

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

TIMELY LOCAL FEATURES OF INTEREST TO AUTOISTS

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NEW YORK AUTO SHOW TO BE HELD JAN. 1-8

The regular annual Automobile Show held in New York City is announced to take place this year beginning February 1 and continuing until the eighth.

While not of a national character, as heretofore, this show is attracting wide attention throughout the country. It will be the opening year of one of the most promising seasons that auto men have looked forward to since automobiles first made their appearance. Practically every kind of machine, from the little old Ford to the Pierce-Arrow, and all kinds of trucks, will be represented.

Many of the local dealers are going to this show, as it is used as a criterion for our own show, which will take place about the middle of March.

We have often heard of the dire consequences resulting from "riding" the clutch, but it has been left to a local accessory dealer to show us just what will happen when a driver "rides" the brake. We were standing in Market street the other day when a certain dealer drove up in front of his store with what we thought was a steamer, for there was a great cloud of steam issuing from the back of this car. Said driver

(being a local dealer we hesitate to mention names) hopped out of the car and entered the store (seemingly in a great hurry) and a moment later emerged with a sprinkling can. The contents of the same—we don't know what it was—he applied to one of the rear wheels; and, Oh, boy! you ought to have seen the steam then. We soon found out that he wasn't driving a steamer but a well-known gasoline car, and in an effort to keep his foot warm had been "riding" the brake. Moral—Don't ride the brake.

ANDREW REDMOND, LOCAL AUTO DEALER, HURT IN ACCIDENT

While on a business trip to Carlisle last Friday, Andrew Redmond, the well-known automobile dealer, slipped on the running-board of his car which was covered with snow and ice and received a severe bruise on the ankle which confined him to his home a few days. The affected member healed rapidly, however, and Mr. Redmond is "on the job" as usual.

DEALERS DECIDE TO HOLD AUTO SHOW HERE FROM MARCH 15 TO 20

Welcome news! The Motor Deal-

ers Association held a meeting last Monday evening in the salesrooms of the Packard Motor Car Company at Front and Market streets, and decided to hold an automobile show. An welcome part of it is that it will be held in the spring instead of in the dead of winter, like last year, for instance. The dates, March 15 to 22, is a welcome one to every dealer and the public as well, for we hope, there won't be about six feet of snow and more falling on that date (memories of days gone by).

A committee consisting of George McFarland, L. H. Hagerling, Dr. Williams, T. B. Wildermuth and Charles Barner was appointed to inspect several buildings throughout the city with the point in view of obtaining one that would fully meet the requirements of the growing automobile industry. For the past few years the Emerson-Brantham building has been the place chosen and this year for some reason or other this building was not considered. The show this year will be held in the service station of the Harrisburg-Overland Company at Twenty-ninth and Derry streets. This is a wonderful building for this purpose, being entirely on one floor and large enough to hold practically all the autos that can be delivered here

between now and spring. And it is accessible from all points in Central Pennsylvania, being on the trolley line to Faxtag and Hummelstown. Great success is prophesied for this show. Every dealer working enthusiastically to make it the greatest show Harrisburgers have been offered organization that has charge of arrangements and the large array of cars and accessories that will be displayed there is every reason to believe that it will far outstrip any previous show.

T. C. Black, of Black's Garage at Seventeenth and Kelly streets, will leave tomorrow for Allegheny, where he expects to spend some time going through the various departments of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company's factory. Mr. Black is making this trip in order to get a working idea of the different ways of repairing automobile tires. He will make a study of every process in the construction of every kind of tire, and when he returns he can use the in-larger vulcanizing plant which is conducted at the Black Garage.

STATE POLICE ON THE JOB FOR AUTO TRAFFIC

In a recent issue of the Harrisburg Telegraph a letter from Captain Lumb, of the State Constabulary, to Clyde Myton, secretary of the Motor Club of Harrisburg, gave Captain Lumb's version of the recent move of the Police Chiefs' Association. This move was the charging of a fee of one dollar for the registering of automobiles with this association so that they could be more easily apprehended when stolen. Captain Lumb's statement is to the effect that the State Police as servants of the commonwealth need no extra incentive to perform their duty.

Every crook knows the accuracy and precision with which these State Police do their work and are learning more and more every day to fear them. With co-operation such as is found among these same police put into effect by local departments all over the state, stealing automobiles would be a hard job instead of a pastime.

