



George Graves Owns Salem's Second Automobile—Green Rambler acquired from F. A. Wiggins, Salem dealer in 1903, cranked from the side and had an engine under the driver's seat. He drove it to Lebanon where it wheezed to a stop and a jewelry man with delicate tools repaired the carburetor at the back of the car.

Graves Paid \$900 for Car Doubled Money in Sale

By BEN MAXWELL

When George Graves paid F. A. Wiggins, early Salem automobile dealer, \$900 for a red Rambler roadster in the spring of 1903, he acquired the second horseless carriage in town, and one of the noblest things on wheels wedded by man's ingenuity to a gasoline engine.

On September 16, 1903, the Capital Journal carried Wiggins' advertisement about the new, Model E Rambler and became thereby the first newspaper in Salem to carry an advertisement for an automobile.

In those days of 46 years ago Mr. Wiggins conducted a farm implement business at 255-57 Liberty street. In addition he sold sewing machines, bicycles and now, automobiles.

"You'll never know what genuine sport is until you own an automobile," declared that initial advertisement. Model E Rambler was always under perfect control and the rated six horsepower was proclaimed sufficient to climb a 50 percent grade. And speed, why that Rambler would do 30 miles an hour!

He's Still Dubious
Though mellowed by nearly 50 years of retrospection, George Graves is still dubious about automobile advertising in 1903.

That red Rambler, Salem's second automobile (Otto Wilson's Oldsmobile was the first) had one cylinder and cranked from the side. What appears to be an engine hood is deceptive. The engine was under the seat and the space up front was a storage compartment mainly devoted to carrying surplus repair parts for the car. Right hand driving was accomplished by a tiller and the carburetor was at the back of the machine about where modern folks assume the exhaust should emerge.

Horsepower, too, may have been slightly over-rated. In those chug, chug days Salem's crosswalks were crowned above the general level of the street to keep pedestrians out of the mud. Getting over the incline of a crosswalk necessitated shifting gears. Getting to Portland through the deep dust of mid-summer at 10 miles an hour required five strenuous hours of driving time.

Troubles on the road? Plenty and endless. In those days 2500 miles from a tire was exceptional and tires cost \$56 apiece. There were no filling stations and gasoline was purchased from the drug store in five gallon containers.

Of course an instruction book came with the car to explain all the mechanical idiosyncrasies. But that instruction book was as bewildering to the stilled

a big raffle for an automobile. George Graves was selling his red Rambler for \$1 a chance.

Out of the raffle George realized \$1800 and again he visited F. A. Wiggins who now had the agency for White Steamers. Into the cash box went the \$1800 and out of the shop went a new steamer for George Graves.

Graves Attached Whistle
"They called it the red devil," Mr. Wiggins (now a distributor of nursery stock in Seattle) relates, "because it was painted a brilliant red." He goes on to mention that it carried 500 pounds of steam. George had a high pitched whistle installed and when he cut loose with that whistle "a mild mannered cow a mile away would literally drop dead."

Even now Mr. Graves vaguely recalls that his whistling White may have been responsible for some runaways and threats by farmers to commit mayhem if they ever caught the driver.

Anyway George considers his White as being a mighty fine car and one that he was proud to display in performance on Lone Oak track during the State Fair. There were inconveniences, of course. The boiler had to be hand pumped with water when climbing a steep hill be-

cause the steam was consumed faster than water became available for generation.

Both the red Rambler and the red White went the way all old automobiles past decades go. But there is today a growing group of enthusiasts who seek and restore old cars who would cheerfully pay George Graves far more than \$1 a chance in a raffle to acquire a 1903 Rambler propelled by a side cranked engine beneath the driver's seat.

Polk Draft Records Moved to Salem

Records of the Polk county selective service office have been moved from Dallas to 359 Court street, Salem, according to a consolidation order made several weeks ago.

Mrs. Fern Beakey, clerk at the Salem office, said, however, that Polk county youths reaching their 18th birthdays may register either at the Salem address or at an office to be set up at Dallas.

The selective service act requires boys to register within five days after reaching their 18th birthday.

Offices Moved To Silverton

Marion County Dairy Breeders' association will move its office to Silverton on September 1, according to Bill William, technician. The association has been in Mt. Angel since its origin in March of 1946.

The move is aimed at better service for all members, says Ben A. Newell, county extension agent. Plans are now taking shape for an expansion of the association to two technicians. When enough dairy cattle are obtained to justify the enlargement it is expected that practically all of Marion county will be within the service area. Two technicians will also make it possible to serve more of Clackamas county around Molalla and Canby.

The latest figures available for the Oregon Dairy Breeders'

show 16 bulls in active work seven Jerseys, five Guernseys and four Holsteins. May's conception rate for all the bulls showed Williams to have 73.3 percent of the cows with calf on the first service.

Dairymen and folk with the family cow may get further information on breeding to top registered dairy bulls by contacting the Marion County Dairy Breeders at Mt. Angel or the county agent's office in Salem.

Silverton to Greet Many Old Timers

Silverton—The Old Timers picnic and home-coming association third annual meeting is announced for August 7, at the Silverton city park. A basket dinner will be served at 1 o'clock

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in the afternoon and will be followed by a business meeting and program.

The association was originated by the late "Lew" Davenport who was sincerely interested in the history of his native town and community.

Officers are Theodore Hobart, president; Karl Haberly, vice president; Mrs. Karl Haberly, secretary; and Reber Allen, treasurer. Directors are Roy Skafie, Helen Hibbard-Paget, Dan Geiser. Serving as committee chairmen for the reunion are welcoming, Theodore Hobart and his officers; dinner, Mrs. Roy Skafie; program, Harry Riches.

