

AUTOMOBILE NEWS Of The WEEK

CRACK PASSENGER TRAIN STARTS SOON

"The Portland Rose" to Begin Fast Run Sept. 11—Appointments Modern

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6.—"With the exhibition of a new crack passenger train, the Portland Rose," Thursday, September 11, and its first run from Portland to Chicago September 13, the Union Pacific will make good its recent promise to Portland and Oregon of a high class new train and name it after Portland's official flower," says A. S. Edmonds of Portland, Northwest traffic manager of the railroad.

The Portland Rose becomes a standard bearer of the city of Portland and a moving advertisement for Oregon and its rose producing climate," Mr. Edmonds said. "This train is named as the result of suggestions received from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Rose Festival association and Mayor George L. Baker. Every appointment of the train is typical of the city and the Pacific Northwest through the use of the rose design and color."

In the dining cars of the new train the rose motif is carried out. Original paintings typical of the Pacific Northwest and of the old Oregon Trail are in evidence on the walls of the dining cars.

The new observations cars carry a radio which can be used with or without a loud speaker. The radio is also equipped with a phonograph attachment.

The new train, especially designed to boost Oregon and Portland, will have sleeping cars bearing the names of famous roses. Its observation car carries the name Portland Club. The train, according to Mr. Edmonds, is the finest that can be built, the entire line of equipment costing over a million dollars.

The leaving time of the Portland Rose from Portland will be at 6:00 p. m., the same schedule of its predecessor, the Portland Limited.

Mill Owner From North Powder Is Regaining Health

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—John Jacobs, who has spent several weeks at Hot Lake, following a very serious accident at the Jacobs mill in North Powder, was able to spend the week-end at his home in North Powder. He will be at the lake for sometime yet.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hopkins and baby of Twin Falls visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. George Winship.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gale who have been in Milton-Freewater the past month, assisting with the prime appointment are expected home the last of this week. Cedric Jr. returned home Wednesday.

Thelma Van Houten underwent a tonsil operation at La Grande Wednesday. Dick Van Houten has been at Hot Lake having treatments for quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Baxter and son Verly went to Knappton, Idaho, to visit his brother, Leroy Baxter and family on Wednesday. They were expected home on Friday.

Word comes from Rex Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Baxter, that he is recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis and hernia at Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday of last week.

Faun Cleerton returned Thursday from Oakland, Ore., where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garrison for the past three weeks.

Miss Lois Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lawson, and Miss Ruth Woodruff, sister of Mrs. Lawson, who spent the summer visiting at the Lawson home left last Friday for their schools in Hoquiam, Wash., and Portland, Ore. Miss Marie Bennett, of Portland, who had spent the week visiting Miss Woodruff also returned. They stopped over in Pendleton Friday to take in the Round-Up.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winship and Anna Mae, left Thursday afternoon for Pendleton. They planned to leave Friday for Salem where they will visit his father and brother for a time after which they will go to Seattle for a visit. Their vacation lasts two weeks. New Housewife of La Grande, is taking charge of the Standard Oil station during Mr. Winship's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nichols and daughter, Beverly, left Friday for Klamath Falls where they will locate. Mr. Nichols, who has had charge of the Bialto theater here will be employed in a bank at Klamath Falls. Miss Gracie Haggerty will take over the management of the theater for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lemon and two children and his mother, Mrs. Collins of Portland, visited recently in Union. They were going to spend their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gray near Cove. Mrs. Gray was formerly Nellie Lemon.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCain of Salem are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Craver this week. Mr. McCain, who is on the office staff of the Salem Statesman, is a nephew of Mr. Craver.

Friends of Ed Cline were pleased to see him driving his car about Union Thursday after his many weeks of serious illness at Hot Lake. He has come home to stay.

Miss Margaret Phyl is leaving this evening for Eugene to resume her duties as secretary to Dr. John F. Bovey, dean of physical education at the University. She spent her three weeks vacation with her mother, Mrs. Edith Phyl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell arrived from Boise on Thursday and are moving into the Thos. Brasher home. Mr. Campbell will be athletic coach in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Wright and two children are expected today from Kansas City, Mo., to spend a two weeks vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bell Wright. Mrs. Ina Herbst and son, William, will arrive on Monday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Wright and sister, Mrs. Edith Phyl.

Much interest is being shown in the county tennis meet that is to be held at the Union courts tomorrow (Sunday) beginning at 9 o'clock. It is expected that about 20 entrants from La Grande, Imbler, North Powder and Union will take part in the tourney. The management is in charge of James Sessions and Ben O'Connell.

Youths To Guard Millions Of Children From Traffic

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—School bells this fall ring the call of duty to nearly 200,000 young patrolmen who will guide nearly 5,000,000 children daily across lanes of traffic.

Identified by shiny badges and white Sam Browne belts, they will stand guard at street intersections to stem traffic casualties.

For the new school term the American Automobile association, sponsors of the patrol system, has adopted uniform standards for the entire nation to increase efficiency and foster public interest.

