

MOTOR BUS IS IN FAVOR FOR SCHOOL'S USE

15,930 Schools Now Have Auto Transport for Daily Use

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—The motor bus has virtually revolutionized rural education and more than 1,250,000 school children depend upon 40,875 buses for transportation to school each day, according to preliminary figures from "Bus Facts," annual publication of the National Motor Bus Division of the American Automobile association.

The A. A. A. Bus division points out that a total of 15,930 schools now use buses, which cover 410,370 miles of route daily, and comprise 44 per cent of the total motor buses used throughout the country.

"The motor bus has been a dominant factor in bringing about the consolidation of rural schools, which has resulted in a much higher type of educational center," says Bus Facts. "Approximately 35,000 one-room schools have closed their doors since 1920 to be replaced by at least 7,000 consolidated schools, which are equal to the best in the country."

At the same time, says the publication, this school transportation system has been increased until today it is estimated that 360,000,000 rides are provided the students at an annual cost of well over \$27,256,738.

The Southeastern area, comprising 12 states, has the largest number of buses—14,199, and at the same time greatest route mileage and the largest number of schools served, 150,894 and 5,638 respectively. The cost of this service in the southeast was \$7,843,896 for the 1927-28 school year.

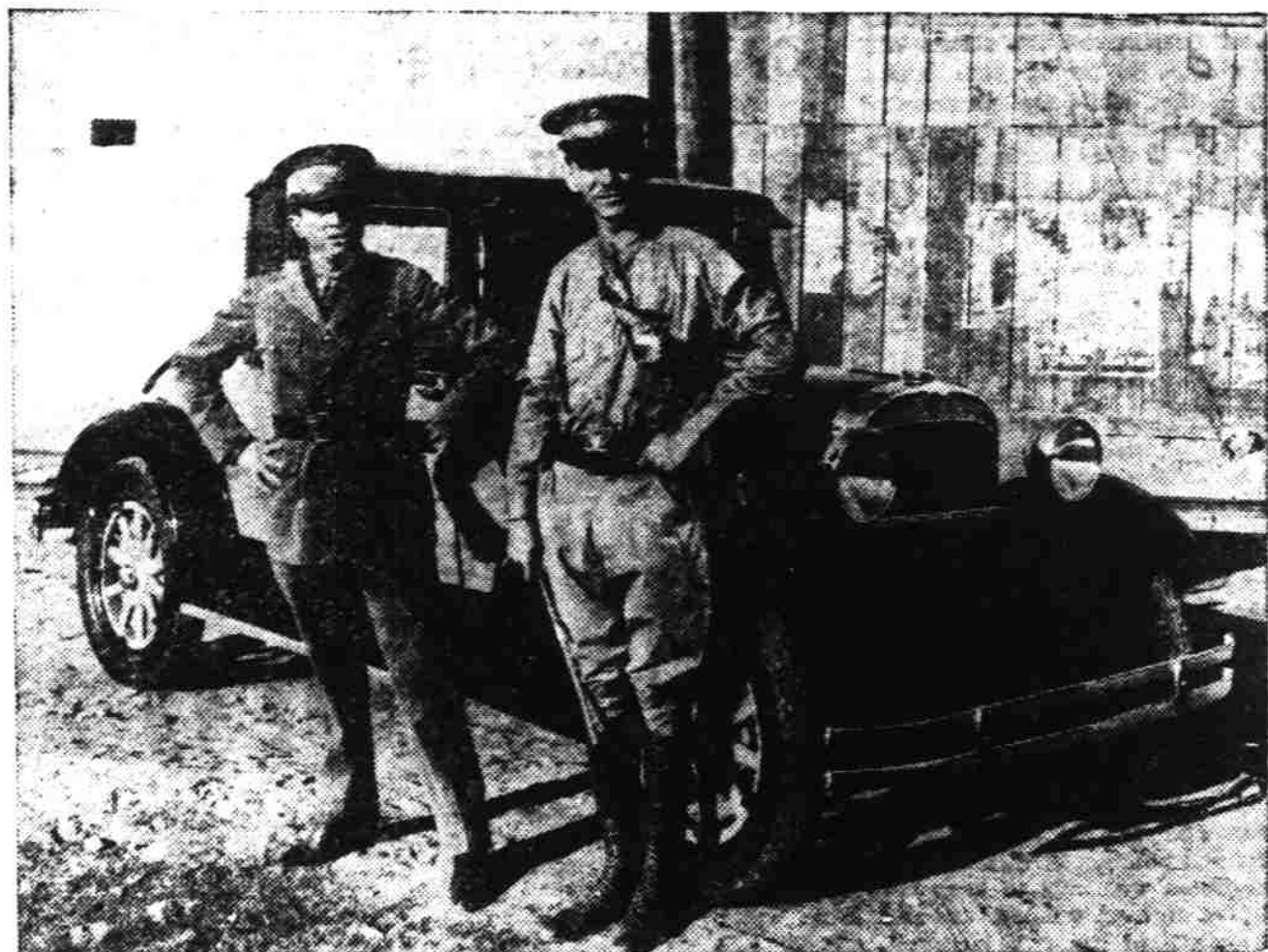
However, the northeastern area, serving 1,000 less schools, with a shorter route mileage and a smaller number of buses, spent 9,004,703 for the service.

