

U. S. BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS BUYS GRAHAM-PAIGE CAR

"Individual buyers of motor cars might study with profit the United States Bureau of public roads' basic standards of construction and performance for automobiles purchased for use by its district engineers in the construction, supervision and inspection of highways," says Mr. Gray of the Center Lake Automobile company.

The bureau, which has just bought 29 Graham-Paige sedans, model 812, for use throughout the United States, has had the advantage of long experience with various makes of automobiles under all conditions of use, and is in a position to know just what a motor car must be able to stand up under heavy usage.

The government requirements were: The cars should be adaptable to continuous and long distance travel, should be of sturdy construction, of adequate and flexible power to negotiate heavy grades, sand, mud, etc., and capable of travel under extraordinary road or weather conditions. The routes to be traversed by these cars will include all kinds and conditions of roadways.

The automobiles must be capable of sustained high speed, and chassis and body must be constructed so as to withstand the most grueling tests that long day by day driving requires. Various units, such as ignition, carburetor, etc., must be of high quality.

The power unit must be of such design and construction that the alternate power impulses give a continuous and uniform torque, resulting in an even flow of power and allowing a maximum piston speed without undue vibration, strain or overheating of working parts. Chassis must have a wheelbase of not less than 112 inches.

The complete vehicle, less bumper, extra tire, gasoline and water, shall weigh 2900 pounds. (A deviation of not more than 5 per cent over or under this weight will be accepted). A vehicle lighter than that specified has been found, by experience, to lack the sturdiness required, and a vehicle of heavier weight increases the operation cost without rendering proportionately greater service.

AERIAL ARMADA IN A 50,000 MILE FLIGHT OVER NORTH AMERICA

An aerial armada, eight shining cabin monoplanes, took off from the Akron municipal airport June 16th, in a six-month flight, flying in military formation, and manned by a corps of young pilots, just resigned from the army flying service, this fleet will circle North America in a 50,000 mile flight that is expected to make aviation history, under the direction of the General Tire and Rubber Co., with Major C. H. Marquardt, of Akron, commander. The planes are owned by various Akron air service companies and other companies.

The eight ships are to be operated at all times as a unit and not as individual planes, and there will be plenty of night flying, as well as long hops across country by daylight. At night, the shining new fleet will present a startling sight to spectators below, as each of the ships will be illuminated with a Neon lighting equipment and on the underside of the wing of each plane will be one letter in Neon lights, of the word, "General." So that when they are flying side by side in military formation, they will spell out to watchers below the word "General" in words of fire.

The fleet's exact itinerary will include all of the important cities and airports in the United States and many points in Cuba, Mexico and Canada are to be visited. Medford will probably be on the list.

"This is to be a tour with a definite purpose and not a pleasure jaunt or a stunt," General Tire & Rubber Co. officials say. "During the long hours in the air, flying under all kinds of conditions and anticipating many obstacles, Major Marquardt and his co-pilots expect to demonstrate the airworthiness of many parts of the ships' equipment where rubber can be used to promote greater safety. Observations made during take-offs and landings on all kinds of fields and under all sorts of conditions are expected to aid in the perfection of new developments in airplane tires, not hitherto thought possible or practicable."

Officials of the General Tire and Rubber Co. say that ships that make up the fleet are exact replicas of the ship that is to be used by Commander Richard Byrd in his Antarctic dash across the pole. They are known as the "Aristocrat" and will carry two passengers besides the pilot and have been developed in accordance with department of commerce regulations. They are now, owned with Warner "Seaship" seven-cylinder radial air-cooled motor of 140 h. p. and have a cruising speed of 90 miles an hour. Each ship will be equipped with the latest instruments and accessories. If it should be necessary to repair or adjust the motor on any of the ships, it can be swung outboard from the nose of the ship by taking out two bolts on one side. By taking out four bolts, the engine and mounting can be removed so that a new engine and mounting can be installed easily.

