

AUTOMOBILE NEWS



CHEVROLET PAYS VISIT TO CRATER

Resort Near Medford Described—Eighth on National Park Route

At Medford in Southern Oregon rainy weather, the air redolent of roses and other garden plants—at Crater take four hours later, with the snow flying thick and fast and the ground covered to a depth of four inches.

While fun on the Pacific coast and in the northwest can be had, the person who seeks for a brief sight of snow and long for enjoyment of winter sports, gratify his desire by a few hours' drive. Yet the coming of the automobile the residents of this region are thus singularly favored.

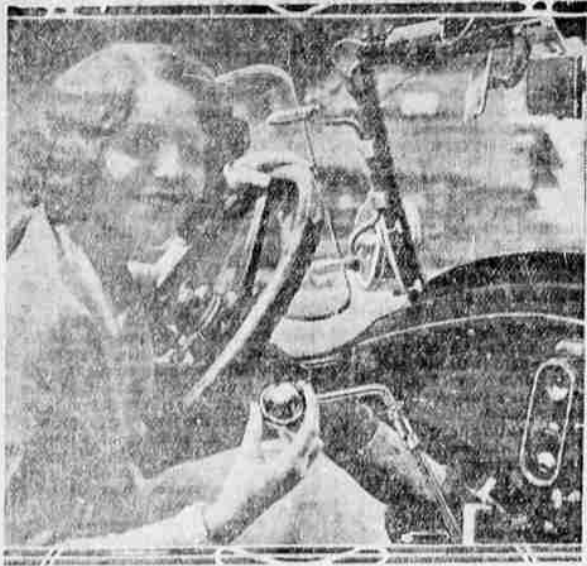
Eight on its itinerary of the great national playgrounds of the west, the imperial landings sent out of a "Blue American Road" tour, recently proceeded to Crater Lake national park before rolling back into California to visit Mt. Lassen, Yosemite, General Grant and Sequoia parks in completion of its tour. Owing to reports that snow was falling in the high Cascades W. W. Allen, general manager of the Chevrolet dealer organization of Medford, accompanied by Mrs. Allen, presided the national park car in a Chevrolet scout sedan.

Through the grades had to be taken in second gear because of skidding, chains were not required on the trip. The 84-mile distance was covered in a few hours and the party welcomed the warmth from the great backbones in the huge fireplace at Park Lodge. It was still snowing when they returned that night. Next morning dawned clear and cold and some excellent photographs were obtained, the almost unmeltable blue of the lake being accentuated by its setting of snow-covered rim.

Discovered in 1853. Crater is the one great caldera in the world. Many volcanoes have had their tops blown off. Mt. Rainier being one of these, but ages ago, science says, Mt. Mazama, collapsed in some titanic catastrophe and fell in upon itself as it swelled by a subterranean cavern, leaving its crater-like sides cut almost vertically downward into the central abyss. The lake was discovered in 1853 by John Wesley Hillman and party while searching for the Lost Cabin mine.

Through the season this year was five weeks later than last year, according to Colonel C. G. Thompson, park superintendent, the number of visitors at the time the Chevrolet was there was only 5,000 less than in 1926, and every state in the Union had been represented, as well as nine foreign countries.

SHIFT EXTENSION HANDY



Bringing the gear-shifting lever close at hand is a big help in driving. The extension shown above together with a "Joy" gear shift lever ball, are but two of the accessories featured in the Companion Article sale being held in all Western Auto stores this week. The advantage of the device is shown here.

The other countries represented included China, South Africa and Australia, while Alaska and Hawaii, American possessions, also contributed to the visiting list.

Modern Road System. Under the direction of Superintendent Thompson a modern road system is rapidly being developed in the park area. Fifteen miles has been newly aligned, completed and hard-surfaced, and 6 1/2 miles more, including the most difficult stretch between the park entrance and the rim of the lake, will be in readiness within three or four weeks. All this road is of the highest possible standard, with a maximum grade of 5 1/2 per cent and a minimum curvature of 45 feet. The present trail down the road leading round the lake will be brought up to standard at a cost of \$1,000,000. This work progresses slowly on account of the short working season.

