

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

SAFER MOTORING TRAVEL AIM FOR AUTOMOBILE ASSN.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 13.—Increased benefits from automobile use in the form of more convenient and safer motor travel for the country's twenty-four million passenger car owners will be the objective of a program of action to be formulated at the thirty-sixth annual convention of the American Automobile association, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, November 18 and 19.

Attended by AAA motor club executives from all parts of the United States, and coming at a time when stimulation of highway travel will provide new employment and aid business and industry, the convention will protest vigorously against further temporizing with conditions which deny motorists maximum use and minimum pleasure from their vehicles.

"With the nation thinking and acting in terms of solving basic problems," said Thos. P. Henry, president of the AAA, "it is nothing short of national folly to ignore the fact that highway transportation is threatened with strangulation by traffic congestion, uneconomic restrictions and costly experiments.

"Building of superhighways and other much-needed road improvements in congested areas are being delayed while huge sums of special motor taxes are devoted to non-highway purposes. Passenger car owners are not assured a proper place on the highway in the maelstrom of commercial traffic. Wealth-creating motor travel runs into border barriers and tourist permit systems at home at a time when restrictions at international boundaries abroad are being amplified. Fee-grabbing justices and enforcement officers ply their trade in the face of a decision of the supreme court declaring such a system in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Despite these and other conditions, special motor taxes have increased to the highest point on record.

"Our cities continue to experiment and hope some miracle will solve the problem of parking and terminal facilities, instead of proceeding to bring about improvement. Gadgeteering instead of engineering is the rule rather than the exception."

Citing that highway planning surveys, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads and forty-six cooperating states will furnish the first road inventory since the automobile was invented, Mr. Henry said that steps to secure the greatest possible benefits from these surveys will be another convention objective. Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, will be a featured speaker.

Others who have already accepted invitation to address the annual gathering of organized motorists include U.S. Senator Robert H. Reynolds, Chief Justice Carl V. Weygant of the supreme court of Ohio, who will discuss "Justice on the Highway" from the standpoint of fee-splitting in the enforcement of motor laws; Sam P. Brewster, commissioner, Tennessee department of conservation, who will deal with the menace of inferior roadside catering establishments; and Admiral P. W. Foote, commissioner of Pennsylvania motor police, upholding the affirmative on the question of fixed speed limits on rural highways. Outstanding state administrators have been invited to discuss the negative side of fixed speed limits and the controversial subject of compulsory periodic inspection of motor vehicles.

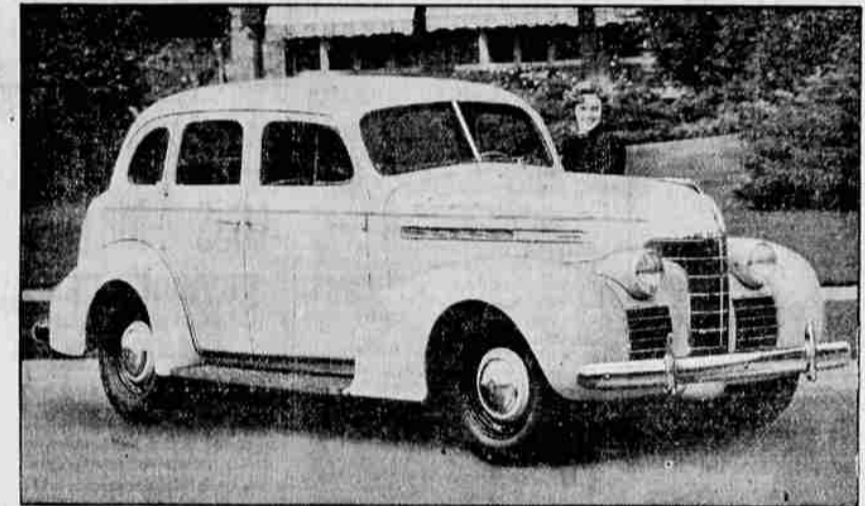
Virtually the entire two-day convention will be devoted to developing programs of action designed to improve motoring conditions and assure greater protection for motorists. Reports of AAA officers and committees have been assigned prominent places during the two-day session. The annual banquet will be staged on Friday evening, November 18, and the election of national officers and executive sessions of the AAA board of directors will conclude the convention on Saturday.

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WIFE OF FAMOUS ENGLISH BANKER AIDS AIR PLANS

By William Metiaffin
AP Feature Writer
LONDON—Brisk, business-like Mrs. Montagu Norman sits at a desk in Westminster recruiting women for the air raid precautions service.

The organization has been criticized in the House of Commons for being in the hands of "society ladies and young debutantes."

"What would you do, Mrs. Norman, if enemy bombers raided London today?"

