

For Automobilists

STUDEBAKER WINS ARGENTINE RACE

Special Six Wins in Annual South American Classic Against Big Field

BUENOS AIRES, March 28.—Pushing ahead of a field of 25 American and European contestants, a Studebaker special six won, for the third consecutive year, the spectacular Gran Premio of Argentina, South America's foremost racing event.

Sr. Mariano de la Fuente drove the Studebaker to victory over a course twice the distance of former years and along roads in so hazardous condition that only 13 of the 25 entries finished the complete distance.

Distance Was Doubled

De la Fuente has driven in a number of previous Gran Premios, but this was his first year behind the wheel of a Studebaker. In the 1922 race he was beaten out for first place by a special six and last year again finished unsuccessful. So he concluded that this year he would cast his lot with Studebaker.

Third and fourth prizes went to Glanini and Ferreyra respectively, both of whom drove Studebaker special sixes, making a total of three places won by Studebaker in this year's race.

Studebaker's winning time was 24 hours and 45 minutes over a treacherous course of 1520 kilometers (about 950 miles). The race last year was 750 kilometers (465 miles). The racers started from here and made their way to Rosario; thence to Cordoba, and

returned by the same route to Buenos Aires.

The Gran Premio is held annually under the auspices of the Argentine Automobile Club. The hard service to which cars are subjected in this grind is greater than many months of ordinary driving.

So gruelling was the race this year that nearly half the entries were compelled to drop out due to mechanical difficulties brought about by the road conditions over which the race was run. The famous Gran Premio is more than a test for speed. South American motorists consider it a fit contest for gauging motor car endurance.

Wins for Third Time

The fact that a Studebaker, for the third time, won this speed-flight against some of the most expensive European and American makes was commented on by the judges.

In 1922 the race was won by Antonio Ovides in a Studebaker. William T. Burke's special six was the first car over the line last year. The Studebaker's victory here comes on the heels of similar achievements in South Africa, the Syrian desert, Australia and Florida.

RUSSIAN MOTOR IS LIGHTEST

New Airplane Engine One-Tenth Weight of Others

BRESLAU, March 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—A rough outline of what is said to be the lightest and most powerful airplane motor of its size ever constructed, has been received here from the Moscow technical school. German airplane manufacturers have sent for a detailed description of the motor, which is started by compressed air and operated by a siphon. The apparatus is reported to weigh only one-tenth as much as any airplane.

YOUR AUTO NEEDS SPRING CLEANING

Oakland Man Gives Some Advice Which Should Help Check Repair Costs

With production for the past six months breaking all previous records, there has not been nearly equal increase in the service demands for the new "True Blue" Oakland automobile, according to R. A. Armstrong, service manager of the Oakland Motor Car company. "Service requirements for the 1924 Oakland have been less than for any other new model car in my experience," said Mr. Armstrong.

"During the next month will be the critical time for car servicing," Mr. Armstrong said, "as this period marks the transition from winter to summer driving. Owners of any make of car can save themselves money and trouble by giving their car a thorough overhauling at this time.

"The radiator should be drained and the circulating system flushed out to remove all the alcohol solution and sediment. At this time it is advisable to inspect the radiator hose connections as alcohol solution used during the winter deteriorates the rubber. If leaks are found new connections should be installed.

"The crank case should be thoroughly drained and flushed with a light quality motor oil. New lubricating oil should be used to refill the oil system and if the car requires a lighter oil for summer driving, this should be used. Inspect the oil in the transmission and rear axle, adding more if necessary. Fill all rope cups or use dope "gun" on all oil connections, such as shackle bolts, universal joints, etc.

"Test engine to see if it overheats. Should it do so, it may be caused by improper timing, carburetor adjustments, water circulation, water pump or fan belt not functioning properly. If a rich gasoline mixture has been used during the winter be sure that the carburetor adjustment is changed.

"Check and adjust tappets; clean spark plugs; if an excess of carbon is found have cylinders cleaned and valves ground. Inspect wiring and see that all connections are clean and make good contact. See that battery is filled

with distilled water to the proper level.

