



AUTOMOBILE NEWS



NEW GRAHAM TRUCK IS OUT

The latest additions to the line of commercial cars and trucks being sold by Dodge Brothers dealers are two new types of two-ton capacity. Like their smaller predecessors the new chassis will be supplied with a variety of bodies suited to practically every requirement. Two lengths only are made: the shorter, for 9-foot bodies, has a wheel base of 137 inches and the longer, which is for 12-foot bodies

has a wheel base of 142 inches. Both chassis are equipped only with pneumatic tires, with either single or dual rears optional. Where single tires are used 32x5 inch size are fitted in front and 34x7 inch at the rear. For dual tire equipment disc wheels are standard with 34x5 inch tires both front and rear.

The pressed steel frame side rails for the shorter chassis are 7 inches deep and for the larger 7 1/4 inches. Due to the lower bending moments in the short frame its thickness is 3-16 inch wide while that of the longer frame is 1/2 inch. Front springs on both chassis are 37 inches long, 2 inches wide and have 9 leaves, while the rear springs are 56 inches long, 3 inches wide and have 11 leaves. The semi-

floating rear axle employ a spiral bevel gear final drive with a reduction of 6.286 to 1. Both service and hand brakes are of an internal self adjusting type operating in heavy pressed steel drums at the rear hubs. The brakes are so connected that the pedal operates all four bands while the brake lever actuates only two. This feature, it is declared, insures long life and even wear of the brake facings.

"This new and larger truck embodying the same well tested construction features found in Graham Brothers one-ton and two-and-a-half trucks," declared I. C. Smith, local Dodge Brothers dealer, "fills a long felt need for an equally sturdy unit capable of handling heavier loads."

"The power unit consists of the well known Dodge Brothers four cylinder engine which has given such satisfactory service in Graham Brothers trucks and motor coaches with a heavy duty truck transmission. The heavier frame, springs and other chassis parts insure service with two-ton loads just as satisfactory as that supplied by the smaller trucks hauling the loads for which they were designed."

"Dodge Brothers 3/4-ton commercial cars and Graham Brothers three capacities of trucks with bodies specially designed to fill the requirements of over 400 different vocations now meet over 20 per cent of all commercial hauling requirements."

NEW ROADSTER POPULAR
The new sport roadster with rumble seat which is now being displayed in the showrooms of Dodge Brothers dealers everywhere offers an unusual combination of beauty and service.

The dashing appearance and smart rakish lines of this new addition to Dodge Brothers line will win the instant admiration of everyone who takes pride in a touch of individuality in the appearance of the car he drives.

There is a striking contrast between the tan colored top, the brilliant green lacquer of the body and hood and the lustrous black of the fenders and shields. The highly polished nickel of the bumpers, lamp rims, radiator shell, windshield stanchions and top bow trimming adds a distinctive touch.

The cushion and back of the rumble seat, like the front upholstery, are of hand buffed gray Spanish genuine leather, constructed over spring frames to insure maximum riding ease. The back is high and well pitched. The deck is so constructed that when the seat is folded the rear compartment is absolutely waterproof, even in the rainiest weather.

Exceptional space, easily accessible through a large covered opening behind the driver's seat, is provided for carrying golf clubs, tennis rackets, parcels or luggage.

Storage batteries are like human beings in that they must have "food" and "drink" regularly or they will weaken and their lives be shortened. By "food" is meant the current which must be put back by the generator. Regular inspection will show the condition of the battery. If it is undercharged, the specific gravity of the electrolyte will be 1.250 or less; if it is overcharged it will be over 1.300, and the battery will show signs of excessive heat and spraying. The most common and ruinous abuse of the battery is to let it go "dry." The electrolyte solution must always completely cover the plates in all the cells.

Frank Mehl's daschund pups are affording some amusement to the office force by gamboling on the green. These dogs have the longest wheelbase of anything we ever saw. We made some tests one afternoon and found that two of the dogs can run eight feet before their legs begin to move.

TIRE NEGLECT COSTS MONEY

"That the average motorist is paying a big price for carelessness and practically doubling his tire bill is evidenced by reports from CTC dealers all over the coast," states Alfred A. Ays, vice-president and general sales manager of the Columbia Tire Corporation. "Motor car owners have been educated to the necessity of proper care of their car and frequent and regular mechanical inspection. Mr. Carowner knows that he must carefully observe instructions with regard to lubrication and he is educated to the needs of proper adjustments of all working parts. However, when it comes to the tires, he is usually content to give each tire a kick and let it go at that."

These facts have brought out in a most startling manner as a result of the "Speedometer Mileage Contest," now being conducted by CTC dealers all over the west.

All Tires Inspected
In order for a user to enter the mileage contest, it is necessary for him to have a complete inspection of his tires made at this time. Of course, this inspection is made without cost by the local dealer. From a tabulation of reports sent in to the office at the CTC factory from dealers scattered over a wide territory, here are the items of neglect most noted in the order of their importance.

