

### NEW PRODUCTION RECORD IN 1929

#### Financial Status of Automotive Industry Never Better, Is Report.

By David J. Wilkie  
(Associated Press Correspondent)  
DETROIT (AP)—The financial position of all the established automobile manufacturing companies never has been better, leading authorities say.

Their prediction is that 1930 will be one of the best years in the history of the automotive industry. When, in 1923, production of passenger cars and trucks passed the 4,000,000 unit mark for the first time, the leaders declared that figure was the standard around which must be calculated the progress of future production.

The effort to reach that figure fell short in 1924 and again in 1927, but by a relatively small margin. In 1928 and 1929 production went forward at full speed.

More cars than industry ever before produced in one year were turned out in the 12 months just closing. Exact figures will be available about January 15. Up until November 1, 5,917,896 units had been produced, compared with a 12-month total in 1928 of 4,931,139 units.

**Fighting Vibration**  
The first introduction of 1930 models indicate a tendency in some of the heavier type models to larger and heavier crankshafts as well as extra bearings to eliminate vibration. There is also an effort to eliminate front wheel shimmy through an attachment on the left front spring that flexibly ties it to the frame. Four wheel brakes are virtually standard throughout the industry, while cars generally are longer than heretofore.

An increasing tendency toward eight-cylinder models appeared in 1929. The year saw the first eight-cylinder car in the \$1,000 class. Fours have become sixes and sixes have become eights. To carry the progression a bit further, one of the standard eights has announced that a special 16-cylinder custom built model will be offered.

Shatterproof glass is one of the outstanding safety developments adopted almost universally by the industry in 1929. It will be found

in an increasing list of cars in 1930, according to some of the best informed observers in the industry.

**New Models Due**  
While more than a score of new models were introduced late in 1929, the January shows in New York, Detroit and Chicago are expected to bring out several more. The makers of at least two widely known sixes will announce their entry into the eight-cylinder field. One of the outstanding events of 1930 in automotive affairs undoubtedly will be the International Road Congress at Washington in October.

### FIRST LAMB OF SEASON COMES CHRISTMAS DAY

By Mrs. G. W. Wilde  
(Observer Correspondent)  
HOT LAKE (Special)—William Hawkins reports the Christmas gift of a baby lamb in his small farm herd of nearly 200 sheep. Mr. Hawkins lams early and sells the lambs early.

Mrs. Sarah Casper, of Hot Lake, is in Yakima, Wash., to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Robinson. Mrs. Casper left by train Saturday morning.

Mrs. Mary Phyllis is spending her Christmas with her mother in Minnesota.

Miss Launes, of Portland, and formerly of Union, arrived here Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Launis and family.

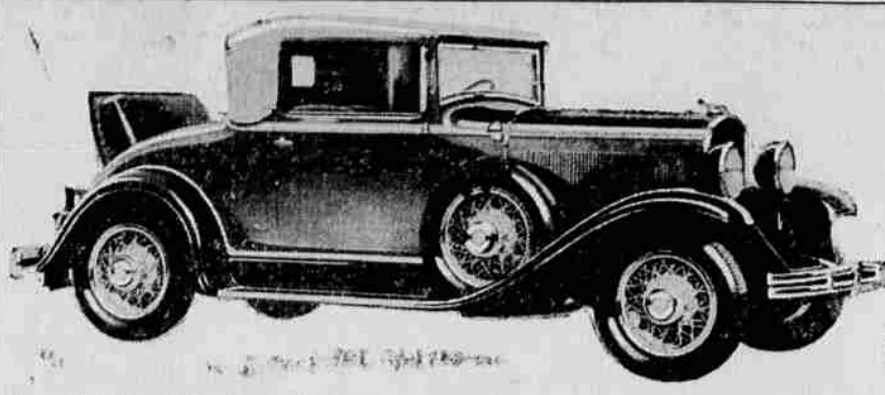
Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Martin of Union, were dinner guests at the John Peterson home Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Martin came down to spend Christmas eve with Mrs. Martin's parents and a very enjoyable time was spent with many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter and son, Duane, and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Hot Lake sanatorium office staff, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxfield and family, of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Clifton Baxter, of the Hot Lake store, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxfield of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier, of the Benson Bros. farm, had as their guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gauthier and son, Junior. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Godsey and Mrs. baby, Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Day and son, Glenn. Mrs. God-

## New Chrysler "70" Model



The new "70" line of Chryslers now includes a convertible Coupe. It is long, low and graceful, with smart body lines suggestive of the custom creation. The top, of gray Burbank, fits closely to the body. When lowered, it gives the car the appearance of a fleet roadster and when up, that of a dignified coupe. The "70" line now includes seven body styles.