In addition to work in this field, which has even spread to Hawaii, where patrolmen are known as junior police, safety education will reach nearly 2,500,000 children as a part of the regular curricula of schools.

The value of this comprehensive program of promoting safety has been credited by the national conference on street and highway safety, operating under chairmanship of Secretary of Commerce Lamont, with a marked reduction in child fatalities.

Reduction in child deaths, credited to safety education and school patrols," Secretary Lamont said, "is the one redeemable feature in the whole situation of traffic mortality."

"In seven years motor vehicle accidents increased 62.2 per cent, but fatalities among children under 15 years of age increased only 2.9 per cent, while adult fatalities increased 106.9 per cent."

Child fatalities registered a decrease in 1929, and partial returns for 1930 indicate a still more marked decrease.

Safety records of Chicago show that the number of children under 15 years of age who were killed by automobiles was reduced from 188 when the patrols were first established in 1926 to 166 in 1929.

Detroit, with 108 fatalities among children in 1926, when 240,111 pupils were enrolled, had a reduction to 88 fatalities in 1929, when the enrollment was 402,670.

Bump Tank Cars In Testing The Valve Strength

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Special)—One way of keeping young is to pick up a loaded 1000-gallon railroad tank car and swing it against another to see whether the valves will hold fast.

There is only one place in the United States where this is done—at Purdue university. The work is under supervision of Prof. G. A. Young, head of the school of mechanical engineering, in cooperation with the American Railway association and the American Petroleum institute.

The bumps simulate those of actual traffic. While a tank shunting around the yards appears to have a prosaic enough life, its liquid "inward" are said to be subjected to terrific strains. The liquid may try to surge out anywhere from the outlet valve in the bottom to the safety valve in the dome.

The swinging tank holds about one-seventh the cargo of a regulation tank, and is minus its running gear, being a cross section of a full-sized tank. It hangs from a heavy steel frame. It is filled with water, pulled back and released to bang into a full sized car. This effort is the same as bumping of cars when a train stops.

Each valve has to stand fifteen of these whanging bumps. Then it is opened and closed 40 times while there is metal scale in the water. This scale ordinarily forms in tanks and as the cargo flows out might jam further valve action.

Finally a "leg" made for the outlet hose is broken off, thereby adding a little to the strain. One final bang thereafter, and if the valve still in tight it has passed its college exams.

Not in the Bible

The phrase "The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" does not appear in the Bible, despite general belief. It is taken from an old book, entitled, "A Sentimental Journey," written by Laurence Sterne, an English writer in the eighteenth century.

Mathis Car To Be Produced In Durant Plants

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 5 (Special)—Norman De Vaux, president of the western Durant organization and member of the board of directors of Durant Motors, Inc., is planning on the production of the Mathis car. The American edition of the famous French automobile that has held the light car championship of Europe for many years will go into production at the Durant plant in Oakland about May 15. "The Mathis car will fill a place between the recently introduced English type of car and the Ford," said De Vaux. "The Mathis is considerably larger than the English car having a wheelbase of 93 inches against 78 inches. Also the Mathis car has a much wider tread. Our new car will be powered by a Continental motor."

When asked regarding production, De Vaux said, "The schedule calls for 25,000 Mathis cars to be built in our Oakland plant during the first year of production." Production in the United States is expected to total 150,000 units during the first year.

Keeping Flowers Fresh

The bureau of plant industry says that in so far as the retardal fermentation aspirin tablets in the water will revive cut flowers which have begun to fade. Salt or sugar acts in the same way, but the treatment recommended is the daily changing of water and cutting of the stems, as this is the best method known for keeping flowers fresh. A low temperature is also helpful.

Versatile Southwest

If blockaded, Texas and Oklahoma, with adjacent territory, could come nearer to supporting themselves than any other region of the United States.—American Magazine.

Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Dodgers, ordered the players to get out and find amusement in the evenings, in an effort to dissolve the club's stiffness.

Chevrolet Prices Given Reductions

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 5 (Special)—Price reductions of \$40 on all sport models in the Chevrolet Six passenger car line were announced today by H. J. Klinger, vice-president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company.

This latest move of the company brings the price range of the Chevrolet Six to less than the range of the four cylinder Chevrolet at the time of the change over at the close of 1929.

The move of the company comes directly after the announcement that wire wheels may now be had as optional equipment without extra cost on any Chevrolet Six passenger car.

Arab Chiefs Use American Autos

MECCA, (Special)—Desert chieftains who once roamed their domains on camel, horse, or donkey now travel in high-powered cars.

Even the Moslem pilgrims, numbering from 75,000 to 120,000 each year, are speeded to Mecca by gasoline automobiles.

The first record of an imported car was filed late in 1925; now nearly 1,500 motor vehicles have been shipped into the region. By January, 1930, the king, Ibn Saud, had an American car and one of his sheiks was chief of a motor transport line with 250 cars.