"Tighten all loose nuts, particularly body and shackle bolt nuts. See that brakes are properly adjusted and relined if needed; focus head lamps and have tires inflated evenly and to the specified pressure.

"The work as outlined will be amply repaid in a freedom from road breakdowns and expensive repairs during the spring and summer."

A broadening of the flat rate service plan is being prepared by Mr. Armstrong. Complete information regarding every possible kind of a repair has been tabulated and will be supplied dealers within the next fortnight. It will describe the sequence of operations necessary to make any and every repair, together with the average time each operation consumes and what materials or parts are required.

This plan will help the dealers check their repair costs and also enable many of them to reduce these costs by using the most efficient methods.

EXPERT ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM GIVES GOOD RESULTS

DETROIT, March 29.—The "Work-Study-Play" plan upon which the platoon school system is based, has served not only to cut the cost of education but to increase its benefits, in the opinion of Miss Rose Phillips, supervisor of platoon schools in Detroit. She describes the purposes of the platoon system as the teaching of fundamentals (the three R's); the training of children "for worthy participation in the affairs of the home," and the training of children in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, "to make them conscious of their social relationships."

For the attainment of these purposes, the pupils are divided into two platoons. While one group is engaged in the "home" rooms, being taught reading, writing, arithmetic and penmanship, the other group, or platoon, is in the "special" rooms, receiving training in special courses not regarded under the old standards as fundamental, but according to Miss Phillips, nonetheless important in the development of the child for his home and citizenship responsibilities.

The system, Miss Phillips says, gives more time for the inculcation of fundamentals than is possible under the old system. Although the "home" room teacher has two groups of pupils to handle during the day, she has fewer subjects to prepare, fewer interruptions, and thus is able better to check the ability of the children in the formal subjects.

An important feature of the platoon system, in Miss Phillips' opinion, is the auditorium. It adds to the elementary school, she maintains, an "entirely new and important socializing unit which the non-platoon system did not have." When its possibilities are finally worked out, she believes, it will be found to be the most effective educational force in the entire organization.

There are various ways in which the auditorium may be used to further the educational program, Miss Phillips asserts. Platoon schools have been in successful operation since 1918.

KERRY COW MAKES MILK RECORD

(By Mail)

LONDON, March 12.—Gort Curly 9th, a Kerry cow, has produced 11,932 pounds of milk in 46 weeks. This is more than 113 times her own weight. In the spring of 1921 a Kerry produced 11,396 pounds, which was said at that time to be a world's record for a cow of her size.

TEXT OF AUTO IMPOUNDING LAW

Sample Bill Is Prepared for Taking Away Cars of Reckless Drivers

Driving ahead with its program to remove the reckless motorist from the highway the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce has published the text of a specimen law for the impounding of motor vehicles of offenders.

This bill has been drawn by constitutional lawyers with the aim of getting a measure which will be practical and will be in accord with legislative precedent.

Taking away property which has been misused has precedent in some of the early fishing laws and in a large number of Volstead Act cases.

Detroit is now impounding vehicles by taking away the license of the car. Another method is to affix a police seal on the car in the owner's garage; or the vehicle can be impounded in a public garage at the owner's expense.

The measure as outlined provides for public sale of the car where offender does not meet the fees and expenses approved by the court for the seizure and detention of the vehicle.

The automobile organization has published this proposed law not with the thought that it is necessarily the best for any particular situation, but to serve as a guide for a practical measure for any community which may have this form of legislature in mind.

Extra copies may be obtained from the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, 366 Madison Avenue, New York City, without charge.

There are various methods of punishing the reckless motorist. Fines, however, are not a great worry to the prosperous, and it is hard to get a jury to impose jail sentences. It is felt that the impounding method of depriving the owner of the use of his car for a given period is more severe than a fine; and that the justice of the measure will appeal to jurors.

