

# Hitch-Hikers Find Thrills On Visit To World's Fair

## It's More Exciting Than Going In Your Own Car, Birmingham Boys Learn

(Two Birmingham High School boys, Frank Phillips and Frank Phillips, have returned from a hitch-hiking trip to the World's Fair, Detroit, Michigan, and their interesting experiences in the following article.)

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In this account of a hitch-hiking trip which Frank Phillips and myself made to the World's Fair at Chicago last week, I hope to show the reader that there are a good many more thrills awaiting the hitch-hiker than there are in store for the people who take their vacations in their own cars.

Perhaps one reason that we had such a good time is that we left within a few hours after we had decided to go. On Sunday night our decision to leave was made, and Monday morning at 10 o'clock we were on the road. By evening the rides had taken us to Brownsville, a small town about 125 miles from Detroit. As it was by this time quite dark, we walked a few miles out of town and lay down to sleep.

**Cold To Sleep**

I developed a headache, however, and it was so cold that neither of us could sleep, so we went back into town and began trying to catch a ride on one of the big trucks that had been passing us with great frequency on the highway.

We had been waiting only a few minutes when a truck pulled up to the curb, about a half block away. Two fellows got out and began knocking on the engine while two others started walking towards us. When they got close we asked where we were going. Our news of "Chicago" brought a short whispered conversation between the two. This ended, they asked how much we'd give if they took us there. An agreement was made that they would take us to the town of Chicago.

**Our Newly-found comrades** turned out to be four boys, the youngest about 15 and the oldest nearly 20. We received our first tip from our new friends weren't exactly on the "up and up" when they got to the fair. There was no jack in the car and two of the fellows had down a dark street. In a few minutes they returned with the required tool.

**At Brownsville, Ind.,** the owner of the truck, who was called Babe, and the youngest of the four, named Tom, took a wrench and jack and set out to do what they termed "stitch a tire." The rest of us drove a couple of blocks away from the car they had spotted. In a few minutes we heard a crash and a moment later the two that joined us with a new tire for the truck. The crash we had heard was the one as it fell off the jack. Undoubtedly the fall broke the rear axle of the car.

**Sleep Is Costly**

Our next stop was at a gas station, where the quartet borrowed another jack to put on the new tire. While the tires were being changed, the station attendant went to sleep, and while he was

turned out, we made only about 100 miles that day.

**Then Home**

Friday we rode the remaining distance to Birmingham, arriving that evening at about 7 o'clock. Our expenses for the entire trip were about \$7 each.

Along the road, both going and coming, we met several interesting boys. Some were just eating a few miles, while others were on their way to California or some other distant place. Most of them were broke, and got their meals by volunteering to work. One fellow told us he had eaten his way from New York to St. Paul and back, and had had to work only once for his food.

We met fellows with all kinds of ideas for getting rides, from wearing their Scout uniforms to climbing into trucks when the drivers weren't looking. We have been asked frequently if we had a good time. In spite of the walking, the blistered feet and the nights that we went without sleep, I think we had a marvelous time. Both of us hope to go again and see more of the Fair before the summer is over.

### Heat Of Sun's Rays Blamed For Blaze

Between \$100 and \$200 damage was caused to the home of P. J. Kent, 382 Elgum road, by a fire Tuesday morning which is believed to have been caused by a window pane focusing the sun's rays on a pile of blankets in a cedar closet on the second floor. Members of the family had left on a vacation just before the fire, leaving the house in charge of a maid. Both she and her neighbor smelled smoke for some time before being able to find the location of the fire.

The flames spread up into the attic but were extinguished by firemen before reaching the roof.

### GOODYEAR SERVICE HIRES 2 NEW MEN

The Birmingham branch of Goodyear Service, Inc., corner Third and Main streets, is employing two additional men in support of President Roosevelt's national recovery program, according to Russell W. Hardman, manager.

"Not only the local branch, but the entire Goodyear Company and all its producing and distributing affiliates are 100 per cent behind the President's program," Mr. Hardman said.

### Dinner Stories

**A Worse Vice**

A London critic believes people are too poor to read novels, although you find others who hold to the theory of vice versa.—Detroit News.

**Ecstasy**

It does seem strange, since Germany is too poor to pay her debts, to deny her the right to spend a few billion for armament.—Eugene, Ore. Guard.

**"Wait" Is Right**

Spain seems to be feeling pretty happy over its new constitution. But wait till the amendment begins.—The New Yorker.

**About Right**

He left her about \$200 to buy a memorial stone after he died, and she thought a diamond would be just about right.—Florida Times-Union.

**See-Saw**

It can hardly be said as yet that the stock market is right on the up and up, but nearly every day it is on the up and down and up.—Washington Post.

**An Early Bird**

As we understand, a bargain sale is one at which a female economist rains a \$20 street dress to grab herself a house dress for 58 cents.—New Orleans States.



Bette Davis

Now and then Bette Davis gets up bright and early for some beach stunts, hoping to catch her breakfast before she goes to the studio. This is Bette's third year on the screen. "Let's Live" is her new picture.

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