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OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

J. H. Whiteaker, son of the first governor of Oregon, John Whiteaker, and a brother of Miss Anne Whiteaker of Eugene, died suddenly at Selmon, Idaho.

Hop pickers in the Willamette valley will receive one cent a pound this year, according to a decision reached at a meeting of hop growers at Independence recently.

The date for the annual community fair at Glendale has been set for September 11. This is always one of the largest and best attended community fairs of the county.

Mrs. Johanna Gangloff, one of the most respected of eastern Oregon pioneers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Foley, of La Grande, at the age of 94 years.

The first new wheat from Union county arrived at a mill at Island City from Fred Zaugg's farm near Mountain Glen. General harvest operations will begin within a few days.

The Harper State bank in Malheur county, with capital stock of \$15,000 and surplus of \$1000, has closed its doors, according to announcement made at the state banking department.

The old E. E. Johnson sawmill at Coquille will soon be in operation after an enforced shut down of nearly three years, since the E. E. Johnson lumber company went into receivership.

The Oregon Electric railway filed a schedule of reduced rates with the Oregon public service commission for the transportation of livestock between Salem and Portland, effective August 1.

A permit to obtain \$25,000 in pre-organization subscriptions for establishment of a straw fiber process plant at Salem was issued by the state corporation department to H. D. Wagon of Portland.

The Willamina city council is drilling a well on the hill near the reservoir. It is hoped to strike a good flow of water to supplement the present supply, which is inadequate for present needs.

Postmaster Warren has issued a report for the McMinnville office indicating a 5 per cent increase in business volume for the first six months of this year, compared to the same time last year.

Sheep ranges in Curry county are menaced by cougars. Though the predatory animal hunters of that section are constantly at work, the dry weather has made tracking by dogs practically impossible.

The Columbia Gorge Mining company, a \$75,000 syndicate backed by Idaho men, will in about 30 days begin sinking a shaft to take out the silver ore deposits under the golf course of the Dallas Country club.

La Grande is more book-minded this year than ever before, and from the number of volumes circulated by the public library during the first part of 1930, indications point to a 100,000-mark year, the first in history.

The Jackson county road oiling program will be started by August 1. The first hot oil will be placed on the unpaved portion of the Ruch highway and the Sams Valley-Medford highway. It is planned to apply oil where travel is heaviest and dust thickest.

All city fire fighting equipment, the Southern Pacific's equipment at Klamath Falls and the crews of the Ewauna Box company and the Big Lake Box company were called to fight a fire destroying the crowded lumber yards of those two firms in Klamath Falls.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.05½; soft white, western white, \$1¼; hard winter, northern spring, western red, \$9½.

Hay—Alfalfa, new crop, \$17.50; valley timothy, \$20.50@21; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22.50@23; clover, new crop, \$14; oat hay, new crop, \$14; oats and vetch, new crop, \$14.

Butterfat—28@31c.

Eggs—Ranch, 20@23c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$8@8.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$10@11.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$6@7.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, western white, hard winter, and northern spring, 92c; western red, 91c; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.05.

Eggs—Ranch, 22@30c.

Butterfat—35c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@8.

Hogs—Prime light, \$11.10@11.50.

Lambs—Choice, \$6.50@7.50.

Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$7@7.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$10.75@11.

Lambs—Medium to good, \$5@5.50.

WOODFILL, WAR HERO, ILL



Sergt. Samuel Woodfill.

Chicago.—Sergt. Samuel Woodfill, forty-seven years old, of Fort Thomas, Ky., who was characterized by Gen. John J. Pershing as the "outstanding soldier of the A. E. F.," is under observation at the Hines Memorial hospital here for a stomach disorder. He entered the institution on July 2. Woodfill has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the medal of the French Legion of Honor, the Croix de Guerre, and many other decorations.

COAST GUARD TAKES \$2,050,000 IN LIQUOR

Smugglers Use New Routes Into United States.

Washington.—Another shift in the stream of liquor smuggling—this time to the Jersey-Delaware coast—became evident in the Smyrna river, Delaware, as \$2,000,000 cargo of Canadian liquor was seized when the steamship *Don* attempted to unload at a deserted wharf.

At Woods Hole, Mass., the suspected runner *Mercury* was captured and two of her crew shot, although she had no liquor aboard.

