

Highway and Auto Dope

# AUTOMOBILE NEWS

Traffic and Tourist News

## Car Helps Fishing



**T**HE opening of the fishing and camping season brings out more than ever the value of the motor car as an aid to the vacationer. The automobile is now almost as important to the success of the fishing trip as the tackle itself.

Although many of the streams are still high and muddy a number of the smaller trout creeks have cleared up sufficiently to make it possible to bring home nice catches in the car.

The earliest fishing streams are the ones in the lower drainage basins. One should keep in mind when deciding upon a place to go that the lower down a stream is on a larger river the sooner it clears up as a general thing.

Thus, Spring creek, across the river from what is called West's or Wade's ranch, is usually the earliest stream along the Grande Ronde river and as the season progresses, the good fishing also moves gradually up the stream.

The road up the river is rough but passable at the present time, according to John Walden, county game warden who made the trip to Starkey this week on official business.

Five Points and Beaver creeks are still closed to fishermen and violations are punishable by a combined fine and imprisonment at the pleasure of the judge. Mr. Walden stated this week that from his observation Mill creek near Summerville, Ladd creek and Jordan and Whiskey creek up the Grande Ronde river are at the present time in the best condition for fishing.

All of these streams are quite close to La Grande and may be reached in the car in a comparatively short time. Ladd Creek is seven miles east on paved highway for the most part. Mill creek flows across the meadows near Summerville about 12 miles northeast of the city and Whiskey creek is about 11 miles up the river with Jordan creek a mile further on.

Early catches so far this season have been made for the most part in the Wallowa river district for the reason that many of the fishermen are of the opinion that the fish hatter at Perry has not given the trout a chance to get up to the higher river streams.

Indian creek, near Elgin, where large steelheads are caught very early in the season has been a little high for fishing until recently but should be good soon.

The runs of a week ago delayed the fishing season in many of the streams but this season of water has been drained off for the most part until the creeks are again flowing from their regular sources.

Robt. Zweifel and Nate Zweifel recently brought in nice messes of fish from the south fork of the Wallowa river near Lostine, 21 miles from La Grande. At this time of year it is necessary to travel far up the creek in order to get above the flood water.

Bear creek near the town of Wallowa is a favorite fishing stream later in the season but is at present rather high. However, by going up within a few miles of the source one may have good luck this time.

The macadamized road to the head of the Wallowa lake makes the Wallowa river and tributaries for the most part easily accessible to the one-day fisherman. An example of this was furnished on the first day of the season by the Zweifels, just mentioned, who returned to La Grande from the Wallowa river with a mess of fish before noon of the opening day.

Referring again to the early catches displayed here, the extraordinary mess of Rainbow trout brought in by Detor Woodell on April 15 was a surprise to many.

These fish were caught in Catherine creek, 16 miles east of the city. Catherine creek is still high but the water is not very muddy. The location of the state fish hatchery on the banks of Catherine creek is an important factor, for the stream is thus well stocked at all times.

## INTRODUCES GRAHAM TRUCK

### Dodge Power Plant Utilized in Construction of Truck Shown Here by L. C. Smith.

The first of the Graham Brothers trucks with the Dodge power plant was introduced this week by L. C. Smith. The truck is furnished with complete pneumatic tire equipment.

The equipment on the truck includes an express body, cab, bumper and other accessories. The cab is entirely enclosed for the comfort of the driver.

The Graham Brothers truck utilizes the regular motor, radiator, hood and in fact practically the entire front end of the standard Dodge Brothers cars of proven dependability.

To this has been added a heavy channel steel frame, heavy duty type axle and spiral, bevel gear design, heavy rear springs and stronger rear wheels.

Official figures from Detroit for the first quarter of 1925 show that Graham Brothers rank first in the world in the production and sale of 1 1/2 ton trucks.

In the 1 ton and 1 1/2 ton truck fields combined they were surpassed in volume only by Ford. "The information may be surprising to the general public, but not to us, since to those who are familiar with the performance of Graham Brothers Trucks and with their rapid ascendancy in the industry during the last three years."

"Their advance has been without costation. There has been no blare of trumpets, no exaggerated claims. It has been a steady, wholesome growth, based entirely upon the truck's performance."

