

NEW WHIPPET IS PUT ON MARKET

Cabriolet Coupe Introduced by Willys-Overland Strikes New Note

Introduction of the new Whippet cabriolet coupe, an addition to the Whippet line of cars, is announced by the Willys-Overland company. Unique features are embodied in the design of this new model which strike a new and distinctive note of style. This is the first two-type cabriolet coupe to be offered in the light car field and is included in the Whippet six line as well.

Mounted on the low swung Whippet chassis, the body as a whole presents a trim and sporty appearance. In addition, it provides the protection of a closed car together with the freedom of an open roadster.

Four passengers are easily accommodated, two in the front seat and two in the rumble seat which is built into the rear floor.

The employment of enameled sponge-rubber weather stripping makes the body entirely weather-proof when the top and windows are up. It takes but a moment to convert the car from an entirely closed model to an open roadster. This is done by merely folding the collapsible top which fits into a trim boot, part of the car's equipment.

Another distinct feature provides for the removal of the panel at the rear when the top is up. This permits the occupants in the rumble seat to converse with the passengers in front, thus giving a distinct air of informality to the car. When the top is lowered, the side windows set in nickel-plated frames may be raised, thus providing a three-sided windshield.

In the design and production of this new cabriolet coupe, Willys-Overland officials declare that an advanced step has been taken, striking a new idea of value in both the light car and the light six classes.

A strange mechanism was found in the lobby of a Detroit office building. Police called it a bomb and threw it in the lake before anyone had a chance to suggest that it might be a new Ford car.

With no sign of matrimony on Wales' horizon, it looks as though the son may never settle in the British Empire.

Fordson Plows Best in Illinois; Win 2 Matches

Fordson tractors this year won plowing matches at both Wheatland and Big Rock, Ill. These matches, which are an annual event, are well known and are attended by many thousand farmers and business men, all of whom are interested in better farming. The Wheatland match this year recorded its golden anniversary.

A Fordson entered by the Buchholz Brothers, Ford dealers of Hinsdale, Ill., won the cup at Wheatland this year, and a Buchholz entry won second place at the Big Rock match. A Fordson entered by E. J. Wright, Ford dealer of Yorkville, Ill., took first place at the Big Rock event, winning the cup for the third time.

E. Buchholz drove the Fordson to victory at Wheatland, and the Buchholz entry at Big Rock was driven by Walter Erickson. Glenn H. Wright drove the Wright Fordson at Big Rock. A representative of the Ford Motor company from the Chicago plant was present at the latter test.

In a total of three plowing competitions reported this year, the Fordson has come off victor. The third took place at Port Huron, Mich.

Recalls First Trip to South In Wintertime

Thousands of motorists are preparing to tune up their cars or are already started on their annual helga to the semi-tropical sections of the country where winter's rigors are non-existent. This type touring had its official inception on Dec. 22, 1906 according to an account of the pioneer "Mud Lark," published in "Motor Talk," January, 1907.

Against the advice and council of friends and auto skeptics, R. H. Owen, of Cleveland, and two venturesome friends nearly 21 years ago decided to start in midwinter on a pathfinding tour from New York City to Daytona Beach, Fla., in an Oldsmobile touring car. They accomplished the run in 13 days of constant battle against obstacles that the modern motorist would hardly care to pit his more powerful car against.

A few of the incidents of the trip that occurred so frequently that they became part of the path-

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Professor Examines 8000 Jokes; Only a Few Chide Mothers-in-Law

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. (AP) — Fat men, mothers-in-law and splinters are not so funny as has been popularly supposed. Prof. John C. Almack of Stanford university has classified more than 8,000 jokes, collected over a six-year period, and of the whole bunch only four are about fat men, two about mothers-in-law and a pair about old maids.

Having traced the guffaw to its fair with the exactness of cold science, Almack concludes that to the average reader the most mirthful subjects of the current American scene are prohibition, politics, women and congress.

Republicans, he finds, are funnier than democrats, congress is four times as funny as the league of nations, and babies, buck seat drivers and millionaires rank ahead in the ratio of risibility. The most frequent subjects of topical quips are Coolidge, Mussolini, Dawes and the Prince of Wales. Others of high rating are Queen Marie, Al Smith, William Hale Thompson and King Tut. Scarcely less lampooned are Elmer Glynn, Senator Reed, Eys and George Bernard Shaw.

