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RECORDS FALL AT AUTO SHOW

Attendance records continue to fall at the annual Detroit Automobile Show being held at Convention Hall on Woodward avenue. The greatest Sunday crowd in the history of the exhibit was recorded last Sunday when 24,000 persons attended.

The 1928 show offers a lavish display of line and color to the casual observer. To the critic of things mechanical, it brings from the automobile factories of the country the product of the world's best industrial genius.

Worth While Exhibition

It is a good show, well worth while, whether one is a prospective buyer, a mechanical fan or an aesthetic observer of chromatic or lineal beauty. And this last is not to be taken lightly. If one is inclined to believe the automobile engineers have been overlooking beauty in this age of mass production, the show will serve as excellent corrective information.

The crowd that visited the show Sunday, according to H. H. Shurt, manager, included many thousands of men who are employed throughout the week making the very cars on view. And where, it comes to mind, can one find a more critical gathering than at an automobile show in Detroit?

If such was the case and Shurt's long association with automobile exhibits has made him a

AUTOMOBILE CLUB GETS LINE ON 33 COUNTY SERVICE GARAGES

During the first week of reorganizing the emergency road service facilities in Oakland County, William A. Ochs, emergency road service manager of the Detroit Automobile club, announced that 33 new garages were established as official service stations.

Following the amalgamation of the Detroit Automobile club with the Oakland County Motor club, plans were laid to provide Oakland County with a chain of emergency road service garages.

Following the standards of efficiency, fair charge and prompt service demanded throughout the

country by associated clubs of the American Automobile association, the Oakland County Automobile club division of the Detroit Automobile club will present within the next few months a system of service garages unsurpassed by any other county, according to W. G. Brown, manager. According to Mr. Ochs, sufficient service garages must be established to answer an emergency call in no less than 10 minutes. The 33 stations established during the past week which have passed mechanical inspection and complied with A. A. A. standards will form only a skeleton for other stations to be named in the near future.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY

M. H. E. Whalen, Greenwood avenue: "The Civic League is interested in gathering information about old land marks in Birmingham. As soon as accurate and full data concerning some land mark is acquired, the league will mark it appropriately."

The designer's art is exemplified in the low graceful lines of the 1928 output. Safety and strength are symbolized in the length of the bodies and the width of the axles. The exhibition is proof that America has surpassed in designing skill the automobile manufacturers of all the rest of the world.

In All Colors
And if they have not outdone themselves, what of the artists who are responsible for the chromatic effects? The studios of America have invested the bodies with the most glamorous tints the pallet is capable of creating.

There are translucent maroon, dull scarlets, blues, blacks and oranges. That is the best a limited vocabulary can do to describe really indescribable tints for which the colors of birds of the tropics and northern sunsets must have served as models.

The exhibition represents at a conservative figure an outlay of \$2,000,000 worth of the best cars that ever have been made in America. Besides the passenger cars there are trucks, motor boats and an aeroplane on display. Too, there is a large exhibition of automobile accessories.

The doors are open at 10:30 a. m. every day this week.

CHRYSLER '70' TRAVELS FAR

A remarkable record of automobile durability is reported to the Chrysler Corporation from Oklahoma City by the owner of a Chrysler '70' sport roadster which has 177,000 miles on its speedometer although it is only three years old. The car, according to its owner, "still looks good and runs good and I operate it with the same results as the first year I ran it."

Clas C. Wheeler, the owner, says in the car's history in this paragraph of a letter to Ferguson H. Glendon Inc., Chrysler distributor at Oklahoma City:

"I have attained a mileage of over 177,000 miles on my tenth set of tires; the roadster is slightly more than three years old; Chrysler Corporation averages from 17 to 23 miles per gallon; it was last overhauled early in 1927, at which time it had 108,000 miles driven 25,000 miles; allowing for everything, it has not cost me over three dollars a mile to operate."

Mr. Wheeler, in his letter, says he intends to operate his Chrysler until next spring at least, and then will get another Chrysler, unless he decides to keep on using the old one.

The letter goes on to tell of the many feats performed by the roadster.

"In October, 1925, the Honorable Gomer Smith from the state Democratic headquarters and I made a hurried trip to the southeastern part of Oklahoma, covering 811 miles and allowing him to make eight speeches in 33 hours."