### Radio Outlook Bright; Leaders Are Optimistic

By C. E. Butterfield  
Radio Editor  
(Associated Press Feature Service)

Radio, represented by the section described as "the industry" is full of confidence for the future.

In expressing its opinion about the outlook, the industry has joined the movement initiated by President Hoover to stimulate business.

Decision to do its part was made at a conference sponsored by the Radio Manufacturers' association at which encouraging reports were heard.

H. B. Richmond of Cambridge, Mass., president of the association, summed up the situation thus:

"As long as the nation's purchasing power is unimpaired, there is no need of fear in the radio industry. Its condition is improving, although there was a recession both practical and psychological resulting from the stock market decline.

"The present general situation is unique in that overproduction which means unpaid-for merchandise, is in the hands of the consumer.

sumer. We have both unpaid-for merchandise in the hands of the consumer and in our distributors or our own warehouses as well. We also have a potential production much larger than current demand, causing part time operation of plants.

"Conditions now are much improved and the industry can look forward with confidence to the business of 1930."

### Farmers Doing Some Plowing At Lower Cost

By Mrs. Nell Kight  
LOWER COVE, Ore., (Special)

Winter has arrived but the weather continues warm and spring-like. Farmers are plowing.

Mrs. Lillian Allen and pupils of Frosty school gave a nice program consisting of songs and recitations followed by a Christmas tree with treats for all.

Mrs. T. B. Johnson is at Dr. Mayville's hospital for treatment. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Koger spent Christmas day with his sister, Mrs. August Erickson and family at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Precher and son, Wayne spent Christmas day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

James Burford and Mrs. Hazel Lindsey and daughters were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Slim Van.

A number of Lower Cove people attended the Christmas program and trees at Cove churches.

Harlan Koger who was a business visitor in La Grande Tuesday was fortunate having a turkey that

## GARAGE GOSSIP

**Chevrolet Sale**  
Robert Carper, of Wallowa, has purchased a new Chevrolet coupe. T. K. Charlton is the owner of a new sedan purchased from the Larson Chevrolet garage and an imperial sedan has been bought by Audmer Playle. A. C. Bond, of Baker, is the owner of a new Chevrolet coupe and a new coupe has been purchased by R. J. Pearl.

**Buys an Oakland**  
Walter S. Price recently purchased an Oakland four door sedan from the La Grande Motor company, Inc.

**At Hood River**  
J. E. Volstorff, mechanical foreman of the La Grande Motor company, Inc. is spending a week's vacation in Hood River with his parents. His father is an Oakland-Pontiac dealer in Hood River.

**Business Trip**  
E. C. Gettings left Thursday for Boise for a business trip. He expects to return Monday. Accompanying him are Henry and Joe Sommers of Elgin.

**To Walla Walla**  
W. D. Hanks went to Walla Walla Friday on business.

was thrown from the Sacajawea Inn by into his arms among other Christmas parcels.

Mrs. Mattie Choate is spending Christmas vacation with relatives in Elgin. Mrs. Belle Alexander is at the Johnson farm during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Kight were business visitors in La Grande on Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Chamber is ill at her home in Cove.

A number of people from our neighborhood attended the program and tree at Shanghai school on Friday night.

Mrs. E. W. Borkgren and children, of Venatche, Wash., are visiting relatives here during vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick visited at the home of their niece Mrs. Neil Kight on Friday.

Harlan Koger butchered fat hogs this week.

**Delicious Tropical Fruit**  
The granadilla is a tropical American fruit, oval shape, of a greenish yellow color. The pulp is water-colored and has a sweet smell and a pleasant sweet acid taste, but contains many black seeds. The plant is grown in conservatories in North America and Europe for the lovely blossoms.

The stock market sometimes is bitter to the last drop.

## Health Talks

TELL THEM WHY!  
By William Rankin, M. D., Keokuk, Iowa.

Children, even quite young ones, are capable not only of learning simple health rules but of grasping the reasons for them. The children in past generations were given sulphur and molasses or saffras tea each spring and may not have understood why. But in the present time a young child can easily be taught what it is all about.

For example, he soon grasps why it is to his benefit to go to a physician in the spring. The parents should have approached the visit without too much talking beforehand and had the attitude that it was "a matter of course" that in the spring the child be looked over to see if any illnesses of the past winter had left traces which needed correction or watching. The child does not have to be told about infected tonsils, dental caries, enlarged glands, abnormal hearts or diseased kidneys. The parents can know that such things are possible and plan accordingly. But the child soon gets to feel that Doctor Smith is a very fine friend who wants to see how he is growing; and it is not hard to understand that play in the sunshine is good for him as well as great fun.