ASSOCIATED OIL ISSUES 24 PAGE NEW TRAVEL BOOK

Following its definite advertising campaign for community development, the Associated Oil company has issued a new travel booklet that graphically describes the beauties of the Pacific coast, entitled "Cities on Roads to Romance." Cities and towns are not mentioned, but instead, it deals specifically with the historical, romantic, beauty spots of this western playground. It is indexed on the margin so as to simplify the location of particular points of interest. The strip maps are spotted in red to emphasize the more interesting localities, as are the large state maps in the back of the booklet.

The oil company suggests that you obtain your copy, free of charge, from your neighborhood red, green and cream service station or garage, and plan your vacation or week-end trip over "Roads to Romance."

SOME ODD LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

Everyone knows that the states and cities of America have passed scores of odd or foolish laws, that no one obeys or even knows about. But did you ever check up to see just exactly how weird some of them are?

The list makes interesting reading—proving, as it does, how easy it is to get a law passed to remedy almost any imaginably kind of abuse.

In Seattle it is against the law to sprinkle salt on the sidewalk in the winter time to melt the snow. Everybody does it, and nobody knows there's a law against it—but the law is there, just the same. In the old days, it seems, the salt would run into the gutters, form a brine and injure horses' hoofs.

Los Angeles has a law forbidding street car conductors to shoot back rabbits from the car platforms.

In New York state it is illegal to travel more than 20 miles to church on Sunday.

In Massachusetts it is against the law to travel at all on Sunday, "except for charity or necessity." Needless to say, this law has been completely forgotten by every soul in the Bay State.

In Georgia it is illegal to slap a man on the back.

In North Carolina the law provides that twin beds cannot be placed closer together than two feet apart.

California statutes provide that if you have a canary you must keep it in a cage of a definite minimum size.

Pennsylvania has made it illegal to tickle anyone under the chin with a feather duster.

Kansas has forbidden the spitting of tobacco juice in public.

Read this list and ask yourself if it wouldn't be a good idea to rid the statute books of all such dizzy laws.

D. A. R. PRESERVES HISTORIC TAVERN

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Once a haven for weary frontiersmen, standing their own westward along the Santa Fe trail, the "Old Tavern" still stands on the bank of the Missouri river, one of the most romantic hostleries in the west. Built in 1820 by Judge Joseph Hinton, of brick burned on the spot by his slaves, the tavern was crumbling fast when the daughters of the American Revolution restored it as a historic shrine.

The tavern stands at Arrow Rock, oldest town in Missouri of which there is authentic record. The village is spoken of in history as an Indian settlement where clay pipes and arrow heads were made as early as Montezuma's and Joliet's trip up the Missouri.

Most of Missouri's and many of the nation's famous men have been its guests. Its doors never have been closed and it has given shelter to Kit Carson, Washington Irving and Thomas Hart Benton.

CHAMPIONSHIP TYPIST DOES 96.70 A MINUTE
PARIS (AP)—Europe's speediest woman typist is Miss Odette Plau, a Parisian who can hit out 96.70 words a minute with a stop-watch held over her head, and not make an error.

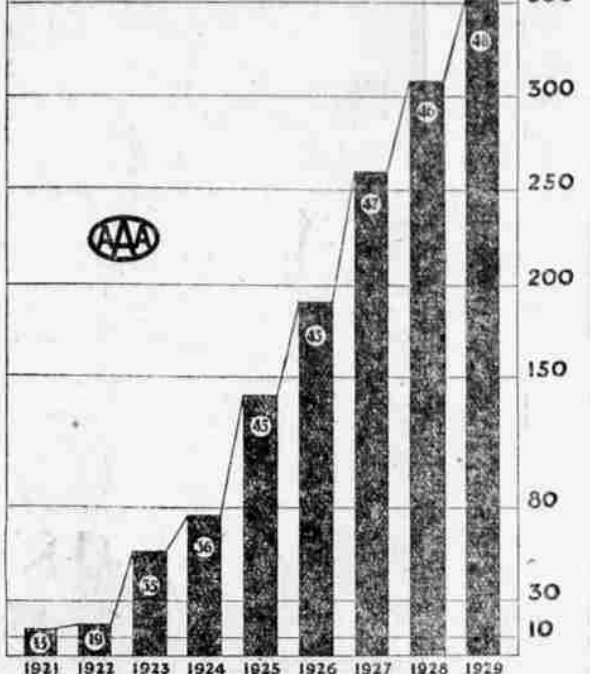
She won her championship title recently at the Paris fair against a large field, her nearest competitor averaging only 55.50 words a minute.

