

# STUDEBAKERS PLAY PART IN MANEUVERS

### Carry Whole Troop at Racing Car Speed to Scene of the "Battle."

## BIG MOTOR CAR BATTALION

The possibilities of motor cars as aids in the quick mobilization of troops have just been demonstrated in army maneuvers held at Utica, N. Y. As a result an automobile battalion of twenty cars will be formed to serve as an adjunct to the United States troops stationed at that city.

Sixteen Studebaker cars were chosen for the maneuvers, which included dashes of twenty-two miles up and down the Mohawk valley. Two large manufacturing plants, one at Utica and the other at Elion, were chosen as the strategic points, and "covering" them Company B of the First infantry set a record for speed and efficiency, the motor cars getting the soldiers to these points at a hitherto impossible speed.

The remarkable work of the automobiles in the "skirmishes" is all the more noteworthy, the use of the cars on this occasion being a forerunner to further efforts along the same line in other army maneuvers at various camps.

It required less than forty-five minutes to rush an entire infantry company from the state armory to the most important strategic points in the Mohawk valley. Using 1,200 rounds of blank ammunition, the troopers gained a theoretical victory over an imaginary enemy, the speed made possible by the automobiles being one of the chief deciding factors.

While army maneuvers on a large scale have been held on several occasions, this "battle" was the first in which motor cars played so important a part. The Studebakers were given a mark of perfect mechanical efficiency. A repair wagon which accompanied the fleet of cars was called upon only once, and that was for the purpose of changing a tire. All the machines used were seven-passenger touring cars, but carried on the average of eleven soldiers apiece, two being stationed on each running board, in addition to the seven in the cars.

## Prize Money in the Big Circuit Reaches Huge Sum This Year

New York, June 3.—Over \$500,000 will be the total amount to be distributed by the Grand circuit among trotters and pacers during the coming racing season, this estimate being based upon the amounts already announced as early closing stakes from the opening of the circuit at Cleveland to the close at Lexington, with Atlanta, Ga., still to be heard from and not estimated.

In the figures are calculated the value of all early closers, added moneys for colt sweepstakes, the estimated value of all the big futurities, the increase in the sweepstakes and the lowest possible amount to be added for class races or late closing events, the amount for the latter division being placed at a little over half of the total for trotters and pacers in early stakes, which certainly is a very low estimate.

The following table shows the total amount already offered for features of the circuit to the close of the circuit at Lexington for trotters and pacers, while in sweepstakes the actual amount of added moneys only are given.

Trot.	Pace.	Sweep.
Cleveland .....	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Detroit .....	12,000	12,000
Kalamazoo .....	10,000	2,000
Grand Rapids .....	2,000	2,000
Columbus .....	10,000	2,000
Cleveland .....	8,000	2,000
Poughkeepsie .....	10,000	2,000
Hartford .....	11,000	2,000
Syracuse .....	14,000	2,000
Columbus (2 weeks) .....	14,000	2,000
Lexington (2 weeks) .....	17,000	2,000
Totals .....	\$128,000	\$67,000

It will be seen that the total amount for straight closing purse events for trotters and pacers, is \$206,000. At the lowest estimate the sum of \$10,000 will be added to this for late closing events during the thirteen weeks of the line of march, thus making the grand total of \$336,000 for the entire program, not counting the addition at Hartford for half milers and the amount to be announced from Atlanta, which will surely make the grand total not less than \$400,000.

## BENSON SCHOOL BOARD AND WIVES ENTERTAINED

The members of the Benson School board and their wives were guests at the John Speedie home Friday evening. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Starrett, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shopen, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Roth and Mr. and Mrs. William Clark.

# TAB ON SPEED AND DISTANCE

### Proper Adjustment of Odometer Essential to Following Route Matter.

## SIZE OF TIRES THE SECRET

The regular equipment on all cars commonly known as the "speedometer equipment" includes a mechanism for indicating both speed and distance. The odometer part of the instrument is the only part which is of any use in following route guides.

