

MICHIGAN DAY HONORS MATA

Annual Auto Show Opens On Saturday In Convention Hall, Detroit

The Detroit Auto Show, which opens in Convention Hall, Saturday, November 9, is expected to draw thousands of visitors from all over the state and among these will be many members of the state dealer organization, the Michigan Automotive Trade Association.

In honor of these visitors Wednesday, November 7, has been set aside as "Michigan Day," according to H. H. Stuart, veteran manager of the Detroit show. Special ceremonies will be held in the huge exposition and a program for the state dealers will be staged in the Book-Cadillac hotel.

Visiting state dealers will attend an open forum on automobile merchandising and its problems which will be conducted on "Michigan Day" by James Dalton, editor of the magazine, "Motor." Other speakers on the program will be Don Blanchard, editor of Automobile Trade Journal and J. E. G. Cat, general manager of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

In the evening, also at the Book, there will be a Harvest Dinner and Entertainment, which Countess Rose, internationally known after-dinner speaker will be heard. A crew of carpenters, electricians and master decorators is busy transforming the three and a half acres of Convention Hall into a fitting background for the glittering array of new cars which will be displayed there when the doors of the 35th annual exhibition swing open.

The same general decorative motif will be followed in all four sections of the hall this year. The higher center section of the building will have a huge vaulted ceiling arranged with saffron yellow and oriental sand drops to form a step effect.

In addition to the automotive displays there will be several exhibits of interest designed to supply visitors of all ages with instructive entertainment. Headlining this program will be Nick Lucas, popular troubadour, who has built up a following of millions of music lovers during the 15 years he has crooned over the microphone and appeared in motion pictures and musical comedies. Lucas is one of the old timers who was popular before the heyday of radio and he will be heard frequently at Convention Hall with his orchestra and guitar.

Where in the past the Detroit show has presented Spring fashion for women, the coming season will display, through the aid of living models, the latest Fall sport and outing garments which have been designed to please the feminine eye. These garments will be described and commented on by Miss Sally Dange, Fashion Editor of the Detroit Free Press.

A new feature, designed to appeal to the youngsters, will be presented at the Detroit Show, the first time that such an attraction has been staged by a Michigan automobile show. This will be a playlet written especially for the young show visitors and acted in by those famous cartoon characters, Buck Rogers and Wilma Deering. Back and Wilma will "flash back" from the 25th Century especially for their appearance at Convention Hall.

The Little Theatre of the Auto will also be repeated this year and waiting space has been doubled in this popular attraction which has won so much favor with show visitors.

The show will be open from 10:30 in the morning until 11:30 p. m. Sunday included, and the closing date is Saturday, November 16.

PICTURE FRAMING GREENS

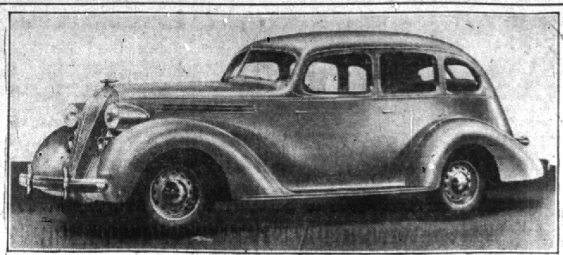
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Completely new and more modern than ever in appearance, more luxurious in style, and with a wealth of engineering development, the new Terraplanes for 1936 are here and are on display at the Birmingham Motor Sales showrooms. Not only do the new cars attain entirely new standards of beauty, but they incorporate safety engineering features to a degree never before found in automobile chassis and bodies. In addition, there are a number of innovations of a fundamental nature which no cars have ever had before, officials of the Hudson Motor Car Co. state.

Although these cars are still in the lowest price field, they are much bigger and finer than their predecessors of the same make. Of interest to a safety, as well as comfort standpoint, is the wholly new principle, Radial Safety Control, which makes the car safer in riding, steering, and

stopping. So marked a difference does this new front end system in the riding quality of the car that the manufacturers of the Terraplane have given the name, "Riding Ease," to the result of the synchronized and unified suspension system. This new front end system also introduces a new steering, bringing a new road sense to the steering wheel because of the accurate control of the steering system, regardless of road condition. Another new feature is the Hydraulic Automatic brakes which incorporate a four-link hydraulic system with the double safety factor of an automatic reserve brake of the rotary-valve mechanical type.

On the bodies, which have one-fifth more room inside than many cars selling at double the price, is the automatic draft eliminator—a feature added to Terraplane's all-year ventilation system which automatically equalizes air pressure

inside and outside the car and screens the air entering the body in connection with the ventilating system. Mounted on a full 115 inch wheelbase and equipped with an 88-horsepower engine, and 100 horsepower available optionally, the car is not only roomy, but is capable of maintaining its reputation that Terraplane has established for performance, the company believes. This car carries on the tradition of the model which has been the country's leader in speed, economy and hill climbing, all over the country. The bodies are all of steel, having a steel floor, steel roof and a complete steel structure throughout. The Electric Hand which was introduced on the Terraplane last year for smoother, safer, faster, gear-shifting, is optional on all models. The Terraplane is made in two series—Deluxe and Custom, a full list of bodies being available in either series.

Birmingham before today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER EARLY HALLOWE'ENS

With the growth of the town the old method of oil lighting became inadequate and acetylene gas lights were installed. The gas house was just west of Chester street on the north side of Wilcox street. When the village again changed its lighting system and adopted electric lighting the gas house was sold and remodeled and became the Ross home. Its present pleasant interior and attractive exterior, with its beautiful lawn, leaves no hint of its original purpose.