At New York a \$50,000 cargo of French cordials was taken aboard the *S. S. Patria*.

Authorities here indicated that the intensified effort of run runners along the coast is the result of the customs office tightening of defenses along the Canadian border roads and the recent enactment of a Canadian statute re-fusing liquor cargo clearances.

The tide then turned to the Quebec province line, but this was blocked by a sharp tightening of defenses under orders of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lowman. The runners, with two direct routes obstructed, have now turned to coast guard dodging along the middle coast, it was said.

Said Lowman: "There are four coast guard stations covering the territory—one at New London, one at New York, one at Cape May and one at Norfolk. Each of these keeps an up-to-date chart and by means of radio reports from nearly 300 patrol boats."

Coast guard and customs officials in the vicinity of Norfolk were seeking an outlaw radio station, supposed to be communicating with rum ships at sea.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS

The senate confirmed the nomination of William M. Jardine, former secretary of agriculture, to be minister to Egypt.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines was confirmed by the senate as administrator of the newly organized bureau of veterans' affairs.

Chicago's population officially is 3,375,235, the census bureau announced recently, a gain of 673,530 over the 1920 census of 2,701,705.

President Hoover's conference on child health and protection will convene in Washington on November 19 to study the preliminary surveys of its 20-odd subcommittees.

Application forms for licenses under the perishable agricultural commodities act are being mailed to dealers in fresh fruits and vegetables by the Department of Agriculture.

The federal farm board has designated sugar beets as a commodity and invited growers in 17 producing states to meet at Greeley, Colo., on August 2 to develop a national co-operative marketing program.

Recover \$60,000 of Bank Loot
Canton, Ohio.—One of three bandits was slain and a policeman seriously wounded when two bank messengers were robbed here, and within three hours the authorities recovered the loot.

Dallas Releases Alexander
Dallas, Texas.—The Dallas club of the Texas league gave an outright release to Grover Alexander, veteran major league pitcher, for failure to keep in training.

THOUSANDS DEAD IN ITALY'S EARTHQUAKE

Many Injured and Homeless; Cities Destroyed.

Rome, Italy.—During the past few days a series of earthquakes, tidal waves and tornadoes throughout the southern section of Italy have snuffed out the lives of thousands of people, destroyed upwards of 100 cities and towns, wiped out entire families, wrecked practically all railroads and highways and left the southern-central section of the country to cope with disease, through inability to bury all the dead and care for the injured.

The damage in dollars is not to be estimated. All Italy that has not been storm-swept has come to the aid of the sufferers remaining, and likewise, many other countries, including the United States, have offered help.

In addition to the variety of disasters forming the combine that has proved to be one of the worst in the world's history, snow fell unseasonably on the peaks of the Solomoni, according to reports from Trento.

While hundreds of bodies lie buried under the debris of their homes and other buildings, an estimate of more than 3,000 dead has been made, but is expected to increase hourly. Troops have been on the scene, and as well as all available physicians and nurses, and there seems to be no reasonable estimate as to when the total number of deaths will be known.

Northeastern Italy also was a later victim of a tornado which killed and injured a number of people. The tornado tore down many buildings at Barco di Sessana, Bervosa, Selva, and Vico, and victims are buried under the ruins. Heavy damage was caused over a stretch of 25 miles.

King Victor Emmanuel visited the stricken south, where he was born, before learning of the disaster in the north. His special train stopped in Avellino province, where the worst conditions were reported.

Accompanied by Minister of Public Works Crollalanza, the ruler made an automobile tour through the area.

From the bay of Naples and the Gulf of Salerno on the west and Adriatic lies a zone of devastated and stricken towns, hamlets and houses stretched like an open wound around the "ankle" of the Italian boot. At least 85 towns and villages are desolate.

At Naples a gale that approached hurricane force, washing waves over the sea wall, added to the terror of the inhabitants. Many slight structures were blown down. The storm subsided as quickly as it arrived and a dreary drizzle set in.

The volcano of Pozzuoli, a study mountain obscured by the fame of its mighty neighbor Vesuvius, was in eruption. Seismologists say it was kicked into action by earthquakes.

