

# Of Interest to Motorists

## Headline Recalled As Builder Of First Automobile Is Honored

"No Use for Horses, Springfield than he thought. Mechanic Devises New Mode of Travel." This is said to be the first year of Philadelphia, receive the headline about automobiles ever. William Pynchon Medal for "discovery" in a newspaper. The distinguished public service, and editor on that Springfield news, "in recognition of his service to paper meant to bring a laugh and the world" by building the first he did, but he more accurately an automobile, praised the value of his news item. Duryea, a Philadelphian, built

the first horseless carriage in a tiny shop located in the heart of Springfield, Mass., in 1892.

In accepting the medal the pioneer automobile manufacturer painted a vivid picture of the ridicule he received 35 years ago when he dreamed of a motor-driven vehicle.

To a representative of the Record he related some of the trials and tribulations which accompanied his attempt at building the first automobile.

**Enlisted Brother's Aid**  
While Mr. Duryea was working on the machine he was called West on business. While there he succeeded, after much persuasion and putting in glowing terms the future of his invention, in inducing his brother, J. Frank Duryea, a mechanic in a bicycle plant, to come East and assist in the development of the "contraption."

At that time, said Mr. Duryea, people were so suspicious of the novelty of any one who had ideas of replacing the horse with gasoline-driven vehicles that he could buy a lawn-mower on credit, a ball or two to use in his automobile had to be paid for cash in advance.

It was a long hard pull to construct a machine that would run at all, because of the scant capital possessed by Mr. Duryea. Finally he did get the machine ready for a road test, and out he went with his companion, but he had forgotten a pretty important item.

**Couldn't Stop It**  
Going along at a four-mile-an-hour clip, they found they could not stop. Mr. Duryea had been so absorbed with the problems of building a machine that would run that he had not thought of any such other matters as brakes.

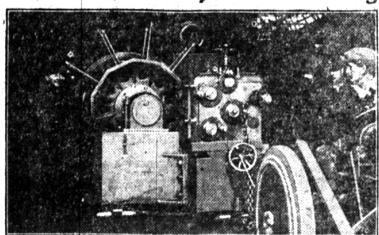
"How are you going to stop it?" shouted his assistant.  
Mr. Duryea scolded his voice exultantly above the terrific hubbub of the engine. "Throw out the anchor," he yelled.

The tale is told that his assistant threw out the anchor, but that the rope broke, and that they didn't stop until they came to a hill.

Duryea destroyed his first automobile to secure parts for the second, which is now in the Fryman and National Museum in Washington, D. C.

His third car began in 1893, won America's first road race, and

## No Work Interruption in Moving



Machinery of Pontiac Six being moved from Oakland factory to new \$15,000,000 plant, to be devoted exclusively to making Pontiac Six cars.

In Chicago, 1895, on Thanksgiving Day.

There were 12 models of the 1896 Duryea, three of which were the only cars to finish America's second road race, which was held in New York. A Duryea won the race was held at Brighton on Nov. 14, and the leading French and English drivers of the day were entered.

**Repaid "Ed" Markham**  
The latter success enabled Mr. Duryea to repay Edwin P. Markham, who had the vision to lend him \$2,000 before the machine had been proven itself. But before this the road had been a hard one. Mr. Duryea had tried in vain to interest the more popular carriage-makers of the period. Most of them were later forced into the automobile business, but too late to help him.

While the Springfield Board of Trade, after the first automobile had been proved, offered \$25,000 for Duryea, he really needed \$100,000.

Men who needed transportation, said Mr. Duryea, "should not consider my automobile because they would a horse. They really mean 'the rich man drives horses and I will also, or drive nothing'."

In 1896 Barnum & Bailey arranged for a Duryea car to accompany their circus for the season. The machine appeared daily and led the parade all summer, failing for one day only.

Millions saw it and its popularity was greater than any other automobile advertising stand ever put over, according to Mr. Duryea.

## HUPP SIX ADDS NEW FEATURES

In emphasizing the quality features of their six-cylinder car, Hupmobile executives are pointing to numerous improvements which serve, in their estimation, to beat out their competition that Hupmobile life built the closest, most perfect car on the market.

