

FAMOUS RACERS ARE TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTESTS AT TACOMA

Over 100 Machines Have Arranged to Go From Portland to Meet.

TRACK HAS BEEN REBUILT

Prediction Made That Numerous Records Will Go by Board Independence Day.

By Douglas Shelor. Next Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5, are the dates set for the northwest's greatest racing event.

Already there are nearly 100 machines that have made arrangements to drive from Portland to the Tacoma races. The Portland Automobile Trade Association at one of its weekly meetings recently brought the subject up of having a Portland run.

Tacoma has gathered together this year the best drivers of the country to take part in the racing event. The program for Sunday, July 4, is: Gates open at noon. At 2 p. m. the Montmarathon trophy, a 250 mile event, will be staged.

Among the headliners who have already made a niche for themselves in the history of automobile racing is Barney Oldfield, who by his consistent and continued performance, has won the title of "Master Driver of the World."

No less a star than the veteran Oldfield is "Speed King" Bob Burman, who has won his title by his unprecedented performance upon a dirt track. Burman holds more records than any other man in the game today.

Another record holder, and one who will be a contender in the race, is Eddie Pullen, who will drive the sensational Mercer No. 4, with which he established the motor world at Corona, Cal., last May.

For consistency, stamina and speed, no one of the drivers entered this year has anything on Earl Cooper, the veteran pilot of the Stutz. Carl's car this year is much faster than ever before.

Dave Lewis, another Stutz pilot, has been in Tacoma for the last two months, and is thoroughly familiar with the new speedway, and will be able to show them all some of the fastest laps that have ever been made by an automobile.

Besides the above mentioned, the Tacoma list already includes the following: Guy E. Ruckstell, in a Mercer; Harry Heywood, in a Marmon; Frank Elliott, in a Gordon Special; George Hill, in a Stutz; Jim Parsons, in a Parsons Special; Ernest Schneider, in Schneider's Special; Ben Hendricks, in the "Great Big Baked Potato" Special; Billy Carlson, in a Maxwell; Joe Thomas, in a Mercer; H. D. Stratton, in a Mercer; Ray Lentz, in a Roman; and W. F. Harsby, in a Vette.

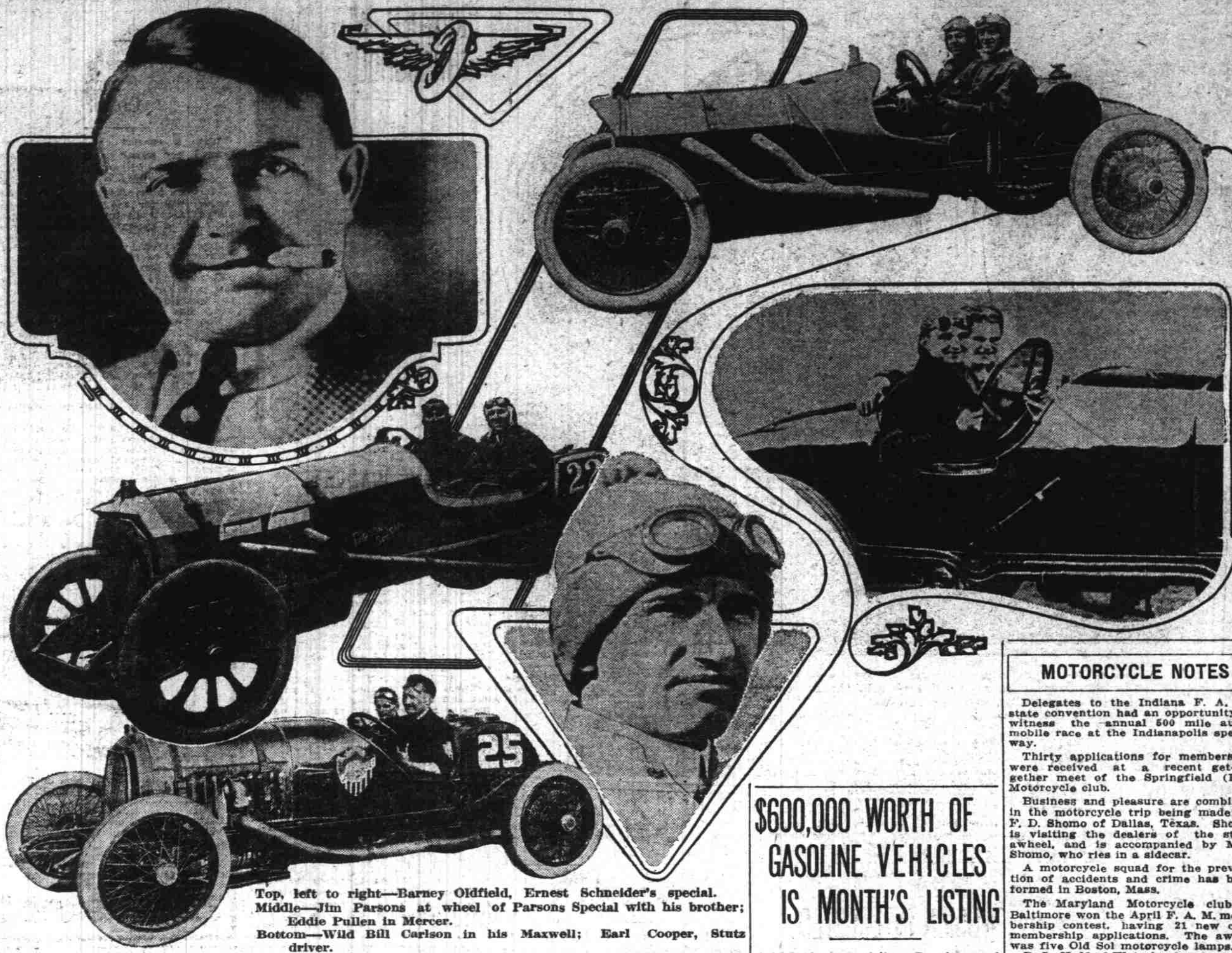
The roads between Portland and Tacoma are in fair shape, and those touring up will find no difficulty. The paper route, however, is by St. Helens ferry at Goble, and take the first ferry beyond Castlerock and strike the Pacific Highway at Toledo.