The statement continues: "The school bus has tended to break down provincialism and has solved the age-old problem of school facilities in the rural section."

"The advantage of the consolidated school, served by the motor bus, is seen by the fact that recent tests in specific subjects revealed a superiority over the one-room type of school by margins of from 10 to 25 per cent.

"But transportation is now pro-

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Shorthand Nused Years Ago Shows Old Text Book

AUSTIN, Tex.—(AP)—The stenographer's art is an old one. Evidence that shorthand existed more than a century ago has been found in Spanish textbooks at the University of Texas library.

One text, published in 1844 by its author, Don Guillermo Atansio Xramillo, relates that it was a

modified form of a shorthand book he once studied. Reference to a public examination indicates that shorthand was of somewhat general importance.

Another text, written in Spanish and published in 1821 by Don Francisco De Paula Marti, says there were more than 50 methods of shorthand in French and English at that time.

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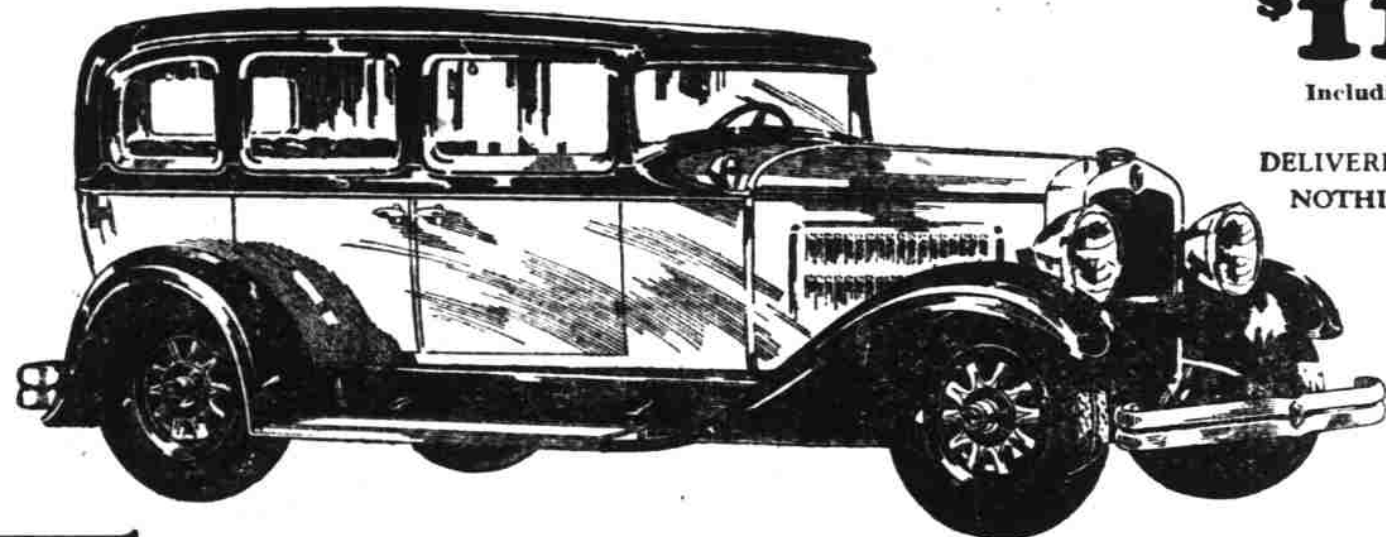
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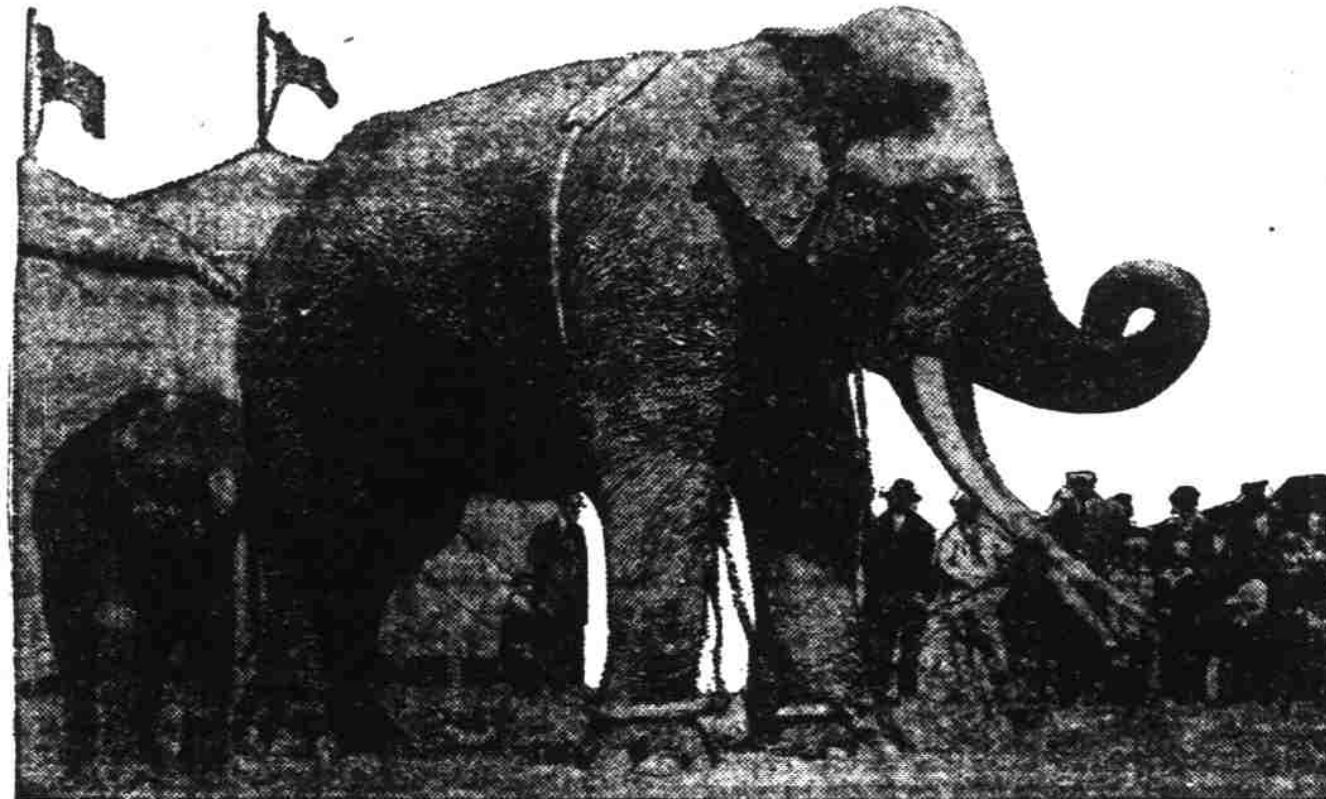
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