

ROARING UP MOUNTAIN SIDE . . . Racer in the annual Labor Day classic is shown negotiating one of the breath-taking hairpin curves, bordered by rock walls, which mark the treacherous ascent to 14,110-foot Pikes Peak. In the background can be glimpsed a panorama of the mighty Rockies.

'DADDY OF 'EM ALL'

Spectacular Pikes Peak Speed Classic Revived

By WNU Features

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Nature and man have contrived to provide the world's most spectacular and grueling testing grounds for an automobile on Pikes Peak, one of America's most famous mountains, where the annual Labor Day auto races will be revived this year after a wartime lapse.

A record field of big-time drivers is expected to vie for \$7,500 in prize money posted for the race against time up the famous Pikes Peak highway, William H. Geisler of the Pikes Peak information bureau reports.

Rise of 6,000 Feet.
The highway, known as the "world's most wonderful motor road," is a double track boulevard, 20 to 50 feet wide for the entire distance, and as smooth and even as pavement. Breath-taking hairpin curves mark the entire course, which is noted for the sensational rise of more than 6,000 feet in approximately 12½ miles.

From many points on the course, visitors may look downward thousands of feet to the starting point and watch the speed demons climb the rock-walled sides of the giant peak to the snow-clad summit above the clouds.

Equally thrilling is the magnificent view, heralded as the most spectacular ever beheld from an automobile. A vast, 300-mile panorama of the mighty Rockies can be viewed from the New Mexico border line on the south, through the entire state of Colorado, to Wyoming on the north. Eastward, the billowy ocean of plains rolls far into Kansas while spread out below like a huge black carpet is the Pike national forest.

Started in 1916.
This year's renewal of the race, the first since 1941, will be on the 30th anniversary of the first race. The Pikes Peak auto hill climb was inaugurated in 1916 by the late Spencer Penrose, millionaire philanthropist of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region.

Since that time, every famous race driver has competed on the famous serpentine course. The annual race classic has grown in popularity and importance until to-

day it ranks with the Memorial Day race at Indianapolis.

Often dubbed the "daddy of 'em all" in the realm of hill climbs, the Pikes Peak race assumes proportions of an international event with cars and drivers entered from foreign countries as well as the United States.

Undergo Severe Strain.
As the racers roar up the steep slopes of Pikes Peak, their vehicles undergo terrific tests which are used by manufacturers as the basis for new car improvements. From the tires to the spark plugs, the test of strength and stamina is more intensive than any required of a regular passenger car.

The gravelled roadbed with its hairpin curves and steep grades is a severe test for tires. The climb of 6,000 feet in a short distance demands expert performance for carburetion, cooling, ignition, spark plugs, wiring and other parts of the motor, as well as a real test of oil and gas.

Thorne to Compete.
Among the big-time drivers scheduled to compete in this year's classic are Joel Thorne, wealthy California racing enthusiast whose car won the Indianapolis Memorial day race; George Berringer, famous Indianapolis racer; Louis Unser, six times winner of the Pikes Peak race, who set the race record of 15 minutes, 34½ seconds in 1941; Rene LeBeque and Jean Treveaux, well-known French racers; Al Rogers and Johnny Morrow.

Of the total prize money of \$7,500, first place winner will receive \$3,000. Six prizes are posted, \$2,000 going to second, \$1,000 to third, \$750 to fourth, \$500 to fifth and \$250 to sixth.



ISLANDER TENDS U. S. GRAVES . . . A Solomon islander, wearing the traditional ceremonial hibiscus in his hair, cuts the tropical greens and weeds in the U. S. cemetery on Guadalcanal. Now it is a quiet scene, with stately palms and their fronds rustling in the breeze overlooking the same terrain where the marines pushed forward on their historic landing four years ago.

Ceremony Marks Centennial of Flag-raising

MONTEREY, CALIF.—To commemorate the 100th anniversary of first hoisting of the United States flag over California soil, an historic flag-raising ceremony was held here. The Stars and Stripes were first flown by Com. John D. Sloat at Monterey 100 years ago. The flag was broken out on an exact replica of the pole of Monterey pine put up by Sloat's forces, and it was erected in the same rock cairn that supported the original one. Remains of that staff and cairn recently were discovered in excavations at the old Customs House. A 40-year-old tree from the Del Monte forest was selected to correspond with the measurements provided by Col. Roger S. Fitch, president of Monterey History and Art association, and Dr. D. T. MacDougal of Carmel, retired director of Carnegie institution and authority on history.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

'Ham' Show Is Instrumental In Revamping Georgia Town

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Thirty years amidst hams and eggs is the reward of Otis S. Oneal, Negro extension worker at Fort Valley, Ga. Annually, Oneal guides the farmers around Fort Valley, county seat town of 5,000, in staging a food show at which 500 to 600 cured hams are exhibited. This is in addition to more than 300 pieces of other cured meats and 250 dozen eggs packed in fancy cartons.