Forbidding public subscriptions for the victims, Premier Mussolini called a council of ministers and made provisions for the aid of the victims of the disaster. He is giving his entire attention to the catastrophe while relief work is under the direction of Minister of Public Works Crollalanza, who comes from the stricken area.

Relief headquarters have been established at Rocchetta Santa Venera, north of Bari, and all communications from relatives in America should be addressed there.

The stricken area has been divided into four military zones of command, and in appearance it resembles the rear of a battlefield. Trains of food, medical supplies and doctors and nurses were rushed to the area, and field hospitals and dressing stations have been set up at many places and scouting planes have been adding the relief workers.

Karachi, India.—Property losses estimated at more than \$1,000,000 were caused in this area by floods due to a rainfall of approximately six inches within 24 hours.

Huge stocks of grain, sugar, and cotton have been wiped out by a tide which swirled through the streets and

cut off telegraphic communication with the rest of India.

Tokyo.—An official death toll of 472 persons with indications the unknown dead in the recent typhoon would number into the thousands, was reported in the returns printed in Seoul and Tokyo.

Eastern Korea, especially Kogundo province, is sorely stricken. A Seoul dispatch to Rango News agency showed the Korean losses at 200 dead, 1,493 missing and believed dead, 205 injured and 8,473 houses destroyed.

Official figures for Kyushu Island, southern Japan, showed 22 known dead, 75 missing, 425 injured, 16,830 houses destroyed, 20,786 houses damaged and 1,803 boats sunk or missing.

The typhoon struck Korea while it still was suffering from the effects of floods which had killed at least 255 persons and made thousands homeless.

Minimum of Waste in Sardine-Canning Plant

In a Down East sardine-canning factory the only thing that is wasted is the odor. That may not be a dead loss, for there are persons who assert they like the smell of a sardine factory. The sardines are sold to the manufacturers of artificial pearls.

The fish waste is in demand in Germany and in this country. The waste oil is collected and utilized in the production of paints and varnishes. Even the tin cuttings from the cans are baled and shipped to England for reprocessing into new sheets of the metal.

Down East sardines are sent to 35 different countries. In Java, when representatives sought a new market, the natives would have nothing to do with the "little fishes" and in all. Two hundred free cases were offered to the prospective customers would place a 1,000 case order. At last the deal was made. The sardines were heaped high on trucks, together with a band of native musicians, taken from bazaar to bazaar, and sold. Thus introduced, there was no further difficulty in adding Java to the list of sardine consumers.—New York Times.

Hard to Grasp Facts of the Stellar System

At first the brain reels a little in the attempt to grasp the facts of the stellar system, even explained with the lucidity and exactness of which Sir James Jeans is a master. From the vast extensions of light rays he carries us into the etherion whirls around its perpetual circuit several thousand million times every second. These numbers, says the London Spectator, are but jumble painting, and it is simpler to say that the electron travels as far in a second as our latest seaplane travels in an hour.

Sir James Jeans has a happy facility in such comparisons, and forcibly writes the imagination when he tells us that if the carbon atom were magnified to the size of Waterloo station, its electrons would be represented by six wasps flying round in the vast vacuity. All the rest is emptiness; and so in the celestial spaces it is immense odds against any other spot being occupied. "We live in a gossamer universe; pattern, plan and design are there in abundance, but solid substance is rare."

One of Life's Tragedies
They sat gazing into each other's eyes. At first he slipped from the sofa and landed at his feet, gave utterance to the sweeping thoughts that were swirling up his mind.

"Darling," he said, "sometimes I think how lucky I was to be born in the same century as you, to have met you. It seems as if Fate had intended us for each other since the beginning of time, and that at last the great design has been completed—in our love. It has been Fate, my dearest, Fate."

"Aye," she replied, "a little wistful if it was fate all right. Your fate if I hadna tripped over your fate lugging on the bus."

And they pondered over the tragedy of the night have been.—London Tit-Bits

NAVAL TREATY PACT SIGNED BY HOOVER

President Praises Support of Political Parties.

Washington.—Lauding the London naval treaty as an earnest of international good will disarming suspicions of American imperialism, President Hoover signed the ratification of the pact.

Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson carried the instrument of ratification from the White House to the State department for transmission to London, where the ratifications of all the signatories will be deposited.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that this great accomplishment in international relations has at all steps been given united support of both our political parties," said Mr. Hoover in his formal statement.

