

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

TOURIST TRAVEL IN EUROPE GETS PROMOTION HELP

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Convincing evidence of the desire of European countries to promote tourist travel is furnished in the announcement that the German government has just completed an agreement under which Americans taking their cars to Germany may secure all the necessary driving credentials from the American Automobile association in advance of sailing. A similar agreement is already in effect between the A. A. A. and the Italian government.

In advising the A. A. A. that his government had approved the new agreement, Dr. Hans Luttler, German ambassador to the United States, said:

"I am confident that this arrangement will greatly facilitate and expedite the clearance at Hamburg and Bremerhaven of American tourists, cars and you may be sure that the German officials will extend every courtesy to your members and countrymen. May I take this opportunity to extend to your members through you a most cordial invitation to visit Germany during 1935. A most hospitable welcome awaits them in my country."

Outlining the terms of the agreement, Thos. P. Henry of Detroit, Mich., president of the A. A. A., said the A. A. A. foreign travel division, under the direction of the German consulate general, will issue the required driving permits, circulation certificates and German international license plates. He continued:

"Agreements already worked out by the A. A. A. with foreign governments and foreign motor clubs make it possible for motorists to obtain customs documents prior to departure and cross borders with a minimum of red tape. The arrangements with Germany and Italy are further steps in facilitating travel by motor in foreign lands.

"Ability to secure both customs papers and driving credentials before leaving their home shores gives motorists a certainty of freedom from

any annoying waits after their vacation has begun because of possible delays in receiving their motoring permits and papers.

"Motor touring to distant countries now is easier and more pleasant than ever before and the facility of this type of travel, as well as the reduced rates now in effect, has caused a remarkable increase in the number of cars shipped abroad. The A. A. A. foreign travel division, which handles the major portion of all cars transported to other lands for vacation touring, reports a 40 per cent increase in business during the first few months of 1935 as compared with the corresponding period last year, indicating the probability that the approaching travel season will break all former records."

Activian Sponsored Scouts in Program

Boy Scout Troop No. 14, sponsored by Medford Active club, under the leadership of Harold L. Larsen, presented a program, attended by 250, Friday evening at the Howard school. Proceeds are to be used in sending a member of this troop to the Boy Scout Jamboree at Washington in August.

The program followed:

Songs; tumbling act, by Kenneth Williams, Warren Young, Clyde Lees and Homer Young; piano solo, by Neil Stone, "Footballs and Watermelons," played by Shirrel Doty and Ivan Newton; harmonica duet by Neil Stone and Bill Keizer, "In An Innane Asylum," Raymond Miller and Ray Chapman; piano solo by Neil Stone; operation act, by Richard Nelson, Eugene Lewman, Wentling Hickey and Lorin Chittwood; piano and trombone duet by Millard and LeClerc Northcraft; "In a Jeweler's Shop," Willis Pratt.

"Coming Clean," a three act play, Character: Irwin Doty, Izzy, a scout; Shirrel Doty, Drowsy, a scout; Ivan Newton, Speed Ramsey, a patrol leader; Ray Chapman, Dick, a scout of 12; Wm. Crawford, Stogie, a scout; Raymond Miller, Uncle Nick; Richard Nelson, Annie, Dick's cousin; Willis Pratt, Mr. Bailey, scoutmaster.

Willis Pratt was awarded first prize and Verne Strayer, second prize for selling the most tickets for the vaudeville.

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By Cyril Sander

The Plymouth Motor company recently announced two new additions to its former line, these cars were the convertible coupe, and the convertible, commercial sedan. However, the motor world received still another surprise from Plymouth just a few days ago when it announced that a seven-passenger sedan and a seven-passenger touring sedan would soon be available. This is very unusual, for the most part because it has become an accepted fact that if you want a seven-passenger car you must pay around \$2,000 for it at the least. But this car will deliver for around \$1,100 according to local dealers. For general characteristics of design, this new model is very similar to all of the other 1935 Plymouths, but of course it is considerably longer. The wheelbase on this new model is one hundred twenty-eight inches, which puts it up into the really large car class. Even though this car is called a seven passenger sedan it will seat eight passengers with comparative ease. The arrangement is the same as the conventional sedan except that two auxiliary seats are placed between the front and back seats. The two auxiliary seats fold very neatly into the back of the front seat when not in use and leave ample space for any type of baggage if desired. We understand that there is also a luggage compartment behind the rear seat in these models which will accommodate most of the luggage one would ordinarily need.

These models were not originally intended for the American market. They were in the first place designed and produced for the foreign market where the seven-passenger car plays quite an important part, but the Plymouth dealers heard about it and immediately sent in so many orders that it has now been placed on the market as a standard Plymouth model. The main use for the car will probably be for the large family, or for the car buyer that wants

a large, low priced car purely for touring purposes. However, it may also be used for taxi and funeral service.

We have just received literature and details on the British car, Standard. We do not know whether this is the car we referred to in a recent article or not. The car which we mentioned and which supposedly is on the American market was called the Standard Swallow; however, it is possible that it was an entirely different make. We are sure of one thing, however and that is in our opinion, this British car certainly cannot compare with any American car of comparable price. In the first place, most of the models are so small that there are only one or two cars in the United States with which they could be compared. The closest comparison would probably be the Willys. We have found that for the most part they are very small in size and very large in price. To bear out our statements the following facts may be of use: The wheelbase of the smallest car is 84 inches, the price \$725.00, and the horsepower is 23; the wheelbase of the largest car is 123 inches, the price \$2,500.00, and the horsepower is 56! Also, the maximum speed of the small car is 58 and the maximum of the largest car is 70! There is little doubt, many other things are to be taken into consideration, but we are sure that even after everything was measured that the English car, for the most part, would be found drastically "wanting" as far as the American public is concerned.

