

MOTOR CARS ACCESSORIES TIRES

Several New Agencies Located Here Within the Past Week

Fire Department Has Three New Roadsters



AUTOMOBILE NEWS AND GOSSIP

SPEED CREDITED TO CARBURETOR

Drivers Agree Rayfield Device Has Helped Set Records.

ON MANY RACING CARS

Spencer Wishart's Mercer, Equipped with This Accessory, Probably Was Fastest American Machine.

When Eddie Pullen flashed across the line winner in the Corona road race, there was broken into bits the world's road race record for 200 miles, which has stood for more than two years. Not satisfied with breaking the record, Pullen made it in the lead when the miles per hour, increasing it from 57.7 miles per hour to 87.7 miles per hour. No such advance as this in automobile speed records has been made for a long time.

Among those who are particularly pleased with this record-breaking success are the manufacturers of the Rayfield carburetor, with which all Mercer racing cars have been equipped this year. The speed of carburetion alone, but known all season, and it was long agreed among drivers that if ever one of those cars got through a race with reasonably good luck, it would surely win. At Elgin the speed of the Mercer was the Mercer, which was also Rayfield equipped, was sensational. It is probably the fastest American-built car. On the first day of the Elgin race, the Mercer was leading by close to ten minutes, when the gas tank was torn loose by a tire which was carried in the rear. The following day the same car was again far in the lead when the accident occurred which killed Wishart and put the Mercer completely out of running.

Credit to Carburetor.

The Mercer drivers gave a large share of credit for their successes to the Rayfield carburetor. The dazzling speed which the cars possess is not, of course, the result of carburetion alone, but the drivers all believe that the excess speed, which gave them the ability to pass their competitors at will, was largely due to Rayfield efficiency.

It has been a great racing year, and the tremendous record set by Pullen at its close is a fitting climax to a long, successful season.

A Rayfield carburetor has been appointed in Washington and there is a service station where adjustments will be made by an expert. Irvin I. Donohoe, at Fourteenth and I streets, is the agent.

First Endurance Run.

Eight riders participated in the first annual endurance run of the Seminole Motorcycle Club of Lynchburg, Va. The contest was over a 125-mile course, with a schedule of 100 miles per hour. Jack Sabet, winner of the event, received a silver trophy and a pair of heavy driving gauntlets.

Sells Cadillac.

Cook & Stoddard company report the sale of a seven-passenger, eight-cylinder Cadillac touring car to George Eustis.

HENRY FORD'S CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT INCORPORATED IN LOCAL AUTO CONCERN

Policy Will Introduce Unique Service, Available at All Hours, With Minimum Cost to the Motorist.

The influence of the co-operative spirit of Henry Ford has had a direct bearing on the Washington motorists, especially on Ford car owners. M. A. Bayles, formerly General Manager of the local Ford agency, has been progressive enough to appreciate the tremendous success of Mr. Ford and his profit-sharing plan, which has not only benefited the Ford Motor Company and its employees, but has enabled the buying public to save thousands of dollars each year in purchasing new cars. He has practically eliminated competition with low price cars, due to the fact that he has the best men in his organization, which give the best they have for a reward that is worth striving for. Mr. Bayles is thoroughly conversant with the Ford owners, and has taken a long lease on the Stumph & Lyford Building, 611-2 Massachusetts avenue, northwest, with a garage entrance on K street, northwest, to be operated under the name of the Record Auto Supply & Service Company, owned by W. F. Hale and M. A. Bayles. Mr. Hale formerly held a mail contract in this city, but government ownership absorbed this contract. Mr. Hale figures that the nearest business he could engage in next to the universal necessity of postal service is in caring for the universal use of Ford cars. This new concern has not spared time or money in establishing not only one of the finest garages and Ford service stations in this city, but have completely equipped this five-story building to look after every kind of the Ford car users. The plant will render satisfactory service twenty-four hours a day, at regular day rates. When you stop to think of it, the average use of your car is not over seventy hours of the one hundred and sixty-eight hours each week. Consider the comparatively short time your car is in use with the number of hours it stands idle. The Record Company's policy will be to serve you at your convenience, and not require you to pay a premium for the work. Every department of the entire plant

NOTES CONCERNING THE MOTORCYCLISTS

The New Jersey Motorcycle Club will hold its annual social party on New Year's Day.

About twenty-five riders participated in the second annual hill-climbing contest of the Wheeling (W. Va.) Motorcycle Club.