1. Improper inflation—75 per cent of all tire troubles is due to carelessness in not maintaining proper pressure.
2. Wheels out of alignment—a prolific source of wear—a new tire on a misaligned wheel may be worn out in a hundred miles or less.
3. Wobbly rear wheels—cuts down tire mileage.
4. Grabbing brakes is a frequent cause of rapid tire wear—it is noted that particularly on four-wheel brakes car a brake on one wheel throws extra wear on tire and literally grinds out its life.

While the above are the major causes of rapid tire destruction, the following are good points to observe if you would get out of your tires the extra mileage that modern tire construction has built into them.

1. Keep the rims true and free from dents and rust.
2. Use chains only when necessary.
3. Use tire cut filter promptly on all cuts.
4. Keep spare tire covered when not in use.
5. Start and stop gradually to

GARAGE GOSSIP

Drove to Huntington
Tex Kulcht, sales manager for E. L. Ledbetter, Hudson-Exeter representative, drove to Huntington and Durkee this week on business.

Received New Cars
The E. L. Ledbetter garage here received two new model Essex cars this week.

Up-Branch This Week
Vernon Jennings went up the branch Thursday on business. He returned to La Grande Friday. Mr. Jennings is Buick representative here.

On Vacation
George B. Herr, employe at the Blue Mountain garage here, is on his vacation this week. He and Mrs. Herr left this morning by auto, for Portland, Seattle, Spokane and other points. They plan to be away about two weeks.

Driving New Cadillac
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Bowen are driving a new Cadillac eight. Mr. J. Goss went to Portland the first of the week and drove the car back.

To Pendleton This Week
M. J. Goss, Studebaker representative here, went to Pendleton Wednesday night on business.

Received New Cars
The Chrysler Motor company here received a carload of cars this week. The car consisted of two Chryslers "40" coupes, two "40" coaches and one "50" sedan.

Here From Pendleton
S. E. Sayre, of the Pendleton Auto company, distributors for Chrysler cars, was in the city this week. He called on L. W. Weeks, local Chrysler representative.

Making Motion Pictures
Ed Knox, with the Howard Auto company of Portland, distributors for Buick cars, with four others was in the city Thursday night. They are traveling over the state

to avoid undue strain on tires.

6. Make sure that fenders and other parts are not rubbing against tires.
 7. Keep tires from contact with oil, grease and gasoline.
- CTC tire dealers are bringing these costly items of carelessness to the attention of motorists, with the result that many are beginning to appreciate that tires require a certain amount of attention if the owner is to get the mileage that he is entitled to.

taking motion pictures of the new 1927 Buick in operation. They took some pictures at Emigrant Springs yesterday afternoon. From here they went to Baker and will go through Central Oregon back to Portland.

Unloaded New Cars
W. D. Hanks, of the Overland-Whitely Knight garage unloaded a carload of cars this week. The car was composed of three Whip-pets and one Overland six.

Delivered Several Buicks
Several of the new 1927 Buicks have been distributed recently. J. E. Reynolds has a new standard sedan. Al Thompson, of Wallawa, a master sedan and Mick Andrews, of Imbler, a two-door standard sedan. A new two-door Buick sedan was also sold to Howard Stod-

ard, who will take delivery at the factory at Flint, Michigan as he travels through there on his way home to New York. He has been visiting here for the past month.

If the fan belt is slipping a little and there are no tools with which to raise the pulley it is a good plan to sandpaper the inside of the belt. This cleans off any grease that might cause it to slip and gives it better traction on the pulleys.

Motorcycles do remind us
We can ride over hill and dale. And, in parking, leave behind us fifty different kinds of smel.

Walking isn't entirely a lost art. You've got to get out to the garage some way.

Head on a Four Man
James McQuinn's Rolls-Royce was stolen while standing in front of the County Poor House, where he was visiting his aged parents.—Dawson (Mich.) News.

"In one hundred years the world will have a billion more people than it can feed," someone predicts. Well, it won't have them long.

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You will then want a
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A snap at..... \$250

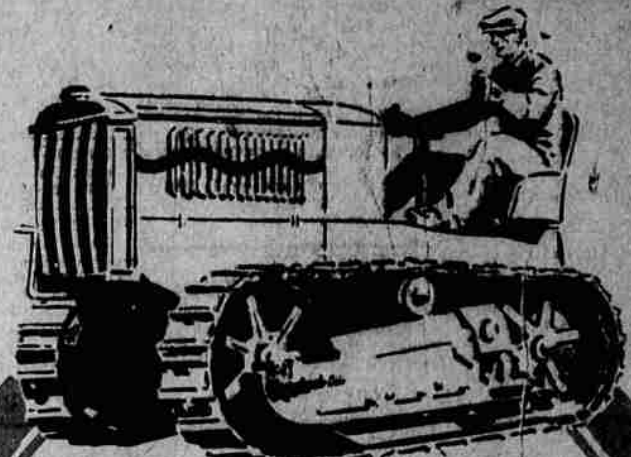
'21 Nash 6 Touring—Over-
hauled; newly painted..... \$250

'20 Oakland 6 Roadster—
Price..... \$225

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Price..... \$125

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