

Saxon Dealers Make Sensational Records

Reports of records made by 105 Saxon Sixes in a nation-wide economy driving contest indicate that new records in economy will be established by the drivers that entered. Complete records of the performances and announcement of the winner will be made within a week by the Detroit newspaper men who are acting as judges.

Despite the fact that the runs started over roads made muddy by almost two days' steady rain, the general average made by the competing dealers was better than 20 miles per gallon of gasoline. Oil consumption was correspondingly low.

Reports received thus far tell of unusual records made by C. F. Seward, of Kokomo, Ind., and E. H. June, of Binghamton, N. Y., both of whom drove through from Detroit to their home towns and averaged better than 26 miles to the gallon of gasoline all the way.

It is announced that H. Ross Maddocks of Boston, has been awarded the special prize given to the dealer covering the longest distance in his drive. Mr. Maddocks drove to Boston, making 641 miles averaging 20 miles of gasoline all the way. He made a nonstop run from Buffalo to Boston.

The chief prize, a reproduction in bronze of the figure which features the Saxon trademark, will be awarded to the dealer making the best showing in economy and all-round performance. The judges will consider the reports sent in by the contestants from the standpoint of gasoline and oil consumption, road conditions, weather conditions, length of trip and average speed maintained throughout. Each entrant had to make a run of 100 miles or more in order to qualify for the prize.

Competing against 104 veteran dealers, Miss Edna Wiesenthal, of Milwaukee, piloted the six-cylinder Saxon owned by R. D. Rockstead, of that city, from Detroit to Milwaukee in an endeavor to win the largest number of miles, made the distance in 18 1/2 hours and averaged 24 miles to the gallon of gasoline. So far as is known, this is the first instance of a woman entering an automobile contest. The driver of this car made one of the longest trips taken by any of the dealers.

William ("Billy") Knipper, of Rochester, N. Y., who achieved national fame several years ago in many speed events, sprung a sensation by driving from Detroit to Rochester continually day and night. He covered 462 miles with an average of 24 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Chalmers Company Profits by Suggestion Contest

With the announcement of a \$500 prize suggestion contest, Hugh Chalmers has struck a new keynote in the automobile world.

"I am a great believer in the development of my men," declared Mr. Chalmers. "In a factory employing upwards of 5,000 men there is bound to be a great deal of hidden talent that has not been given a chance to shape itself."

"From now on the suggestion contest will be a regular part of the factory program. Already the employees are displaying a great interest in this plan, and we are receiving many suggestions every day. In the future in making promotions or increasing wages, we will take into consideration the number of good suggestions made by an employee," continued Mr. Chalmers.

"We need the suggestions of our employees to help us to run this business properly. We want every individual to take a personal interest in the success of this company, and to show our appreciation we are offering \$500 in cash prizes to those who give us ideas and suggestions that can be used to advantage."

In accordance with the plans of the contest, \$500 in gold will be awarded the winners on December 24. The first prize is \$100. There are two prizes of \$50, five of \$20, twenty of \$5, twenty of \$2.50 and fifty of \$1.

The nature of these suggestions may take many forms. Improvements in machinery, substitution of machinery for manual labor, reduction in costs, precautionary health and fire measures, reduction in cost of transportation, express and mail, sales.

The contest is open to all employees except officials. Only those suggestions from heads of departments, superintendents, foremen, engineers, designers and inventors which relate to work other than their own will be considered. As soon as the first contest is closed another one will be initiated.

FINAL WORD OF U. S. IN MESSAGE TO BERLIN

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ment awaited further developments. The note does not necessarily call for a reply. It leaves the door open, however, for an answer from Germany disavowing the sinking of the Lusitania and offering reparation, submitting assurances as to the future actions of her navy and, even, asking directly for mediation by the United States between the German and British Governments on the general subject of maritime warfare.

The use of the phrase "deliberately unfriendly" is viewed here as expressing the final word of the United States Government regarding Germany's submarine warfare. The United States does not abate in any respect, but rather more strongly insists upon, the demands made in previous notes that Germany acquiesce in its views that the rules of international law and humanity be obeyed in her naval warfare.

Freedom "At Any Cost" The United States Government cannot believe, the note says, that "the imperial government will longer refrain from disavowing the wanton acts of its naval commander in sinking the Lusitania," and making reparation for the lives of Americans lost in that disaster. It announces that the government will continue to contend for the freedom of the seas "from whatever quarter violated, without compromise and at any cost."

The note also invites the practical co-operation of the German Government in an effort to bring about the freedom of the seas; declares that the American Government cannot discuss actions of Great Britain and that it regards as "irrelevant" in the present negotiations the conduct of other belligerents, points out that recent events have clearly indicated that it is "possible and practicable" to conduct submarine operations in substantial accord with the accepted practices of regulated warfare, and rejects Germany's proposal "that certain vessels be designated and agreed upon which shall be free on the seas now illegally prescribed."

The note is now in the hands of the German Government and no reply is expected for several weeks. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had left Washington to-day.

DR. EDWARD BEDLOE DIES By Associated Press Philadelphia, July 24.—Dr. Edward Bedloe, a retired veteran of the American Consular Service and one of the founders of the Clover Club, Philadelphia's widely-known dining organization, died to-day after a long illness. He was 67 years old.

Miller Tire Manager Speaks of Yellowstone

W. F. Pfeiffer, general manager of the Miller Rubber Company, who has just returned to Akron from the coast and is one of the many thousands of motorists who are delighted at this news, says: "The horse has made his last stand against the automobile in Yellowstone National Park, as shown by the announcement that this national playground will be open to automobiles the first of August."

Mr. Pfeiffer says that to make the entire swing, taking in the six-thousand mile circuit of parks, including Yellowstone, Glacier, Banier, Crater Lake, Yosemite, General Grant and Sequoia, would really require the larger part of the summer, but that it could be made on one set of tires.

For years Uncle Sam was opposed to automobiles here, but Pfeiffer says that, thanks to the American Automobile Association, the motorists have won. As the plans now stand, automobiles will leave half an hour in advance of the first stage coach and traffic will go one way only.

Inspectors will be made to see that every car has enough gasoline to prevent stops that would permit horse drawn vehicles to catch up. Army officials will have complete charge of the traffic and telephone stations will be placed along the route.

CHAUTAQUA NEXT YEAR Special to The Telegraph Shippensburg, Pa., July 24.—The Chautauqua will again visit Shippensburg next year. The number of guarantors has been greatly increased.

HACK DRIVER BEATEN

Waynesboro, Pa., July 24.—Charles Myers, a resident of this place, and a well known hackman at Pen-Mar Park, was badly beaten up by several men and left unconscious along the road in the mountain near Pen-Mar, close to the "Red Hen," a liquor joint, on Thursday night.

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