

MOTOR OWNERS MEET JULY 7

Will Discuss Traffic Plans at Detroit Convention

Plans for holding what is expected to be in number of delegates, enthusiasm and achievement the greatest meeting of motor car owners since the inception of the automobile have been completed, according to a bulletin just issued by the national headquarters of the new American Automobile Association.

This meeting will be the first convention of the old A. A. A. and N. M. A. since consolidation of the two great national bodies. July 7 and 8 have been named convention dates and Detroit the place. More than 600 delegates, representing local motor organizations situated in every section of the United States, are expected to attend.

There will come into one national convention for the first time in more than 14 years, it is emphasized, a solid harmonious delegation, representing eighty-eight clubs of New York.

This condition is made possible, the bulletin points out, through the recent consolidation of the New York State Automobile Association and the New York Motor Federation. Inspired by the example set when the A. A. A. and N. M. A. decided to consolidate, it is said, leaders of the Empire State clubs brought about a result that will benefit not only the huge army of motorists who reside in New York but also the countless procession of tourists who pass through that state.

So far as the business of the convention is concerned there will be the election of officers of the new organization, the official abandonment of obsolete policies and the adoption of new and more progressive ones.

There will be a thorough thrashing out of such matters as roads building and roads legislation, uniform traffic laws, emergency road aid for members wherever they may be, improved system of map making and highway charting, gasoline prices and all of the other subjects so close to the heart of the man who wants to get the greatest comfort and service out of his motor car at a minimum of expense.

U. S. TO AID COUNTY ROADS

To Make Complete Survey of Cook Highways

More good road plans for Cook county!

And this time it is Uncle Sam as well as Cook county which is doing the planning.

The action promises wider and better roads in the near future, laid out scientifically to care for all of the traffic of the county.

The plan promises to break the vehicular congestion in the country surrounding this great terminal for tourists and commercial enterprises; to eliminate the narrow roads and the lack of sufficient trunk lines which are choking the flow of traffic into the country.

Model Road System

The huge scientific project, which will call for the aid of every motorist and every truck driver who uses the roads of the county, is expected to establish a system of model roads and road building in the county. If the plan proves to be a success, which seems assured, it will, in all probability be extended to the whole state of Illinois.

The project was officially put under way when Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, and George A. Quinlan, Cook county superintendent of roads, fixed their signatures to a joint county and government agreement for a complete research survey of the Cook county road system.

Plans will include the investigation of every road in the county during the months of July, August, September and October of this year, and scientific research into every phase of road administration and building.

The agreement states that it is the general purpose of the survey is: "To secure and develop facts and principles which will aid in the planning and construction of the most economical and serviceable highways, the best design of roads to meet traffic requirements, and to advance the science of highway development."

The development of the findings of the investigation, which was suggested by the Cook county board and the Chicago Association of Commerce several months ago, will follow the completion of the research. After the plan has passed on the construction plan outlined, a construction program will start which will care for all of the future traffic needs of the county.

Weighing, counting, and estimating stations on Cook county roads has already been ordered. There will be sixteen of these stations, placed at points along the roads to record the movements of every motor vehicle. The stations will be manned by a force of twenty-one experts, all veterans of the United States bureau of public roads.

The expenses of the investigation, which will be about \$18,000 for the four months, will be shared equally by the bureau and the county.

Ask Drivers' Cooperation

The cooperation of all drivers using the county roads will be required for the work. Huge signs will be erected at all of the weighing stations, requesting the motorists to stop and fill in questionnaires, which will be provided, and have their cars weighed.

Even the traffic of the rum runners will be recorded, but they will not be interfered with in any way.

"Motorists must understand," said Chief MacDonald, "that this is in no way a law enforcement move. It is simply to obtain a record of the traffic on the roads of the county which will be of great value in planning a model highway scheme."

According to the initial plan, one of these stations will be located on Dempster street at Center, and another on Milwaukee avenue at Niles.

Interesting Figures in Auto Booklet Issued by National Society

Summaries of the automobile industry, contained in a book just issued by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, embrace the following interesting figures:

The world registration is 18,023,584 motor vehicles, 88% in U. S. A.

Motor vehicle taxes in United States in 1923 totaled \$471,548,000.

Farmers' federal motor tax bill in 1923 was \$45,864,200.

Automotive products paid 77% of the total special federal excise taxes in 1923.

More than 4,500,000 cars and trucks are owned on farms.

144,000 cars are owned by doctors.

289,000 children are transported to school daily in motor buses.

Miles of surfaced highways in United States on January 1, 1924, totaled approximately 430,000.

About 35,000 new miles of highways were surfaced in 1923.

Total highway mileage of U. S. equals 2,940,000.

97% of Cincinnati's milk supply is brought to the city in motor trucks.