The recently organized Motorcycle Club of Madera, Cal., will stage a road race on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood, of Denver, Colo., are making a motorcycle tour to Florida by way of Chicago. They expect to spend about seven months touring the country wheel.

Miss Ella Deal and Estel Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo., recently closed on a motorcycle. They were married in Leavenworth.

Keen interest was manifested in the recent hill-climbing contest of Wheeling (W. Va.) Motorcycle Club. About 4,000 persons witnessed the events.

Reports show that there has been a gain of 42 motorcycles registered in Connecticut during the last year.

A campaign has been launched to make the Farro (N. Dak.) Motorcycle Club 100 per cent F. A. M. The club has between fifty and sixty active members.

Riders of Carlsbad, Tex., are contemplating organizing a motorcycle club.

The New York Motoring Association employs a service squad of motorcycleists to give first aid to automobiles in distress.

A motorcycle has been added to the equipment of the police department of Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Over the worst hills in the Ozark country, a rural mail carrier, H. E. Newton, of Mansfield, Mo., delivers mail to the

CADILLAC EIGHT SHOWS 17 MILES TO GALLON

Car Makes Remarkable Performance with Seven Passengers in Economy Contest at Harrisburg, Pa.

One of the most interesting performances in the economy contest just held at Harrisburg, Pa., was that of the eight-cylinder Cadillac. This car checked in at the end of the run with a record of practically seventeen miles per gallon of gasoline to its credit.

The route of the contest run was 111 miles and led through the mountainous country around Harrisburg. The Cadillac, throughout, carried seven passengers, extra tires, etc., a load totaling 3,282 pounds.

Equally interesting as showing the possibilities of the eight-cylinder motor which powers the new Cadillac was the same car's participation in the Lincoln Highway cross-country run from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, held the following day. In this event the Cadillac relay was from Chambersburg to York. The car was driven by Chambersburg from Harrisburg, and, carrying five passengers, made its run of fifty-four miles from Chambersburg to York in 1 hour 24 minutes, crossing South Mountain on the way.

At York, another twenty miles of hill climbing was done and the car carried six passengers on its return to Cham-

MOTOR REPLACES HORSE IN BATTLE

The Great Struggle in Europe Now Is War of Gasoline.

U. S. ARMY BUYS QUADS

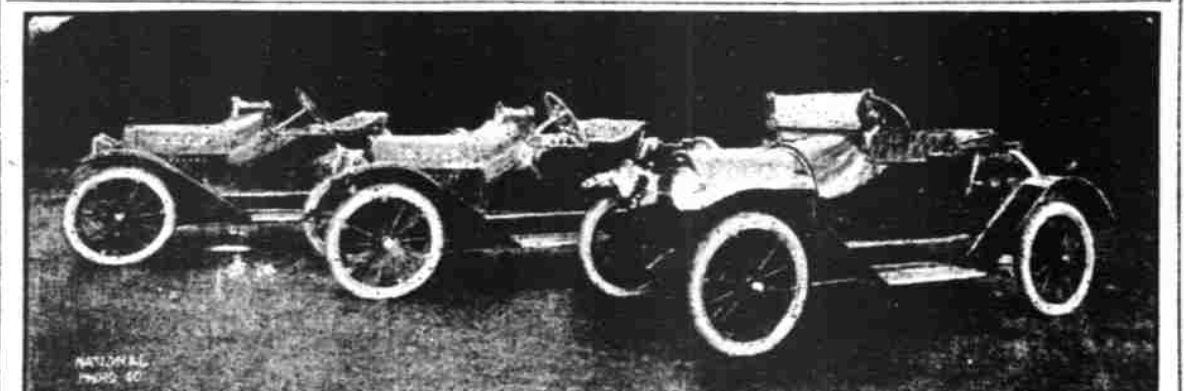
Signs Indicate Wotherspoon's Recommendation for Bigger Army Will Be Adopted.

Any uncertainty about the great fight in Europe being a gasoline war was completely removed by Irvin R. Cobb's recent interview with Lord Kitchener, in which the English army head inquired anxiously about the German supplies of gasoline.

Germany's supply of gasoline is necessarily imported, for there are no natural oil wells in that country. Benzol, a substitute for gasoline, cannot be made in large enough quantities. England's present mastery of the seas precludes the possibility of receiving fresh supplies of gasoline from America, except through Holland and the Scandinavian countries; and these sources are being rigidly supervised, as far as possible, by the fleets of the allies. Russia's oil fields will naturally be conserved for the use of the czar's subjects, unless Turkey can succeed in her campaign against Baku.

