

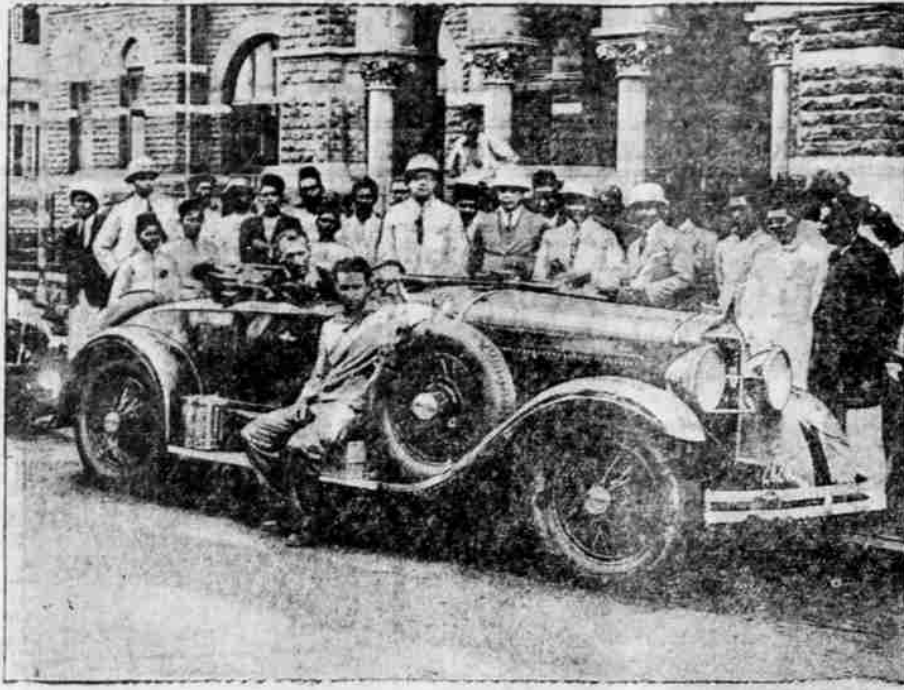
### PARTS ORDERS SHOW LONG LIFE OF DODGE CARS

"Dependable" mention of Dodge Brothers cars after 22 years and more of service is reflected by the activity of the company's service parts plant where orders are received for parts on 1914-15 models," says a company official. "Usually the parts are ordered for an engine still driving a car—sometimes the power plant has been removed for a stationary engine, but every mail brings in orders, indicating that, except for the desired replacement, these ancient sturdy motors are giving satisfactory performance."

always been proud of its world-wide dealer and service organization," said C. W. Matheson, general sales manager. "Each of the distributing organizations is the factory service parts division that stands ready to supply replacement for nearly every Dodge car, regardless of age or model. It is this type of service, backed by the manufacturer's reputation for dependability that insures satisfied owners of motor cars."

Officials in charge of the eight-story service plant of Dodge Brothers estimate that more than half the models built in 1915 and 1916 are still running. Orders are received nearly every day for minor parts used in these early Dodge cars. To insure that no Dodge owner will have an orphan car in any case, Dodge Brothers guarantee parts service for ten years back, and many replacements can still be supplied on the first Dodge models. The characteristic ruggedness of Dodge cars has made this long service necessary.

### Set New Record From Bombay to Calcutta



DRIVEN BY C. L. CLARK AND DEWEY SMITH of Bombay, a Studebaker President Eight Roadster recently set a new record between Bombay and Calcutta by traveling the distance of 1456 miles in 40 hours, 15 minutes; 7 hours and 20 minutes was clipped from the best previous time.

### THE NEW ABOONA OF ETHIOPIA CROWNED WITH GREAT ECLAT

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—Ethiopia has a new Aboona. He was installed in Addis Ababa capital of Ethiopia (Abyssinia) a few weeks ago with a great pomp and ceremony as that which has accompanied the crowning of many emperors. A bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society tells something of this unique official.

"Ethiopia is a barbaric country—in some aspects almost savage," says the bulletin, "yet it is one of the oldest of the Christian nations, and it takes its Christianity in form at least, very seriously. The Ethiopians (or Abyssinians) became Christians early in the fourth century and have steadfastly held on to their faith, often defending it with the sword. Their church thus lacks only a few hundred years of being as old as Christianity itself."

From Judaism to Christianity. "The Aboona is the head of the Abyssinian Church, and his office, with all its restrictions and powers, dates from the introduction of the faith. Christianity came to Ethiopia romantically. One legend relates the Frumentius, who converted the king and people, was shipwrecked on the Red Sea coast, which Ethiopia then possessed. Another version has it that this studious youth was taken prisoner when the merchant ship on which he was traveling touched Ethiopian soil in search of water. At any rate, he became interested in introducing Christianity.

