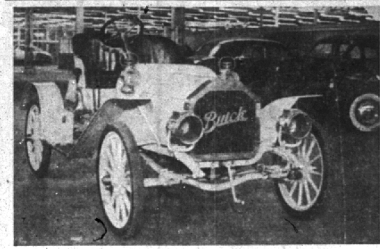
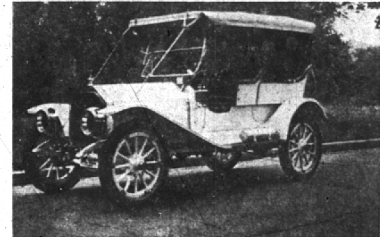


CHARLES A. CHAYNE INSPECTS BUGATTI MOTOR  
Engine compares with truck motor

Marriage brings with it, in most cases, all the various little (and often big) problems that attend human existence. Married people even argue, sometimes fight with words, and fight, even though at one time each couple asserted their mutual love.



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## Prized Auto Too Expensive for Kings

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR  
Special Writer for The Eccentric

Highlight of the auto collection of Charles A. Chayne, of Clarendon Crest road, is undoubtedly his "Bugatti Royale." This is no ordinary sized car—it's king-sized—in fact, it's tremendous!

From bumper to bumper the car is longer than 20 feet. It has a wheel base of 169 inches and weighs 3½ tons. The radiator cap is close to eye level, and the top of the door of this convertible is chest high. An ordinary 1952 vintage car is perhaps 16 feet long, in comparison.

The car was designed in 1927 by Bugatti, an Italian designer who wanted to build the largest and most luxurious cars in the world—cars that would be suitable for royalty and the "elite." "Oddly enough," says Chayne, "not one of the Bugatti Royales were ever delivered to a king or a royal person — they probably couldn't afford it!" "Only seven Bugatti Royales were built," Chayne said. "No two were alike and all were practically hand made. Of these seven cars, six are still in existence. There are in this country, two in England and one in France, still in the possession of the Bugatti family, I believe. The seventh car was smashed up."

It rebuilt and restored," Chayne said. For an auto horn, Chayne added two tug boat horns since they were the only horns that were in proper proportion to the rest of this king-sized auto. "If you go down the road and look this horn, even a Greyhound bus will move over," Chayne said.

NOT ONLY Chayne own the largest car that Bugatti ever designed, but also the smallest. This is a 1911 Peugeot "Bebe," a 4-cylinder job of the cycle car era. Also in the Chayne collection is a 1924 Hispano-Suiza. This car has a tricky body design with the passenger compartment enclosed in glass.

The class panels may be shifted or lowered so that the car can be converted to three different car styles, an open touring car, an enclosed front seat or the enclosed back seat.

He saw the car for the first time in this country in the summer of 1927 at the Vanderbilt Cup Races at Long Island. He later learned that because the car was not properly drained of water and had no anti-freeze in it, the cylinder block cracked and the car stood useless for 4 years in a Long Island backyard. Finally, the car ended up in a junk yard. A foreign car garage owner rescued it, and telephoned Chayne to tell him that the car was being junked.

"I didn't even take time to say goodbye," Chayne laughed. THAT SAME afternoon he was the new owner. "The car was in a terrible state," remarked Mrs. Chayne, who shares her husband's enthusiasm for old autos. "The salt water in the air had eaten off the German silver on the fittings and most of the paint."

"It was a four-year job getting the car into the shape it is in now." "When I got it, it was a car," said Chayne. "I take it all apart except for the rivets on the frame. Finding out what you have to do to restore these old jobs—there's where the fun is for me!"

ANOTHER SUPERB car in the Chayne collection is an old original Simcox open touring car, built in New Jersey in 1912. "You can cruise along in this at 65 miles an hour and have a wonderful time," Chayne remarked. "We took a two-week vacation with it one summer and we got wet only once when it rained. But," he added, "we caught an awful lot of bees!"

Another touring car in his collection is a Buick 1910, Model 16, four-passenger car. Mrs. Chayne drove it all through the White

Mountains on a Glidden Tour of 1917.

AMONG THE racing cars in the "Chayne gang" is a Buick sprint car dating back to 1919 and used in 60-mile races. This car was raced by Louie Chevrolet at a top speed of 100 miles an hour.

Chayne also owns one of the first taxicabs—a 1908 Rockwell. The passengers sat in what looked like a horse-drawn carriage while the driver was up front out in the weather.

For more than 30 years Chayne, who is vice-president of General Motors Corporation in charge of engineering for all its many divisions, has been collecting, restoring and preserving old cars. His interest pre-dates the formation of the antique car clubs.