The funniest states, Almack's table shows, are Florida, California, Illinois, Texas and Tennessee. The ranking cities are Chicago, Herrin, New York and Philadelphia. Among the nations the most jokes touch Germany, Russia, China, Ireland and France.

College humor, the professor finds, is "very bad stuff." Two thousand campus gags reveal that puns are responsible for two-thirds of it and the rest is made up of jokes about "petting," drinking, modern engagements, freshmen and flappers.

Out of his scrutiny of humor, Professor Almack hopes to be able to measure the laughability of any given paragraph with almost mathematical accuracy. Thus far his experiments indicate that men think they have a greater sense of humor than women, but that

was christened "Mud Lark" with all the formality, while the boys looked on with hate removed. A small group of motorists greeted the Oldsmobile pathfinders at Daytona Beach. The arrival was then considered a great feat and an outstanding automobile achievement. The celebration undoubtedly would have been far greater if it had been realized that this pioneer trip was the forerunner of winter touring on the mammoth scale it has now reached.

married women actually have keener appreciation of what is funny than do their husbands. It is true, Almack declares, that one whose facial muscles are paralyzed can not "see" a joke, and that the feeling of amusement comes not before, but after one has laughed.

Of 8,000 jokes he tried on 1,000 persons, this one was about the funniest of all as judged by the laughter it evoked:

"Doesn't that mule ever kick you, Rastus?"

"No sah," he ain't yet, but he frequently kicks the place where I recently wuz."

And there was one lone joke at which nobody laughed. Here it is:

"Elderly Gentleman (who has just fallen into a wash tub): Who's knocking?"

"Street Car Conductor: Nobody's knocking; this is the seventh of April."

'DRIVE YOURSELF' SYSTEM STARTED

Packard Agency Will Hire Automobiles Without the Driver, Beginning Today

The first "drive yourself" system in La Grande was started today by the Packard agency here, which means that automobiles will be available for hire without drivers from now on. The new firm will be known as the "La Grande Drive Yourself," and is being started with one new Hummobile sedan and one new Buick six sedan. E. J. McKinnon, who is well known locally, will be the manager of the new company.

"I believe La Grande is the logical place for a 'drive yourself' business as a great many of the commercial salesmen who make this territory by auto do not drive over the mountain between Pendleton and La Grande during the winter months," Harry H. Waggoner, Packard dealer, said yesterday. "Consequently it is cheaper for them to take 'drive yourself' cars from La Grande up the Joseph branch, to Union, Haines, Baker, Ontario and other points. Additional cars will be put into service as they are needed. The aim is to use strictly standard first class cars at all times.

The "drive yourself" system has proven quite successful in other towns, Portland having around 400 or 500 "drive yourself" cars in use.

POSTOFFICES ARE READY FOR RUSH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmasters at the 50,000 post offices throughout the country will wish their working quarters had rubber walls before the Christmas rush is over.

The business of assisting Santa Claus on his speedy trip around the world on Christmas Eve will average approximately 200 per cent above the normal business in the postal department, Harry S. New, postmaster general, declares.

When others were thinking of firecrackers and Independence day proclamations, back in July the postal department was beginning to think of Christmas trees, Christmas packages and mountains of mail.

For three months the department has been laying plans, interviewing extra clerks and making every effort to see that Santa's gifts reach their destinations in time to go into Yule stockings.

The department estimates that approximately \$9,000,000 will be disbursed to provide additional service to handle the big increase

in mail matter deposited in tribute to the spirit of St. Nicholas. Letters to Santa Claus already have been received in some cities. Where circumstances warrant these letters are referred to charitable organizations, and if there seems to be any likelihood that Santa may overlook the writers these organizations take steps to call them to his attention.

For some years the department

has conducted an educational campaign to get the public to mail Christmas packages early. The campaign has borne fruit in many sections, and the rush is being distributed over a longer period of time, but Santa's business still is an extremely expensive business because of the rush.

Last year's figures show \$2,556,672 was paid out for additional clerks, \$2,200,000 for additional

railroad transportation, \$1,422,578 for additional city letter carriers, \$925,000 for overtime and travel allowance for railway postal clerks, \$338,000 for hiring additional motor vehicles and \$335,000 for the transportation of foreign mails.

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