

AUTOMOBILE NEWS

TIMELY LOCAL FEATURES OF INTEREST TO AUTOISTS

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FIRESTONE COMPANY EXHIBIT GIANT PNEUMATIC TRUCK TIRES
 As an interesting window exhibit, the one now in the big show windows of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company at 210 North Second street, will be hard to equal. They are exhibiting something out of the ordinary, or rather something that is coming into its own at a very fast pace. This exhibit consists of two large 40x8 Giant Pneumatic Firestone Truck tires and tubes. These tires are fast taking the place of solid tires on trucks whose operators desire speed and rapid service, and are proving exceptionally satisfactory

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CRISPEN MOTOR CAR COMPANY
 Salesrooms, 103 Market. Bell 3504. Service Station 29 N. Cameron.

In every way. They are made somewhat similar to the regular Firestone Cord Tire, except that the construction is much more massive. The following letter from a user in Cleveland, O., will explain what these tires are doing for them in the every day use of one of their trucks.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3, 1919, Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.
 Gentlemen—I think you will be interested in knowing something of the splendid performance of your Giant Cord Tires on the 2-ton White truck which we have been operating daily between Cleveland and Akron for the past several months.

This truck weighs, front 2,500 pounds, and is equipped with 32x6 cord tires—the rear weighs 4,700 pounds and is equipped with 40x8 cord tires.
 As you probably know, the vibration to batteries and generator of truck on solid tires is a pretty serious matter. It, no doubt, would have been necessary to make some generator repairs and to have built up the batteries at least twice, had this truck been equipped with solid tires. To date this truck has run 8365 miles and because of the cushioning qualities of your Giant Tire equipment, we have not found it necessary to go to any expense whatever for repair parts or repair labor, except burning out carbon once, notwithstanding that this truck has been in continual service and operates at passenger car speed—it is not unusual

to make the trip from Cleveland to Akron (42 miles) in an hour and a half.

As you know, I was reluctant to have pneumatic equipment on this truck originally, but since it has demonstrated to me that the wear, tear and general depreciation of truck is going to be almost a negligible item compared with results had it been equipped with solid tires, I am seriously considering changing to pneumatic equipment on some of our other trucks. In fact, a few days ago, I gave you an order to change over the 3½-ton Packard truck No. 57 to 32x6 front and 40x8 rear.

Yours very truly,
KNUTSEN MOTOR TRUCKING CO. (Signed) O. Knutsen, Pres.

ABSENCE OF FREAK INVENTIONS ON AUTOS THIS YEAR
 This year will be a notable one in the automobile world owing to the lack of freakish inventions. Heretofore, at every automobile show throughout the country, the outstanding points have always been the new freaks that have been on exhibition. Now the war has put a quietus on the irrepressible discoverers of mechanical fallacies.

This season every purchaser of an automobile will rest assured the car he buys will perform, for everything that is being exhibited is at least a year old and has past the experimental stage. There will be no alluring new fangled propositions to make a man scratch his head and wonder whether he should have one. Every car will be sold strictly on its merits and its record of past performance. And this is as it should be for the automobile is out of its infancy and is about as perfect as it will ever be. Of course it is a simple matter to run out of gas, or run into things and find that it is likely to tie up a trip. It has been proven conclusively and the old adage of 'get out and get un-lashed is stored away in the moth balls of pleasant memories.

Looks as if the traffic cops are to retain their jobs according to information that has been circulating lately. This is as it should be for the present traffic men are about as good as there are in any city (one of them asked the writer if he couldn't see the jay lines the other day when crossing the street at Third and Market) and with the experience of the last year it is reasonable to believe that traffic will be handled in a masterly manner.

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WAR RELICS TO BE ON EXHIBITION AT AUTO SHOW

A special committee consisting of Roy Harrison of the Packard Motor Car Company, B. F. Barker of the Miller Auto Company, and Carl Hanson of the Overland-Harrisburg Company, has been appointed by the Motor Dealers Association to take up the matter of securing war relics for the Automobile Show to be held in the Overland-Harrisburg Service Station, March 15 to 22.

Every effort to get something out of the ordinary is being put forth and three or four new inventions that have never been heard of or seen by the public will probably be on exhibition. What the Government meant to do to the Hun if he didn't give up, will be vividly illustrated in these new inventions that are to be brought out of hiding now that the war is over.

The 1919 Harrisburg Auto Show is going to be the best ever held in this vicinity, and it will be on a par with those of New York and Philadelphia. With the splendid organization back of the project and the enthusiasm being aroused, Harrisburg is in store for real show.

A new kind of service to be known as "Crash-case Service" has been inaugurated at Black Horse. This service means that when purchasing oil at this garage, the car owner can have his crankcase drained without extra cost and new oil put in. This is a novel proposition and is meeting with approval.

