



NEW AUTO CAMPING GROUND SOON READY

Tract Adjoining Peninsula
Park Being Improved.

CITY WELCOMES TOURIST

Thousands Expected Here by Auto
From All Parts of Country
During Coming Season.

At last Portland is to have an adequate automobile camping park. Motorists by the hundreds who will throng the city this spring and summer, stopping here for brief moments on their way to visit the scenic wonders of the northwest, will have a place to park their cars, pitch their tents, refresh themselves with outdoor sleep and get up in the morning to the singing of birds and the sizzling ham and eggs.

Portland has long been in need of an adequate park, well situated with regard to the trunk automobile highway, and in this regard has been behind many of the smaller cities of Oregon, which have welcomed the auto tourists in a way to make them want to come again. For a time a tract near the forestry building was made use of, and was well patronized by motor tourists, but last year that land was no longer available and the summer was passed with practically no public camping facilities.

New Park Well Located.
To meet this need the city council not long ago arranged to secure a tract immediately adjacent to Peninsula park, and work is now well under way in transforming this land into an auto camp park. It is expected that buildings, water system, etc., will be ready soon and by April the park will be ready for use. C. W. Weigant, chief of construction for the bureau of parks, is in charge and has made extensive plans for a park such as will rival those of the most progressive cities.

The new park is located directly west and across Albina avenue from Peninsula park, and includes 12 acres of attractively wooded ground, practically level. The area is bounded on the east by Albina avenue and on the north by Portland boulevard, thus being readily accessible to traffic from the north via the Interstate bridge, from the east via the Columbia river highway and from the south via the Pacific highway. These are the three main trunk highways over which motor tourist travel will come, and the new auto park is considered particularly well located with regard to all three lanes of travel. Under the plan which has been laid out for development of the park a roadway will be arranged through the tract, winding in an informal way among the trees. The drive will naturally divide the park into four sections, and the first of these will be developed at this time, other sections being added as demand warrants. Each section will include ample parking and camping space, running water and waste and garbage receptacles, laundry facilities, kitchenettes and comfort stations. The entrance to the park will be off of Portland boulevard, just west of the intersection of that thoroughfare with Albina avenue.

Architect Tells of Plans.
The following account of progress at the auto camp park and description of the general park plan has been furnished by Miss Florence Holmes, landscape architect for the bureau of parks, who has had no small part in the general plans for development of the tract along artistic and practical lines:

"All necessary facilities for even the most fastidious camper are being provided, and many of the features have already been installed. A crew of men was recently sent to work by the park bureau under Mr. Weigant's direction and has already cleared away small underbrush, laid out the drive and begun the erection of buildings and installation of camp fixtures. All the timber has been allowed to remain, with the exception of trees which are in the roadway, and the park has been fenced and the entrance established.

"Among the many features, perhaps the most important to the housewife, who is a member of nearly every auto tourist party, is the kitchen equipment. There will be three rustic kitchenettes provided in the first park unit, which will be developed this year. Rustic shelters have been erected, using small tree trunks and stumps to give a 'natural' appearance. In one kitchenette the regulation camp stoves for wood fuel are to be installed for the women who prefer wood fires for the breakfast bacon or fried potatoes. For those who prefer gas or electricity there will be kitchenettes with these types of heat. Close by the little rustic shelters are the water service, including faucets and catch basins and drinking fountains, and the waste and garbage service.