A child's cooperation can be obtained if in a simple way he is told that wearing sandals prevents rusty nails and bits of glass from getting into his feet and causing serious infections. If father says: "Oh, let him alone, make him tough, not a baby," then Johnnie is not going to be quite so agreeable as if the case were made: "Of course you don't want to wear a lot of clothes for your sun bath but we have to filter the sun for the tender skin."

Mary will have doubts about eating her vegetables if mother says: "You ought to eat spinach," but never touches it herself. Yet in this matter any child can understand that regular meals of milk and cooked vegetables make his strong and are just as important as gas, oil and water to a good automobile. If parents would take the time to explain this simply, they might be surprised that it had taken no more time to teach Johnnie what was best for him than to let him do the selecting. If he really is too little to understand, then he is too little to do the selecting; at such a tender age you would not let him select his new coat, and neither should he select his food.

A child can be taught to brush his teeth from the time he is old enough to watch you brush yours at least each morning and evening. Long before he goes to school, he can learn that flies and mosquitoes

carry diseases and can be avoided by cleanliness. Soap as the leader of civilization can be put into a story that a child of three can grasp. If very early in life regular habits of excretion are formed for him as well as regular habits of eating, he soon understands that his nose feeling well probably is caused by his failing to observe the time he should have gone to the toilet.

If you are trying to bring up healthy children, remember that they have the capacity to understand health rules and the willingness to know whether or not you are preaching something to them that you are not practicing in your own lives.

## Watch Party To Be Held Tuesday Night at Imbler

By Mrs. C. M. Hale  
(Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER, Ore., (Special) — A New Year's eve watch party will be given by the P. T. A. at Wade hall Dec. 31. All high school students and anyone are cordially invited to attend.

Howard Wilson, who has been confined to his home for about two weeks with sinus trouble expects to be able to enter school again when it opens Dec. 30 after a week's vacation.

Ted Conklin is again at home after spending last week in Portland where he went to consult a physician.

Irvin Westenslow, local merchant, is driving a new sedan.

Mrs. Stine and grandson, R. Heath Anderson left Monday evening for Fresno, Cal., where they expected to spend Christmas with Rallogh's mother. They expect to make their future home in California.

Many from Imbler attended the turkey toss held in La Grande Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. C. C. Welch and Isaac Hingaman were among those fortunate enough to secure a turkey.

Mr. Anderson, who was recently operated for appendicitis has returned to his home here after six days spent in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews and children, of Baker, were guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch. They also spent Christmas day at the Carl Fuller home near Alice where C. C. Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Welch of Dryad, Wash., were also Christmas guests.

### Brace Your Shoulders

The best shoulder braces are those that one grows—good strong muscles. Stopped shoulders, rounded upper back and caved-in chest are the result of lazy carriage. By holding up the chest the shoulders are thrown back and the body assumes an easy, graceful pose.



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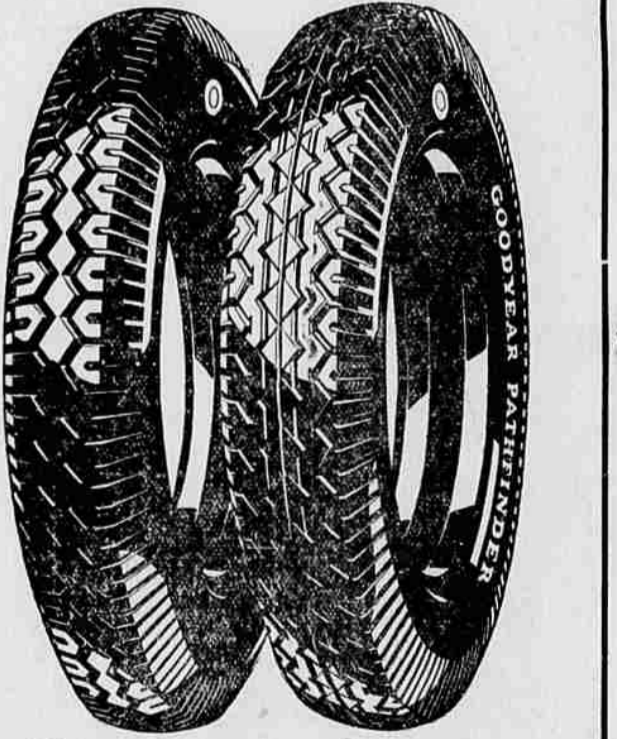
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