

### INSPECTION TOUR OF COUNTY ROADS

All Omahans Who Are Interested in Good Highways Invited to Participate Next Friday.

Just what is the present condition of the roads of Douglas county? Are they as bad as some reports or are they in good condition? Are the county commissioners handling in an adequate manner the funds available for road work? Is road maintenance and construction being handled as it should be?

Are the roads capable of carrying the traffic certain to come over them this year because of transportation conditions, the greatly increased use of the motor truck, and the unusually heavy amount of auto tourist travel? Have the county commissioners made a wise decision in their choice of roads for federal aid improvement and in the use of all of the money for grading?

A delegation of city officials, influential men, road boosters, newspaper men, and those interested in the general good of the city and county will consider these questions in the most effective manner by personal investigation next Friday.

#### Will Tour County.

A good roads tour of the county will be held. A line of cars will leave the Chamber of Commerce at 1 o'clock. The afternoon will be devoted to an inspection of sections of many of the main roads of the county.

This tour has the endorsement and the hearty backing of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the Omaha Manufacturers' association, the Rotary club and the Omaha Automobile club. The matter has been placed before the members of the board of governors of Ak-Sar-Ben and action will be taken by that body Monday night. Many of the members of these organizations have signed up for the trip. A general invitation is being extended to all interested in road improvement and in the welfare of the city and county to join the tour.

#### Preparing Route.

While plans have been under way for this tour for some time this is the first public announcement of it. A route over the county roads, which can be covered in four hours, is being laid out. Those in every car will be furnished with information on the roads visited, work being done, or not being done on them, or character of improvement planned.

The trip will be both an interesting and an instructive one. The committee working on the details of it consists of J. S. White, W. B. Check, Clarke Powell and Sam Smyth, representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Automobile club, and L. A. Higgins, editor of The Motorist.

A motorist in 1899 said: "My seven days' traveling, however, was not done on consecutive days, as the motor always had to rest from one to three days after a few miles' run before it could be persuaded to operate again."

### Elks Quartet to Sing at Various Army Camps



Left to right: J. R. Gerke, C. S. Haverstock, Alex Benston, J. F. McCarger.

The Elks' quartet, a popular singing organization of Omaha and Council Bluffs, has been selected by the United States war activities committee to sing at the cantonment camps and other military rendezvous.

The first itinerary of 10 days will begin on July 14, the trip embracing Camp Dodge, Leavenworth and Camp Funston. The quartet will accept

#### Should Have Battery Expert Look Car Over

Extra lights, trouble finders, cigar lighters and other such attachments on a motor car are, no doubt, great conveniences; but they may cause a motorist considerable trouble unless he gives attention to his battery.

These appliances all draw electricity from the battery, and often the generator on the car is not adjusted so that it will replace the current they use, and thus overcome the heavy drain on the battery. As a consequence the motorist may find that his starter is inoperative, and cigar lighters are cold comfort when you must crank your car by hand. The best way to eliminate such trouble is to have a competent battery man look over the car and see if such devices are overloading your battery. "You do not need to pass up such conveniences," says Elmer Rosengren, the local representative of the Willard Storage Battery company, "if you have your battery taken off the car and recharged at proper intervals. The cost of recharging is small, but it is the price one must pay for added electric attachments, if he wants to keep away from trouble and inconvenience."

Motor mail wagons were introduced into service by the United States Post-office department in 1896.

### Super-Six Thieves Lined Up and Shot in Old Mexico

When you steal a Super-Six in the state of Sonora, Mexico, justice is meted out in a simple fashion, an adobe wall and a firing squad handling most cases.

Recently, according to a report by Guy L. Smith, Hudson distributor, a thief broke into a Nogales garage and made off with a Super-Six. Very possibly he intended to use it in the bootlegging business, for it is a fact—regrettable but true—that the Hudson enjoys a distinct popularity among the bootleggers as a class because of its ability to out-distance any other make of car in use on the border.

At any rate, the thief crossed the border with the Super-Six and disappeared in Sonora. The authorities

in Mexico were notified and it was not long until the Guaymas police had nailed the thief. The Sonora police force is operating very efficiently these days, and though Guaymas is hundreds of miles from Nogales, they were on the look-out for stray Super-Sixes.

The trial was a short and simple affair. The thief was very evidently in possession of a car that he had not obtained by any legal process, and when the trial had made this sufficiently plain the erstwhile pilot of the Super-Six was lined up in front of an adobe wall and shot.

Just why an automobile thief should get probation when a horse thief got a hempen necktie is one of those things that nobody seems to figure out satisfactorily.

#### Fast Time Made by Auto From Detroit to Omaha

J. H. Hansen of the Jones-Hansen Cadillac company, spent a few days at the Cadillac Motor company's factory in Detroit last week and drove home in Omaha in a Cadillac car so new that it was not even painted. Mr. Hansen was accompanied by A. H. Jones and the two men made the trip from Detroit to Omaha in 26 hours driving time. More than half the distance was like plowing through the mud. All through Indiana and Illinois it rained continuously, and yet in the 900 miles the car traveled, it never once gave a moment's delay. Mr. Hansen is very high in his praise of the roads in the west. He says they are as good as any roads in the country and are better when they are dragged and well cared for. Illinois and Indiana roads, while they might be graveled, are constantly filled with holes and bumps and undergoing repairs. Commenting on the trip, Mr. Hansen said: "While the Omaha Cadillac concern has not driven any Cadillac cars from the factory, this trip was made in order to ascertain how long such a trip would take under adverse conditions, and

while doing this we discovered that for an actual and sure means of transportation, going and coming as you please, nothing beats a good automobile."

#### Auto Factories All Busy With Government Orders

According to reports made by J. H. Hansen, who just returned from the plant of the Cadillac Motor company, the reduction in the automobile manufacturing has been quite pronounced in the last month. Mr. Hansen said that his company was to have 48 Cadillac cars in the month of June, but received less than one-third of this number and their stock has been entirely depleted. For the month of July cars seem to be coming through pretty well, however. The factories do not know exactly where they stand with reference to the manufacturing of passenger cars for the fall months, for the reason that they are now receiving so many government orders for Liberty motors and standard touring cars for use in France.

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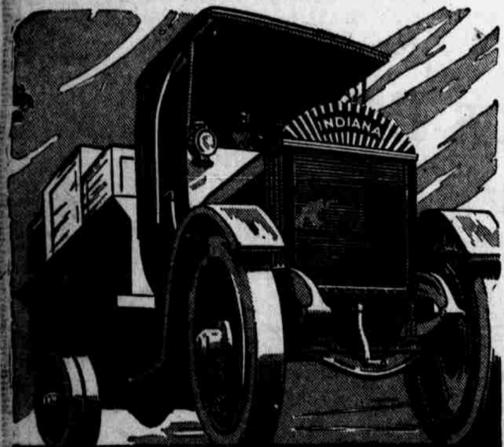
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