In turning south into California the national park car traveled almost an even 10,000 miles. Though given only the attention by cars under ordinary conditions, its motor was running as smoothly as at the beginning of the tour.

Among a number of aliens recently admitted to citizenship by a United States federal judge was one Constantine Vassiliannopoulos. By permission of the court his name became Gus Vassel.

GARAGE GOSSIP

Take Truck Agency—Gettings & Hanks garage have taken over the agency for the Republic trucks. W. D. Hanks announced this morning. The trucks are made in tons and sizes and range from one to five tons. We are lined up with the Republic truck company factory for the machines and will handle this truck in Union and Wallowa counties in the future, said Mr. Hanks.

In North Powder Yesterday—W. E. Buchanan, associate owner of the Chrysler garage, spent yesterday in North Powder.

Wasco Meeting—A meeting of the Blue Mountain Wasco club was held last Sunday at Pendleton with the Pendleton organization entertaining. C. L. Spencer, manager of the Walla Walla store was in charge of the special meeting which was concerned with the study of salesmanship. "Our discussions of salesmanship are based upon copies of the thesis made by Dr. Paul Levy, nationally known salesmanship instructor, to members of our organization at Los Angeles and we feel that they are highly worth while," declared R. E. Wilcox, manager of the store in La Grande, this morning.

In Elgin Yesterday—M. J. Goss, local Studebaker dealer, spent Friday at Elgin transacting business.

Baker Trip Wednesday—L. H. Irwin, salesman at the Studebaker garage, was a Baker business visitor Wednesday.

Buy's Chrysler—J. D. Summers is driving a Chrysler "72" sedan which he purchased from Weeks and Buchanan, Chrysler dealers for this territory.

In Pendleton Monday—M. J. Goss drove to Pendleton Monday where he looked after business. Mr. Goss is owner of the Studebaker garage here.

Unloaded Chryslers—A cartload of Chryslers was unloaded this week at the Chrysler garage. The shipment included two "72" sedans, a "52" coach, a "52" sedan and a "52" coupe.

In Utah—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradshaw and children drove to Utah this week where they will spend a two week's vacation. Mr. Bradshaw is a salesman at the Gettings & Hanks garage.

Buy's Chevrolet—John Woodell, of Summerville, is driving a Chevrolet coach which he purchased from the Blue Mountain Garage.

Territory Man Here—Carl Clements, territory man for the United Motors company, was a business caller at the Jack Allen Supply company during the past week.

Fidewater Oil Man Here—Harry L. Denorest, representative for the Tidewater Oil company, spent part of the week in La Grande on business. Mr. Denorest was a business caller at the Blue Mountain garage while in La Grande.

Buy's Chevrolet—Lawrence Carter, of Alsea, is the owner of a Chevrolet landau purchased from M. A. Harrison, La Grande dealer.

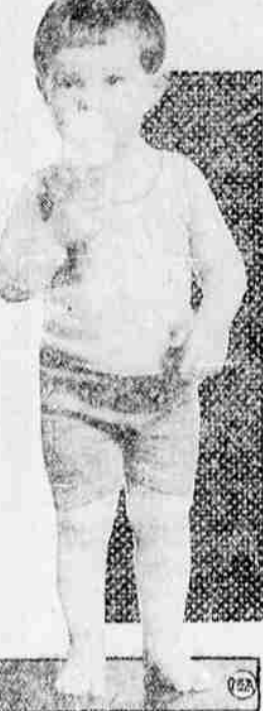
Driving to Salt Lake City—W. D. Hanks and family will leave Tuesday by car for Salt Lake City where they will attend the quarterly conference of the L. D. S. church. Their trip will extend over a period of about 10 days. Mr. Hanks is of the firm Gettings & Hanks, Wallya-Overland, dealers.

Buy's Chevrolet—Joe Anson, of Island City, purchased a Chevrolet sedan this week from M. A. Harrison, owner of the Blue Mountain garage.