With the ratification by the other governments the treaty will transfer an emotion deep in the hearts of millions of men and women into a practical fact of government and international relations. It will renew again the faith of the world in the moral forces of good will and patient negotiation as against the blind forces of suspicion and competitive armament.

It will secure the full defense of the United States. It will mark a further long step toward lifting the burdens of militarism from the backs of mankind and to speed the march forward to world peace. It will lay the foundations upon which further constructive reduction in world arms may be accomplished in the future. We should by this act of willingness to join with others in limiting armament have dismissed from the mind of the world any notion that the United States entertains ideas of aggression, imperial power, or exploitation of foreign nations.

The signing took place in the East room of the White House.

Notables present included President Hoover and Vice President Curtis, Secretary of State Stimson, Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams, Senator Joseph T. Robinson (Dem., Ark.), and Senator David A. Reed (Rep., Pa.), members of the American delegation that negotiated the treaty, and Senator James E. Watson (Rep., Ind.), majority leader of the senate; William E. Borah (Rep., Idaho), chairman, and Claude Swanson (Dem., Va.), ranking minority member of the senate foreign relations committee.

Revision of the navy's projected warship building program to make it conform to the limitation of the London naval agreement has been ordered by Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams. This program will include vessels now building, appropriated for, and authorized, as well as additional ships needed by the navy but still unauthorized by congress.

Recommendations outlining the types and numbers of ships which the navy desires included in a new naval building bill slated for introduction in congress next fall will be prepared and submitted to President Hoover by Secretary Adams. The size of the bill which will go to congress will rest largely with the President. Thus far Mr. Hoover has not definitely stated whether or not he will approve expenditure of sufficient funds to build up and maintain all the ships permitted by the treaty.

Clores Plant and Gives 700 Employees \$700,000
New Brunswick, N. J.—J. H. Michell, tire manufacturer, offered to make available to 700 former employees a gift of \$700,000.

The gift was made some time ago to employees who had worked at the company's plant in Milltown until it had closed about two months ago, but it was not to be distributed until the end of three years.

In the event the employees who would participate do not desire to take their share now Michell said they would receive it at the end of three years with accumulated interest at 5 per cent.

Average of \$1,347 Per Head for Jersey Cattle
Toronto, Ont.—At a sale of imported and locally bred Jersey cattle on an estate at Brampton, Ontario, \$82,175 was realized on 61 head of cattle. The average price of \$1,347.10 per head was believed by the head of the estate to be the highest of any sale in the world during the past year.

2 Dead; 17 Hurt on Roller Coaster
Omaha.—Two persons were killed and 17 were injured here when a roller coaster stalled at Krug park plunged off the track and dropped 35 feet to the ground.

Iowa Democrats Have Wet Plank
Des Moines, Iowa.—Iowa Democrats, in state convention, adopted a wet plank in their state platform.

Father Drowned Three Children
Martinsburg, W. Va.—The bodies of three small children of Taylor Holt, thirty-five, Martinsburg laborer, were found in a quarry hole in which the father confessed to having drowned them.

Find Woman Beaten to Death
Detroit.—The unclothed body of an unidentified woman, about thirty-five, was found in a room at a hotel here, Coroner Berg, declared that the woman had been beaten to death.

Seventeen N. Y. Bankers Indicted by U. S. Jury
New York.—The federal grand jury in Brooklyn indicted 17 former officials of the Long Island National Bank of America, the Elmhurst National bank of Elmhurst and the Bellport National bank of Bellport, L. I., on a charge of conspiracy. Several of the ex-officials were named in more than one of the 20 indictments returned. The banks were reported sound under their present management.

Eads, "Millionaire Hobo," Dead
Staunton, Va.—James Eads Hobbs, "millionaire hobo," died in a hospital here. His death was attributed to pneumonia "evidently superinduced by starvation." How was fifty-six years old and member of one of the wealthiest families of St. Louis.

9 Drowned When Boat Sinks
Sebastopol, Russia.—Nine persons were drowned when a small excursion boat capsized. The remaining 32 passengers were rescued.

HINDENBURG ENDS TOUR



President Paul von Hindenburg.