"I don't know. I hadn't thought of that."

created to enroll a half million women volunteers for the various air raid precautions services.

"I should think your first concern would be for your family."

"Yes, I suppose so." In some instances, however, she explains that A.R.P. duty and family responsibilities are being coordinated. Housewives, especially those in the poorer sections, are to be trained what to do in a raid.

"Their husbands will be working, probably, and they'll be alone with the children. If we can show them how to put out bombs and how to seal up their windows so the glass won't fly we will help prevent them from getting so panicky, we feel."

"But do you think it's practical to use women for A.R.P. work? Can they keep their heads in an emergency?"

"It's not only practical but essential. We're in an emergency. We must have the support of the women."

The list of A.R.P. jobs for women ranges from telephonists and stenographers to ambulance drivers, evacuation leaders, casualty workers and undertakers.

Back To Work
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12—(AP)—The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad company at Astoria, accepting the demands of the Railway Conductors and Trainmen union, announced reinstatement of two switchmen with five years' back pay amounting to about \$13,000.



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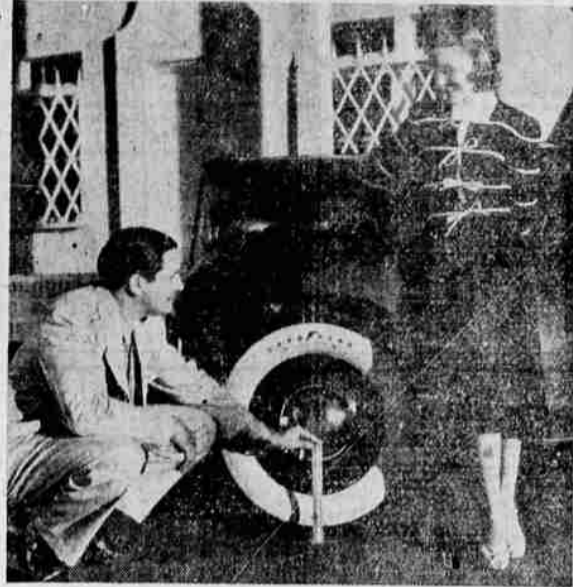
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GUARD PLACED ON HOME IN OLYMPIA TORTURE EXPOSE

OLYMPIA, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Announcement today by Prosecutor Smith Troy that J. W. Graham, well-known Mason county trial lawyer, would assist the prosecution in the Kent W. Berry kidnap-assault trial starting Monday, increased the already intense interest in the case.

The prosecutor's announcement followed closely the discovery by the Associated Press that a guard was placed upon the Irving Baker apartment residence last night, and that the Troy home also would be protected, beginning Monday.

These steps were taken because of warnings received by Baker, victim of the "torture abduction on August 19, and Troy, which threatened "bodily harm" if the case goes to trial. Previous threats were made against the Bakers' two children.

The first degree kidnap and assault charges against Dr. Berry, 52, Robert H. Smith, 32, of Beverly, William K. McAloon, 50, of Montezuma, and James Reddick, 27, of Olympia; resulted from the taking of Baker from his home at gun-point, after which he was beaten and threatened with emasculation. He was tortured with a pair of pliers.

Upon his arrest, Dr. Berry, well-known capital city physician, accused Baker of attacking the former's 27-year-old wife, during a Fourth of July party at Mud Bay.

Interest in the case already is at a high pitch because of the probability of revelations of what occurred at the beach house party, sponsored by the Berrys.

However, Troy said he would keep the trial on as high a moral plane as the pertinent facts would permit, but said: "No punches will be drawn, and everything that is relevant will go in, regardless of whom it may be necessary to call as witnesses."

Wool Buying Ebbs
BOSTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—(U.S. Dept. Agr.)—Buying slackened in the Boston wool market during the past week, especially in the last few days.

Free Bomb Suspect
OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Herbert Huntzman was released from custody today and Deputy Dist. Atty. Frank Cookley said he was convinced that 35-year-old longshoreman had nothing to do with an explosion which ripped a hole in the hull of the German steamer Vancouver.

Unlike deaths from most causes, mortality due to excessive heat fluctuates widely from year to year.

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GUIDANCE TALKS OPENED TUESDAY

Business and Professional Women's club is sponsoring a series of six vocational guidance talks for high school girls at the Girls' Community club on Tuesday evening of each week. A similar series given last year proved so popular with the girls that it was decided to continue them. The talks, given by experienced business and professional women, are intended to be helpful to the girl who plans to enter the business world.

First talk of the series will be given by Zoe Hurd, legislative chairman of the club, who will speak on "American Girl in Business" at 8 p. m. Tuesday. All high school girls interested are invited to attend.

At the close of the talk a social hour will be held and refreshments furnished by the Community club committee will be served.