

Somewhere Tonight Dreaming of a Happier Day Sits Lizzie-Unclaimed-Just Settin' and Rustin'

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Somewhere tonight a tired old automobile will sit friendless and dejected, a snuffling damp fog dusting its yellow and green painted sides. That is, unless the Webfoots who own it take \$17.50 (for towing and storage) to the pudgy little man who operates Mortons Used Car lot at 68 West Fifth.

On the mildewed seats lie a gas can, a twisted pair of pincers, a faded history examination, a broken ballpeen hammer and an empty bottle of Old Bard. The open leather top is sagging dispiritedly down in the middle; an occasional drop of water soaks through and hits the floor with a flat, lifeless sound. The sign, OREGON, on the back, is fading. It excites no memories from passersby.

Age Unknown

It's a Star, but what year it is we can only guess. Probably it rolled off the assembly lines about the time most of us were cooing in our cradles. It must have been a

proud, jaunty automobile then, all sleek and shiny. Now it sits hunched, cold and grim, waiting with stolid patience . . . there are no green pastures in which to retire an old car.

The little man at Morton's wants his money, and says he'll start foreclosure proceedings pretty soon. What unromantic fate lies in store for it once the auctioneer's hammer falls for the third time, we hate to guess. The little man suggested it would make a good tractor . . . a tractor! Somehow, it seems a shame. What a story this relic of a more frolicsome past could tell!

We wonder what other times this long-suffering mechanized beast of burden has seen . . . of loaded picnic baskets, cold cases of beer, eight or ten Webfoots jammed into its stout hull, it's little tin nose pointed eagerly to a lush spot beside the river . . . and now? Tonight may be the one when the thin, oversized tires will sigh

resignedly, gasp their last, and settle, with dread finality, to the earth, never to rise again.

The steering wheel is made of wood, polished like high grade mahogany from the sweat and friction of many hands . . . hands that were nervous from the tension in learning how to control the little car, or perhaps, a single hand, casually tapping the wheel to keep it true. The hood hangs a little to one side, as if it were winking. The headlights are square and purposeful, like an old man with specs . . . This is the son of the iron monster that chased the horse and buggies into retirement.

'A Sittin' and a Rustin'

Perhaps the little car gets tired, just sitting and rusting, and wishes it were bumping around the country again, full of kids, and ice cream and weiners . . . and just a little gas. Oil? These were a tougher breed than the chromed dandies of today. They would gulp it gratefully, but were seldom temperamental enough to balk without it. Oil was dessert—an extra frosting.

Perhaps it would like to smash into something before it goes; pioneers never died in bed if they could help it . . . Smash right into a great big truck, just as hard as it could. And maybe the radiator would twist into a youthful grin . . . just for a moment.

Travel Enthusiasts Offered Trip Via Queen Mary to Foreign Soil

Those with an urge to travel who would like to combine the delights of visiting strange places with new insights into life and society, should tuck an old copy of Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad" under arm and prepare to climb aboard the Queen Mary. Scheduled to leave New York February 26, the famous Cunard liner will carry a group of travel enthusiasts to Europe for a 59-day studytour.

The trip is sponsored by World Studytours, a non-profit corporation chartered by the education department of the state of New York as an adult education agency. It will "open doors of opportunity which would be closed to individuals travelling alone." There will be opportunities to meet interesting people and visit significant social projects instead regimented sightseeing.

After landing in France, the group will head toward the Riviera making brief stops at Toulous, Carcassone, and Avignon. There will be chances to interview leaders of political parties and social movements in Marseilles, center of economic and political struggle and second largest city of France.

Easter in Rome

After a week of relaxation at

Monte Carlo, Nice and Cannes along the Mediterranean highway, the party will proceed, by bus, to Geneva, Italy and then to Pisa. Easter observance and political discussions will feature a weeks stay in Rome, the southern pinnacle of the tour.

Sail on Queen Mary

Returning across Germany to Paris the studytour will offer opportunity to meet artist, political leaders, and others of special interest.

Then late in March the tour will move northward to Milan, Lake of Lugano, famous St. Moritz, and Zurich, Switzerland's largest city. Zurich will provide interviews with people who can interpret the Swiss economic life, political position, and social legislation.

The 600th anniversary of the founding of Charles university, one of the finest in Europe, will be of interest to members of the group, along with the usual sight-seeing celebrated in Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia. There will, also, be an opportunity to observe how democratic freedoms are being continued with new ventures into socialist planning, behind the "iron curtain."

Dean and Mrs. Hubert Phillips of Fresno State college in California will lead the studytour. Dean Phillips, nominated a few years ago for congress, is a competent scholar who has travelled extensively abroad.



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Library Makes New Reference, Periodic Move

Several changes have been made recently in the library concerning periodicals and reference materials.

Open shelf reserve has been moved to Room 150, the room in back of the lower division reserve bookshelves. The periodical division of the reference department has been moved to Room 201, second floor. Current periodicals are on open shelf reserve in Room 214, which adjoins Room 201.

Books Moved

Everything in the present bibliography room except the library of congress catalogues, and the subject bibliography, which was back of the reference desk, is now back of the former periodical desk.

Also back of the former periodical desk are the U. S. government indices, United Nations materia land current college catalogues. On the mezzanine above the former periodical desk is the league of nations material, and on the floor below, the serial set of U. S. government documents, American state papers, and the congressional record and its predecessors. Also there will be the U. S. supreme court reports.

The periodical guides will re-

main in the reference room, but additional copies of "The Readers Guide to Periodical Literature" and "Poole's Guide to Periodical Literature" will be obtainable in Room 201.

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