BUDAPEST MUSICIAN WORKS IN OIL FIELD
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—The path of misfortune has led Harry R. von Zimmerman, once the conductor of Budapest's Metropolitan house orchestra to Oklahoma oil fields.

This music master, who played before royalty in his youth, now says he finds joy in being a troubadour.

THE GAS TAX THERMOMETER IS AT FEVER HEAT

SHOWING RISE OF TOTAL TAX PAID EACH YEAR SINCE 1921 AND NUMBER OF STATES COLLECTING TAX IN EACH YEAR



WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—Motorists of the nation will shoulder an additional tax burden of approximately \$75,000,000 in 1929, as a result of an increase in the gasoline tax in 17 states, and the adoption of this form of taxation by three others, namely, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New York.

This statement was issued by national headquarters of the American Automobile Association. "In addition to the increases of one cent per gallon in the 17 states and the new tax in three others," says the national motorist body, "Oregon has already increased the rate effective in 1929, while legislatures in other states are now considering the existing rate."

The tax was first adopted in three states, just ten years ago, and today it is a means of raising revenue in all of the 48 states and the District of Columbia. During this time the total amount of the tax has risen to over \$100,000,000 a year and the total will swell to over \$100,000,000 for 1929.

Male Clothes Growing Gay
There is a growing sentiment for color in men's clothes. Evidence of this tendency is to be seen on every hand. We have not adopted silken breeches in pastel shades or colored blouses with lace collars. We are still bound by the conservatism which descended upon the male portion of society coincident with the growth of business activities. But things are looking up.

It is the announcement that blue shoes are being recommended for men at a convention of the National Shoe Retailers' association, which is responsible for these observations, but that is simply a straw which shows how the wind of fashion is blowing. We have already had the vogue for colored shirts and collars and more flam-

boyant neckties. Even masculine underwear is going through a transformation. This change is not so evident as that in hosiery, but perhaps may be taken as indicative of how men would like to array themselves if they only dared.

We are not sure of just what fashions we should like to see adopted, but there is no reason why men should always remain as somberly dressed as present styles dictate. There was nothing about the way our grandfathers garbed themselves, although even they were conservative compared with their grandfathers. Let us have a little more color by all means, and some of the courage of our ancestors. (New York Sun.)

NOTED DANCER GIVES STRAY DOGS A HAVEN

CHICAGO (AP)—Topsy Castle McLaughlin, with her campaigning against cruelty to animals, makes the headlines as early as she did when her name meant "Castle walk."

Mrs. McLaughlin now is a special policeman on the Chicago force with her official eye focused only on cruelty to animals and violations of the laws governing dumb beasts. She sought the commission.

The former dancer sponsors a dog haven where stray canines are safe from tin cans and flying bricks. "A year ago Mrs. McLaughlin quarrelled with a horse show management because of a contrivance to hold up the horses' tails. She said it was cruel. On another occasion she argued with the health commissioner over an ordinance requiring the impalement of every dog with anti-rabies serum."

Yelping with glory, glad and proud, they hurdle down the far side. And soon, I'd find a warm, wet haven. Taking me through the life. (Atlantic Monthly.)

A county fair in Iowa has received a custom of "cruelty" days by entertaining visiting lawyers on the opening day of each term of court.

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COOL SPRING IN EAST A BENEFIT TO COAST EGGMEN

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP)—When the cold in New York, but in Vancouver and Seattle the weather is warm, egg men are happy. It is a fortunate combination that favors their business.

Particularly in the spring, the early season is the connection between New York's temperature and the Peninsula egg producers' pocketbook. A favorable factor is the state's large egg supply, estimated at 21,000 cases a year, of eggs during the first two weeks in May than during the same fortnight a year ago.

Scarcity in production, it is estimated, may account for some of the increase in the bulk of it is attributed to the cold weather. When the temperature in New York is not lower, eggs than they are when it is warm.

