

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

WHITE LAUNCHES HUGE EXPANSION TO MEET DEMANDS

Necessitated by the tremendous volume of increased business, plans for the largest expansion program ever undertaken by the White Motor company were revealed yesterday when Walter W. Abbey, local White dealer, announced that more than \$2,000,000 will be spent within the next year and a half for new machinery and tools, property repair, building construction and the installation of a complete new plant for the building of heavy-duty coach bodies for city service.

Most important items in the plan are those calling for the construction of a spacious combination testing plant and research laboratory, and the bus body building division; purchase and rearranging of new machinery, tools and heat-treating equipment; dynamometers for engine testing, creation of greater storage facilities, and general property improvement.

"Although this program has been under consideration for quite some time, immediate action was necessitated by the surge of additional business created by the introduction of the new White \$1000 truck line, and the increasing popularity of 19-cylinder 'pancake' engine city coaches and heavy duty trucks," Mr. Abbey said. "Considering that 1936 was a banner year in unit sales and deliveries, the fact that deliveries alone for the first two months of this year increased 35 percent over the same period last year explains the need for expansion.

"This broad program will double production capacity for trucks and buses, and thereby relieve pressure on various divisions now taxed to the limit. Launching of the \$2,000,000 plan expresses the faith of the White Motor company in their belief that the present national upturn in business will continue.

Await Starter's Flag for Indianapolis Classic!



With practice trial runs establishing new performance marks, experts are generally predicting that the forthcoming Indianapolis 500-mile race on May 31st will see all former records broken. All cars in the blue-ribbon event this year must use strictly stock gasoline. Above left, Rex Mays, Glendale, California, driver and former Pacific Coast Champion, turning a fast lap on the brick oval in his sensational eight-cylinder Alfa Romeo. Above right, Wilbur Shaw, one of the nation's most skilled drivers, who is one of the favorites by virtue of his phenomenally fast trial runs. Lower left, Bob Swanson, World's Midget car champion, will win new honors in the "big car" event. Lower right, the rail birds clock Shaw as he averages 125 miles per hour of these drivers is using stock Gilmore Ethyl gasoline in the race.

DELAY SENTENCE OF STEP MOTHER IN CHILD DEATH

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 30.—(P)—Further postponement of sentence of Cordelia Hopkins, who has pleaded guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter, was required today by the illness of Mrs. Hopkins, suffering from a digestive illness. Mrs. Hopkins was reported considerably weaker.

Mrs. Hopkins is awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to a grand jury indictment charging her with inflicting head injuries which caused the death of her four-year-old stepdaughter, Barbara Irene Hopkins. She stated in her confession, which was submitted to the court for study, prior to passing sentence, that she struck the child on the head with the handle of a table knife.

As the woman will be wanted as a defense witness in the trial of her husband, Leonard Hopkins, Canyonville barber and father of Barbara, who has pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery, the court is in no hurry to pass sentence. Circuit Judge Wimberly said today. He issued an order postponing sentence until Friday June 4.

NAME STATE AIDE FOR ALTURAS CASE

ALTURAS, Calif., May 29.—(P)—Herbert Welch, Lakeview, Ore., attorney, will be the special assistant prosecutor at Harry French's murder trial. District Attorney K. A. Wylie said today.

The district attorney disclosed that a noted San Francisco psychiatrist, Dr. Joseph L. Catton, will testify for the state. Dr. Catton was a witness at the Winnie Ruth Judd trial in Arizona and the Masse trial at Honolulu.

French has been in jail here since March 25, the date of the shooting of Claude L. McCracken, publisher of an Alturas newspaper. French is the son of the proprietor of a rival paper.

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ALL MAJOR ROADS OF STATE OPENED

PORTLAND, May 29.—(P)—The approach of the summer travel season sees virtually all major roads open in Oregon, the motor association said today. Exceptions are the north and south Santiam, McKenzie pass, Crater lake rim and Sand creek and north entrances, Skyline trail, Willamette pass and the Mount Hood loop from Cooper Spur to Wapinitia junction.

NEARLY ALL WPA COUNTY PROJECTS END FOR SUMMER

Suspension of nearly all WPA projects in Jackson county during the summer months was announced yesterday by Harold Grey, district director, who gave the withdrawal of workers into private industry as the principal reason for the temporary curtailment.

AUTO ACCIDENTS FOR APRIL GAIN

SALEM, May 29.—(P)—While the number of automobile accidents showed a 30 per cent increase in April over that of a year before, and persons injured totaled 491 as against 434, the 17 fatalities were six less than April 1936, the secretary of state reported today.

For the first four months of the year 81 persons were killed in Oregon as the result of motor accidents, an increase of four over the same period a year ago. Persons injured were 1,904 in the 11,063 listed accidents.

Of the 17 fatalities last month four were pedestrians, one a bicycle rider and two killed while riding motorcycles. Four were killed in Multnomah county, two in Coos, Jackson, Morrow and Tillamook counties, and one each in Klamath, Linn, Malheur, Polk and Umatilla counties.

FERTIG ELECTED HEAD OSC. ALUMNI

CORVALLIS, May 29.—(P)—Directors of the Oregon State college Alumni association elected Arthur Fertig of Astoria president at their annual meeting here today.

Fertig succeeds Allan Rinehart of Portland, who remains on the board, being re-elected for the Multnomah district.

Other new officers are George Knutsen, Portland, vice-president; Arthur Berman, Corvallis, treasurer, and George Scott, manager.

The association voted to change Scott's title from secretary to manager.

Directors re-elected included A. K. Berman of the central Willamette valley district, Kenneth Denman, Medford, southern Oregon district.

Scott reported to the board that a new campaign on long term memberships had increased the association enrollment by almost 100 per cent and would be continued through the coming year.

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OPEN SUNDAYS AND EVENINGS

PROOF THAT PANAMA HATS ARE NOT MADE IN PANAMA. Panama hats are manufactured almost exclusively in Ecuador and Peru. The misnomer arose because the hats, originally made in Ecuador, were introduced to the commercial world through Panama. 1.—"Nuggets of Knowledge"—George W. Stimpson.

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