These topnotch hams come from hind quarters of peanut-fed or other well-nurtured hogs. They are the products of thrifty farm families in central Georgia who started out to lick the boll weevil through increased emphasis on diversified farming. Festooned around the stage, they make a show that smells as good as it looks; in fact, the aroma permeates the entire school auditorium where the exhibit is held, while visitors look and talk and smell.

Present Program.
Among main events of Ham and Egg Show week, usually held in the spring, are a demonstration program on foods for housewives, roundtable discussion on ham and egg production, home-written and produced pageant in which "The Hog, Hen and Mule Speak," and joint barbecue and folk music festival. Each number draws its share of the 1,000 or more visitors but laurels go to the afternoon and evening festival of secular music where players of banjos, guitars, mouth harps and many improvised instruments attract the attention of regional and national musicians. W. H. Handy, composer of "St. Louis Blues," has become a constant attendant at the show.

Interspersed between the various major events are quartet and choir selections of old spirituals and secular folk ballads. All are preceded by a curtain riser of Negro folk songs by the school children, "Chula-hu," "Just From the Country" or "Old Dinah's Dad."

Boosts Community.
In fostering this show during the past 30 years, Oneal and his co-workers practically have remade the town and its trade area.



LIFE BEGINS IN 'BABY TOWN' . . . Located in the salt bush country of Australia, Whyalla is the No. 1 baby town of the commonwealth. It has the highest birth rate, with some 300 babies coming into the world there annually. For every death in Whyalla in the past six years, 100 babies have been born. The present population of 7,500 consists of 5,000 adults and 2,500 babies or children under 14. Nurse Forrest is shown here giving a brand new arrival his first dunking.

Hospital Diagnoses Patient's Ailment As 'Broken Heart'

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Hospital treatment for a broken heart was requested—and received—by a sad patient entering the accident ward of Atlantic City hospital. Wesley Mingo, 30, New York railroad worker, at first complained only of acute "chest pains." After denying any previous history of heart or lung ailments, the patient said the pain might emanate from a broken heart.

He explained that he came to the resort city to marry a girl, but they quarreled and parted. The physician prescribed a mild sedative, and Mingo left for the boardwalk, his broken heart apparently improved.

Marine Insists War 'Chow' Is Appreciated

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Two inseparable marine buddies have returned to Salt Lake City. When William F. Simons, former private first class, returned to civilian life, he was accompanied by "McGregor," combination chow and police dog which was dubbed "sergeant" in the marines. The dog served as a night sentry at Bremerton, Wash., marine base. His former master was killed.

There's a Community Fair on the downtown streets each fall. Fat cattle, corn, vegetables and fruits have taken on more significance on farms and in gardens through the entire community.

The idea grew out of Oneal's efforts to improve living conditions among Negro farmers. He had found that some families raised plenty of table food, others none. He had asked some who had to let him bring in those who had not "to see how it's done." Refused by one who didn't "want to be bothered with those triflin' neighbors," he hit on the Ham show idea and started in, taking three years "to get going." Since then, Fort Valleyites and many visitors, even from outside Georgia, have seen, heard, smelled, tasted and felt the Ham show.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

MANY VETS FLYING
Representing nearly one-third of total airline employment, more than 25,000 employees of United States scheduled airlines are veterans of World War II, figures compiled by the Air Transport association reveal. The veterans are working in a variety of jobs, ranging from flight and ground operations to sales and administrative positions.

While a considerable number of the airlines' war veteran employees are men and women who left the lines to serve with the armed forces and have returned to their old jobs, a much larger number are new employees hired under the policy adopted by the airlines to give preference to servicemen and women.

Several companies have inaugurated courses designed for rehabilitation of the physically handicapped, one concern reporting that it can use regularly as many as 1,000 veterans with amputations.

Courses of instruction also are provided in flight and ground operations, communications, maintenance and general administrative work. In addition to veterans employed by airlines in this country, ATA member airlines operating in Alaska, Canada and the Caribbean area employ an additional 1,900 World War II veterans.

UP IN THE AIR
Mrs. Henrietta McGinnis, 72, of Chicago, went "up in the air" over the double wedding of her grandson and granddaughter in Minneapolis. She used the event as an excuse for taking her first plane ride, "something I've wanted to do for years," she added.

