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BUICKS PROVE HILL-CLIMBERS

Automobile owners of Porto Rico have driving problems which demand the utmost stamina in a car, according to Hazelton Avery, American fruit grower who has spent the past 23 years on the island.

Avery, who was in Flint, Mich., recently to purchase a Buick car, according to information received by Jennings and Shumate, local dealers, says that all the roads, with the exception of those within five miles of the sea coast, are high up in the hills which cover the central portion of the island. The Porto Ricans hardly know what a

WILLYS-KNIGHT MAKES RECORD

Establishing what is recognized to be a record for economy, performance and endurance all in one, a stock model Willys-Knight touring car recently completed a spectacular and continuous 56 hour trial through the steep and rugged San Bernardino mountains and achieved some remarkable results, according to information received by Gettings and Hanks, local dealers.

During the four day run, the Willys-Knight established a gas-mileage of slightly more than 15 miles to the gallon, despite the fact that more than seventy per cent of the going was over loose rock and rough dirt roads, including grades amounting to 8000 feet above sea level. In this grind which carried the two drivers continuously through day and night the car traveled 1527 miles of formidable mountain climbing that proved the capacity of the car to stand abuse and exertion.

The spectacular run started at San Bernardino, continued through the Reglands up Mill creek road and Clark's Lake after passing through the rugged Santa Ana canyon to Big Bear lake with an elevation of approximately 6800 feet where the trail wound about the south shore of the lake across the new government forest road to Arrowhead lake, thence along the crest of the San Bernardino mountains through Crestline and Waterman canyon down through the valley. The elevation during the run varied from 1000 to 8000 feet above sea level, but the carburetor adjustment of the Willys-Knight was not changed to meet the changes in altitude.

While the run was not staged to set an speed record for the course final tabulation by newspapermen who served as judges of the run established that the car had averaged 19 miles an hour during the four days and nights, said to have been a record for such mountainous travel. More than 200 miles to the quart of oil was the mark hung up by this Willys-Knight which was piloted by two employees of the factory branch in Los Angeles.

GARAGE GOSSIP

Barnet on Vacation—L. H. Barnet, employed by the Standard Oil company here, is in Walla Walla, Wash., at present on a two-weeks vacation. Glenn Strickler is filling his position while he is away.

Fords Arrive—The Perkins Motor company received three carloads of the improved model Ford cars this week, including coupes, roadsters, sedans and touring cars. Two of the loads, seven cars each, have been delivered and the other one was being set up yesterday. The company will receive two more carloads of cars this month, making a total of 42 received during November, all of which were sold before arrival. One of the cars will be unloaded Monday.

Distributor—Mr. McClure, Franklin distributor for this territory, with headquarters at Yakima, Wash., was a business visitor in La Grande the first of the week.

Thanksgiving at Halfway—Mrs. Avery Harrison and two daughters, Ruth and Dorothy returned to their home here today after spending Thanksgiving day with Mr. Harrison's sister, Mrs. George Elmer, at Halfway. They drove to Halfway Wednesday.

Traveled in Snow Storm—Avery Harrison, proprietor of the Blue Mountain garage, returned to his home Thursday from Burns, in Harney county, where he went Monday called by the serious illness of his uncle, George Buchanan. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Buchanan, his aunt, and Mrs. Harriet Harrison, his mother, both of whom remained at Burns. Mr. Harrison reports four or five inches of snow on Dooley mountain. He traveled for several miles in a snow storm on the trip and says his windshield wiper was kept busy. "I was in an enclosed car and had my heater wide open, but it was none too warm then," he declares. Fourteen miles west of Canyon City a two-point buck deer ran in front of his car, running down the road for about 100 feet before finally jumping to one side. It was dark at that time, and Mr. Harrison believes the lights from his car probably blinded the deer.

SHIPS TRUCKS TO FLORIDA

Every truck in a solid trainload shipment which recently left Graham Brothers factory bound for Florida was delivered at retail within ten days of the time the train reached Jacksonville, official records show.

This train consisted of 34 rail-road cars containing 91 trucks assigned to seven dealers. The allotment to the Miami dealer alone was 31 trucks of one ton and 1 1/2 ton capacity.

"Those and hundreds of other Graham Brothers trucks," according to L. C. Smith, local Dodge Brothers dealer, "are playing an important part in relieving the transportation situation which has resulted from inadequate capacity of Florida's railroads to supply the needs of her unprecedented numbers of winter tourists and home-seekers."

"Vast amounts of merchandise, subject to the freight embargo recently placed on certain classes of goods in order to reduce delay in moving necessitation, have been moved south from Jacksonville and inland from Atlantic and Gulf ports by Graham Brothers trucks."

"Further evidence of the growth in demand for Graham Brothers trucks is found in reports of retail sales. Total deliveries in the state of Florida for the month of September, 1925, equalled those for the entire year of 1924.

"October deliveries were 70 per cent ahead of the total for 1924 and equal to the total for 1923.

"Deliveries in Florida for the three months of August, September and October, 1925, exceeded the combined totals for 1924 and 1924 by over 15 per cent.

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Asks River Highway—Petitions asking the location and construction of a highway along the Grande Ronde river from Clarkston, Wash., to Elgin, Ore., have been circulated at Troy and up and down the river. No surveys have been made so far as is known. Such a road probably would be more than 100 miles long and would be located all the way in lowlands where it would be open the year around. Grades would be easy and free from long hills.

Gets Number 13—I. A. Snyder, of Enterprise, drew auto license plate No. 13 at Salem for 1926, according to news dispatches. Whether he expects the license number to be a lucky one or not is as yet unknown. Frank Deeds, of Lane county, drew license No. 1, and C. R. Marshall, of Milton, got No. 3.

Repair Shop Busy—Harris French, who now occupies the garage just east of The Observer office, reports that business is rushing in the new repair shop he has installed in the rear of the garage. Kenneth Keeney and Tracy Hallister are in charge of the shop, which can accommodate five or six cars. Mr. Keeney has charge of all Franklin repair work.

New Coupe Is Admired—Scarcely had E. L. Ledbetter brought the latest Hudson creation—a snappy, up-to-the-minute coupe—into La Grande early this week when auto fans began dropping around to the Ledbetter garage to give the car the once over. And, according to Mr. Ledbetter, comments were in every case favorable. Careful construction and attention to minor details that go so much toward making a car attractive, are seen throughout. The coupe, the first made by the Hudson company in the past 10 years, was put on display Sunday.

Isolated Town Has No Road, But Has An Auto

ETNA MILLS, Cal., (AP)—Cecilville, an isolated mountain town, hasn't access to a road to the outside world yet but has its first automobile just the same.


All mail and freight for Cecilville and the upper Salmon river country is delivered by mule train along the trail. Itoseco and Archie Farnsworth, Salmon river miners, were unwilling to wait the two years necessary for the completion of the mountain wagon road which the forest service is building.

They wanted to use their car on a short strip of road between their home and Cecilville, built years ago by a mining company. So they drove, pushed and squeezed their machine along until the trail became too steep and narrow for further progress. Then they took the car apart and loaded it on pack mules for the last lap of the journey.


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