Under The Hood

LOTS OF OIL NEEDED
The manually operated radiator shutter begins to work sluggishly, many car owners think they have applied the most effective remedy when they have oiled the shaft of the control where it runs through the dash. Usually More than likely the requirement is to thoroughly oil the ends of each leaf of the shutter. They are exposed to the elements and, when the paint cracks off, they rust and stick to the channels in which they work. Apply oil freely, then notice the difference.

SEEK SLIPPAGE FIRST
Keep a close watch on the ammeter during cold weather. If it seems to be registering too low a current output from the generator, first look at the fan belt. The car is equipped with a generator driven in this fashion, as most of them are.

THEY WILL WORK LOOSE
New license plates are on millions of cars, and very many of them are on "new stove bolts." As a direct product, there is a lot of noise about many cars that was not there before the new plates were attached. The nuts work loose even when washers are used. Then, the tags set up their own inimitable kind of noise. Keep an eye on the tags for a few days and be sure the nuts are tight. The weather will make this unnecessary after a couple of weeks.

SAVES THE FINISH, TOO
Keeping the anti-rust solution replenished does more than protect the cooling system, particularly if alcohol is the substance used. It also means protection for the lacquer finish. During the thawing out process, it is necessary to remove the radiator cap. When this is done, the contents of the system spurt out, splattering the hood and other parts of the car. The alcohol in this effusion is damaging to any lacquer finish.

REVERSE USUAL PROCESS
Car washing, more necessary during the winter than at any other season, reverses the ancient axiom about beginning at the back. Notice how the job is done in any high-class washing establishment. The starting point is the top. When the structure and windows above the belt line have been washed, activity is transferred to the front of the car. From this point, the work progresses backward. This program assures against having to wash the same mud off two or more parts of the car.

STILL REMEDY FOR SKIDS
Equalized brakes are one of the surest preventives for skidding. The motorist who decides to leave this task to the service station should select an establishment that has one of the numerous de-levelometers or other devices that assure accurate measurement of braking force as a divider between the four wheels. It is far more effective than the old method of trail and error which still prevails in many places.

A British editor says that "Big Bill Thompson has given us one of the biggest laughs we ever enjoyed." Now who says the English have no sense of humor?

STUDEBAKER GETS RECORD CHECK

South Bend, Ind.—A million dollars worth of automobiles in one order and paid for by one check!

That was the sale recently made by the Studebaker Corporation of America to Henry R. Levy, president of the Studebaker Sales company of Chicago. The order—the check for which is the largest ever received by Studebaker—is for 1013 Studebaker and Brainerd cars. The exact amount of Mr. Levy's check was \$1,014,650.05.

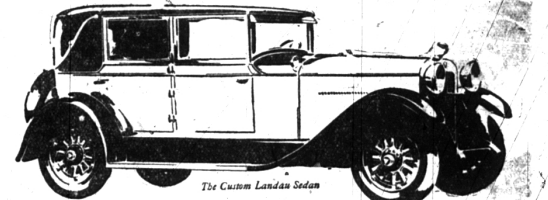
Some idea of the size of this order may be gained by the fact that 1013 automobiles, packed three in a car, would require 338 freight cars and 338 freight trains are equal to five freight trains.

School Buses Go Free In Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18.—Buses used by counties or school districts for the transportation of children to and from school are exempt from the state license tax on automobiles, according to a ruling handed down by Attorney-General George M. Napier, of Georgia.

The question was propounded by Newton county officials, and the attorney general held that school buses are in reality agents of the state, as they are operated out of the funds used for school purposes and there would be no advantage in taking money out of one state department and turning it in to another department.

The Georgia legislature, according to Mr. Napier, in amending the motor vehicle laws, made special provision exempting automobiles from license fees in cases where they were used by counties for highway construction, for which the license fees are collected. And the same ruling will apply to school buses.



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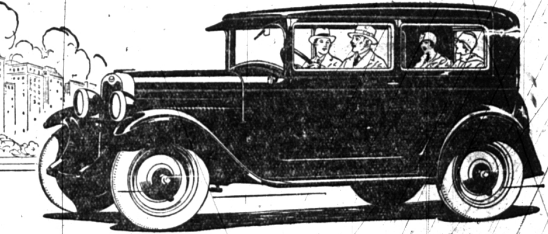
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