The very fact that Germany persuaded the Turks to enter the war at this point is additional evidence of the supreme importance of a gasoline supply in a war waged under modern conditions.

How fast the world is moving is well indicated by the trend of recent wars. The British-Hoeer war in South Africa witnessed the introduction of motor trucks on a small scale, although the automobile was very much of an experiment in those days. The recent Balkan wars emphasized the desirability of motors along a battle front extending upwards of 100 miles. The present war leaves no doubt whatsoever about the absolute necessity for



Chevrolet Roadsters for the District of Columbia Fire Department, supplied by Henderson-Rowe Company.

patrons of his route. He rides a motorcycle, and though the load frequently weighs as much as 250 pounds, he says he has no difficulty in negotiating the roads.

A new publication, The Motorcyclist, is soon to be issued by the Keystone Motorcycle Club of Harrisburg, Pa. This sheet will contain news of activities of motorcycleists all over the country.

New Models Ready.

Automobile and motorcycle manufacturers all over the country are putting the finishing touches on the shining new models which they are to exhibit at the annual automobile and motorcycle show which will be held in New York the week of January 2. And not only American manufacturers, but makers of foreign machines as well are vitally interested in this year's display, for, on account of the war, there will be no automobile or motorcycle shows in Europe.

RACE DRIVER PINS HIS FAITH TO FIRESTONES

Earl Cooper, veteran of many motor classics, visited Akron, Ohio, December 19 and 20 to purchase Firestone tires for his next season's races. His personal visit was also prompted by the desire to learn how the Firestone factory makes the tires which have, by their past performance, caused him to stake his faith in them for next season's races.

Cooper is one of the topnotchers among speed kings, having distinguished himself many times in the past two years. The Montana Festo race at Tacoma on July 5, 1912, was one of Cooper's prize packages. On August 5, 1913, he also won the Santa Monica race, driving 45 miles in the time of 22 1/2 minutes. Barney Oldfield won second place in this race. The annual Corona race on September 9, 1913, was another one of Cooper's triumphs, when he drove 29 miles on a high-powered track at the rate of 74 miles per hour.

He entered the international speedway event at Indianapolis last December Day, but an accident compelled him to drop out early in the race. Cooper has many other victories and near-victories to his credit.

Cooper is scheduled to engage Barney Oldfield in a fifty-mile race at Fresno, on December 27, to settle a friendly rivalry between them. The prize will be a gold horseshoe. This unique trophy is the result of many months of good-natured repartee between the two. When Cooper beat Barney at Santa Monica, Barney accused him of stealing his gold horseshoe. Since then, this imaginative horseshoe has been a friendly bond of contention between them until they finally decided to have it out. Barney also uses Firestones.

Cooper will race at San Diego on January 9. From San Diego he will go to San Francisco to compete in the Vanderbilt Cup race on the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds, February 22, also the Grand Prix race on the same track on February 27. He expects to again try his skill on the Indianapolis Speedway race Decoration Day as well as the Sioux City race on July 4.

Reports Ford Sales.

Miller Brothers report the sale of Ford cars during the past week to the following: Touring car—Z. D. Blackstone, Dr. W. G. Warren, Edmund S. Wolfe, Matthew-Howard Improvement Company, A. P. Gray, J. K. Webster, J. L. Price and J. M. Henning. Runabouts—V. B. Jackson and Palmer & Moore. Delivery wagon—Edward Cooper and Emergency Hospital.

Will Sell Hupp Here.

A Hupp agent has been located in Washington, which will be known as the Burger Motor Company, and the showroom will be located at 118 Fourteenth street, near Thomas circle. W. S. Burger is the head of the new concern and R. L. Flynn is the manager. A shipment of "Tappas" will be received the latter part of this week.

PUBLIC DEMAND IS FOR CLOSED CARS

E. C. Howard, Sales Manager of Cadillac Company, Talks of Tendencies of Year.

An interesting development following the Cadillac's introduction this fall of the eight-cylinder, V-type motor is noted by E. C. Howard, sales manager of the Cadillac company, in a greatly anticipated demand for all types of Cadillac enclosed cars.

"At present there is every indication that this will be the heaviest closed-car season we have ever experienced," says Mr. Howard. "The demand for cars of the coupe, sedan and limousine types is greater by far than the largest in past seasons."

ADVICE ABOUT TIRES.