Less than three years ago Graham Brothers were in twentieth place. Now they are manufacturing trucks at the rate of over 100 a day, marketing their entire output through Dodge Brothers Dealers. This sales and service advantage of a strong dealer organization, combined with the exceptional merit of the truck itself, is regarded as one of the chief reasons for the rapid advance to leadership. Dodge Brothers Dealers everywhere are highly regarded and their service facilities are uniformly above the average. Service is an exceedingly important factor in the operation of a truck and business men are not slow to appreciate the advantages of having genuine parts instantly available when needed. Graham Brothers attribute their rapid advance to the following four reasons:

1. Distinct price advantage.
2. Pronounced quality advantage.
3. Dodge Brothers engine.
4. Substantial character of Dodge Brothers dealer organization.

"Publication of this information regarding Graham Brothers first place in the industry, is prompted wholly by the belief that truck buyers are entitled to know the trend of the times. With the facts before them, few would consider buying other equipment without first determining the reasons for Graham Brothers rapid advance."

## STANDARD OIL OPERATES LARGE FLEET OF TRUCKS

Increase in the business of the Standard Oil company in this vicinity has necessitated the addition of a number of new units to the fleet of vehicles which serves the interests of the motorist in Union county. It was announced this week that during the current season five new trucks have been added to the company equipment making a total of 11 trucks and cars now operated by the Standard Oil company in this county.

A new Ford truck was recently put in operation in La Grande enlarging the total at work in this city to three trucks and two cars.

Union and Imbler each received one truck additional raising the total to two trucks in each town. Both cities were formerly served by what was called a convertible truck which could be changed from a regular truck to a tank wagon by the use of an auxiliary body. Now both Imbler and Union have a tank truck and a stake truck, or will have next week when the two new ones are put in operation at Imbler. Elgin also has a truck to serve that city.

## POWER ADDED TO TRACTOR BY EQUIPMENT

### Track Laying Device for Fordson Introduced by the W. C. Perkins Motor Company.

A device to convert the regular Fordson into a tractor of the caterpillar type was introduced to the trade this week by the W. C. Perkins Motor company.

The Fuller crawler attachment, as the accessory is called, has met with much approval among the valley farmers to whom it has been demonstrated by Walter J. Stringham of the Perkins Motor company.

The crawler makes the regular Fordson a two ton tractor and gives it an abundance of power due to a slightly lower gear ratio and the improved traction afforded by the caterpillar type track.

The apparatus itself consists principally of an endless track attachment and special wheels to which it is geared thus giving the Fordson a grip on the ground under all conditions.

The first demonstration took place last Monday under the supervision of L. B. Lehman, manager of the Portland branch of the Trackson Full Fordson company by whom the attachment is manufactured.

On this occasion the Fordson pulled out a 18-ton steam roller stuck in the mud near the Mount Emily Timber company mill. The demonstration showed the great pulling power of the Fordson with the Trackson equipment.

Mr. Stringham has been busy the remainder of this week demonstrating the appliance under actual farm conditions and on the highway.

Demonstrations were given on farms at Summerville and Imbler. In these demonstrations the Fordson pulled three bottom plows on a 14-inch cut with ease.

The power of the Trackson apparatus on the Fordson was also effectively shown in a trial upon the highway pulling drags and other equipment used in road work.

## SPEED COPS HUMAN BEINGS

### Officers have Own Code of Conduct and Generally Accepted Rules to Apply to Traffic Violations.

The average motorist usually pictures the speed cop as a man who diverts his attention to imposing on the constitutional right of every American citizen to the "pursuit of happiness." Despite the fact that these same motorists are pursuing their happiness at what the law terms an excessive rate of speed, at the time of their arrest, when the traffic man hands them a ticket with a notice to appear before the judge.

The traffic men are for the most part human after all. The majority of them are home and family men.

The motorist approaching this sort of a car naturally did not think that a speed cop would drive such a junk pile and so went right on past without a thought of slowing down. Gordon then picked them up by the time honored torse and hare method by simply following them until they slowed down to go through some small town.

The average traffic officer will not arrest a man going slightly above the prescribed 20 miles on an open road. As a general thing the only time a man is arrested for going less than 40 miles an hour is when he passes another car or car under dangerous circumstances. However this is not a fixed rule by any means and the motorist should not feel himself exempt at any time above the 20 mile limit.

Many and varied are the excuses given the officer by the motorist when caught speeding. The majority of drivers either blame the good roads and comparatively light traffic on the highways or disclaim any knowledge whatever of the rate of speed at which they were traveling.

BEFORE YOU START

It may have yet a lot of trouble tomorrow morning to raise the hood a moment before you try to crank the engine and see whether the air vent in the hot air stove to the carburetor is tightly closed. Vibration often serves to loosen these air vents until they are partly open. This results in allowing a little too much cold air to reach the carburetor after you stop using the choke—a stall, in other words.