Coblenz.—The tragedy which visited Germany's peacetime celebration of the liberation of the Rhineland by the French, taking a toll of between 35 and 50 persons in the collapse of a pontoon bridge over the Moselle river here, has forced President von Hindenburg to cancel his visits to other celebrations.

Production of wheat in the northwest now promises to be a few million bushels below the crop of 1929, with a total yield of durum and spring wheat of approximately 168,000,000 bushels compared with 171,000,000 a year ago, the Farmers' Union Terminal association says in its recent report.

"Heat and drought since July 1 has reduced the prospective yield by about 20,000,000 bushels and assisted the federal farm board and the Farmers' National Grain corporation in its program for reduction of overproduction," the report says. "The spring wheat and durum acreage of the four northwest states was reduced by about 900,000 acres, but this was not nearly so effective in reducing estimates of production as has the excessive heat of July."

The government estimate of spring and durum wheat production for 1930 for North Dakota was 110,000,000; Montana, almost 30,000,000; South Dakota, 28,000,000; and Minnesota, 15,200,000 bushels. Deterioration this month has been severe and estimating that the loss since July 1 has been 10,000,000 bushels in North Dakota, 4,500,000 bushels in Montana and 6,000,000 bushels in South Dakota, the prospect is for a smaller yield than in 1929.

Hot, dry weather has taken heavy toll of the corn crop and other feed crops in the past two weeks, according to official and semi-official reports. From the prospect of 2,802,000,000 bushels of corn on July 1, as estimated by the government, it is feared that many millions of bushels have been lost and that the next official estimate of production may show that most of the indicated increase over last year's crop of 2,662,000,000 bushels may have been wiped out.

Burlington, Iowa.—The first barge load of wheat for export left here for New Orleans when a towboat picked up the large barge containing 30,000 bushels, or 25 carloads, for the Trans-Mississippi Grain company.

It is estimated that over 100,000 bushels will be shipped within the next few weeks. This grain comes by truck and rail from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, a radius of over 100 miles from Burlington.

U. S. Will Buy Meat on Basis of Lowest Bids
Washington.—Secretary Hurley ruled that in purchasing beef for consumption in Philippine and Hawaiian stations the army must do so on the basis of lowest bids and not upon considerations of whether the bids were submitted by Americans or foreigners. In a statement the secretary pointed out the difficulties of supplying meats in the Philippine and other distant stations and said the use of cheaper beef obtained through lower bids saved some \$300,000 annually.

Flying Club Formed at Malmberget, Lapland
Stockholm.—The northernmost flying club in the world has been founded at Malmberget, in the iron mining center of Swedish Lapland, well above the polar circle. Its organizer, Knut Liljedahl, has purchased two planes, one with dual controls.

The entire community has shown a great interest in the venture. Liljedahl and his associates intend to use the larger machine for passenger flights, to help finance instruction of amateur pilots.

Mother of Three Grown Daughters Is Now Coed
Lamoni, Iowa.—Mrs. Emma Chassey, teacher for 22 years and mother of three married daughters, is going back to school. Married after teaching five years, Mrs. Chassey returned to her former work four years later when her husband died. Now, after reaching the position of principal in a grade school she will attend the University of California that she may be able to teach in high school.

TAKEN FOR RIDE, VICTIM USES GUN

Kills Man, Wounds Woman Who Shot at Him.

San Francisco.—Vincent Lucich, one-legged gangster, rum runner, ex-convict, and admitted killer, surrendered recently to San Francisco police and admitted it was his hand that fired the bullets that killed M. S. Sturtevant, government witness in the Marin county still cases, and wounded, perhaps fatally, Sturtevant's partner, Mrs. Grace Berri, wife of one of the defendants in the same case.

He claimed that he had been taken for a ride by Sturtevant and the woman, and when they had attacked him he shot and killed the former and shot at the woman to scare her. He didn't know he had hit her until the next day.

The morning after the killing Lucich calmly telephoned to Captain of Detectives Charles Dulles and told the detective to "come and get me if you want me." He said he was at a North Beach cafe.

Dulles and members of the police homicide squad drove to the restaurant, when Dulles entered, the one-legged killer was just finishing a hearty breakfast.