Another improvement in the town was its paved streets. Those who recall the old time streets with mud up to the wagon and carriage hubs in the spring when the front wheel out of the ground, can fully appreciate the wonderful benefits of modern paving of today.

In the days of poorly lighted streets it was an easy matter to play Halloween pranks. Many of the homes had chickens in the rear of the lots and all of the residences had out-houses. On the morning after Halloween many of these out-houses would be found tipped over. The streets would often be barricaded with boards, rails and barrels. We had no fast-moving vehicles in those days and some would refuse to be driven into such a barricade.

The store building that was located at the S. E. corner of W. Maple and Pierce streets had a flat roof. There was an addition at the south side, known as a "back" or "outhouse" and this addition was still lower level to which was used for a storage place. It was not very difficult for a group of boys and men to raise a wagon or other vehicle to the roof of the lower house and then to go up the second roof to the main roof was quick work. Therefore, every morning after Halloween, a few of the citizens of the town would be able to locate their missing vehicles, ploughs or cultivators.

At that time the young folks of the little village did not celebrate Door Bell night and Cabbage night, but perpetrated all of their Halloween deceptions on Halloween and promptly quieted down until the next year rolled around with another October night of mischief and merriment.

One of the funniest pranks that I recall was perpetrated in a nearby town. A maiden lady of the town had neglected to take in a quart of her weekly washing, and that night being Halloween, the boys took the remaining clothes from the line and placed them on the maiden lady's union suit was to be seen flying at half mast from the school house flag pole.

The entrance to the Hill school was formerly at the east side of the building. This entrance was several feet from the ground, and was approached by a flight of stairs that led up to a platform several feet square. This platform was always loaded down with all sorts of implements the morning after Halloween.

Window marking then as now was a favorite means of celebrating the occasion.

My New York by JAMES ASWELL

NEW YORK—Interview with a "sandhog" in the new Midtown Hudson River tube: Q. Does this work affect your health? A. Sure, I'll probably die of the bends some day. But you got to be healthy to get this job; the doctors go over you and if the ticker is on the bum or something else is wrong they won't let you down into the hole. Q. Do you mind telling me how you are paid? A. Sure, that depends on the things are down there. If the pressure is around 16 or 18 pounds you get \$10 for a six hour stretch. If the pressure gets up around 22, 23 pounds it takes a tough guy to take it for three hours and we get \$12 for that. Q. How did you come to be a sandhog? A. Well, I don't know. I lammed back and forth across the country from Frisco to New York a couple of years. I got tired of going the same way and a bo who used to camp in the same jungle with me got me the job. I'm 23 and strong. I might as well earn good money while the earning is good.

Q. How do you dislike most about your job? A. I hate those decompression boilers. Jesus, I hate to stay in there for half hour or more getting the bubbles out of my joints. Q. Rubbles out of your joints? A. Sure, that's the best thing to hear you ever do any pearl diving? No? Well, I have, and let me tell you the pearl boys have it easy compared to us who work on these tunnel jobs. Q. Have you got a family? A. Nossir, but that ain't all either. I don't want no kids while I'm on this trick. But a lot of the boys have four, five, six kids. One feller kicked the bucket a few weeks ago with three kids and a wife. Q. The bends? A. Naw, you don't often die of them. A piece of rock hit this guy. He want'n up to scratch. I didn't know that morning. He had a little cold in his head, and that's the dangerous part in this job. It should've told the doc about it. With a cold, you see, you get the pressure in your ears, so hard and likely as not you end up with the blind staggerers and get careless. Q. Have you ever been affected by the bends? A. Some people don't get bends like others. I've only had a couple of touches of it, and the decompression boiler got it out of me in a hurry. Q. What's the greatest danger under the river? A. Fire. Absolutely, fire. You can't put a blaze out, once it starts. The air is full of oxygen down there and once a fire starts it's goin' good. You can't even blow out a match. Q. How many of your pals have died on this job? A. Oh, half a dozen or so. Not many this job. Q. Do you think even a great tunnel is worth half dozen lives? A. Why not? They'd die some day anyhow, wouldn't they? And somebody has to dig this hole. Haven't they? And we get good pay doing it, don't we?

ATWOOD SENDS STAMPS TO 20,000

First Day Covers November 1 Bear Michigan Centenary Postage

Every letter mailed as first class matter from the Department of State on Nov. 1, was in a specially designed envelope carrying one of the new Michigan Centenary stamps. More than 20,000 pieces of mail were included in the day's mailing.

The interest taken in the new stamp by Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State, was natural in that the center design on the

stamp is the seal of the state, which seal, under the state constitution, is in the custody of the Secretary of State.

Lansing was designated by the United States postoffice department as the "first day city" for this commemorative stamp, which meant that on Nov. 1, the stamp was obtainable only in Lansing. On Nov. 2, the stamp sale was extended to include the philatelic agency of the federal postoffice department at Washington; thereafter the stamps are to be available at all offices throughout the nation, as fast as they can be sent from Washington.

In each letter sent first class from the Department of State, was enclosed a brief statement reciting some salient facts of the stamp, and its significance, pointing out the combination of special "cover," the stamp and the fact that it was cancelled in the "first day city" for that stamp.

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