Business in Pendleton—M. A. Harrison, of the Blue Mountain garage, was a business visitor in Pendleton Thursday.

Stopped Here—W. C. Hyde and family, of Detroit, Mich., were callers at the Heasty & George filling station yesterday. Mr. Hyde was born in Baker and spent his boyhood in that city. It has been 12 years however, since he has visited in

She's a Flyer



Little Virginia Mary Heath of Auburn, N. Y., hasn't flown across the Atlantic yet, but she's an aviator just the same. The girl is but two years, 11 months old, but already has been up in airplanes and flared it.

Studebakers In Clean Sweep In Charlotte Races

Repeating, within 15 days, their performance at Atlantic City on Sept. 3, Studebaker commander sport roadsters made a clean sweep of the entire field in the 75-mile race for stock cars priced below \$2000 on the Charlotte, N. C., speedway, Sept. 26. They placed first, second, and third respectively.

The race was won by Ralph Hornbirt, who crossed the finish line after averaging 38.56 miles per hour for the 75 miles. Ed G. Hearn finished his commander in second place and Al Jenkins, also driving a commander sport roadster, finished in third place. None of the three commanders entered made any stops in the pits and all finished the 75-mile grind in perfect condition.

Hornbirt, who piloted the winning commander in the Atlantic City race increased his average speed by 2.61 miles per hour—from 35.95 miles per hour to an 38.56 miles per hour average. After seeing the performance made by the three commanders in the preliminary trials, several of the competitive cars withdrew entirely from the race.

All three of the commanders were checked by the technical committee of the American Automobile association and were pronounced strictly stock models in every respect.

the west. He declares that improvements evolved are remarkable and heartily praised the growth of La Grande to Meador, Heasty and George. Mr. Hyde is a nephew of Judge Hand of Salem, Meador, Heasty and George, said.

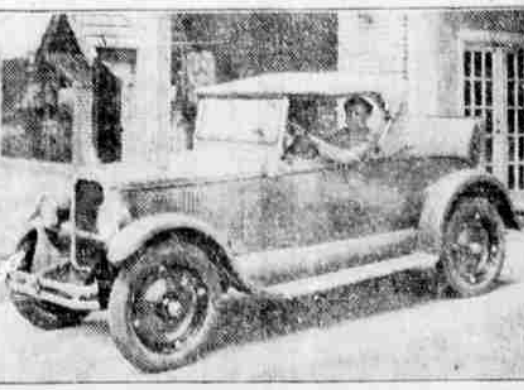
Visited Old Friend—Mr. Young, of Portland, who made La Grande his home a number of years ago, called on M. A. Harrison last week. Mr. Young was formerly watchmaker for the O. W. Jones. He is now in the mining business and travels considerably with Portland his headquarters. He spent a day in Baker while in Eastern Oregon.

Here on Business—William Hinchbort, Childs, Day & Churchill representative, was a visitor at the Blue Mountain garage last week.

Visited Here—Melle Gwyn, of Salem, visited one day last week with J. E. Heasty. Mr. Gwyn and Mr. Heasty have mutual friends in the east.

The French government decorated Mayor Walker of New York. And him so able to decorate himself!

Ted Lewis and His Oldsmobile



Ted Lewis, known as the "High-Hatted Tragedian of Jazz" doffed his well-known high hat recently after a demonstration in an Oldsmobile sport roadster. He said the sound of the motor was music to his ear and took immediate delivery. Lewis is using his new Oldsmobile as his personal car during his theatrical tour with his famous orchestra.

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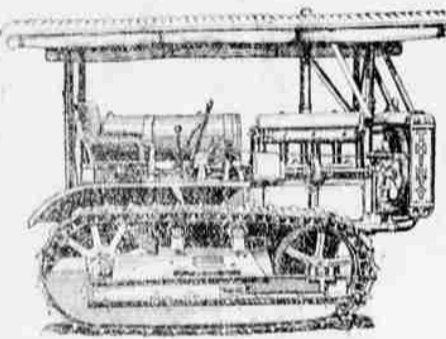
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