

Motor Tourists Now Average More Mileage

Motor tourists today are averaging more than 300 miles per day, as compared with approximately 200 miles per day three years ago, according to a statement by the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club.

"It is not unusual for some car owners to drive as far as 400 and even 500 miles before 'calling it a day,'" the bureau stated. "Smooth, concrete highways have made these long mileages possible.

"Gravel roads, likewise, have undergone considerable improvement. Most drivers this year who have made straight runs to Los Angeles, for instance, without stopping for sight-seeing, have averaged 300 miles per day, thus making the trip in eight days from Chicago. Only one-third of the distance is paved; the remainder is gravel, and some dirt. Three years ago twelve to fourteen days were considered necessary for this trip; the average mileage per day at that time ranged from 175 to 200."

STATE ROAD MARKS OF METAL ADOPTED

Illinois Highways Being Provided with New Type; Map Shape Is Retained

The outline of the map of Illinois, made familiar to the motoring public by its adoption as the design for route markers, is being displayed along state highways in the form of embossed cast iron plates in place of painted boards, Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer announced today.

More than 15,000 of the road signs are being cast in the foundries of the Illinois state reformatory at Pontiac, by the boys incarcerated there, who are attaining useful knowledge of the foundry trades through service in the prison industries.

Shape Retained

The established style of route markers—the white background, set off with a heavy border and the numerals in black, will be retained in the enduring type of signs that the department of public welfare is producing for the department of public works and buildings.

The plates to be erected alongside the slab outside the city limits will be eighteen inches in height overall, with the length of the state, from Cairo to the Wisconsin line, 15 inches, allowing for a border. Where state highways traverse city streets, the signs will be reduced to three-fourths of the size used in the country. The country markers will bear the route numbers in figures three and one-half inches high, and the city signs will be marked with three-inch numerals. The spacing and the size of the numbers will vary slightly, depending upon the number of digits in the route numbers, and one number of routes indicated on one sign, where two or more routes overlap.

Different Sizes

It will require 6,094 of the smaller

signs to mark the way through cities, and 9,070 for the routes, outside of corporate limits, according to a compilation made in the highway division office.

Weiner Is Released in Deep Lake Mystery

Max "The Soldier" Weiner last week was released from the county jail after three weeks of questioning in an investigation conducted by States Attorney A. V. Smith in the mysterious burning of a woman whose torso was found in a Deep Lake cottage March 9.

A murder warrant that had been brought to hold the man was to be dropped, it was admitted.

Col. Smith admitted that the evidence was hardly sufficient to bear out the charge in the warrant and for that reason it was being withdrawn.

Another man, said by some to have been killed as a result of the Deep Lake murder, still is being sought but no trace of him has been gained by officials. He was being hunted before the Wiener arrest.

The generally accepted theory of police officers is that the woman was a gangster sweetheart and was slain for what she might tell.

Open Last Link in Paved Road to South

Completion of paving between Fulton and Mayfield, Ky., has opened an all-concrete short route from Illinois points to Memphis, Tenn., according to an announcement from Metropolis. Routes No. 1 and 45 lead to the Metropolis-Paducah crossing of the Ohio river. Previously most motor traffic to Memphis and nearby points crossed to the west side of the Mississippi at St. Louis or Cairo.

The psychologist who said that all persons are born criminals will never be asked to judge a baby show.—The Indianapolis Star.

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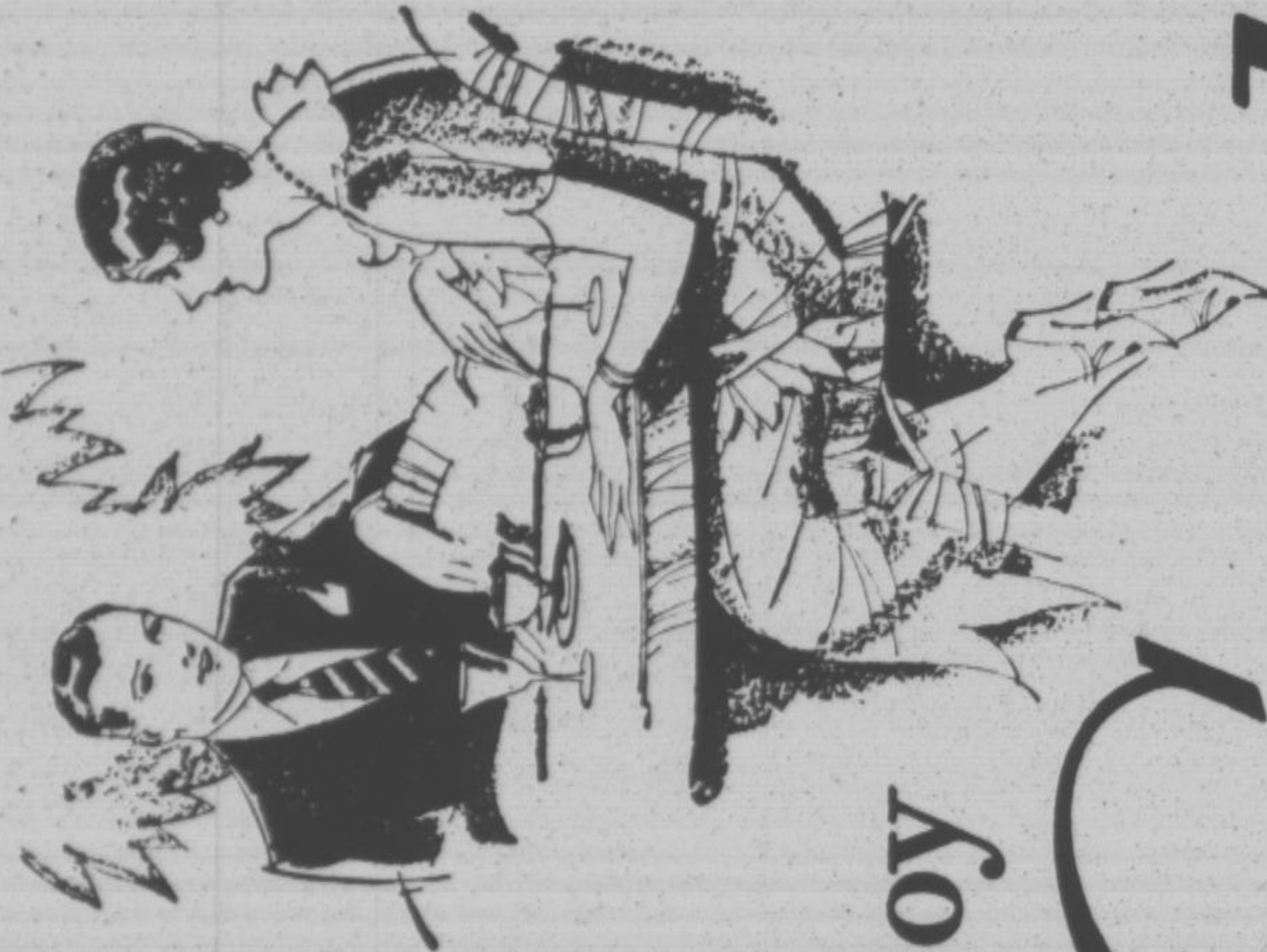
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