., when it commenced to get cold and hit the trail for the south. Sweeney is a veteran of the Spanish war and served several months' service in Cuba and the Philippines. It was interesting to hear him and Capt. Mansur, who, with his wife, was traveling with the Sweeneys, the Mansurs in a large automobile, discuss the late war. Mr. Sweeney was asked as to how many miles he had ridden in different automobiles in his life. He answered that it would run somewhere about five hundred thousand miles. The motion-picture machine carried in Madjim is used for entertainment purposes at the different camps and parks during the eight or nine months the Sweeneys are on the road. These entertainments are free to all the campers, but if any one desires to contribute to the evening's entertainment he may do so and the money is sent to Texas to defray the expenses of the publication of the official paper of the Tin Can Tourists.

A NUMBER of years ago Mrs. Sweeney's doctor ordered that she spend a large portion of her time in the open, and while she was convalescing in a northern hospital MA Sweeney had the Madjim built. It was the fulfillment of a dream that he had had for years. The machine, fully equipped, weighs five tons and one hundred pounds. The Sweeneys, like Grandpa Hawkins, are extremely popular. Mrs. Sweeney is an admirable hostess and a cook of renown, while her husband is one of those individuals who can keep you entertained from morning until night. His experiences in many parts of the world, combined with a keen Irish wit, make him a valuable addition to any campfire circle. The tin can tourist is a happy individual. He goes and comes as he pleases, enjoys a healthy life in the great outdoors, and last, but assuredly not least, rent day bothers him not.

The Resourceful Ant.

THERE are certain ants (Oecophylla), found in various parts of the world, particularly Asia, Africa and Australia, that build their nests by binding the leaves together with the aid of silk threads that the larvae spin. If the nest is torn in any way, so that the leaves are separated from one another, the ants immediately hurry out. While some defend the nest, others repair the damage done. From one edge of the break the workers try to reach with their mandibles the edge of the neighboring leaf, in order to draw the two edges together, but if the distance is too great they form a living chain. With its mandibles one ant seizes a comrade by the body, so that the second one may be able to reach the edge of the neighboring leaf. If the distance is still too great, a third and fourth join the ant chain, until at last the chain is made up of five or six ants.

The work is very fatiguing, for it sometimes takes several hours to fit the two leaves together. The ants then clean up and polish the edges of the leaves, and fasten them by a method so astonishing that the reports of the first observers, in Singapore, in 1850, were doubted by other naturalists. When the edges of the leaves are perfectly clean, several workers emerge from the nest, each holding the larvae by the body with head upward. The full-grown ant exerts a mild pressure with its mandibles until it causes the larvae to excrete from its mouth a liquid that, in solidifying, forms a silk thread. By carrying the head of the larvae from the edge of one leaf to the edge of the other, the ant obtains a web that holds the two leaves together. The anterior walls of the nest are formed in the same way. Thus the larvae serve both as spinning wheel and bobbin.

History of Niagara.

A SCIENTIST who has made a specialty of the study of the geological history of Niagara Falls and the gorge returned to this subject at a recent meeting of a scientific association. He believes that about 3,500 years ago the drainage of Lake Huron was turned into Lake Erie, thus vastly increasing the eroding power of Niagara. It had taken 35,000 years for the gorge to eat back from Lake Ontario to the point where the falls were situated when the Huron discharge was added. Five hundred years after that the falls reached the whirlpool between 2,000 and 2,500 years ago they were passing the site of the whirlpool rapids. The rapids themselves were completed less than 300 years ago.

Paper Bars Weeds.

Weeding would become a lost art if the use of mulching paper could be applied to all gardens as successfully as it is in growing the beneficial insect, Popular Mechanics. In this case the strips of paper are rolled out where it is desired to plant and slits are cut in the paper through which the pineapple suckers are planted. Nothing more is needed until harvest time, as the paper strips prevent the growth of weeds and conserve the moisture. This method has been introduced in the Philippines, where it has increased the yield of pineapples.

Grow Tall in Country.

ACCORDING to the investigations of Deniker, well known for his anthropologic studies, the influences of city life tend toward a decrease of human stature. It is away from the large cities that the amelioration of social conditions and improvements in hygiene of modern times most clearly manifest themselves by distinct increase of stature. This increase has been marked among several of the European races during the last fifty years. Where the people are subjected to urban influences the gain is less notable.