

IN ANNUAL EVENT MOTORDOM MAKES BRILLIANT SHOW

Novel Effects Add Charm to
Scenes at Auditorium Where
Auto Reigns for Week.

TRACTORS HAVE PROMINENCE

Part Motor Takes in War Gives
Added Interest to Features
Shown by Dealers.

The 1918 motor car was formally introduced to the motorists of the Northwest last night when Portland's ninth annual Automobile Truck and Tractor show opened in The Auditorium with over 100 aristocrats of the road, 23 different types of motor transportation and 18 farmer's friends, the tractor, on exhibition.

When one stops to consider that the airplane, the "tank," the military transport, the tractor and undersea boats are all outgrowths and developments of the gasoline engine and the automobile, the significance is truly startling. The show is a remarkable demonstration of the resources of the great industry that is so vital to America in winning the war.

In all phases of bustling American life motor cars are such an essential factor that any threatened shortage of the supply only makes the desire to buy them more insistent. In the present circumstances it is really more patriotic to buy and use automobiles and trucks than to use horses. The motor car increases the efficiency and production of the business men and the farmers; it takes the place of horses and mules that are required by the army and on the farm, and it conserves the food supply because it uses a fuel that does not contribute to the support of human life, whereas the horse consumes great quantities of foodstuffs.

The first show in time of war has a martial and patriotic aspect which pleases the throngs of visitors. The patriotic tone of decoration typifies the spirit of patriotism which prevails the automobile industry, which has given thousands of men, many of them motor experts, to the army and navy.

The show provides a most comprehensive display of modern devices that have been designed to add to the comfort, convenience and economy of the motor car owner. Of course, the glittering collection of some 100 cars—108 to be exact—the latest offerings from the car designers, will be as usual, be the piece of resistance of the great show, but the thousands of visitors who are and are not car owners will find the display of the display of trucks and tractors, which is undoubtedly the greatest and most complete exhibition of its kind ever held on the coast.

As an exposition of what is truly new and heretofore unseen in motor car design and construction, the show is a revelation. Improvements are noticeable on all sides and while the general outlines have been greatly changed by the makers, the details show much better. Stream lines are the accepted fancy and much improved designs have resulted from their perfection.

The opening of the show last night was especially interesting as it was in the form of patriotic exercises. The event was to be formally opened by Governor Withycombe, but anxiety over the fate of his son, who was on board the Tuscania, torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, made it necessary for him to cancel his engagement.

The doors of The Auditorium were opened to the public at 7 o'clock and persons entering were ushered to the balconies and entertained for an hour by Professor W. B. Boone. Promptly at 8 o'clock the opening ceremonies were started by an address of welcome by M. O. Wilkins, president and manager of the Dealers' Motor Car association.

Following his talk stereotypical views were shown illustrating the progress of the automobile from the first car to the present one of today. Other pictures including one of President Wilson brought great response from the audience.

Concluding the picture exhibition

Mayor Baker made an address and opened the show. As the mayor was announced by Manager Wilkins, two large American flags were drawn aside and a motor car decorated in the national colors was revealed coming slowly to the front of the stage. Mayor Baker was seated in the car with Miss Mary Belle Williams as the Goddess of Liberty. On either side of the car were eight soldiers saluting the colors.

Following the opening remarks of Mayor Baker, the lights all over the building were set aglow and Miss Goldie Peterson sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

During the time of the opening exercises the main floor of The Auditorium was in complete darkness. At the word of Mayor Baker the lights throughout the building were turned on, disclosing the latest word in motordom amid varied artistic decorations.

Last night's attendance was larger than the opening night of any previous automobile show held in Portland. Visitors from all over the entire Northwest were present as was indicated by railroad tickets presented for validation at the secretary's office. Dealers throughout the territory and other persons interested in automobiles, trucks and farm tractors were included.

This big event is one of the few where special railroad rates have been given. Special rates have been granted from all points to Portland during the week of the automobile show. These rates are given on the certificate plan, the traveler paying the full rate to Portland, presenting ticket for validation and returning for one third of the regular fare.

The show committee of the Dealer Motor Car association has made arrangements to provide special hotel accommodations for visitors and any dealer will be able to provide this information for out-of-town folk who desire.

The doors of The Auditorium will be open every day from 1 o'clock to 5:30 and 7 to 11 p. m. until next Wednesday inclusive.

The members of the show committee of the association are: A. B. Manley, M. M. Menzies, H. H. Eling, A. W. Renner and M. O. Wilkins.

Governor's Son in Military Hospital

Salem, Or., Feb. 8.—Governor Withycombe received a telegram Thursday night from the war department advising him that his son, Earl, who is a private in the engineer corps of the army, was not aboard the Tuscania, which was sunk Wednesday off the coast of Ireland by a German submarine. Private Withycombe originally was a member of Company D, Fifth battalion of the Twenty-fourth engineers, which was one of the units of the organization in the ill-fated transport, but on account of sickness he was transferred to another unit.

Private Withycombe is at present in a military hospital.

RANKIN IS PRO TEM FEDERAL ATTORNEY

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selection of my successor or any of the assistants whom he may select. Whoever is appointed as United States attorney for this district will have an abundant amount of hard work to perform and will assume an office of the greatest responsibility. I want that officer to take charge with an absolutely free hand just as I was permitted to do when I was appointed.