GOMERY-SCHWARTZ MOTOR CAR CO. OPEN BRANCH HERE
 The Gomery-Schwartz Motor Car Co., of Philadelphia, eastern distributors for the Hudson Motor Car Co., have opened a branch in Harrisburg at 429 Market street. H. N. Partington, formerly manager of the Wilmington, Del., branch will have charge here. The complete line of cars and tractors handled through the Philadelphia distributing point, consisting of Hudson and Essex touring cars, Stewart Trucks and Buick trucks, will be handled here. While not yet open for business, this firm expects to have all arrangements completed in a few days, when they will be able to display their line of cars, and also have a service station open for immediate work.

John Lingle, better known as Jack, has accepted a position as salesman with the Rex Garage and Supply Co., and will devote his efforts to selling the Vello Cars. Lingle is a well known Harrisburger and has been interested in the automobile industry for some time.

DUPLEX TRUCK STANDS UP WELL IN TEST TRIP
 In a recent test trip between Sunbury and New York, a Duplex 4-wheel drive truck pulling a trailer with a load of 6½ tons, made an exceptional record, as regards cost per mile. The trip covered a distance of 852 miles and took six days. Records that have just been sent the Harrisburg Auto Co., the local distributors, show that this truck cost 2½ cents per ton per mile to operate, or 15 cents per mile which included interest on the investment, depreciation on tires, gasoline, oil, drivers' wages, insurance, repairs, etc.

This trip was made over the ordinary roads in regular work of hauling freight between these two points, and without any special efforts on the part of the driver. No time was lost in any way for repairing.

Charles R. Barner, manager of the Keystone Sales Co., was in Philadelphia this week arranging to have his allotment of Peerless cars raised over successful in securing a larger number and expects to drive them overland from Philadelphia.

MEYERS MOTOR SALES CO. TO OPEN NASH AGENCY HERE.
 Monday morning the Meyers Motor Sales Co., under the management of R. E. Meyers, will open a new service station and salesroom at 1210 Penn street for the Nash Motors. This line of touring cars and trucks are well known in Harrisburg, but for the past two or three years have not been

Most Decorated American Returns From War Zone



CAPTAIN CHAPMAN
 Capt. S. Crillon Chapman, bombing aviator, of New York, wearing the Medaille Militaire, Croix de Guerre with palm and three stars, Belgian War Cross, Russian Croix de St. George and the Italian War Cross, returned home recently after four years with the Allied armies. Captain Chapman has had four stirring years of service under the flags of France, Belgium, Russia, Italy and the United States. He joined the French forces in 1914 as an artilleryman, later joining the Lafayette Escadrille as a bomber. Bravery on the front with King Albert's forces won him the Belgian honors. In 1916 he served with the Russian Army on the French front, and won the Croix de St. George. While flying in Italy he was awarded the Italian Cross of War. The United States Government has Captain Chapman credited with downing three German planes.

pushed. Mr. Meyers is a live automobile man, having been in the business for a number of years and will make every effort to push the Nash to the front as one of Central Pennsylvania's popular cars.

MAC'S GARAGE APPOINTED AUTHORIZED FORD STATION.
 In an announcement on another page of today's paper, the information the Mac's Garage Inc., has been appointed by the Ford Motor Co., of Detroit as an authorized Ford service station. Mac's Garage has been doing exclusive Ford work ever since opening up their new garage on South Third Street, and had installed every known facility for Ford repairing.

This part of the country to install this machinery and several big automobile men say that it is the best equipped shop in the East. Partly for this reason and also for the popularity that the garage has gained with the Ford owners of Central Pennsylvania caused the Ford Co. to appoint them an authorized service station.



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YANKS FAVOR DRY NATION.
 New York—Liquor interests, which call themselves spokesmen for the American Army in France, are "Impostors" when they state the troops overseas are opposed to prohibition, Jared Y. Sanders, representative in Congress, and former Governor of Louisiana, declared here. He had received letters, he said, from soldiers who declared that "the war would have been regarded as lost if ratification of the eighteenth constitutional amendment had not been attained."

SENTENCED TO ONE DAY IN JAIL.
 Kansas City—A sentence of one day in jail was imposed upon William Anderson, living near Osceola, Mo., by Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh in the federal courts. Anderson failed to register for the selective draft. His defense was that he had tried to get into the army by enlistment, but had been rejected. He testified that he did not regard registration as necessary under the circumstances.

MEMORIALS TO ROOSEVELT
 Washington—Memorials to Theodore Roosevelt were proposed by two members of the House of Representatives in bills which they introduced. One bill presented by Mr. Hicks of New York, appropriates \$5,000,000 for a museum of history and the arts, and the other, offered by Mr. Smith, of Idaho, provides for a memorial or statue costing \$250,000.

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These are the reasons the Ford Motor Car Co. have appointed us to be an authorized Ford Service Station. They recognized our merits and the tremendous popularity we have gained with the Ford Owners of Central Pennsylvania. They recognized, that with the shop we have, we are able to turn out work that is to the best interest of the Ford Co. and to Ford Owners.

There are few Ford owners in Central Pennsylvania who do not know Mac's Garage. To those who have not yet made our acquaintance, we extend a most cordial invitation to visit our shop and see for themselves the wonderful equipment we have for doing Ford work and how it works to their advantage in saving them money on their work as well as time and how complete and satisfactory a job we can turn out.

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