## BALLOON TIRES CLAIMED IDEAL FOR BUICK CARS

After some little amount of experiment into the matter of the most practical and economical tires for the Buick cars they handle, Jennings and Shumate are recommending General Tires in either six ply balloons or regular size low pressure cords.

The General six ply balloon tires replace four ply balloons on all except the smallest cars. The six ply tire combines all the advantages of the balloon tire with the right strength to carry the load and reduces puncture risk about 50 per cent.

General's mastery of internal friction enabled this company to produce, five years ago, the first low pressure cord tire ever put on the market and today that same outstanding long experience has enabled it to produce the successful six ply balloon cord.

Either the regular size or six ply balloon tires are suitable for Buick cars, according to Jennings and Shumate. These tires are said to combine long mileage with the easy riding quality of low pressure tires.

## MANUFACTURE OF FORD PRODUCTS TO BE SHOWN

John Bernard, carrying films and equipment for showing pictures of Ford products and activities, will arrive here tomorrow to give a series of exhibitions in various cities in this locality.

Mr. Bernard is scheduled for a showing in Cove Monday evening and at other points in the valley the remainder of the week.

The Ford picture program will show the various Ford products in process of manufacture, scenes of the plants, stunts and achievements of Ford cars and many other topics of interest.

FIRST PAVED ROAD

The first paved road in the United States is in Alexandria, Va. The stones used were brought as ballast in ships from Europe, and were laid by Hessian prisoners during the years of the American Revolution. The old pavement is bordered by rows of shade trees.

## OPEN HOUSE AT DURANT'S

### Oakland Factory to Entertain Many Visitors with Details of Motor Car Manufacture on Guest Day.

OAKLAND, Cal.—Plans for the celebration by several thousand interested boys, industrial boosters of Durant day, a week from today, have been entered into actively by civic officials of Oakland and as well as executives of the Durant Motor company of California plant in Oakland.

Sunday afternoon, May 10, has been set aside to show the construction of modern automobiles to thousands of people who, because of regular week-day duties, are unable to make a visit to the immense Durant plant in the course of regular car production. The Sunday afternoon production is a rare one.

Throughout the afternoon, hundreds of Star and Durant cars will be on the course of production in various departments of the factory, and for the benefit of plant visitors, every department of the factory will be kept running full blast, while the afternoon visiting program is on. The hour to welcome the visitors has been set from 1 to 5:30 o'clock.

The day will be a big one in the history of the California Durant company. It is expected that hundreds of out of town dealers, their friends, and a number of owners will be in caravans that will make a pilgrimage to the factory, and plans are being laid for their entertainment.

Invitations have been sent to all city officials, to the various public and commercial schools, and all organizations interested in mechanics and in the development of the motor industry, to attend the Durant celebration.

Ample and safe parking space is provided at the factory, which can easily be reached by all roads in and out of East Oakland, including the two main arteries of traffic, East Fourteenth street and the Foothill boulevard.

Guides stationed throughout the plant will keep people on the right track in the dense maze of mechanical operation, and will also serve to explain the different functions of various operations incidental to the building of Star and Durant cars from painting and upholstery to the final assembly line. Not one detail of the car construction will be overlooked.

Officials of the Durant factory and industrial leaders of the east

## GOOD REASON

Why the Joneses bought the car they did:

Because the salesman laughed at Mr. Jones' jokes.

Told Mrs. Jones she couldn't have a daughter that old.

Told Susie Jones she looked like Jack's new girl.

Told Willie Jones he had a build like Dempsey.

Said the Jones baby took after both parents.

And only smiled when the Jones pup nipped him.—Ad Lab.

They are enthusiastic over the plans for Durant day. It has long been the desire to have people intimately acquainted with the Durant plant, one of the greatest single industrial factories on the entire Pacific coast. Because of the fact that it is a Sunday afternoon, literally thousands are expected to visit the plant, and officials advise the throngs to "come early and avoid the rush."

The big Durant and Star factory in Oakland is engaged at the present time in capacity production, and the extra production that the Sunday afternoon program will call for will not displace Star and Durant dealers, as many orders are awaiting delivery at the factory.

The program next Sunday afternoon presents an opportunity for many to get intimately acquainted with actual production practices that they hear so much about, but seldom actually see or learn themselves, and incidentally, greatly enlarge their education on modern industrial practices and the wizardry of quantity car production.



ambition, with a generally accepted code of ethics like members of any other profession — and they have a sense of humor like anyone else.

Of course the means of catching the spenders are many and devious but it is now generally considered unethical to bait a driver, that is attempt to get him in a race by passing him at a faster rate of speed and then slowing down. For another thing speed traps are now

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