The Hudson Motor company added another feature to its cap while back—perhaps we should say they added several features. Anyway, a few days ago a stock, Hudson eight was driven off a dais on the southern California and taken to Murice, a lake where it was to be put through some speed tests. As you may recall, Sir Malcolm Campbell recently broke some speed records at Daytona Beach with one of the new Hudson cars, but this time the car was put to really serious work and proceeded to break about every record from one to a thousand miles in its class. We understand that even Campbell's record was broken along with the many others that fell as the Hudson eight proceeded on its way. One thing that we can certainly say about the Hudson Motor company, and that is—they are certainly showing the public that its cars have real performance. We understand that one of the chief reasons for the Hudson and Terraplane performance is the weight per horsepower. In these cars the weight has been kept down to the very limit which will still permit a maximum of safety. By getting rid of this excessive weight the car has less to pull per horsepower and of course the higher speed is the result. Another feature which Hudson has been putting to the front recently is the all steel construction of the car—the body is steel from floor to roof, and from bumper to bumper. The wood bracing and reinforcements which are common in the much publicized composition bodies have been either eliminated or replaced by steel bracing. According to Hudson engineers this contributes to a much safer and stronger body.

GIRL SCOUT HEAD WILL MEET LOCAL COUNCIL MAY 2ND

Miss Vasil Stark, director of Girl Scout work in the Big Tree Region, which includes Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada, will be in Medford May 2 to confer with local council members and leaders and to meet those who are interested in Girl Scout activities.

There will be an all day meeting in the court house auditorium with a covered dish luncheon at 12 o'clock. Miss Stark will speak at the morning session beginning at 10:30 on the problems and progress of the Girl



Miss Vasil Stark

Scout movement, which today occupies a vital place in the life of growing girls. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of the noon luncheon. The afternoon session will be devoted to conferences with the local council and leaders on individual problems. A cordial invitation is extended to the different community organizations and all women who are interested in Girl Scout activities to attend this meeting.

Miss Stark, who is a graduate of Leland Stanford University, has been associated with Girl Scouts for over ten years. At one time she was director of the local organization in Palo Alto and later joined the national staff. She still directs the California Girl Scout camp/Chaparral which has a unique program.

The camping season is invariably from July 1 to the middle of August during which time there has been no rain for nearly forty years. The campers, therefore, dispense with all the usual equipment, such as tents and shacks. They sleep on the ground, using no shelter of any kind. Miss Stark's office is in the burned out trunk of a large redwood tree.



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cause of too much publicity. How copy of the federal law. A third instance is the Wilshire oil case from California. The Schechter case is somewhat broader than these, but there is an inside fear that the court may narrow its ruling.

The communications commission has privately voted that the entire commission shall set on the hiring of each employe, even the office boys. Apparently they want to keep all the patronage in the family.

An NRA section chief called in his workers the other day and told them: "There is no use in trying to do anything between now and June 16, so take it easy, boys." As if they needed a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of the noon luncheon. The afternoon session will be devoted to conferences with the local council and leaders on individual problems. A cordial invitation is extended to the different community organizations and all women who are interested in Girl Scout activities to attend this meeting.

An old law forbids the hanging of advertisements in any government building. In the post office press

room four advertising posters adorn the walls, more or less.

The TVA has retained former Assistant Attorney General John Lord O'Brian to help fight its case in the supreme court. It will be argued June 17.

The treasury building is being air-conditioned because the employes could not be expected to handle existing policies in hot Washington summer weather.

exchange commission has hung on its office wall the following advice from Shakespeare:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The last session of our State Legislature made some important changes in the motor vehicle laws, in particular "The Financial Responsibility Act."

Briefly, this act provides "that until a judgment resulting from an automobile accident involving a property damage claim in excess of \$100.00, for damage in any amount on account of personal injury, has been paid, the operator's license will be revoked. The license plates and registration certificate of the automobile will be taken up and not reinstated until the judgment is paid and proof given of ability to respond to damage resulting from the ownership, maintenance, use, and operation of an automobile for the next three years." This proof can be given in any of the following methods:

- (1) By filing with the Secretary of State an insurance policy with limits of \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for public liability and \$1,000.00 for property damage.
- (2) By filing a bond guaranteeing the above limits.
- (3) By depositing \$10,000.00 in cash or other acceptable securities with the Secretary of State.

An automobile liability and property damage policy protects you or any member of your family or agent while operating your car, but it does not cover you while driving a car not owned by yourself. In order that you may have complete protection while driving a car not owned by you, and upon which the owner may not carry any insurance, you should have attached to your policy a "Drive Other Car Endorsement" for which a charge of about 5% of your present premium is made.

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Crop River Killed
GILROY, Calif., April 27.—(AP)—Collapse of a wing of the plane he was piloting to scatter insecticide over growing crops brought instant death today to Jack Althouse, 26, near here today. The plane crashed several hundred feet.

SPRINGIER, N. M., April 27.—(AP)—Miss and Clyde Lanfor, aged 30 and 23 years respectively, died today and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lanfor, were reported near death in a hospital here from botulism.

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