Members are looking forward to having Ben S. Fleishman

Portland attorney, and other former Silverton residents, attend the affair, and have a part in the program and social hour.

Former Apprentice Buys Manor House

Louth, England (AP)—"I used to think how I'd like to own it," said 84-year-old John Holmes. So he plunked down close to \$400,000 for 30-bedroom Grishy Manor and part of the near-by village of Burgh on Bain (population 161).

Now a wealthy timber merchant, Holmes used to work at the manor for nothing but his keep when he was a carpenter's apprentice in his teens 50 years ago.

THREE SISTERS Convalescence Home

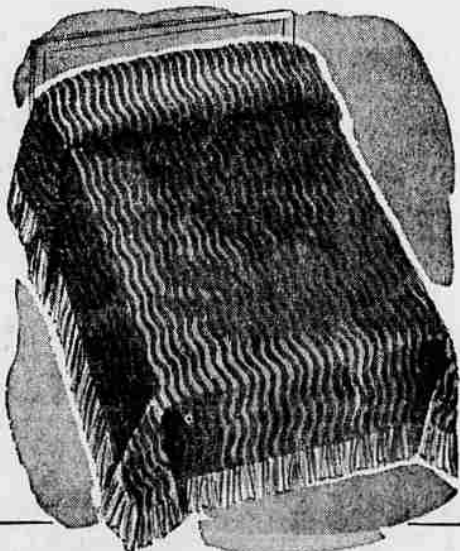
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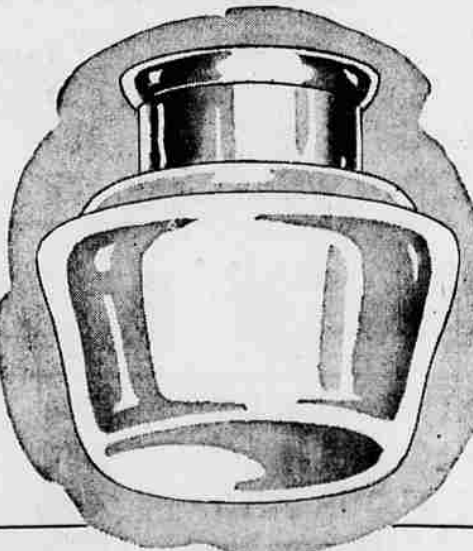
Don't wait until school opens, Mother! Buy these sturdy, long-wearing moc oxfords NOW, at a sale-saving! They'll fit comfortably, because they're carefully made to Ward's own standards. Brown, with flexible rubber soles, 8 1/2-13.



Boys' Reg. 1.69 Knit Shirts

While They Last! → **98c**

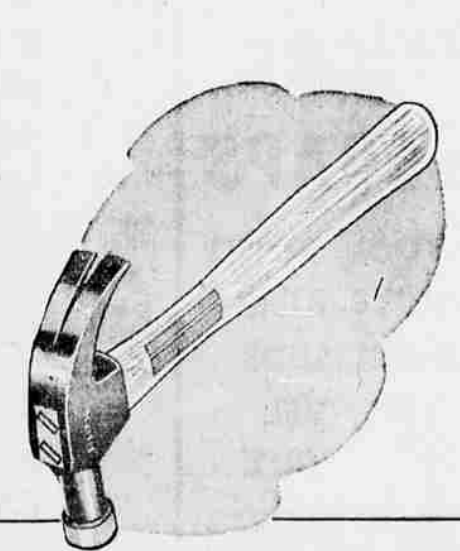
Just at vacation time we get a special purchase scoop on boys' knit shirts—and you save! Fine quality 2-ply combed cotton in washfast, wide bright blazer stripes. His nibs will want half a dozen, so come early! 4 to 10.



Regular 1.80 Kitchen Light

Reduced 38% → **1.34**

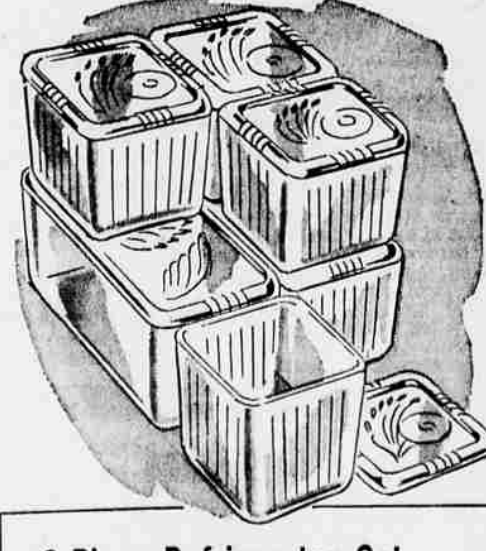
Price slashed! Hurry, big savings now! Snow-white, hand-blown glass shade transmits bright, glareless light! Fits snugly in 4" holder. Brighten your kitchen with this smart, new fixture! Save money now at this special price!



Reg. 1.20 Claw Hammer

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Super Values Special! Compare quality... extra low price! Well balanced... easy to handle! 16-oz. drop forged steel head; won't chip, flare. Polished Hickory handle. Take advantage of this money-saving Sale now!



6-Piece Refrigerator Set

Regularly 98c → **64c**

Buy now—get two 4x8-inch and four 4x4-inch sparkling clear glass dishes—all with covers—at BIG SAVINGS! Wonderful for storing leftovers, dried foods. Will stack on shelf or in refrigerator to save space.

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