

# Mountain Climb Cars Will Strain in Labor Day Classic

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Colorado Springs, Colo. (UP)—Thrill-seeking drivers will roar over the twisting turns of the nation's most perilous mountain highway on Labor Day for the 31st annual auto race to the summit of Pikes Peak.

With a lure of more than \$4,000 for the winner, the race features almost 12 miles of perilous, cork-screw roads rising more than 14,100 feet into the sky—all over what the chamber of commerce calls the "Pikes Peak boulevard."

The "boulevard" is a two-lane dirt road with blind curves that twist sharply, giving the impression of ending at the precipices that flank the narrow lane.

It's a steady, uphill climb with a from seven to 10 per cent grade.

**Holds Record**

Lou Unser, seven-times winner, holds the all-time record of 15,277 minutes for the Pikes Peak stretch—a climb that takes tourists as much as three hours to make.

When Unser crosses the starting line this year, he will be followed at five-minute intervals by a procession of cars piloted by men who for years have churned up the dust laden roads in a crack at the prize-money.

The alpine-climbing technique and rough-and-ready tactics of the best American hill-mounters will be "watch-dogged" by army recording devices.

The stage coach gave tourists a thrill in 1880 when it first jugged up to Pikes Peak, but that trip was a pleasure-jant compared to the race with death and the elements that is the feature of the Labor day classic.

## A Sign of the Times



Scenes like this are appearing all over the country, following relaxation of rent controls. Guy Laird, of St. Louis, Mo., refused to pay a \$30-per-month rent increase, which would have jumped his payments from \$18 to \$48. Here, Laird and his sons, Arthur, 11, center, and Guy, Jr., right, sit with their belongings on the sidewalk, after their eviction.

# Over Two Million Trees Planted

Portland, Aug. 21 (Special)—A total of 2,328,000 seedling trees was planted on the national forests of Oregon and Washington during the fiscal year 1947, according to a report just issued by the U. S. forest service, Portland, Oregon. This was sufficient to plant 3,975 acres, says the report.

An additional 1,400,000 trees were available in the government nursery but were not planted because of delays occasioned by labor and appropriation difficulties. These will be held over until the next planting season, when they will be planted as three year old stock. Usual practice is to plant the nursery seedlings at age two years.

Principal planting areas were on the Olympic national forest, northwestern Washington, 487,000 trees; Siuslaw, on the Oregon coast, 138,700 trees; and Snoqualmie, in the Washington Cascade range, 100,000 trees. Planting also was done on the Fremont, Rogue river, Siskiyou and Umpqua in Oregon; and on the Columbia, Mount Baker and Wenatchee in Washington.

The forest service nursery is located on Wind river, in southern Washington, near the town of Carson. It is again operating at capacity, after low production during the war years. A new nursery for ponderosa pine is being developed near Bend, Oregon. It is expected to be in operation in the coming year. Total that will be available for planting in fiscal

year 1948 is 5,931,000 trees, consisting of Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce, Port Orford cedar, and ponderosa pine, according to the forest service.

Belgium is said to be the first nation to use a nickel-copper alloy in coins; this was in 1860.

**Wanna Buy A Locomotive?**

New York (UP)—The war assets administration blandly announced it had a few locomotives it would like to sell.

Persons interested in obtaining one—without tracks—were advised they could buy a steam boiler model at \$1,200; two 80-ton steam coolers at \$6,000 each; a 15-ton gas engine switcher at \$2,200; two 30-ton diesels at \$5,100 and \$3,250, and a 60-ton bargain built in 1907 for only \$1,200.

The WAA office also offered 10 hand-push railroad cars (aching back type) for \$10 each.

The U. S. army will soon test a 42,000-pound bomb, dropping it from a B-29 superfortress; 25,000-pound bombs were used during the last war.

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## Great Grandmother In Class To Keep Teaching Position

Chicago (UP)—A 69-year-old great-grandmother is attending summer school at Rockford college so she can continue being a school marm.

She is Mrs. Otto Reichard, a teacher during three wars. A mother of eight children, she has 17 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She is planning to put what she learns into immediate effect next fall in her one-room schoolhouse near here. Besides her education course, she is studying games for younger pupils. By doing so, she expects to add interest to recesses or physical education periods.

At the age of 16, when she was Miss Anna Mitchell, she began her career as a rural teacher. After the Spanish-American War, she gave up teaching to become a housewife.

Because of the teacher shortage in World War I, Mrs. Reichard returned to the classroom. Then she went back to her kitchen to resume her housewife career. A couple of decades later, during World War II, she was teaching again.

Mrs. Reichard was so well-liked that her school wants her back for the next term. To keep her emergency teaching certificate, she is completing five semester hours of college study each summer.

Spelling is a hobby of hers, but Mrs. Reichard is sorry that spelling bees are no longer popular. Adults need more spelling instructions these days, she says.

There are 5,074 operating airports in America, 750 more than a year ago.

### Airliner's Hostess Doubles As Pilot

Pittsburgh (UP)—Passengers on the AAXICO airlines here are startled when they see an attractive hostess climb into the copilot seat on their ship and take off.

She is 26-year-old Mary Morrison, a Bryn Mawr graduate, one of the few women in the country to qualify as pilot on a giant commercial airliner.

Miss Morrison has some 1,800 flying hours to her credit and recently was assigned to the regular Caribbean run for American Air Export and Import lines.

Her big ambition is to fly one of the race-type planes in the Bendix air trophy race in Cleveland.



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