

# AUTO OPPORTUNITIES

## Scholarship Winner Gives Pen Picture of College Life as Now Enjoyed By Her



Miss Katharine Butterfield

Undoubtedly there are thousands of the nation's high school students, among the 250,000 who competed with Miss Katharine Butterfield of Weiser, Idaho, for the 1922 Firestone University scholarship, who have wondered how the winner of the grand prize, in the first year of the scholarship, regards the thoughtfulness of H. S. Firestone, who founded the scholarship, now that she has attended college for a period sufficient to pass upon the merits of a university training for women, and how, in general, she enjoys college life.

Through the courtesy of the donor of the scholarship this paper prints for the interest of local high school students and others a brief synopsis of an interesting letter recently received by Mr. Firestone from Miss Butterfield, who, it is very apparent, finds it difficult adequately to express her appreciation of college life.

"Through the Firestone scholarship," Miss Butterfield writes, "a new life has opened up which grows more and more interesting and fascinating every day. I think the scholarship makes college seem bigger, broader and more worthwhile. My first impression of the university made evident that it was a privilege to be a freshman, that not all of the fun is at the freshman's expense, for they enter at once into athletics and everything else that furthers the college spirit.

"In fact, college life may be epitomized in the words of one of our professors who told his class that young men and women coming to the university should get fun, friends, facts and faith from their college life. I am certainly seeing better all the time that this is just the case.

"Much of the worth of college life is gained by the friends and associates one makes, there is a great deal one can learn through these sources. In fact, I have but begun to see what college life really means now and in the future. All of the unrelated facts that I didn't connect in high school are beginning to find their place in correlated groups and the professors as well as teaching facts strive to add to their student's ability to learn."

"In conclusion," writes Miss

Butterfield, "I must say that it is the Firestone scholarship that has given me, and offers to others, this wonderful opportunity of college life and all that it means."

It is understood that information respecting the 1923 Firestone scholarship will be in the hands of high school superintendents and principals in the near future.

## NORTH CAROLINA IS PURSUING A POLICY THAT PROMISES GOOD

North Carolina, in carrying out its \$50,000,000 Highway Program, has introduced a departure that promises to set a swift pace for other states to follow. As a means of qualifying its inspectors for the inspection of bituminous paving the North Carolina state highway commission through its division of tests and investigations has established a short course in bituminous laboratory and plant instruction. The course is necessarily short and consists of taking the men into the laboratory for about a week to learn the different tests of the materials used and to attend lectures by the supervisors of this type of construction. After the laboratory and lecture courses are over, the men are taken to the asphalt plant for instruction in the duties of the plant inspector and then on the road for instruction regarding the construction methods to be used.

The men for this work were secured mostly from the different districts into which the work of the highway commission is divided. The number of men from each district is proportional to the amount of this class of construction to be carried on. This will allow the men to be located in the same district they came from and the only need for any change would be in the demand for emergency inspection from another part of the state. To allow the most efficient instruction to be given within the allotted time, it was found necessary to divide the student inspectors into two classes.

## WOMEN DRIVERS ON THE INCREASE

The number of women driving cars these days may be counted by the score. The female of the species even is projecting into the ranks of jitney and bus drivers and the hand that rocks the cradle is proving steady at the wheel. Women may also be found in the automobile school learning all about crank shafts, ignition and other details. An interesting fact in this connection is brought out by a recent summary compiled by the Firestone company. It shows that women are much less often called into court for disregarding motor ordinances or speed laws, and the figures prove that lady chauffeurs meet with far less accidents than do men.

## SUPPOSED DULL MONTHS PROVE BIG ONES FOR THE SALE OF PACKARDS

Although August and September for years have formed the doldrums in the automobile business sales of Packard cars are pouring in with nearly as great volume as in previous months, say officers of the company.

The coal strike and threats of a railroad strike have had but slight effect on Packard business, distributors in various parts of the country have reported to the factory. There has been some effect felt in Kansas and other western states, due to the general effect on business was the word from Kansas City.

The Packard Motor Car company of Philadelphia in a report on general conditions said that the threat of a railroad strike does not appear to be causing Philadelphia any concern. This seemed to be the general sentiment through the east.

Announcement was made that the company still is far behind its orders, but with the factory working at top speed there has been an increase in production to the point where the August schedule for cars now is being met in the total number of cars produced, although it is somewhat behind schedule in the number of closed cars with promises that the full production of the various types of closed vehicles would be reached by the latter part of September.

Talk of a railroad strike has increased very largely overland and steamer shipments of cars from the factory, said R. E. Chamberlain, general sales manager. Some dealers to avoid any possibility of their cars being tied up in freight cars by a walkout are driving their cars overland. Many shipments for eastern points have been going to Buffalo by boat and thence to their destination overland. A number of western shipments also have gone by steamer to Chicago to be driven away from there.

## MOTOR VEHICLES AID FARM STUDIES AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY

Motor vehicles are used for many agricultural purposes at the University of Missouri.

A runabout is used by field representatives of the department of entomology for nursery inspection. A delivery wagon and a runabout are employed by the horticultural department for handling orchard and garden products.

Three touring cars serve the College of Agriculture in making soil surveys. A heavy truck is used for demonstration trips in the agricultural extension work. A runabout is provided for the superintendent of the hog cholera serum plant. Several additional cars and trucks are used for general purposes.

## SCRAPING DRIVER WORST ROAD PEST

"The worst pest of the highway is the driver who refuses to give enough room to pass without scraping," says a local automobile dealer.

"Many times it is just plain cussedness that causes a driver to get as close to the center of the road as he dares. Other times it is because the driver fails to judge distance properly and thinks he will run off the edge of the highway if he gets too close.

"Then there is the man who drives right at you and swerves to his side of the road just when you think he is surely going to smash your car. He is just a plain fool, and that is his pleasant way of having fun with you."

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