"Frumentius found the Ethiopians practicing Jewish rites; for there is much Jewish blood among this people, contributed by immigrants who came south from Palestine and crossed the Red Sea. The undoubted evidences of Jewish influences in Ethiopia today, even in their Christian churches, lends color to the claim of the church of the country that they are descended from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, the latter a ruler of Ethiopia. "Frumentius made a journey to Alexandria, Egypt, had himself consecrated as a priest, and was appointed a bishop of the Coptic Christian faith, with Ethiopia for his see. He returned to his adopted land and devoted his life to converting his people to this eastern branch of the Christian Church.

Aboona is An Alien. "Thus Frumentius became the first of a long line of Abyssinian Aboonas, which has been broken only once in sixteen centuries. Always the Aboona is an Egyptian and a member of the Coptic Church. Always he is appointed by the head of that branch of Christianity, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and is sent to Ethiopia to be leader of the Christians of that country for life. He is supposed never to leave the country after his appointment, but in recent years this rule was relaxed to permit the late Aboona to obtain medical treatment in Egypt.

"The Aboona is in effect a Papal legate, with the Patriarch of Alexandria standing in place of the Roman Pontiff, and the Alexandrian Synod in the place of the College of Cardinals. Through this contact the Abyssinian church has been kept through the centuries in accord, in all essentials, with Coptic Christianity, in spite of the rather low cultural level of the great mass of Ethiopians.

"The Aboona is the spiritual leader of the Ethiopians. Under him are all bishops and priests, and from him they receive their ordination. He crowns Kings and emperors and officiates at all great public religious ceremonies.

Ethiopia Holds Church Purse Strings.

"But although recognizing the many advantages, in their state of culture, of having an alien spiritual leader and a bishop of the outside world, the shrewd Ethiopians have confined the Aboona's power entirely to the spiritual field. The second powerful church

official, the Etshequis, who has charge of all church property and church finances, is an Ethiopian, as is the third important church official, the High Priest.

"The Etshequis has manifold responsibilities for between a quarter and a third of the land is the property of the Church. Much of it is leased out, and its revenues must be collected and managed. The typical Abyssinian church building is a round stone or mud structure with conical thatched roof, is to be found on every hand. Probably tens of thousands of them exist in the country. There are also numerous monasteries and fewer convents. The monks and nuns are orthodox, but the priests may marry once, and are, in fact, encouraged to marry.

Old Customs Affect Abyssinian Christianity.

"To the layman, Abyssinian Christians seem to have much in common with Roman Catholics and with Greek Catholics, much less with Protestants. They are particularly punctilious in regard to feast days and periods. Lent is observed rigorously, and on the final two days no food whatever is eaten. The chief difference has to do with a rather abstruse matter of theology which can hardly be comprehended by the average semi-barbaric Ethiopian—whether Christ had two natures, the divine and the human; or only one, the divine. The Abyssinians and the Copts uphold the latter theory which was denounced as a heresy

by a church council in 451.

More interesting to the observer from the West are the influences on Abyssinian Christianity of the barbaric surroundings and customs of the people, and of the Judaism that preceded the present religion. One of the surprising results of the former forces is the use of ceremonial drums in Christian service—great barrel-like affairs of silver with stretched skins held in place by copper hoops. Ancient Judaism shows its influence in the ceremonial dancing of the priests, and in the installation in the Holy of Holies of each church of the Tabot or representative of the Ark of the Covenant. The origin of the "priest's sticks" used by the Ethiopian priests is not clear.

"The only important break in the system of appointing Aboonas from Egypt occurred in 1664 when, as a result of the work of Jesuit missionaries, the Ethiopian king offered his submission to the Pope and Jesuit priests were given all positions of influence in the church. The people were so incensed at this abandonment of the traditional form of Christianity that they rebelled, killed the king, and expelled the Jesuits. The connection with the Coptic Church was immediately restored and remains today."

Eugene—Southern Pacific Railroad company will expend \$750,000 on improving line in this place and which was denounced as a heresy Springfield next few years.

The largest concrete span in the west will be built at Los Angeles, and second-hand stone will be used. It will be 234 feet long, the entire bridge measuring 2700 feet.  
Cottage—New blacksmith shop and second-hand store will be opened soon in W. C. Ross building.  
Salem—Contract awarded for the erection of a new grade school to be erected by school district No. 128, Salem Heights.

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