

Los Angeles Beats Detroit For Fourth Place in Population

Detroit, June 21 (AP)—Detroit has ceded its position as the nation's fourth largest city to Los Angeles.

The motor city's 1950 population is 1,837,617, according to preliminary census figures released today by area census supervisor Edwin P. Slabaugh.

Detroit registered a 13 percent increase over the 1940 figure but Los Angeles' gain pushed it ahead in the population race.

Los Angeles' 1950 estimated population is 1,954,036, or 116,419 more than Detroit's.

Both Detroit's and Los Angeles' figures are based on a preliminary count of this year's federal census. However, they are expected to be about the same when finally written into the books.

Philadelphia's 1950 population has not been released by the census bureau but it is expected to be over the 2,008,000 mark.

Philadelphia census officials said more than 2,000,000 persons had been counted before the bureau began a recheck to see if it had missed anyone.

Certified Douglas fir seed is being introduced in the northwest.

Car Race Test Of Endurance

Perhaps the most misleading term in describing the Carrera Panamericana is "Road Race". Much more apt would be a title such as "Battle of the Giants," for in actuality it was a test of car endurance — a mad dash along a winding road that stretches from border to border and over open prairies, steep hills, and mountainous passes.

The race was marked by wind, heat, rain, blowouts and brake failures that all added up to spectacular spins and forced retirements from the race. An indication of the course's difficulty is that only 57 cars finish-

ed out of 126 starters.

After 2178 miles of tortuous driving, Hershel McGriff (1950 Oldsmobile) arrived at an otherwise sleepy town on the Guatemalan border, El Ocotil, to find that he had completed the distance in the fastest total elapsed time (27 hours 34:25). His average time for the entire route, which was divided into nine legs of varying distances, was 78 mph. McGriff credited his fast time for the race to the flexibility of the "Rocket" engine used in the Oldsmobile 88.

Of the total of 131 cars which were entered and 126 that started, only 57 finished. The breakdown of makes in the original total included six foreign cars and 125 American cars, most of which were 1949 and 1950 models. The six foreign cars were: Alfa-Romeo (2), Delahaye

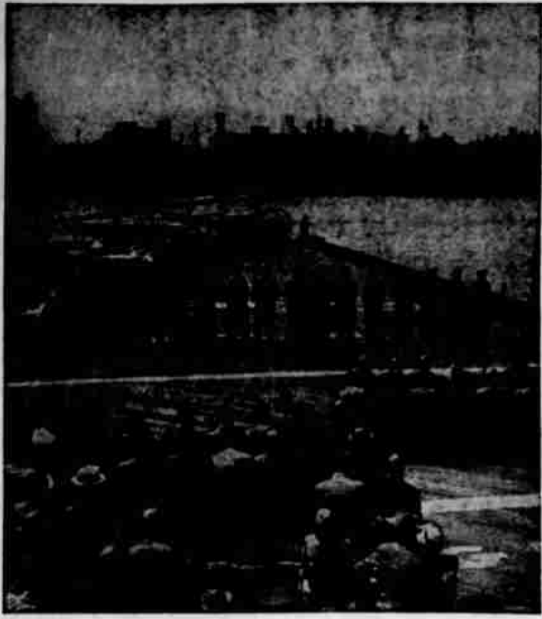
(1), Hotchkiss (1), Jaguar (1), Talbot (1). Surprisingly, from this small representative percentage, three foreign cars were in the first ten finishers, two being 1950 Alfa-Romeos and the other a 1950 Delahaye. The American entries were dominated by Cadillacs (22), Buick (17), Lincoln (16), Oldsmobile (14), Mercury (11), Ford (10), Hudson (9), Nash (8), Packard (7), Studebaker (4), Chrysler (2), Chevrolet (2), and DeSoto (1). From this assemblage of cars, Oldsmobile placed three cars in the first ten, Cadillac three, and Lincoln one.

Active Duty Billets For Six Navy Men

Salem's Naval and Marine Corps reserve training center this week received word that Seattle has active duty billets with the Navy for six men.

The openings in Seattle, which will be for active duty on reserve training ships, are three yeoman, first and second class, and three machinists mates second and third class.

Further information on the billets can be secured from the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center.



Helicopter Base—Police crews line up before their machines at ceremony dedicating new helicopter base of New York police department on the East river, lower Manhattan.

Owner of Ciro's, Trying to Put Swank Hollywood Club on Relief

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood, June 21 (AP)—H. D. Hover, owner of Ciro's, said today he's trying to swing a deal to put Hollywood's swankiest nightclub on relief.

It's losing money with every steak, he said, and he's asking Los Angeles county to help him support it.

"Why not?" Hover said. "This is not such a fantastic idea. The county helps support the Hollywood Bowl, which is run by independent interests.

"They do it because the bowl is a prestige attraction for southern California. Well, so is Ciro's.

"We are a great tourist attraction. We present the powerhouse names in show business: Sophie Tucker... Danny Thomas... Ella Logan... Martin and Lewis. This is a powerful addition to the lure of this town."

It is also a powerful expensive item in the Hover budget. He can't afford to keep it up much longer, he said.

And he thinks it would be nice if the board of supervisors would appropriate a certain sum each year to help him out.

"About \$25,000 would do it," Hover said. "Yes, that would do it very nicely.

"Our big-name celebrities pull plenty of tourists into this town," he said. "By keeping Ciro's in the black the county could boost profits for industries like hotels, taxicabs, department stores and specialty shops."

Actually, Hover went on, Ciro's is about the only super-exciting thing southern California has to offer star-dazzled travelers.

The movie studios are virtually closed to the out-of-towner," he said. "Our beaches are not comparable to those of the east or other sections of the country.

"Even the climate—at its best—is only as good as that of other resorts in season. And we don't have any boardwalks where the visitor can run into friends from home."

Parton Wins Silverton Post

Silverton—In one of the largest votes cast in a school election in years, Silverton voters last night elected C. C. Parton to a five-year directorship on the school board. Parton defeated his opponent, Lowell Brown, by a vote of 286 to 131.

The issues were positively drawn with Parton, owner and manager of a furniture and fixture manufacturing company, making his stand clear on a question of tighter discipline and more supervised guidance of school children.

Brown, superintendent and manager of the local telephone system, was strongly in favor of the status quo, and opposed Parton's "change" views down the line.

Parton, who had taught in Oregon schools for many years following his graduation from college, had been criticized by opponents for having sent two of his five children of school age to schools other than those in Silverton. When Parton made his views concerning his opinion of the "laxity" of Silverton school discipline, the issue was crystallized.

Tribesmen Get Battle Order From the Bible

Rangoon, Burma, June 21 (AP)—Rebellious Karen tribesmen got their battle order from the Bible today.

Karen Leader Saw San Kay, whose largely Christian forces are among the strongest opponents of the Burmese government's Buddhist troops, broadcast this instruction in the Irrawaddy river delta:

"Please read Deuteronomy, chapter seven.

In that Old Testament chapter, Moses told the Israelites to "smite" their enemies and "utterly destroy them," to "make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them."

From 1900 to 1910, the U.S. population increased more from immigration than from births.

Hospital Holds Record For Heavyweight Baby

Brat, Ireland, June 21 (AP)—This Irish seaside resort claimed a record for heavyweight newborn babies today.

Brat's entry is Michael Kinch, 17 pounds three ounces.

He was born to 34-year-old Mrs. Mary Kinch, wife of a bus conductor. Michael is her fifth child.

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