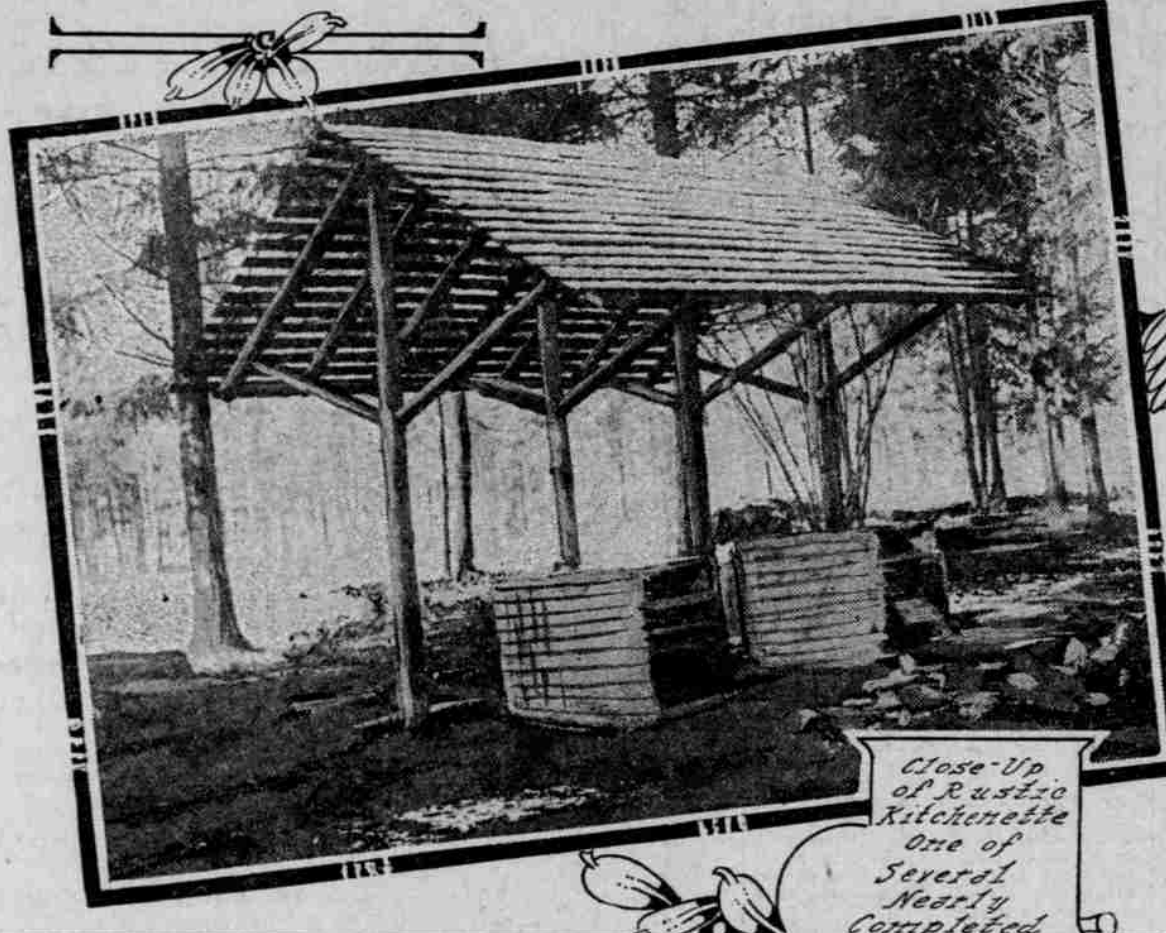
"The chap who is responsible for the appearance and operation of the automobile will welcome an auto wash rack, which will be provided, where he can relieve the car of the dust and grime of travel. This service will be convenient to the administration building and will be easy of access from all parts of the camping grounds. The informal roads will be well lighted with fixtures in keeping with the rustic character of the place.

Visitors Will Register.
"Laundry facilities will be installed, with plenty of hot water during the main tourist season. Clean by will be shower baths, one of the most welcome provisions for the summer traveler.

"Information as to the 'who, when and where' of each automobile party camping in the park will be recorded in a register to be kept by the park administration. This book will record facts which will be of unusual interest to Portlanders who like to know who the visitors are and whether they are going. The administration building will include office quarters for the superintendent, and may also include a small store, social room and other features for the convenience of the visitors. The architecture of this structure will be in keeping with the general surroundings.

"After the visiting motor party has arrived, established camp, lunched and washed and put away the dishes

PORTLAND'S NEW AUTO CAMP PARK WILL BE READY BY APRIL 1 TO WELCOME AUTOMOBILE TOURISTS



Close-Up of Rustic Kitchenette One of Several Nearly Completed



View Showing Roadside Park Trees



At Work on Water System Photo Taken After Light Snow



Entrance to Camp Park Portland Boulevard

the visitors will not lack pleasant things to do, whether they arrive on a brisk spring day or in the heat of summer, for Peninsula park and all its attractions, separated only by a city street from the auto camping park, may be considered almost part of the auto park. The community house, with its social room, gymnasium, lockers and shower rooms, planes and kitchen, will be open to the visitors at all times. If the day is hot a swim may be the thing, and for this the splendid outdoor swimming tank is available. Tennis may be enjoyed and there are ball fields and playgrounds for the children.

Rose Garden Close By.
"Incidentally the visitor may be given a real treat by a ramble in the Peninsula park rose garden, one of the finest things of the kind in the entire country, and he may realize whence came the name, 'The City of Roses'."