In reading accounts of sentences imposed on thieves who steal automobiles and comparing them with sentences imposed on criminals of other classes, we note that the auto thief gets a very light sentence in comparison. The average automobile stolen costs anywhere from one to five thousand dollars. Sometimes it is recovered and again it isn't. Recent cases in the lower end of the state have been brought to our attention wherein a negro who had been arrested for trespass on a certain railroad was sentenced to nine months in prison. Another negro had been arrested for stealing an automobile, a crime involving personal property valued at \$2,000. He received a sentence of six months. And stealing automobiles is growing pastime with a large number of crooks. Like the Irishman said, "There's raisins in all things." Give the auto thief a stiffer sentence and possibly he will think twice before he steals another automobile.

SELDEN TRUCK DISTRIBUTORS ENLARGE THEIR QUARTERS

The Selden Truck Distributors, with headquarters at 1017-25 Market street, have recently completed enlarging their shops and stock-rooms. When first going into this address they occupied only one room—at 1025 Market street. They have now taken in other rooms and occupy buildings from 1017 to 1025.

This was made necessary by the large expansion in their business. They are the local distributors for Selden trucks and enjoyed a very successful season last year. Increasing demand for these trucks forced them to seek a new address or enlarge their present location. Several concerns moved out of adjacent buildings, which made possible the enlarging of their plant.

They have added a complete service station and part supply stock for Selden trucks as well as other standard trucks. They are completely equipped for all kinds of repair work, employing a crew of eleven men. They also do a large business in second-hand cars and motorcycles. The entire second floor has been fitted up for storage as well as the first floor of 1025.

Prospects for the coming season as regards Selden trucks were never better, and the adequate service station is fully expected to meet every requirement.

REX GARAGE AND SUPPLY CO. GETS VELLE AGENCY

L. L. Shettel, manager of the Rex Garage and Supply Company, makes the announcement that his company has secured the agency for the Harrisburg territory of Velle passenger cars and trucks.

The Velle is by no means a new car to Harrisburgers. It was formerly sold by the Harrisburg-Velle company, which salesrooms at the corner of Sixth and Herr streets, but the sudden death of Mr. Willoughby, manager and owner of the company, left the Velle agency vacant. They enjoyed a very successful sale of these cars and were on the road to make Velle a popular car in this territory.

Since then the eastern distributors of these cars have been looking about for a company—live wires—to handle their car, and finally chose the Rex Garage and Supply Company. This company has adequate salesrooms and service station in their big garage at Third and Delaware streets and are looking forward to a very promising season.

In a recent announcement the Velle factory announces a substantial reduction in the prices of their cars. They are now offering for sale the 4-passenger coupe, the 6-passenger sedan, the 2-passenger cabriolet and the 4-passenger sport model.

STUDEBAKER CORPORATION BACK TO PEACE-TIME BASIS

The Studebaker Corporation, of South Bend, Ind., is back to a peace-time basis, according to a recent announcement, and expects to be making regular deliveries by March 1. Their line for the coming season covers practically every need of the motorist, including a little 4-cylinder, the light six, the big six, a light four sedan and a light six sedan.

John Cohen, secretary of Mac's Garage, Inc., received painful injuries yesterday when he fell into the pit of the elevator shaft at the garage in South Third street. These injuries are not of a serious nature

and Mr. Cohen is continuing on the job.

COUNTRY ROADS BECOMING FULL OF TRACKS, DUE TO CARELESSNESS

The roads in the country, while in splendid shape at the present time, are in danger of becoming full of ruts if the motorist persists in running in the tracks made by the fellow ahead of him. This running in the same track, in time, wears the road down to such a point that when the snow and ice clears away there is liable to be a big rut ground into it. One sure way to prevent this is to make a track for yourself so that traffic will run over the entire road.

The American Automobile Association is preparing a new map of the state of Pennsylvania, including the important cities, which it will distribute among its members. Members of the Motor Club of Harrisburg are included in this distribution, they being members of the national body through their membership with the local club.

LIGHT QUESTION ON MOTOR VEHICLES TO BE SETTLED IN THE LEGISLATURE

The coming Legislature will be presented with a bill that is fathered by the Pennsylvania Motor Federation regarding lights on motor vehicles. This has been a serious question in the minds of the majority of motorists, and it is hoped that a bill on this basis as that now in effect in New York state will be passed.

Regarding lights on wagons and other vehicles not included in the same bill, a separate bill will be introduced, and the opinion of opinion is that it will pass this year in favor of compelling farmers to attach lights to their wagons.