Police Department Complimented. It will necessarily require some time to select my successor and to enter his formal appointment and confirmation. In the meantime it is necessary that there should be a United States attorney for Oregon because a vacancy will occur at the close of business tonight when my resignation becomes effective. The law provides that in this contingency the judges of the United States district court shall appoint some qualified person to act as United States attorney until the formal appointment is made by the senate and the appointee can take charge.

On account of this condition the United States district court here has, in order to fill the vacancy, appointed my first assistant, Robert E. Rankin, as United States attorney for Oregon, and he will serve in that capacity until such time as a formal appointment has been made by the president and the new appointee takes charge.

Mr. Rankin speaks feelingly of the spirit of cooperation evidenced during his administration and especially during the months this country has been at war, because the federal state, county and city officers. He pays high tribute to the efficiency of the Portland police department, which he declares the finest organized body of men he knows of.

Pioneer of Newberg Dies at Old Home

James O. Spencer, Who Was Brought to Oregon by His Parents in 1852, Spent Life at Otterbrook Place.

Newberg, Feb. 8.—James Orpheus Spencer died suddenly at Otterbrook, his boyhood home, a mile southwest of this city, Tuesday, of angina pectoris, aged 67 years. The funeral arrangements were as simple as possible, according to Mr. Spencer's wishes. The body was taken to Portland Thursday for cremation, it being accompanied by Rev. George H. Greer and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. Short services at the crematorium were conducted by Rev. Mr. Greer. The ashes will be interred in the family cemetery at Otterbrook.

Mr. Spencer was a pioneer of 1852, the son of Rev. John Spencer and had resided in Oregon all but one year of his life. For 15 years he was manager of a cannery for Cook Bros. at Clifton, and afterward was associated in fuel, shingle and insurance business with James T. McCabe of Portland. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. George H. Greer, and two brothers, William V. Spencer of Tigard and Theodore W. Spencer of Portland.

Dundee Red Cross Active. Newberg, Feb. 8.—A splendid January report from the Dundee auxiliary of the Red Cross, which they expect to treble this month, shows the articles collected as follows: 511 pairs of socks, 20 sweaters, 2 helmets, 12 pairs wristlets, 42 suits of pajamas, 12 bed shirts, 11 hospital coats, 16 body braces, 9 arm slings, 4 handkerchiefs, 3 comfort pillows, 1 tray cloth. The Dundee Dramatic club presented the auxiliary with \$15 worth of yarn, and the Ladies' Aid donated \$5. The ladies of the auxiliary have decided to make a service flag. Five Dundee boys have arrived in France.

Huns Make Ready For Blow on West

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"Pending the hearing on the application of the company for more revenue, this legal question was not raised by attorneys for the city council of Portland; nor was it presented to the attorney general for consideration previous to the rendering of his opinion that the commission had jurisdiction."

"Attorneys for the city council of Portland in the pending case against the commission now assert that this new legal question is vital to the jurisdiction of the commission, and in view of this I believe that the citizens and car riders of Portland are entitled to an opinion from the attorney general on the subject before the city is forced into expensive litigation extending over months. Should the attorney general hold that this question disposes of the question of the commission's jurisdiction, it should promptly arbitrate the

question.

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Britishers Cannot Escape War Service

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Major Manchester, in charge of the western division of the British and Canadian recruiting mission, is in Portland conferring with local recruiting officials. Major Manchester says the British or Canadian subjects in the United States cannot escape service. The age limit for conscription is between 20 and 40. British subjects, however, may have the same claims for exemption as subjects at home.

Major Manchester says England wants man power now. The office of the British and Canadian recruiting mission in Portland is at the corner of Third and Oak streets.

Four From Eugene Pneumonia Victims

Eugene, Feb. 8.—Four Lane county boys have died in service within the past two weeks of pneumonia. They are: Fern Sidwell of Springfield, who died at San Antonio, Texas; James W. Morgan of Coburg, who died at Mare Island navy yard; Frank Lewellyn of Junction City, who died at Waco, Texas; and Ernest A. Mason of Springfield, who died at Vancouver, Wash. The bodies of all were brought home for interment.

Larger Leaseholds Urged

Washington, Feb. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Increasing the size of tracts of public lands to be leased to private enterprise for oil development was recommended to the house public lands committee today by Max Ball, a Middle Western chemist.

American Killed In French Plane

Two More Members of Lafayette Escadrille Have Been Transferred to American Flying Squadron in France.

Paris, Feb. 8.—(U. P.)—Ray Clafflin Bridgeman and I. N. Hall, American aviators, have been transferred from the French Lafayette escadrille to the American army.

Information was received here today of the death of W. H. Taylor, 23, a member of Lieutenant Guynemer's squadron, in an unequal battle with German airmen. Taylor's home was in Roslyn, L. I.

Bridgeman, whose home is in Lake Forest, Ill., is 22 years old. He won a sergeantcy in the escadrille last summer.

There is no "I. N. Hall" in the official personnel of the escadrille. The only Hall is Norman Hall of Colfax, Iowa, who was decorated with the military medal and war cross last summer, after being wounded in an air battle.

EARLY REPLY IS ASKED ON SIX-CENT FARE

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