

# Whippet To Get A Severe Test

The severest test which could be given a motor car will be given the Whippet sedan furnished by Arthur T. Stone and company of north Woodward avenue when Smiling Billy Burton starts out on a 124 hour long test drive Monday at noon from Woodward and Maple avenues. Only six quarts of oil will be used for the strenuous test to which the Whippet car is going to be put. With the hood of the car sealed before the drive started, it will be impossible to make repairs and adjustments. This will be one of the most arduous ordeals under which a stock car has ever been placed.

Smiling Billy who is championed as the world's foremost nonstop endurance driver will drive and operate a type car which has stood up in numerous tests throughout the United States. The Whippet has been put to every conceivable test to show its ability to stand up under any strain. Smiling Billy's drive starts Monday noon and ends Saturday at 4 p. m. at Woodward and Maple avenues.

The route which he follows 24 hours a day will be through the business and residential districts of this village only. The Whippet sedan will take gasoline while in motion and Smiling Billy will be given nourishment as he drives. He has featured in endurance contests of this kind all over the country and recently drove a Chrysler for the K. F. Reame Co. company of Highland Park.

Arthur T. Stone and company, the only Whippet dealer of Birmingham, furnishes a car which has surpassed all expectations in quality. Records of larger and more expensive cars in endurance tests have been smashed by this Willys-Overland product.

Among the records hung up by the Whippet is the set with a Whippet Collegiate roadster driven by "Speed" Bradford who drove 3,024 miles in 84 hours and 23 minutes of driving time averaging 44.4 miles per hour.

The 423 mile route followed in this test included every type of road, started and finished at Omaha, Neb. It included 19 towns in Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. A Willys-Overland merchant of Casper, Wyoming, recently took a stock Whippet and after breaking it in drove 1,072 miles in 24 hours over Wyoming roads. He averaged 44.7 miles per hour, with no time being taken out for nineteen stops which he took for meals. His machine was driven between 55 and 60 miles an hour

and a great many times reached 65 and held it despite adverse conditions. Every method by which the power of a motor could be tested has been applied to the Whippet car. It has pulled loads weighing eight times its own weight; it has climbed mountains; the steepest grades of city streets. The tremendous motor power was proved when it climbed to a height of 13,150 feet on the trackless side of White Mountain, Calif. Climbing the highest that any car has climbed under its own power on the Pacific coast, the car commenced in Death Valley, Calif. 284 feet below sea level and ended 400 miles away. The Whippet is the holder of the national average of 43.28 miles per gallon of gasoline. This coast to coast mark was made by "Cannon Ball" Baker who drove a Whippet stock touring car.

Lastly to prove the efficient cooling system of the Whippet a run was made from Los Angeles to San Diego, Calif., a distance of 195 miles by a Whippet car which was locked into second gear. The car averaged 33.33 miles per hour.

Features of the Whippet car which have made these tests possible are such as: high sustained speed; its quick pick-up; force feed lubrication; four wheel brakes; snubbers guaranteeing easy riding; silent timing chain and oversized ballion tires. Another factor is the safety with which it can be driven. The low center of gravity makes turning over almost impossible.

## FIRST FOOD BY STEWART SHOP

A full course dinner, supplied by the Stewart Sweet Shop, will appease the pangs of Smiling Billy's long fast when he ends his drive. The dinner will be served to him in the show room of the Arthur T. Stone & company Garage on north Woodward avenue, and has been selected by Billy, from the large array of good things to eat offered.

Since Billy has been without solid food for five days he will begin his dinner with a glass of orange juice. Then when that



Another view of Smiling Billy standing beside the car which he drove to break a record.

## IN UNIFORM

food has become assimilated he will continue with the dinner itself.

Beginning with a chilled appetizer of olives, pickles and celery hearts, Billy's first real meal since starting his drive will include cream of tomato soup, a thick, juicy steak, and thin, crisp French fried potatoes. Then he will have a delicious fruit salad and will end his meal with a chilled Honey-dew melon and coffee. The duplicate of this meal will be served to the nurse who will remain with Billy during his first rest.

The Stewart Shop will furnish coffee to the driver three times daily during the endurance test.

A penguin blown ashore on the British coast was captured alive after it became weak from battling with a fox terrier.

## FIRST STATE HOLDS PRIZE

Next Saturday morning Smiling Billy Burton will visit the First State Bank to receive from them the prize money which is being held in escrow for him until the finish of his drive.

Billy selected the Bank as his own personal bank because, he has already heard much praise of the bank.

It is, according to Billy, the bank with the friendly service.

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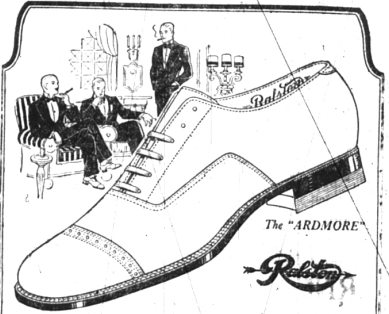
# Smiling Billy Burton

## The Hero of the Kiddies

### "You Should be in Billy's Shoes" For Billy is Wearing ---

## Ralston's

"In driving 125 hours without rest I must consider every detail of comfort in personal dress. Really, foot comfort is most essential. Continual use of brakes, accelerator and clutch mean hard work for one's feet. I was very happy to learn of a local Ralston dealer and am glad to recommend his brand of shoes for Birmingham residents.



AN IMPORTANT ROLE

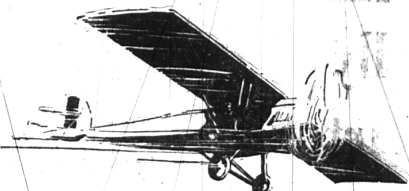
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Without Changing Throughout the Entire Drive

Oil will not be changed throughout the entire drive of 125 hours. The motor will be sealed and the seal will not be broken until the end of the drive.

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