In following route matter one has to deal only with what is commonly called the trip mileage. The total or gross mileage is seldom used in following route matter, but is necessary to give a permanent record of the total miles travelled by the car. This trip mileage for the greatest convenience of the tourist who wishes to keep accurate check in following data over strange roads should embody such features for convenience and accuracy as follows:

1. Legibility.—That is, figures should be large and so placed that they may be read easily from either the driver's seat or the seat beside him.

2. The reset device should be made that this trip mileage can be turned to correspond with any mileage in the route matter at any time at the will of the motorist, or to zero with the fewest possible turns of the reset device. This is advisable in order that the motorist can set his instrument to check up with any piece of route matter at an intermediate point—that is, a point other than zero.

When it comes to inaccuracy of readings the fault 99.9 per cent of the time lies with the car owner, and with a small amount of care and foresight greater accuracy and convenience can be easily obtained.

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### Truckmaster Newell of U. S. Army Tells of Tests of Trucks on the Border.

## OVERCOME EVERY OBSTACLE

"Every day Uncle Sam is becoming more impressed with the importance of the motor transport division of his fighting force," averred Truckmaster Carl W. Newell of the United States army, who is spending a fifteen-day furlough in the north. "The motor truck has demonstrated, in its two months' service in Mexico, its ability to meet and overcome every obstacle in desert and hostile country transportation, and new records of speed and endurance are being made practically every trip."

Truckmaster Newell, No. 3, made up of twenty-eight Packard trucks, recently wound up a fourteen-day trip, totaling nearly 1,000 miles, by cutting a

full hour off the record time between Casas Grandes, 104 miles across the border, and Columbus, N. M. The trip was made in ten hours' actual running time. Every official of the Columbus camp expressed surprise and pleasure over the fact, since the eleven-hour record made by the same train several weeks ago was thought to be unbeatable.

"The service with the punitive expedition is proving the most strenuous test of motor transport that could be devised, and the benefits that will accrue to everyone concerned are tremendous. The army has proved that the horse and mule are no longer to be considered in the transportation of

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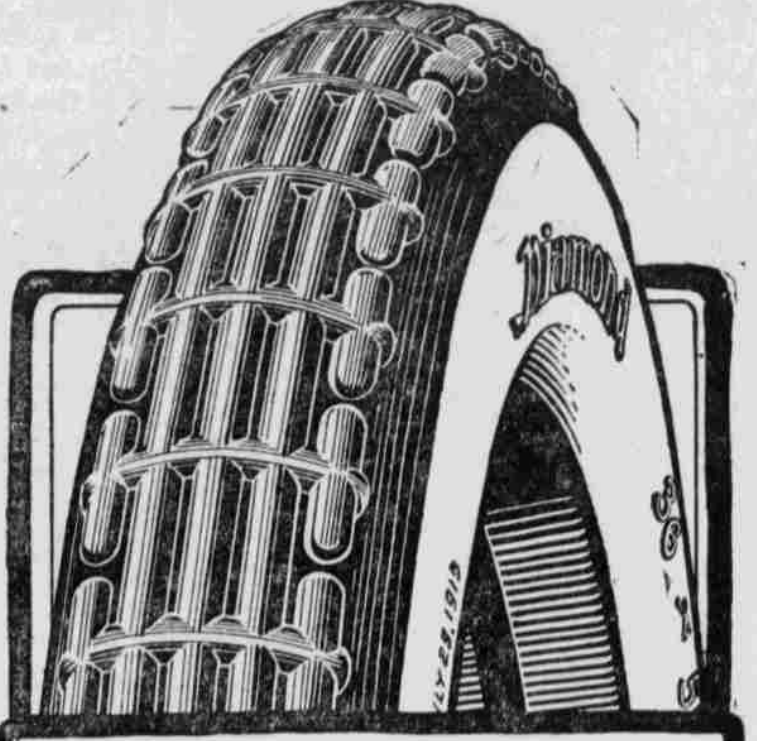
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