

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

WARNING ISSUED TO CURB GIVING STRANGERS RIDE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21—The increase in hitch-hiking, due largely to the record-breaking proportions of automobile travel this year, today prompted the American Automobile Association to issue a strong warning to motorists against these perennial pests of the highways.

Despite an apparent decrease in the number of "thumb-walkers" last year, the national motoring body declared, reports from its affiliated clubs all over the country indicate that the ride moochers are now infesting the roads in greater numbers than ever before.

"While the majority of hitch-hikers are perfectly harmless people merely seeking a free ride," the A. A. A. statement continued, "a number of desperadoes have taken advantage of kind-hearted motorists and already this year a number of robberies and at least one brutal murder have been perpetrated by seemingly innocent hitch-hikers."

"With the federal and state governments in the midst of a grievous war on various types of crime, it is known to be a fact that many suspects have eluded officers through their ability to wheedle rides out of passing motorists."

"Commercial travelers are particularly prone to give rides to hitch-hikers. This is possibly due to a craving for company. Experience has demonstrated that the tendency to get lonesome usually overcomes a lone driver toward the end of the day. Expert hitch-hikers testify to this and also that the period immediately after lunch, when the motorist is at peace with the world, is another good time for obtaining free transportation."

"In order to curb this evil, twelve states have enacted laws definitely prohibiting solicitation of free rides along the highway, frequently imposing fines upon offenders. These twelve states are: Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont and Wisconsin. In Minnesota there are local ordinances against hitch-hiking."

"Adoption of these laws in the other states, strict enforcement and wholehearted cooperation by motorists for their own protection, are urgently needed in order to end the annoyance and danger inherent in the practice of giving rides to strangers."

"A further reason for refusing transportation to the 'knights of the Order of the Thumb' is that in twenty-two states, a guest riding in an automobile can sue the motorist for damages in case of injury merely by proving ordinary carelessness or negligence. Thus, under the common law right of action, many motorists have found themselves forced to pay damages to strangers who had solicited transportation but who held him into court when an accident occurred."

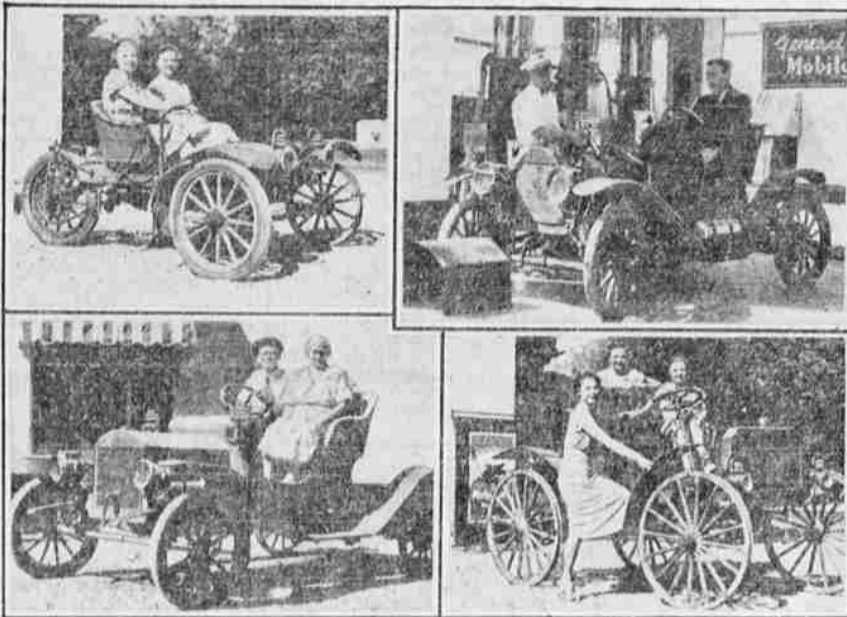
MISSISSIPPI MOB HANGS ASSAULTER

WIGGINS, Miss., June 22.—(AP)—A 25-year-old negro identified by officers as R. D. McGee, accused of attempting to attack the 11-year-old daughter of a white farmer, was lynched today two miles east of Wiggins by a mob of white men estimated at between 200 and 400.

The mob seized the negro from his bed last night at his home near Wiggins and carried him into the woods. There McGee was hidden away from the officers and it was declared that he was identified by the white girl and also by a negro girl who said she had seen him "hanging around."

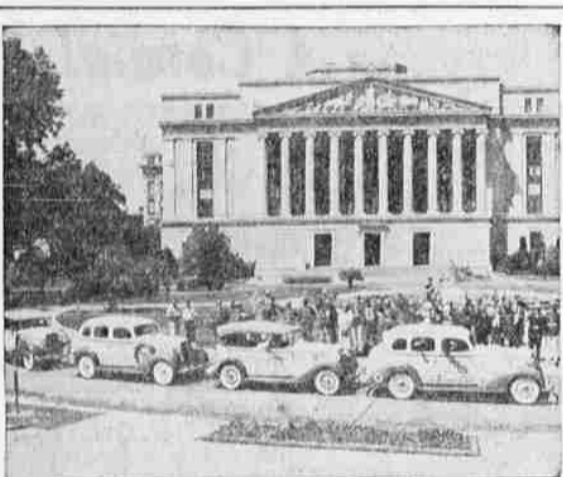
Parachute Save Trio
RIVERSIDE, Cal., June 22.—(AP)—Parachuting from about 3000 feet altitude, three army fliers from Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, barely escaped with their lives today from an observation plane which caught fire, crashed and burned near Banning, Cal.

