

### BUS HEARINGS NATION WIDE

#### Interstate Commerce Commission Conducting Investigation; Portland Hearing Set.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The American Automobile association, through its bus and truck division, has placed all its facilities and resources at the disposal of the interstate commerce commission for its coming nation-wide investigation of bus and truck operating conditions. It was announced today. The investigation is to be followed with recommendations to congress on whether a law to regulate motor bus operation in interstate commerce should be enacted.

The commission issued the order for the investigation on June 18, making its scope great enough to insure a broad and searching survey of conditions in the rapidly growing industry throughout the country. Hearings are to be held in thirteen cities, in each of which local conditions will be investigated thoroughly. With data compiled from these thirteen sources, a hearing bearing upon the nation as a whole will follow in Washington.

The first of the hearings will be held in Chicago on July 27, the others following in rapid succession, as the commission's recommendations to congress must be ready for submission next December.

Local and state members of the bus division will send representatives, fortified with all the data at their command, to the hearings in their respective territories, and plans to insure their effective participation in the investigation have been laid, it was stated.

When the final hearing is held in Washington, a general summary of conditions in the entire industry will be presented by the bus operators.

**Views of All Required**  
The commission has revealed a marked desire to obtain the views of all factions connected with the motor vehicle carrier industry, and the offer of the American Automobile association was gratefully

received. With the announcement by the association that its assistance had been offered the commission, plans to give aid to an important type immediately were laid, looking to the compilation of material information in the way of facts and figures.

Much of this compilation will be in the hands of the local organizations, and will be ready for presentation as soon as hearings open in their respective territories.

The hearings and their dates were set as follows:  
Chicago, July 27; St. Paul, Minn., July 30; Portland, Ore., August 7; San Francisco, August 12; Los Angeles, August 17; Denver, August 25; Detroit, September 1; Boston, September 8; New York, September 10; Asheville, N. C., September 15; Dallas, Tex., September 20, and Kansas City, Mo., September 24.

The Washington hearing will be opened on September 29.

#### New York Motor Laws Strictly Limits Youth

ALBANY, N. Y., July 10.—Prevention of injury and death in accidents has brought with it strict regulations of minor automobile drivers in New York.

Junior operators' licenses have been granted to 15,000 children under 18 years in this state. However, effective July 1, 1926, the holder of a junior operator's license will not be permitted to drive a motor vehicle within the limits of any city in the state.

No applicant for such a license will get one unless his residence is outside of a city limit.

The reasons for the strict regulations relating to youthful drivers are the many fatal accidents which have resulted. Ten per cent of all accidents in which persons under 18 years of age were involved resulted in death, while 3 per cent of all accidents for which persons over that age were responsible resulted fatally.

The greater number of accidents involving persons under 18 years of age occurred in cities of the first, second and third classes. A junior operator is inclined to be a reckless driver or lacks the faculty of proper thinking in an emergency, according to an analysis.

**OLD ARMY GAME**  
NEW YORK.—Al Smith describes his latest round of golf as the old army game—out in 61 and back in 66.

### Automobile Invades All Parts of Globe; 24 Million In Use

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 10. (AP)—The automobile has invaded every nook and corner of the globe and in such quantity that an owner is to be found for every 71st person. On the basis of 1,748,000 world population for 1925, this means that more than 24,000,000 persons are automobile owners.

These figures, announced by the commerce department, revealed also that the United States has the greatest number of automobiles and the highest ratio of such vehicles to population, with one to every six persons. Hawaii has one to every 11 and Canada one to 13. In the lower ratios is found Afghanistan, with one to 1,200,000

#### FRANKLIN WINS SWEEPSTAKES IN CALIFORNIA RUN

Sweepstakes in the Los Angeles to Lake Arrowhead fuel conservation run staged on Saturday, June 26 were won by a new style Franklin sedan owned and driven by V. V. Valla of Los Angeles, who states that the drive in which he was victorious was the first ever made by him to Lake Arrowhead.

The route involved a ninety-mile trip practically all uphill, the lake being one mile higher than the starting point. The winning car made 34.92 ton miles per gallon, actual fuel mileage being 18. The second car was 1 1/2 ton miles behind the winner.