HIS COLLECTION, he says modestly, is small, containing but 14 cars. It's not the quantity, but the quality that counts in the Chayne car group. He owns one of the choicest collection of old cars in the country.

"We used to live in a big house with a small garage," Mrs. Chayne said, "but now we live in a small house and a big garage."

The garage at the Chayne residence is indeed large and might properly be called a museum. It is complete with an automatic water supply to wash Chayne's overalls and a refrigerator to hold cold drinks and snacks.

CARS ARE IN various stages of restoration with the parts carefully arranged on the floor.

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## Two Amendments, New Law, Become Effective Today

Effective today, Sept. 18, are three laws passed by the 1952 Michigan Legislature, which will have particular application, interest and importance to young people and adults.

On the question of transporting liquor, police officers will institute a campaign of rigid enforcement and prosecuting attorneys will seek severe penalties at the request of the state liquor commission.

The other rulings, amendments to existing laws, adds gas or air (power) guns (but not the so-called BB gun) to the firearms classification. The second covers the use of party line phones and makes it a misdemeanor to refuse to yield the line for an emergency call.

The new law on transporting of liquor makes it a misdemeanor for any person under the age of 21 to purchase or knowingly possess, transport or have under his control in a motor vehicle, beer, wine, whiskey or other spirits. The penalty is 90 days in jail, a fine of \$100, or both.

A LIQUOR commission spokesman said this law has been interpreted to mean that any minor driver of any automobile can be arrested and charged with a misdemeanor if any alcoholic beverage, including beer or wine, is found in the car he is driving.

Even though it is not his car, the driver will be subject to prosecution if any alcoholic drinks are found, even if brought into the car by a passenger. The mere presence of alcoholic beverages in the car with the knowledge of the driver will be prima facie evidence of guilt.

The law exempts minors who have employment which includes driving vehicles for a company, but only if the company is a citizen as a part of its business. The exemption applies to his regular working hours only.

IN THE MATTER of "gas" guns, beginning Sept. 18, these will be classified as firearms and will be governed by firearms laws. The purchaser must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Michigan for at least six months and be 21 or older. The guns must be registered and permitted to carry them.

The purchaser must be in possession of the approval of the county concealed weapons licensing board.

Because failure to yield party telephone lines for emergency use has, in the past, resulted in tragedy, it has now become a misdemeanor for anyone making this refusal.

Emergency calls are those which summon police or fire departments, medical aid and calls of similar nature. The law further states that a full explanation of the ruling must be printed in all telephone directories of future issue.

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NEWLY APPOINTED vice-presidents of Geyer, Newell and Ganger, Inc., Detroit and New York advertising agency, are Ralph L. Wolfe (left), 1065 N. Glenhurst, and Walker R. A. Graham of Bloomfield Hills. Wolfe, formerly with Wolfe-Jickling-Conkey of Detroit, is account executive for the Kelvinton and Leonard divisions, has been with the company since 1950. Graham began his duties in 1949 and serves the Nash division of Nash-Kelvinator in a similar capacity. He was associated with Grant Advertising and McCann-Erickson, prior to joining Nash.

## Red Cross Needs Sewing Volunteers

A call for ladies who sew has come from the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross this week through Mrs. Edmund C. Leavenworth, 1825 Pine.

"Volunteers are needed," she said, "to help Mrs. Murray M. Ashbaugh of Pontiac in the program of sewing kit bags for servicemen, infant garments for needy families and other articles."

"We need those who can work in the Red Cross office at Pontiac on Tuesdays. We need others to work with Mrs. James Edwards in Royal Oak. Groups and organizations who will volunteer to help us out may work in their own meeting rooms anywhere in the county. The Red Cross, of course, is furnishing all materials."

MRS. LEAVENWORTH said suits obtained to help their services by contacting her or the Red Cross offices in Pontiac or Royal Oak.

"Additional volunteers," she added, "are going to be called for during the next two months to pack gift boxes for our 'Christmas on the High Seas' program for servicemen and women who will be abroad during the holidays."

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## City Officials Given Bus Preview

City officials of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, this week inspected the new 40-foot, 52-passenger suburban coaches being put in operation by Great Lakes Greyhound Lines.

Mayors and city commissioners, accompanied by their wives, were given a preview ride on the new buses Friday.

Twenty-five of the new coaches will be put into service on three suburban divisions: Birmingham, Mt. Clemons and Wyandotte.

The new features of the coaches are sponge rubber upholstered seats and non-glare tinted glass windows which will reduce the heat inside during hot weather.

## Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Craig of 1379 Dorstone Place. Mr. and Mrs. Craig moved from Detroit in July. Mr. Craig is a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, the Detroit Golf Club, and the Miami Beach Surf Club.

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