Mr. Weigant and his corps of assistants are making every effort to have the park ready for use by April 1, so that the earlier auto tourists will not find a welcome lacking. A heavy influx of motor travelers is expected for Portland this spring and summer and it is believed the auto camp park will take care of thousands during the season. Should facilities now being provided prove inadequate, one or more of the other units planned can be rushed to completion, so that the motor campers may be properly cared for."

TOURIST PARADISE FOUND

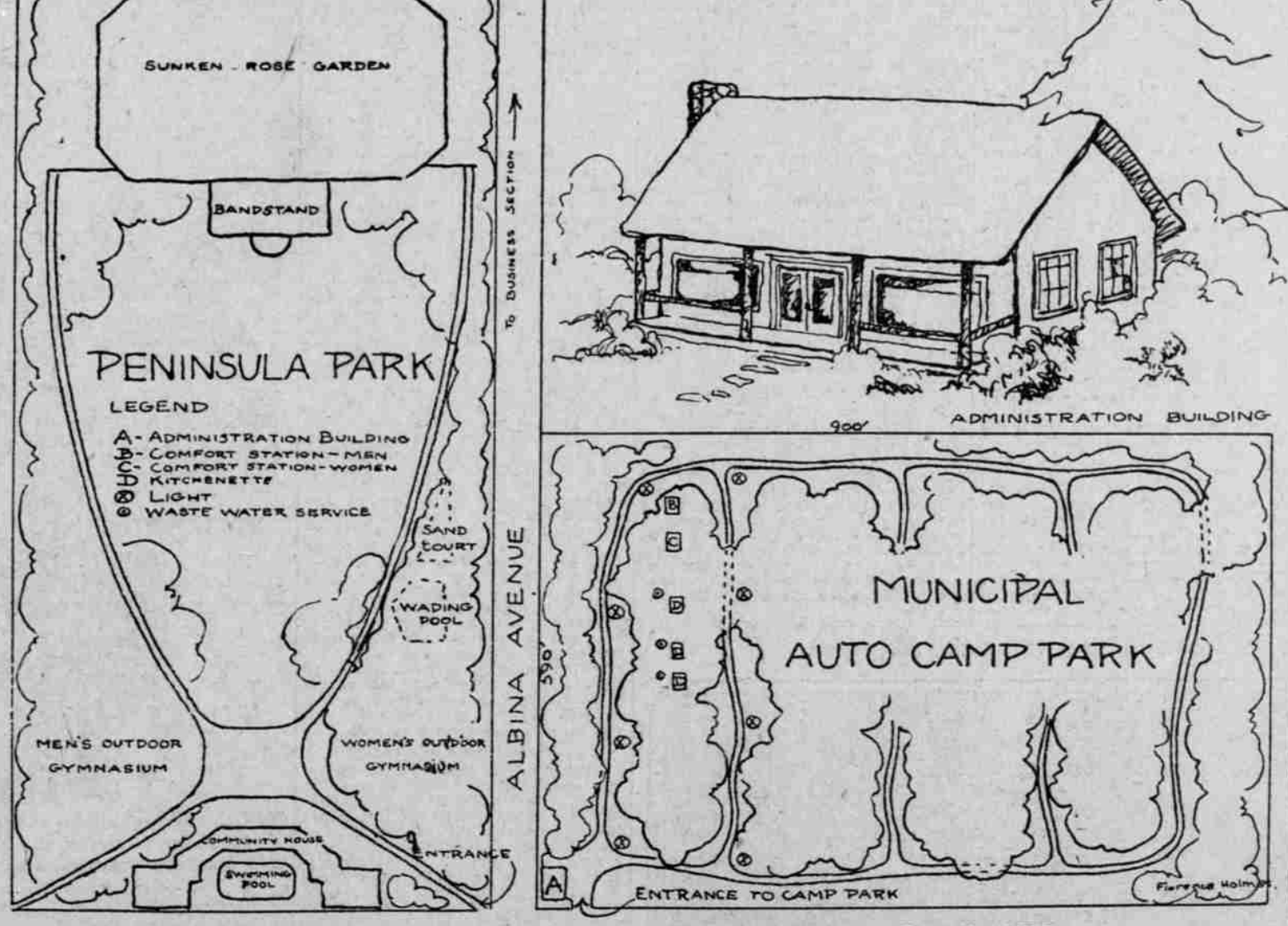
WESTERN WASHINGTON ALL-YEAR AUTOMOBILE COUNTRY.