Accquainted With Detective.
"I heard you wanted me, so here I am," said Lucich, with a smile. He has been acquainted with Dulles during a 20-year career of crime in San Francisco that has kept jail and prison doors opening and shutting on him ever since 1911.

"Why did you do it, Lucich?" inquired the captain.

"I beat them to the draw, that's all," said Lucich.

At the hall of justice, Lucich said Sturtevant had invited him to drive over to Marin county to look over a new place in which to land booze. Arriving at the spot where the shootings took place, Lucich declared Sturtevant attacked him and hit him on the head with a revolver butt and then began shooting. Mrs. Berri also shot at him, said the killer.

Then Lucich drew his own weapon, shot Sturtevant twice and finally shot at Mrs. Berri, frightening her away after she had emptied a revolver at him without touching him.

Drago Body to Shack.
After he had made sure Sturtevant was dead, he dragged his body into a nearby shack to protect it from buzzards, he said.

Sturtevant's body was found on the ocean beach at the foot of a 25 foot cliff. It had been dragged over the cliff and buried off and bruises on the head indicated a severe beating had followed the shooting. The mouth had been stuffed full of mattress stuffing or horsehair from the seat of an automobile and the necktie had been knotted tightly enough about the neck to strangle the man, and the shirt and underclothing pulled up over the head.

Lucich denied he had done this. He insisted he had left the body in the cabin and had neither beaten Sturtevant nor disarranged his clothing.

Mrs. Berri, a large caliber revolver bulged through her shoulder, was given an even chance of recovery at the Petaluma hospital where she was taken after the shooting.

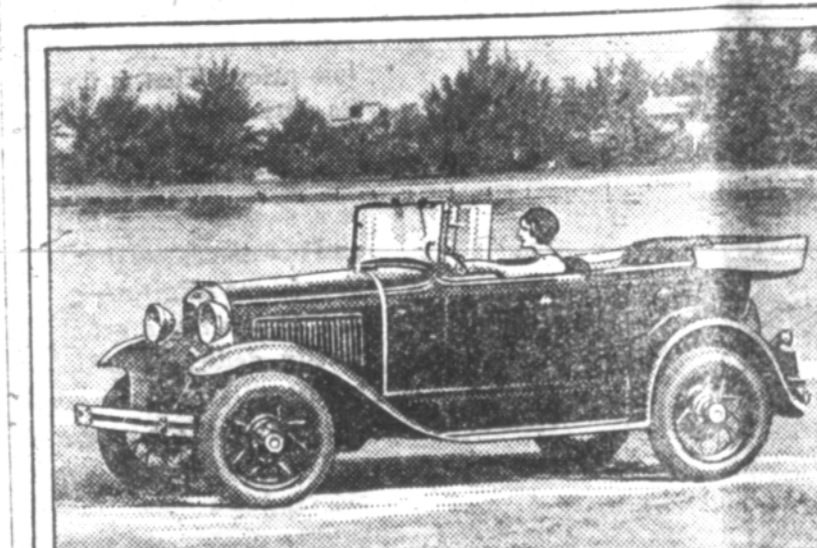
Her story of the shooting was vastly different from that of Lucich. She said the three had gone for an outing to Marin county and Lucich had shot Sturtevant without provocation and without warning, and had tried to murder her.

Furnish Towns Power
Newport News, Va.—A shipbuilding company here has been awarded a contract for creation of a marine power plant to serve points ashore with power and light. The former shipping board steamship *Jacona* will be converted into a floating power plant.

A 20,000 kilowatt turbine generator plant will be installed aboard the ship. The contract price is approximately \$750,000, with delivery to be made in Maine not later than November 15, 1930.

The vessel will be used to transmit power to cities along the New England coast from Maine to New Hampshire for benefit of industries recently established which cannot obtain sufficient power from land plants because of location.

New Ford Car Wins Favor



Ford Phaeton

THE Ford Phaeton, shown above, is equally popular as a family car and as a sport car for young people. The seating arrangement provides for the driver and one passenger in front and three passengers in the rear. Seats are upholstered in two-tone cross grain cobra artificial leather.

The top is of the quick collapsing type, easily handled by one person, and folds flat. The windshield, of Triple-shatter-proof glass, is of the folding type and can be laid flat forward. The windshield wings fold over it, emphasizing the sport effect of the car.