Work is being done on the highway between Kalama and Kelso, a distance of 25 miles, and this section will be found to be the worst on the entire route. Be sure and take a set of chains. When it rains, there are several places where the track is so bad that many Portland people will go by train, leaving here Saturday night.

The track at Tacoma has been rebuilt this year, the cars having been making more than 100 miles an hour in practice, and it is expected that all Pacific coast records will be broken.

Most of those intending to tour will leave Portland some time Saturday, arriving at Tacoma that night. Hotel accommodations should be secured in advance, as a big crowd will be there this year.

SPEED KINGS TO RACE FOR \$10,000 IN PRIZES AT TACOMA NEXT WEEK



Top, left to right—Barney Oldfield, Ernest Schneider's special. Middle—Jim Parsons at wheel of Parsons Special with his brother; Eddie Pullen in Mercer. Bottom—Wild Bill Carlson in his Maxwell; Earl Cooper, Stutz driver.

ROAD TO TACOMA IS IN FAIR SHAPE FOR TRIP TO BIG RACES

M. O. Wilkins Returns From Round Trip to Test Out the Auto Route.

Interest is now being shown in the condition of the road between Portland and Tacoma, the scene of the Pacific coast's greatest races next Sunday and Monday.

M. O. Wilkins, a local attorney, made the round trip recently and reports the roads in better condition than for several years.

Leaving Portland, the tourists should go by way of the Linnton road, St. Helens and Goble. The last two miles between St. Helens and Goble are not in best condition, but little trouble will be experienced in negotiating them.

Crossing the Columbia river by ferry to Kalama, the Pacific highway is again encountered. The 12 miles between Kalama and Kelso is the worst road that will be encountered on the entire trip.

Paving is being laid between Chehalis and Centralia and it is necessary to take the Old River road, which was formerly macadamized but now about in the same shape as the Base Line leading out of Portland.

The 30 miles between Olympia and Tacoma is in fine shape, 10 miles being paved. The road from Tacoma to Seattle, for those who wish to make that trip, is all paved with the exception of four miles.

No Safety There. From the Bay State Magazine. "Never, yet," remarked the Man About Town, "have I seen a 'Safety First' sign in a saloon."

AUTO CLUB NEWS AND ROAD INFORMATION

Road conditions throughout Oregon and Washington are greatly improved within the last week.

The Barlow road connecting Government camp and Wapinitla, has been reported open for auto travel. This road is the most direct route from Portland to Central Oregon points.

Two large forces of men are at work on the Rex-Tigard road and the club has been assured that the improvements on this highway will be finished in six weeks.

Reports on condition of roads from Portland to San Francisco via Pacific highway through the Willamette valley, state that no impassable stretches of road are being encountered.