Many of the members of the Motor Club of Harrisburg are sending in their dues for the coming season, although they are not due until the first of February. The dues are passed on the splendid work the Motor Club is doing under the guidance of Clyde Myton, the secretary, in securing favorable legislation and many other advantages for the motorists.

The Motor Dealers' Association will hold another meeting Monday evening to discuss further plans for the coming auto show.

MAC'S GARAGE RECENTLY INCORPORATED, OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent election of officers for the newly incorporated Mac's Garage, Harry M. Cohen, the well-known liveryman from New Cumberland, who has connected with this company, was elected vice-president and general manager. Mr. Cohen has been in the livery business for a number of years and is well known all over Pennsylvania. He built the large garage in which is located the big repair shops and stock rooms of Mac's Garage. A. G. McMillan was chosen president and general manager and John B. Cohen, a son of

Harry Cohen, was elected secretary.

This new company has enjoyed a very large business from the very start. Working on the idea that progressiveness and service is what the auto owner wants, Mr. McMillan has built up an organization that is hard to equal. Since January 1, they have sold more than fifteen Ford cars, one of their big specialties and two Truxton Units. They have installed special equipment for Ford repair work, a painting department, a custom body department and several other branches of automobile work that bear all the earmarks of progressiveness. They carry a large stock of Ford parts, tires and tubes, shock absorbers, electric starters, and general accessories. They also do a large business in second-hand cars. They have recently been appointed selling agents for Truxton Units, a shaft driven attachment that can be applied to any kind of a passenger car and converting it into a truck.

R. L. McCall, of the department of sales efficiency of the Vim Motor Car Company, of Philadelphia, was a visitor of Andrew Redmond's the past few days. Mr. McCall says the outlook for trucks was never better in the history of the business.

MILLER AUTO CO. DRIVING MACK TRUCKS FROM ALLENTOWN

The Miller Auto Company are driving a fleet of Mack trucks to this city, from Allentown, where the Mack factory is located. These cars have all been sold recently and will be delivered upon their arrival.

B. F. Barker, manager of the Miller Auto Company recently returned from a visit in the West.

CITY HIGHWAY'S GARFORD TRUCK DOING FINE WORK

Last February, the City Highway Department purchased a Garford truck from the Harrisburg Overland Company for use on the streets doing all kinds of hauling. This truck is in operation practically every day in the year and costing less than seven dollars for repairs, this includes tires.

This is a remarkable record in view of the fact that the truck has had several drivers and hasn't been handled with kid gloves. The line of trucks handled by the Harrisburg Overland Company, which include Bethlehem trucks as well as the Garford, have been proving satisfactory in every line of work that has been attempted by them. Mr. Hanson, president of the Harrisburg Overland Company, is making preparations for the biggest season in the history of this large concern.

NEW GARAGE AND REPAIR STATION OPENS

That the automobile business is surely booming and one of the biggest seasons in its history is ahead, is evidenced by the large number of new garages and repair shops opening up in the city and adjoining territory.

One of the latest garage and re-

Gather Violets and Harvest Ice in Same Week at Seven Valley

York Haven, Pa., Jan. 11.—To gather violets and harvest ice the same week at Seven Valley, this county. Noah Lau, ice cream manufacturer, began harvesting the first ice crop of the season. The ice, which has attained a thickness of four inches, formed since the fall of the recent snow. Violets of a hardy species were in bloom a day before the snowfall in the yard of Spencer E. Henry.

Brother, 25, and Sister, 24, Meet For the First Time

Windsor, Pa., Jan. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wallick and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kluedinst entertained recently Mrs. Fideles Horn, of York; Miss Lillian Barnhart, of York, and Private Byard Leffer, stationed at Fort Meyer, Va., who is formerly from this place. Nine years ago he enlisted in the United States Marines, and in 1914 he was transferred to the Cavalry. On his furlough home he had the opportunity to meet his sister, Miss Barnhart, for the first time, as they were separated when infants. He is now 25 years old. His sister is 24 years.

EAT MORE PEANUTS

For indigestion and for the value obtained as a food product, peanuts form almost an everyday necessity. You can still procure the Real Jumbo Peanuts, roasted as you like them at 25c per pound at the Imperial Tea Co., 213 Chestnut street.—adv.

DIES OF INFLUENZA

Milkesburg, Pa., Jan. 11.—Harry F. Klinger, 34 years old, died at his home in Moore street Wednesday, after a short illness of influenza. He is survived by his wife and four small children. Funeral services will be held on Saturday. Burial will be made at Wiconaco.

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