SOARING HIGH
Captured German gliders, including one reputed to be the only "flying wing" model, attracted widespread interest at the 13th annual national soaring contest at Elmira, N. Y. Some of the captured gliders were flown at the meet while others were only on display. Army gliders of the type used in airborne operations during the war were towed by gallant old Boeing B-17 flying fortresses and tough little Douglas C-47s.

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FLYING HAZARD
Add to your list of flying hazards—birds. They are considered a definite danger even with bullet-proof windshields. Airlines pilots reported collisions with birds at the rate of two a day during 1944. Planes frequently encounter flocks of waterfowl, especially in migratory seasons, resulting in considerable damage to equipment. Most feared by pilots is the eagle. Weighing up to 15 pounds, the eagle will swoop down and dive smack through a steel wing.

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By VIRGINIA VALE

SIX top cinema stars will shine on the Hollywood Players programs, beginning September 3—Tuesdays at 9:30 p. m., EDT, and continuing for 38 Tuesdays thereafter. They are Claudette Colbert, who'll launch the series, Bette Davis, Paulette Goddard, Joan Fontaine, John Garfield and Gregory Peck—radio's greatest list of stars as program regulars. Each will be heard several times during



CLAUDETTE COLBERT

the 39 weeks; they'll select their own vehicles, choosing hit movies, stage successes, best-seller novels and short stories in which they've appeared or wanted to appear. They'll be given the greatest possible leeway in selecting their material. What a set-up!

With practically all movie stars yearning to try their luck on the stage, via summer theaters, Jeff Donnell received a bid that others longed for. The highly successful Playhouse at Ogunquit, Me., asked her to guest-star in a play of her own choosing, with her husband, Dialogue-Director Bill Anderson, directing it. And she had to turn it down because she's playing the second feminine lead in Columbia's "Mr. District Attorney," now shooting. She's asked for a rain check for next year.

Stuart Erwin (star of the CBS "Phone Again Finnegan") and his wife, June Collyer, recently celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary by entertaining Allan Jones and Irene Hervey, whose 10th anniversary came that same week.

The scenic Roosevelt highway along California's Malibu coast, near Los Angeles, is the setting for much of the action of RKO's forthcoming "Step by Step." Anne Jeffreys and Lawrence Tierney have the top roles.

James Melton will replace Raymond Massey beginning October 6 as star and master of ceremonies of the "Harvest of Stars." The program's format will change with more emphasis placed on music than formerly, though a dramatic story of American contemporary life or a historical highlight will be included in each broadcast. Melton's contract is for five years.

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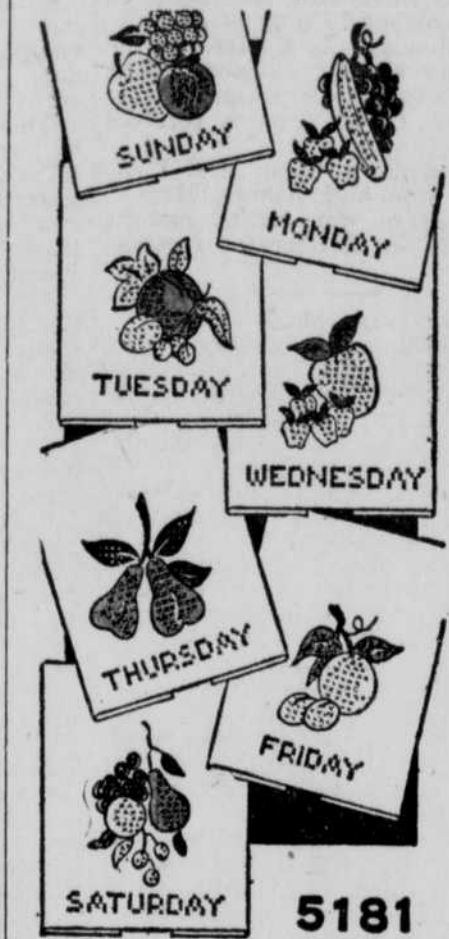
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ODDS AND ENDS—Eleanor Parker did so well as "Mildred" in the remake of "Of Human Bondage" that Warner Bros. have given her the leading role in "Love and Learn." . . . Irene Dunne's figure hasn't changed more than half an inch in all the years she's been making pictures. . . . Business women will have their inning on the air Labor Day, when one of them will be chosen Business Girl "Queen for a Day." . . . We've had "Hissing in Brooklyn," "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" and "The Kid From Brooklyn"; now Metro's starring Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson and Jimmy Durante in "It Happened in Brooklyn!"

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