It will be of interest to those who wish to drive to Tacoma to the races, to know that the roads are in better condition at present than they have been for some time.

tween Kalama and Kelso, which is under construction but passable. Autoists are making fairly good time between Portland and Seattle.

The route to follow is via St. Helens to Goble on the Oregon side thence by ferry to Kalama, Kalama to Kelso to Castle Rock to County Ferry and making a detour to Toledo, thence to Chehalis and Olympia to Tacoma.

Invitations have been sent to members of the Portland Auto club for a "Columbia Highway Banquet," to be held at the clubhouse on the evening of June 29, 7 o'clock.

This banquet, which is strictly informal, is given in honor of the Messrs. Benson, John Yeon and County Commissioners W. L. Lightner, Rufus Holman and Philo Holbrook as an expression of the club's appreciation of the efforts these gentlemen have recently made in secured high class hard surface highways in Multnomah county.

Covers will be laid for 150 guests. Special music has been engaged for the evening and immediately after dinner the tables will be cleared away to allow the dancers full sway.

Beginning Monday, June 28, and lasting for a period of one month, there will be special music every evening at the clubhouse.

The "Three Elliotts," who are recognized as the most popular harpists in the country, have been secured by the house committees and this trio of musicians will furnish the music and entertainment during the coming month.

If the members show their appreciation of this innovation by their liberal patronage of the club during the month for which these musicians have been engaged, arrangements will be made for the continuance of this form of entertainment during the summer.

\$600,000 WORTH OF GASOLINE VEHICLES IS MONTH'S LISTING

1422 Automobiles Registered at Secretary of State's Office in 30 Days.

During the month ending June 15, the Oregon registrations show that, at an average of \$750 per car, the people of the state have invested approximately \$600,000 in gasoline driven vehicles.

Among the new cars registered were 81 of the 1916 models. Thirty of these were of the new Overland and one new 1914 Hudson.

The Ford car outstripped all other cars with a total of 464; next came the Overland with 78; Dodge with 61; Studebaker, 54; Buick, 30; Cadillac, 20, and Chalmers, 14.

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A new telephone receiver is so small that it can be inserted into the ear instead of being held against it.

MOTORCYCLE NOTES

Delegates to the Indiana F. A. M. state convention had an opportunity to witness the annual 500 mile automobile race at the Indianapolis speedway.

Thirty applications for membership were received at a recent get-together meet of the Springfield (Ill.) Motorcycle club.

Business and pleasure are combined in the motorcycle trip being made by F. D. Shomo of Dallas, Texas. Shomo is visiting the dealers of the state and is accompanied by Mrs. Shomo, who rides in a sidecar.

The Maryland Motorcycle club of Baltimore won the April F. A. M. membership contest, having 21 new club membership applications. The award was five Old Sol motorcycle lamps.

C. R. Milburn of Kansas City is planning a motorcycle trip to Yellowstone National park.

Three riders of New London, Mo., E. Boles, H. Briscoe and P. Penn, are planning a motorcycle trip to the San Francisco fair.

Motorcyclists of Houston, Texas, will stage a 385 mile endurance run on July 4 and 5.

Eight thousand miles at an expense of \$1 for repairs is the motorcycle record of C. Gilderleeve of Woodhaven, L. I.

SACRIFICE SALE OF CARS BIG SUCCESS

Well Known Company Disposes of 15 Machines During Week Just Closed.

Over 25 high grade used cars were on display at the beginning of the week. Some of the bargains were without doubt the greatest values ever offered local buyers.

Fifteen cars were sold last week. This indicates the keen demand for such cars and shows that the public appreciates the unusual values now being offered by the Winton company.

It is a well known fact that the facilities of the Winton plant, with its complete equipment for the rebuilding cars makes it possible for this company to overhaul their cars in such a thorough manner that a satisfactory service is obtained similar to a new car.

The great influx of tourist trade to the coast this year has created an unusual demand for large seven passen-

SECRETARY OF STATE NOT POLICE POWER

People Continually Send Complaints to Wrong Official.

From many sections of the state the attention of the secretary of state is repeatedly directed to alleged violations of the motor-vehicle laws, the impression prevailing that the secretary of state is vested with the enforcement of the same.

Such is not the case. This office is not vested with police power. Its duties are only to register motor vehicles and chauffeurs as proper applications are filed.

Under this law, sections 26 and 27, it is made the specific duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, to enforce its provisions. Violations of such law should, therefore, be directed to the attention of the local police officers.

W. M. Adair of LaGrange has been appointed F. A. M. commissioner for Oregon.



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