The text of the bill is as follows:

Upon the conviction of any person, firm or corporation or agent or servant of any person, firm or corporation while performing his principal's or master's work or duty, of an offense in any court of this state where a motor vehicle was unlawfully used or operated in the commission of such offense, the court may in addition to all other punishment and penalties prescribed by law prohibit the use of the motor vehicle during a period to be fixed by the court. The officer executing the sentence of the court shall seize said motor vehicle and impound and detain the same in such manner as the court may prescribe, and said motor vehicle shall not be released until all fees and expenses approved by the court for the seizure and detention of said motor vehicle shall have been paid.

If such fees and expense are not paid within 10 days after the same have been approved by the court, such motor vehicle shall be sold at private or public sale, as may be directed by the court, and the officer making the sale, after deducting the expenses of impounding and detaining the property, the fees for the seizure and the costs of the sale, shall pay all liens according to their priorities which are established by intervention or any other proceeding brought for such purpose as being bona

fide and as having been created without the lienor having any notice that the motor vehicle was being used or was to be used for the commission of any offense or in violation of any statute or ordinance and shall pay the balance of such proceeds to the owner. All liens against the property sold under the provisions of this statute shall be transferred from the property to the proceeds of sale of the property. If, however, no one shall be found claiming the motor vehicle, the sale of the same, with a description thereof, shall be advertised in some newspaper having a circulation in the state and county once, a week for two weeks and by handbills posted in three public places, and if no claimant shall appear within 10 days after the last publication of the advertisement, the property shall be sold and the proceeds, after deducting expenses and costs, shall be paid to the state treasurer.

Vengeance of Pagan Gods Wreaked on Violators

(By Mail)

HONOLULU, Mar. 2.—The gods of ancient Hawaii again wreaked their vengeance upon the whites who made merry upon the site of a former heiau, or old-time temple of worship, according to Hawaiian superstition, when the famous clubhouse of the Order of Elks on the beach at Waikiki was damaged by fire to the extent of \$65,000.

The flames, caused by defective wiring, were the last of a series of untoward events, including murder that occurred at the site of the heiau, which nestles at the foot of Diamond Head. According to Hawaiian medicine men, only evil will come to those who desecrate the site of an ancient heiau.

The clubhouse was built many years ago by the late James B. Castle, a descendant of the missionaries who came from New England to the islands in 1820, as a residence for his family. During the occupancy of the Castle family two Japanese were murdered in the grounds and attention was called at that time to the tradition of the heiau.

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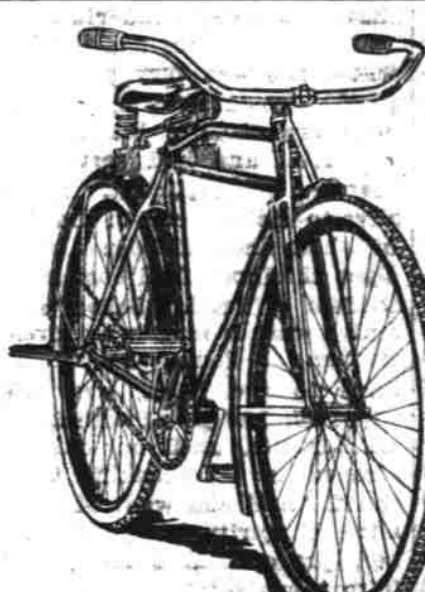
Big Increase in Chrysler Six Production Shown in Few Weeks

One of the most amazing pieces of information that has come from any Detroit automobile factory in a number of weeks was made public yesterday with the announcement by Oscar B. Gingrich, local Chrysler dealer, that production on the Chrysler Six had reached more than 100 cars a day.

The figures are startling because the Chrysler was not introduced to the public until early in January with the opening of the New York Automobile Show. Production then went steadily ahead and was well under way by the latter part of that month. Since then the Chrysler plant has each week met the schedules for Chrysler manu-

facture, which were laid out more than six months ago. Manufacturers of motor cars or automotive equipment, realize the full meaning of this statement, knowing as they do that the Chrysler plant has been specially equipped to develop unusual quality of workmanship rather than quantity of product. For that reason the speed with which the present rate of production has been reached, becomes all the more remarkable.