"Puddle Jumpers" From Out of the Past



These old "motor buggies," of about 1900 vintage, have been attracting widespread interest at the Clark and Griddle General service station in Salem, where they are on display. The General scout car caught the above views of visitors to the show while they were getting the "feel" of the old vehicles. (Top left) A three-wheel Motorette. (Right) A Brush taking some Mobligns in its under-the-hood tank. (Lower left) A Maxwell gives two Marion county old-timers a ride. (Right) Three modern young ladies try out the "Invincible Schacht." All the vehicles are owned by M. L. Gottenberg of Silverton.

Chevrolets on Good Will Tour



Carrying the greetings of Governor Frank P. Merriam, four purple and white 1935 Chevrolets started last week on the annual Elks Magazine Good-Will tour from the state capitol at Sacramento, en route to Columbus, Ohio, where the Elks Grand lodge convention will be held July 18. At the same time, four Chevrolet were leaving Lowell, Mass., and Miami.

Two of the cars from Sacramento journeyed northward to Seattle and then swung east to visit points in the northwest and midwest; the other two Chevrolets moved south to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San

Diego before turning into the great southwest empire and Missouri valley states. During the eight weeks of the trip, every state in the union will be visited by at least two of these Chevrolets carrying their messages of good-will to members of the Elks.

The drivers of the four cars leaving Sacramento were Richard Flood, Jr., Al Tassanias, George L. Steiner and Axel Christensen.

Each car is accompanied by a professional entertainer of repute whose talent will be used to assist in entertainment programs which mark the welcoming ceremonies on the arrival of the cars in the hundreds of cities scheduled.

FINE FISHERMEN FOR UMPQUA NETS

ROSEBURG, Ore., June 22.—(AP)—Fines of \$100 each, together with 30-day jail sentences, were imposed here today upon Ralph Andrews, Harold Aekerman, Sylvester Downs and Jack Mattoon, commercial fishermen of Scottsburg, who entered pleas of guilty to charges of netting fish in closed waters. I. J. Miller, who was also taken into custody in a raid conducted at daylight Friday morning by state and county officers, was given a mental examination and was committed to the state asylum.

FRUITMEN HEAR PEAVY TUESDAY

Dr. G. W. Peavy, president of the Oregon State college, will be the main speaker at a luncheon to be held in the Hotel Medford on Tuesday, at 12 noon. It was announced yesterday by J. B. Kirk, president of the Fruit-growers' league. The luncheon is sponsored by the Fruit-growers' league and all directors are expected to attend. All orchardists are cordially invited to be present at the luncheon and are urged by Mr. Kirk to make their reservations at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

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ABBEY DELIVERS TWO NEW INTERNATIONALS

Two local firms purchased new International Trucks last week, according to Joe Daly of Walter W. Abbey Inc., local International, Graham, Nash, LaFayette and Willys dealers. The two Internationals were delivered to the Standard Oil company and the Medford Creamery. This is the second International for the creamery. This truck is a 125-inch wheelbase pickup, which allows a long body and still give the correct load distribution. International is the only manufacturer making a long wheelbase pickup, according to Mr. Daly.

MEADUX, France, June 22.—(AP)—Three officers burned to death in a bombing plane which crashed early today in a woods near Lagny during a night practice flight.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

METHODISTS FLAY MUNITION MAKERS

MOSCOW, Idaho, June 22.—(AP)—Munitions makers were called "traders in slaughter, merchants of devastation and death, and conscienceless profit makers who practice bribery among corrupt military and naval officers," by a committee of the northwest conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today.

The social service committee of the conference turned in its report at the business session of the conference today.

The committee expressed the belief that a statement by the government on the terms on which it would be willing to join the League of Nations,

ratification of the World Court protocol, international control of the manufacture and trade in arms, would be effective aids to prevent war.

GIRL KIDNAP AID GETS FILM OFFER

SALT LAKE CITY, June 22.—(AP)—Edythe Morley, 10-cent store salesgirl who was instrumental in the arrest of Mrs. Margaret Waley when she offered a Weyrich ransom bill in payment for a small purchase, may get a motion picture contract.

She revealed today that a picture concern (Universal) had become interested in a new reel in which she appeared and had given her a voice

To Irish Post
COBB, Irish Free State, June 22.—(AP)—Alvin M. Owsley, former American minister to Rumania, arrived here today to assume the post of minister to the Irish Free State, vacant since the sudden death of W. W. McDowell on April 9, 1934.

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test here. The test was pronounced satisfactory, she said, but she has not yet signed a contract.

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