MARYLAND STARTS LABOR DAY

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (Special)—Maryland started football practice September 1 with a squad of 40, including 27 members of the 29 varsity squad and 19 from last year's frosh. There will be seven lettermen in the bunch: Al Pease, end; Ernest Carlin, tackle; Jesse Krajcovic, guard; and Bill Evans, Charlie Miller and George Chalmers, backs.

Law Remembered

Associated Press Photo

Joseph R. Adkins, 55, was arrested in Los Angeles charged with breaking jail in El Reno, Okla., in 1927, while under a life sentence.

Steering Wheels Add to Unusual Finger Marks

LYONS, France (Special)—The steering wheel mark has been added to the list of unusual finger prints.

A taxicab driver arrested after an accident showed a thumb print in which the letters B E S N stood out as if written in white ink. Nothing was visible on the thumb, but repeated prints showed the same mysterious letters.

The case for a while stumped the police laboratory of Lyons, one of the most noted in the world. The riddle was solved by a young Chinese, Leung Yui Fan, assistant to the director of the bureau, Dr. Locard.

Leung found on the driver's steering wheel raised letters of a trade mark, among them the telltale B E S N combination. He found also that in gripping the wheel this driver's hands were usually in the same place and that the balls of his thumbs had these raised letters pressed against them for long periods.

Interference with blood pressure accounted for the letters leaving their impress in the thumb prints.

Leung's study of criminology is part of a seemingly undying quest to track down a forger. He was born in Canton, China, came to France in 1919 to study agricultural science and then went to Indo-China. There he was fleeced by a forger, against whom he failed to get legal redress. The experience decided him to return to France to study criminology.

Enemies of Society

Society has just two mortal enemies—the man who will not speak his mind and the man who tries to close the mouths of those who do not think as he does.—T. L. McCready.

Waits Too Long

An ordinary gentleman, resolved to wed nothing short of perfection keeps his heart and hand till he gets so old and withered that no tolerable woman will accept them.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Rare Chinese Animal

The giant panda of western China is the rarest of all land-going animals. It is classed as a distant blood relation of the raccoon.



LEO, The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Lion now on world tour.

Leo will be in La Grande at the Arcade Theater Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He is to take on a fight bit to eat—amounting to 25 pounds of raw meat—and will do some of his tricks. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lion has been on a tour of the world.

Mrs. Wickenson Is Hostess To Ladies' Society

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)

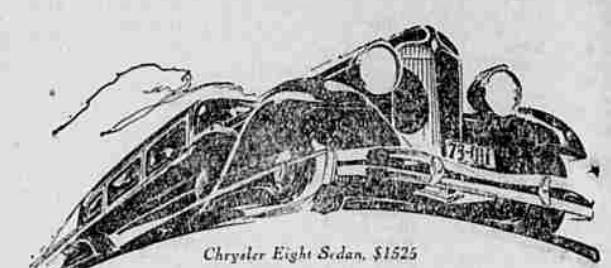
CRICKET FLAT, Ore. (Special)—The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Wickenson on Thursday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Jonathan Green, Mrs. Sam Knight, Mrs. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Bessie Gent, Mrs. Walter Hill, Mrs. Lemmon Blanchard, Mrs. Clifton Phillips of Marshfield, Mrs. Bernal Bug, Mrs. Harold Blanchard and Mrs. Mary Wickenson. Refreshments were served before the close of the meeting.

Miss Delphia Beem entertained a group of her friends at a lawn party at her home Saturday evening. Games were played on the lawn after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Avelar Stewart, Jessie Jones, Louise Bieby, Ruth Genevieve Crum, Willena Stewart, Lois Witherspoon, Delphia Perry Witherspoon, Ray McCall, Ronald Seaborn, John Wickens, Calvin Hill, Randall Beem, Edwin Beem, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tracey and daughter, Doris Jean and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Beem.

Miss Dorothea Lea Bechtel of Walla Walla was visiting friends and relatives in Elgin the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bechtel and daughter, Clarice O. Wallowa were visiting Mr. Bechtel's mother, Mrs. Phyle Bechtel, who is ill, on Sunday. Mrs. Bechtel's mother, Mrs. Phyle Bechtel, who is ill, on Sunday. Mrs. Bechtel's mother, Mrs. Phyle Bechtel, who is ill, on Sunday.

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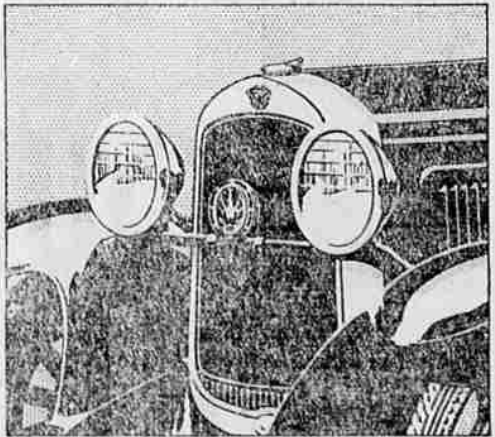
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