Tacoma Furnishes Maps and Service to 232 Motorists During Month of January.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—That western Washington is an all-year touring country has been proved by records which have been kept by the Automobile club of western Washington, during January, according to S. E. Brokaw, assistant manager of the club and in charge of the route organization.

In order to verify claims that had been made that the touring bureaus served the members and the motoring public fully as well in the winter as the summer, Mr. Brokaw inaugurated a plan whereby each office should keep a record of every person served daily. While these reports had not been received from all of the 10 offices of the club covering the month of January, some very startling figures have been compiled from those available.

The Tacoma office furnished maps, information and similar services to 232 motorists during the month just passed. Of these four were transcontinental or coastwise tourists. Five were letters from prospective tourists throughout the east asking for maps and data in preparation for their summer vacation in Washington.



Plan of Camp Ground, Peninsula Park At Left, Insert Sketch of Administration Building.

In the Olympia office of the club no record was kept until January 31, after which 27 motorists secured maps and road information. At the Chehalis office 94 motorists received the services of the club, some form. These three are the only offices heard from so far, but using them to base an estimate upon it is safe to state that the club served not less than 1250 motorists through their 10 offices during January, which is usually conceded to be the worst touring month of the entire year.

"These figures should relieve any doubt one may have as to the value of the automobile club to the city, county and state, and prove once and for all that the Automobile club of western Washington has a mission which it is fulfilling thoroughly. This record shows that the local office furnished road information to 10 per cent of the

Pierce county membership during the month of January.

"Heretofore no such records have been kept of the work of the club along these lines, but I hope to continue this system throughout this year so that we will have available actual statistics, not only of the number of motorists cared for, but of the numbers from each state. During the summer months we have thousands of tourists from all parts of the country to whom the Automobile club is host.

We have made estimates of the number of out-of-state tourists in previous years, but have done so solely through our guests' register and by judging from the number of maps distributed. Last year the club distributed 125,000 maps and estimated 10,000 tourists."

Racing Cold Motor Harmful.
Beware of racing your motor on

cold mornings. If the car is left standing on the street or in an unheated garage over night the oil in the crankcase thickens and congeals. For this reason when the motor is first started it should not be raced until such time as it has begun to warm up, permitting the oil to become warm and perfectly fluent. If the motor is raced with the oil in a congealed condition the proper lubrication cannot be given to the bearings and pistons.

NEW SPECIFICATIONS FOR GAS
U. S. Bureau of Mines Has Adopted Definite Fuel Standards.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Specifications for petroleum products have been completed by the bureau of mines. The report shows more

definite standards of testing for automobile fuels and oils. Most of the suggestions of the Society of Automotive Engineers were incorporated in the specifications.

The old gravity specifications for fuel oil have been completely eliminated. The viscosity requirement has been set for each grade of fuel oil and the Saybolt "furol" viscometer adopted for testing all fuel oils purchased by the federal government.

Lubricating oils specifications are practically unchanged but several new grades have been added.

Trucks Carry Race Horses.
The carriage of race horses from their training quarters to the race courses is now undertaken in France almost exclusively by pneumatic-tired trucks.

NOTABLES SIGN FOR RACE

MILTON, DePALMA, SARLES, TO VIE AT LOS ANGELES.

Elimination Tests May Be Necessary to Cut Number of Starters Down to 18.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—With nine drivers signed up for the series of five races to be staged on the Los Angeles speedway at Beverly, Washington's birthday, and the list open for another week there is every probability that elimination speed trials will be found necessary in order to cut the number of starters down to the limit of 18. Those already entered to date are: Tommy Milton, Ralph de Palma, Eddie Hearne, Roscoe Sarles, Jimmy Murphy, Alton Soules, Eddie Miller, Al Thiele and another driver still to be nominated by Fred Duesenberg.

The majority of those already entered have named the cars they are to drive, but there is still some question with regard to one or two. De Palma, of course, will be at the wheel of his new French Ballot. He has had it out on the Beverly course several times within the last few days and it is rumored that the car has shown wonderful speed. De Palma, however, always is rather averse to giving out advance data on the performance of his car and in trying here for the opening event a year ago never let his car out to anywhere near its limit except when the newspaper men and outsiders were elsewhere.