Motor vehicles ranked second among commodity exports in 1923.

8,975,000 motorists visited the national forests in 1923, or more than two and a-half times the number in 1922.

1923 was the record year for iron and steel production, savings bank de-

posits, home building, rail carload shipments and automobile sales.

The new summary of persons employed directly and indirectly in the automobile industry for the past year records a total of 3,105,350 of whom 318,100 are workers in motor vehicle factories.

COMPRESSION TESTS

That the thermal efficiency of gasoline engines could be increased by increasing the compression ratio is generally recognized, and the Bureau of Standards has been conducting some tests to see how much the actual increase amounts to.

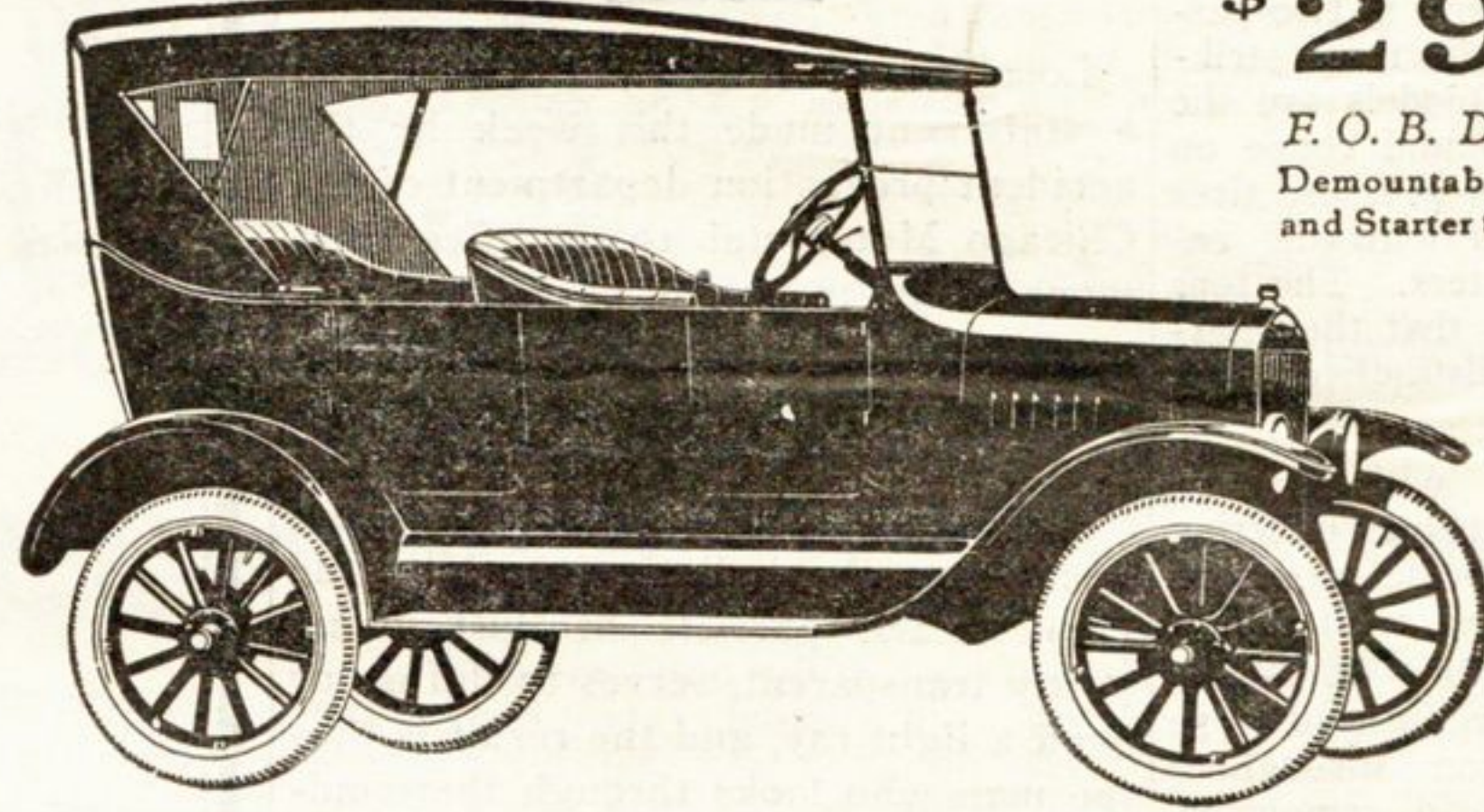
Mrs. Charles Pope of Chicago is coming to Winnetka, July 10, to occupy the E. Rogers home on Willow and Chestnut streets.

Mrs. Pope's brother, Oliver M. Burton and his family will spend the summer in the John Nash Ott home on Indian Hill road.

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