Protection of tires in the winter time, when many are laid up and not used, is again a timely subject, and these simple suggestions for care of tires and tubes are repeated, says William B. Holland, the Ajax tire dealer.

When cars are placed in dead storage for the winter months, it is essential the tires also receive careful attention. If the tires remain jacked up on all sides and the tires deflated by removing the valve stems from the valves.

The wheels should then be covered to protect the tires from light and heat. New tires and inner tubes should also be treated in a similar manner. The main thing to bear in mind is to have them properly covered and stored in a dark, cool place.

Baker Electrics Arrive.

Two of the new 1915 Baker electric, one a brougham and the other a coupe, arrived this week at the showrooms of the Cook & Stoddard company, in Connecticut avenue.

New Jeffery Agency.

George E. Howard and J. S. Coombs have formed the Coombs-Howard Company to handle the Jeffery line of trucks, including the famous "Quad" truck and pleasure cars. Their showroom will be located at Vermont avenue and H street northwest, with a service station at 1115 Vermont avenue.

Plan Independent Show.

Following the example of a number of other cities, the automobile and accessory dealers of Indianapolis, Ind., are arranging to this year hold an independent show. It is the plan to hold the exhibit for one week in some of the downtown storehouses. About forty firms are expected to be represented.

INDIANAPOLIS MAKING HER SPEEDWAY LARGER

Instead of Being Moved to Retrenchment by Rival Race Tracks, City Redoubles Efforts.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Instead of being moved to retrenchment by the apparently imminent establishment of rival tracks throughout the country, particularly at Chicago, the Indianapolis motor speedway is preparing for its next 500 miles on a bigger scale than ever.

Construction of a new grand stand, seating 15,000 people, has been started on the south turn of the course, raising the total seating capacity of the plant to 25,000, which is equalled only by the Yale bowl at New Haven. Over a mile of grand stands, the longest in the world, will soon be a scene and fixtures. All stands are now covered, bleachers having been eliminated.

Additional improvements are the erection of a colonial garage, accommodating forty cars, back of the judges' stand; the old garages having been torn down, and their site turned into parking space; the widening of the track on the inside fifteen feet, and the erection of a concrete safety wall all around. A clubhouse for drivers, complete with gymnasium, tennis courts, and swimming pool, is also contemplated for next spring. Every provision is being made for the comfort and safety of contestants.

With regard to other speedways, the management expresses itself as most optimistic. "It will all make for the betterment of the game," is the statement of an officer. "Take Elgin, for example." He says: "Hundreds of people from Indianapolis annually go to Elgin because the bulk of sufferers from Christmas complaints, it is the same, only vice versa. The more races over the country, the better the all-around attendance, always provided, of course, that there is no conflict as to dates."

GOOD HEALTH.

By IRVINE WESTON.

So many people habitually feel more or less out of sorts for the few days following Christmas that Christmas ailments have come to be recognized as a necessary aftermath of the festivities.

Of course, the children will always overeat themselves. If they were not happy inside and more tired and run-down physically at the end of the Christmas holidays than before them.

Of course, children do overeat themselves more often than grown people. They rejoice, however, in the possession of powers of recuperation which grown-ups, even in the prime of life, can only look back on with envy. Too much plum pudding, too many sausages with turkey, too many sweets between meals, may bring on a sharp digestive upset, but in a few hours all traces of it have disappeared, and the one-time sufferer is soon eager for more of the rich foods which caused him pain.

With grown people after Christmas ailments are not so much due to indigestion as to an utter neglect of any precautionary measures. It is the neglect of conditions which reign during the Christmas holidays.

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He fallen. As the work falls off, so the amount of food ought to be curtailed. During the Christmas holidays falls off. Paterfamilias sits at home, reads his paper, has a try at smoking and some of the Christmas holidays has presented him with and in general kills time until another meal arrives. At the best he may exert himself to the extent of attending a Christmas service, and then taking a little stroll afterwards before attaching the abundant midday meal. This, of course, corresponds closely to his average Sunday regime. "That does him no harm," you may say. "In fact, the day's rest does him good."

COOPER SIGNED UP.

Noted Racer Will Drive Another Season for Stutz.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Announcement is made by Harry Stutz, whose cars have just been awarded the American road racing championship for a period covering the last ten years, that he has signed Earl Cooper to drive another season. With Cooper and Anderson, his old standby, he thinks he has a pair that will keep him on top for some time to come. The first races in which this outfit are entered during 1915 are the Vanderbilt and Grand Prix at San Francisco, both of which they stand an excellent chance to annex, it is said.