Regular practice will begin, however, on Monday and the "rail birds" will then be given a chance to look a few of them over on the track. Fredrick Wagner, official starter of the American Automobile association, and who made the trip west for the sole purpose of officiating at the coming event, will be in full charge of all practice.

Much favorable comment has been aroused over the determination of the speedway management to divide the programme up into five short events rather than a 250-mile race. This, however, does not affect the award of points for the A. A. A. drivers' championship for 1921, and the coming event will have added interest because of its being the opening event of the 1921 racing season.

Demountable Rim in Two Parts.
An Englishman is the inventor of a demountable rim for automobile wheels that is made in two parts, which are locked together with five bolts and a nut.

Khaki Automobiles.
They have found another use for the thousands of yards of khaki cloth destined to make uniforms for American soldiers in France and sold to the French government after the armistice. The interior of Paris taxis are being upholstered with the cloth, which is warranted to last several years, says Up-to-Minute News, published by the Southern Motors Manufacturing Association.

DETROIT AWAKENING FROM WINTER SLEEP

Automobile Center Is Fast Returning to Normal.

FORD FACTORY REOPENS

Over 35,000 Men Have Returned to Work in Detroit During Past Two Weeks.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 12.—Detroit the past two weeks has displayed further signs of awakening from a three months' industrial sleep and the beginning of the back-to-the-factory movement became evident. More than 35,000 men have returned to work, the great majority of them automobile or accessories workers. There are 50,000 men now employed on a "short" day, or three-days-a-week schedule, according to George W. Grant, secretary of the Detroit Employers' association, whereas records 30 days ago showed that only 17,000 men were at work in all factories.

Back to Work.
Resumption of operations at the Ford factory has been the outstanding feature, of course. While only 10,000 men were at work about one-fifth of the normal number, additional thousands will be taken on shortly. It is understood that the present force will be employed entirely on the manufacture of repair parts. This division of the plant is an industry in itself, the income from this source amounting to \$1,000,000 a month.

In order to properly care for this branch of the industry, it is understood that the Ford interests are contemplating the erection in the near future of a separate plant, second only in floor space to the mammoth Highland Park factory. It will be devoted entirely to the manufacture and repair of parts and accessories. Rumor has it that practically 150,000 Ford cars remained unsold when the plant ceased operations. Some dealers are said to be overstocked, while others report that the demand is as brisk as ever and that they have been unable to secure cars.

Reviving Activities Seen.
Evidence of revival of activities appeared in other sections of the city. The Briggs Manufacturing company, which produces Ford closed bodies, called 1000 men back to work this week. The Wadsworth Manufacturing company, a Ford body-making plant, is reported almost ready to resume operations.

At the Liberty Motor company plant it was said that sufficient orders now are on hand to warrant the taking on of more men. A large number were taken on this week and more will be added each week, dependent in a measure on results from the Chicago automobile show. Officials said that they were feeling cheerful, believing that they had passed "the low spot."

At the Hudson Motor Car company it was said that a few men were being employed each day.

Auto Show Aids.
"It was predicted freely that the automobile shows this year would greatly stimulate and renew activities in the automobile industry," said R. D. Chapin, president of the Hudson Motor company. "It was not a false prediction. It was a fact. The New York show lifted the curtain on what promises to be one of the busiest years in the history of the industry."

Activities of the Continental Motors corporation at Detroit and Muskegon are considered a barometer of the automobile industry. It is reported that 600 cars have been ordered by California distributors. Olds distributors in Chicago received an entire trainload of passenger cars from Lansing this week.

Maxwell Chalmers corporation has added 600 men to the working force of 2000.

Other Plants Start.
Signs of increased activity are apparent at Lansing's second big automobile plant, that of the Oldsmobile company and it may be necessary to increase the working force. It is reported that 600 cars have been ordered by California distributors. Olds distributors in Chicago received an entire trainload of passenger cars from Lansing this week.

No official word is forthcoming concerning resumption at the Dodge Brothers plant. It is understood that a big crew of men is engaged in altering the interior of the plant and notice of resumption may be expected at any moment.

"Our factory is operating practically in all departments, but on a much reduced basis," said a statement issued by the Packard Motor Car company. "After taking the inventory recently we found the inventory somewhat unbalanced, a condition almost unavoidable in time of curtailment. We decided to shut off operating stock for a period and to operate on a minimum production basis until a better balance is secured."

"When that is accomplished, in about two weeks, we expect to increase production largely in anticipation of the opening of real spring business."

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