Body features recently added include closed doors, metal body, body for closed cars, cushions upholstered in genuine mohair, contrasting reveals around all windows, and remote control handles on closed cars. Genuine plate glass is used throughout all models, including that to the patented vision-ventilating window. This, with the narrow pillar posts, affords clear vision in every direction.

Engine and chassis features include a new fold heater, a new fold water cooling, a new fold time necessary to bring the engine to its most efficient operating temperature, vibration damper, oil filter, gasoline filter attached to the vacuum tank, and a new fold special alloy connecting rods, providing equal air distribution to all cylinders more high torque, faster starting, and the new fold heavy crankshaft and light piston and connecting rod assembly, acting in conjunction with the vibration damper, provides the unusually smooth engine operation throughout the car's entire speed range.

Inside the car is noted the grouping of all instruments under one plain, simple dashboard. Driving lights are controlled from the top of the steering wheel, with extra built-in the headlight for parking or driving on brightly lighted streets. The manifold heater is operated directly from the dashboard, in addition to supplying the warming up period, it greatly reduces the crankcase dilution, by removing all slack engine, under one glass, the oil sump is also conveniently arranged for the operator.

In Canada, Graham Brothers sales for April total all previous monthly records of track delivery to customers.

Bodge Bros. Dealers through out the United States report that their greater sales are business.

As the track business is one of the best barometers of general business activity, a continuation of prosperous conditions is indicated.

## Today's greatest value in the six field



In this new creation of Hupmobile, the Six Brougham, is close-coupled beauty—the verve and dash of a four-passenger coupe—with ample provision for five adult passengers.

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Not alone in beauty and equipment, but in sound construction, Hupmobile Six creates a new conception of value at a list price of \$1385.

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## It's No Pleasure Autoing In Japan

While the automobiles used in Japan are for the most part of American make, existing traffic rules can be said to be more completely Japanese. In one of Japan's largest papers, published in Tokyo, is a bulletin board the following "Suggestions of the Road—Tokyo":

1. At the price of the hand of the policeman stop rapidly.

2. Do not pass policeman or otherwise disrespect him.

3. When a passenger of the foot leaves in sight to the tram, at him, melandine to him, but if he still obstructs your passage, to him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning "Hi, Hi!"

4. Beware the wandering horse, that he shall not take fright as you pass him; do not explode an exhaust blow at him. Go smoothly by.

5. Give big space to the festive dog that shall sport in the roadway.

6. Avoid entanglement of the dog with the wheel spokes.

7. Go smoothly on the grease man; there, jacks the child demon. Tie on chains to kill the demon.

8. Press the brakes of the four as you roll around the corner to save collapse and tie-up.

Mrs. Elsa Gehrig of Milwaukee complained that her husband swore at her, but the police judge told her that a husband had that right in his own home.

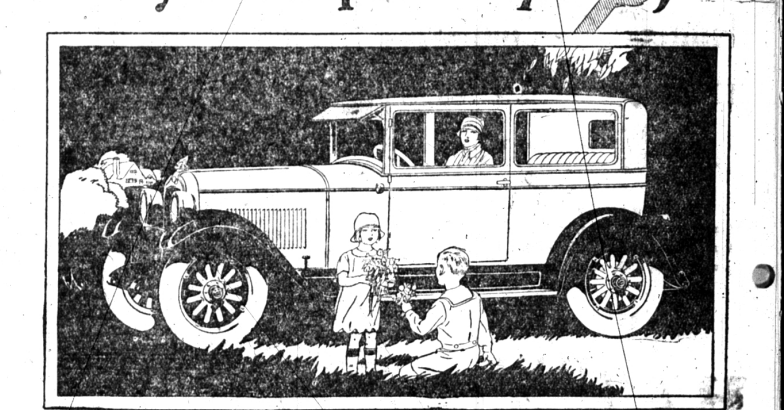
When David Morse, a tramp, was sent to jail for seven days at Winchester, Eng., his dog waited at the prison gate until his master was released.

Henry Hambley and his wife died at Newport, Wash., within two hours of each other, having never been separated a whole day in 52 years.

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