Sales reports from all sections of the country and from virtually every automobile show which has been held in the United States indicate that even the present high schedules attained in building the Chrysler six will not satisfy buying demand; and Mr. Fields believes he is making a conservative statement when he says that the car is certain to be over-sold throughout 1924. He adds emphatically to this by saying that Chrysler will make no attempt to gain a higher production rate than the schedules call for, believing that it is better to safeguard quality than to jeopardize the already high position, which the Chrysler six has won in motor car markets in order to satisfy the buying demand.



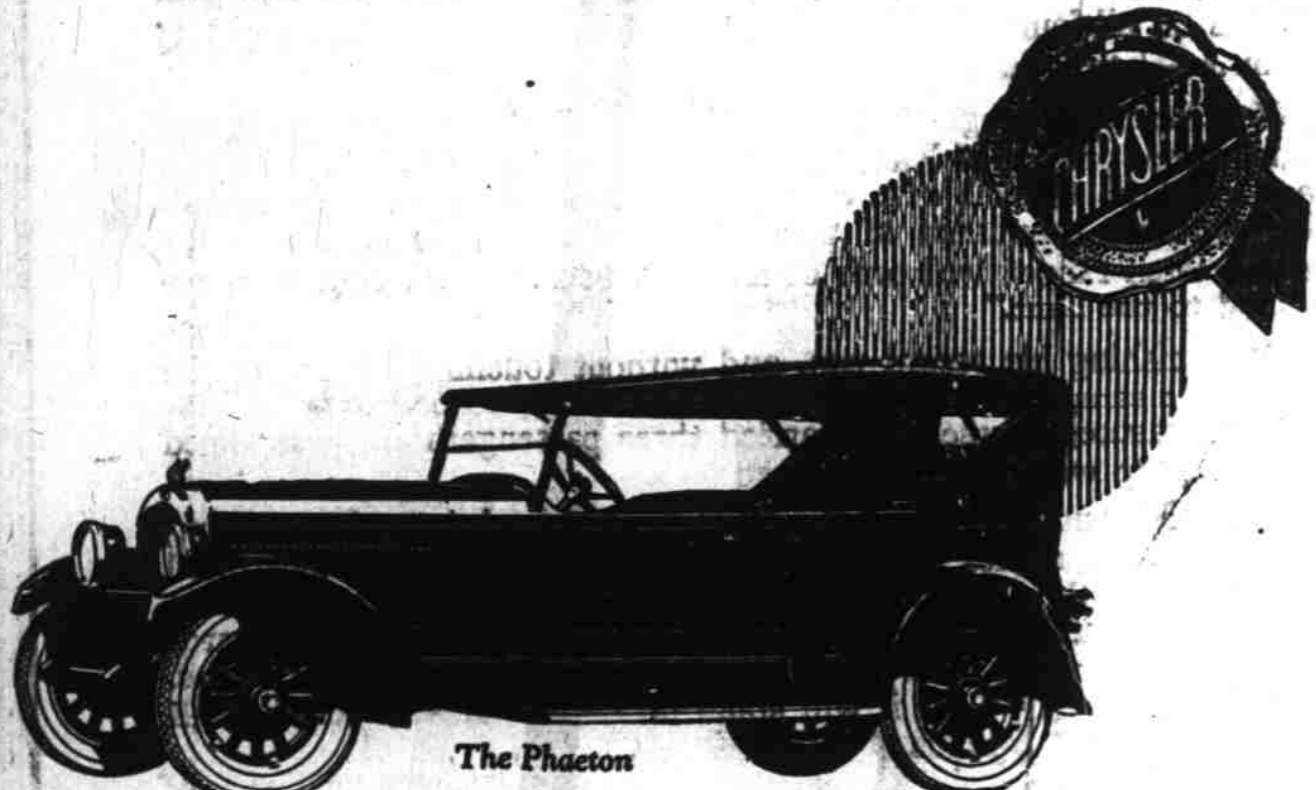
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