Heat in the South American countries—the most costly factor in egg production—has been materially reduced. It keeps down production there and creates a market for the surplus eggs in this country. Eggs, which keep temperatures down, also influence Pacific coast eggs to lay well into the summer months.

The first large shipment of eggs to the southern peninsula was made last spring, when about 10,000 cases were sent to Argentina from California and Washington in an especially chartered ship. About 10,000 cases of eggs are exported to the Canal Zone, and similar shipments go to Peru, Chile and Venezuela. The new market helps immensely in preventing a break in market prices due to overproduction.

Through development within the last year or two of a breeding machine that lays eggs with a painted red, yellow and black marking area is being added. This is said to keep the eggs fresher and to preserve them longer than untreated eggs.

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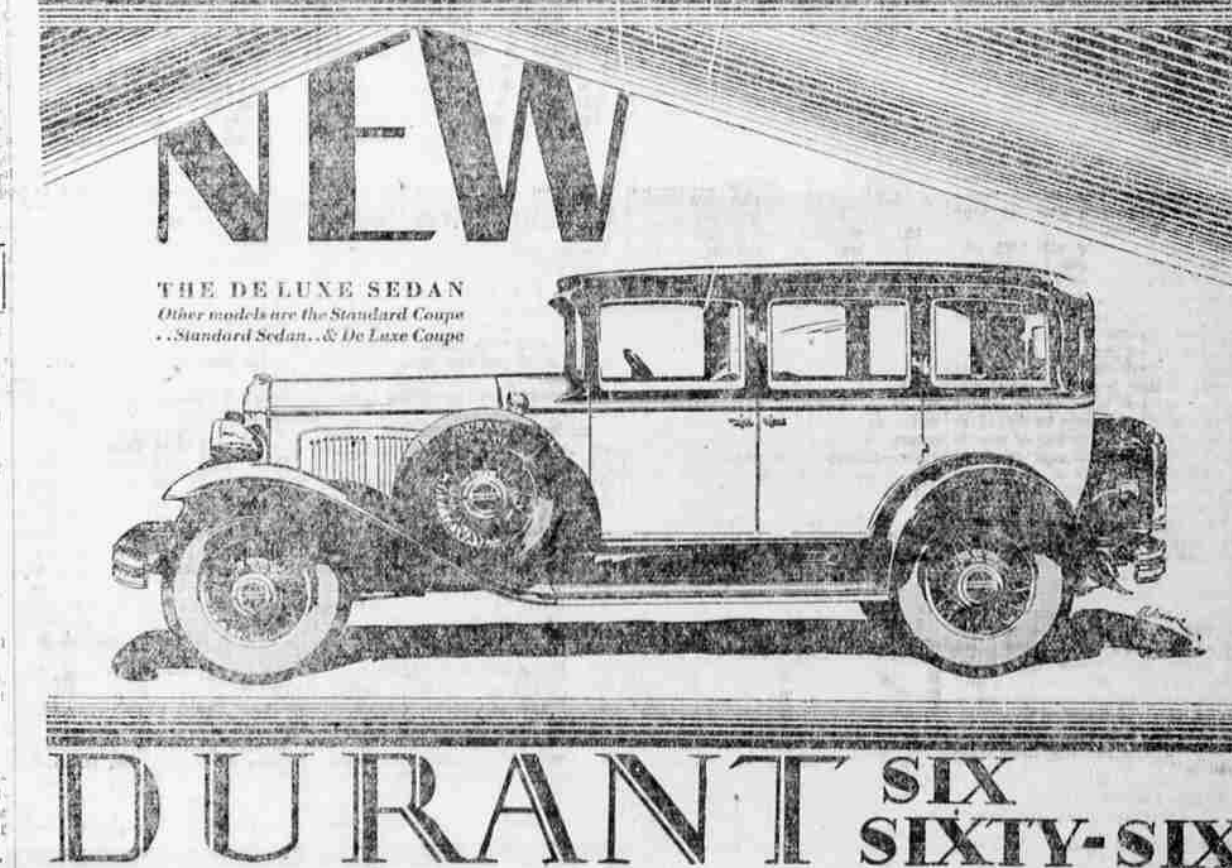
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