Twenty-five cars entered, and thirteen competed and finished this event, which was restricted to non-professional drivers, owners being stipulated specifically. No dealers were entered. The victorious Franklin carried four passengers.

**"Blind Spots" Gone.**

Automotive engineers have succeeded in reducing the blind spot in closed cars to a minimum. This has been accomplished in the all-steel body, where pillar posts supporting the top can be made one-third the size of wood posts without sacrifice of strength. In many cases this increases the driver's view of the road more than twenty per cent.

#### Motor Buses Favored On Eugene, Ore., Run

EUGENE, Ore., July 10. (AP)—Preponderance of testimony was in favor of the substitution of motor buses for street cars on the Eugene-Springfield run, at the hearing held by the state public service commission here upon the petition of the Southern Pacific company to make the change.

Anticipating a decision favoring the buses, the southern Pacific company brought one of the new buses here yesterday. Two others will also be used on the line according to present plans.

#### 1927 Trend to All-Steel Body

Predictions as to the trend of automotive development for 1927 indicate that body design will hold the centre of the picture. William Ullman, a prominent automotive writer, looks to the all-steel body for the greatest progress. The all-steel body, he says, by virtue of the material of which it is made, presents no obstacle to the ingenuity and imagination of the designer. Here safety need not be sacrificed for style. Mr. Ullman predicts radical changes in design which have not yet been announced.

Safety experts have pointed out that flying splinters cause many serious injuries to passengers when motor cars are unavoidably wrecked. An automobile with an all-steel body has no wood to splinter.

### BUILD INNAHA HIGHWAY SOON

#### Wallowa County Expects to Construct First Unit Around Pratt Hill This Year.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., July 10.—Construction on what is called the Innaha post road will be begun by the county shortly at its west end, where it leaves the highway and passes thru a point of land owned by J. A. Eggleston, according to a local newspaper. A compromise settlement of the right of way has been reached by the county and Mr. Eggleston. He objected to the first location at the base of the hill immediately north of Prairie creek, and offered a strip on the south side of the creek, and this route will be followed.

The new road will connect the present highway with the county road which runs on to the Johnson and Franklin ranch, along the east base of Pratt hill. There is \$12,500 in the post road fund available for the road and this, it is believed, will carry it past the Johnson and Franklin buildings and up on the level ground to the east. This will be a standard market road which will be extended as funds are available in future years to Zumwalt and Innaha.

**Working on Johnson Canyon**  
The county road crew is still working in Johnson canyon, the route of the road from Elk Mountain to Crow creek and Chico, again using post road funds, with some cooperation by the forest service. Johnson canyon is the route by which the most direct road goes to chico and the lower Chenamus. It will be possible now to widen the grade in places and even it up somewhat by cutting off bumps and filling hollows. Otherwise not much can be done. It is a mountain road at best and no vital changes can be made without entirely new locations on both sides.

**Will Be State Engineer**  
W. C. Williams will be resident state engineer in charge of the surfacing of the highway unit of the north highway. He is now stationed at Baker where he is supervising a road job. It is understood he

will take both jobs under his wing and will divide his time between them. The contract for surfacing the road has been awarded to Joslyn & McAllister who have not yet started work.

NEW YORK — Supplementing Rudyard Kipling's statement that quite a dozen writers have achieved immortality in the past 2,500 years, the Herald-Tribune's census of views of American authorites as to the dozen is: Plato, Aeschylus, Euripides, Sophocles, Homer, Dante, Horace, Shakespeare, Virgil, Goethe, Cervantes and Balzac.

#### REFLECTOR MADE FOR AUTO LIGHTS BY DR. R. PIERSOL

PITTSBURG, July 10.—An automobile headlight reflector has been developed by Dr. R. J. Piersol, research physicist, which will not lose its reflective efficiency when exposed to temperature change or weather conditions. The reflectors are electro-plated with chromium. The development is the result of two years' experimentation on numerous alloys. The chromium plated surface is

so hard that the ordinary grinding compounds used for polishing would not touch and it was necessary to devise a new polishing agency.

Because of its silver-appearance, luster and hardness and because it does not tarnish, chromium plating probably will have important commercial applications other than being used for automobile headlight reflectors.

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