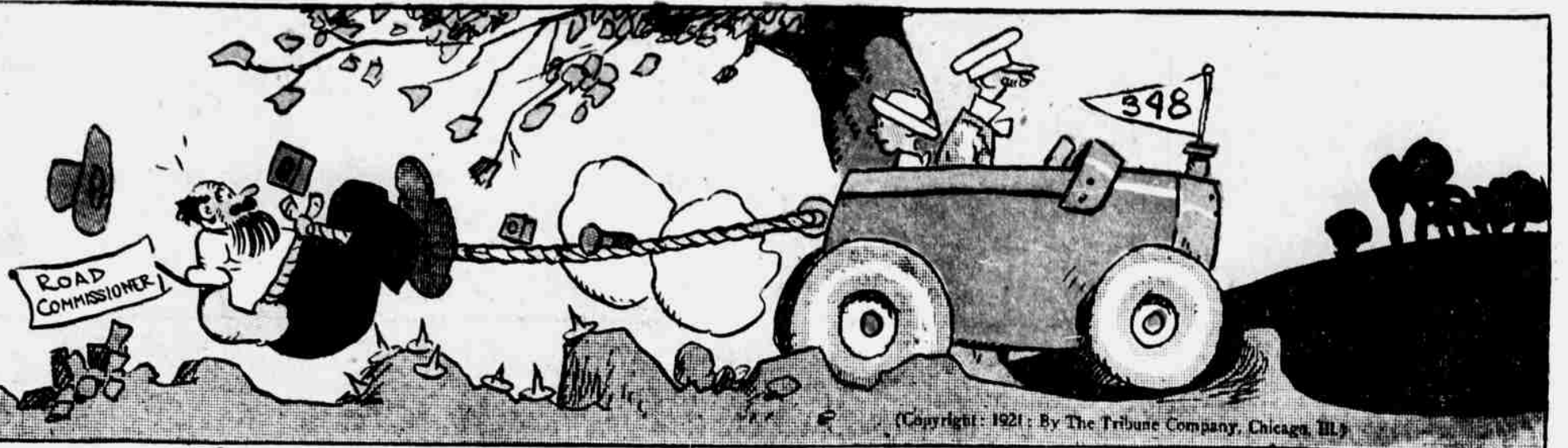


THE GUMPS

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WELL - CHESTER I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU TO DRIVE A CAR TODAY - WE'LL GO OUT TO BICKLERS OR JUSTIN'S AND HAVE A LITTLE LUNCH - LET'S SEE HOW FAST WE CAN MAKE IT - THEN I'LL LET YOU DRIVE HOME -

LAKE ZURICH - 4 MI

WOWIE! I DIDN'T SEE THAT - THE GUY THAT BUILT THIS ROAD MUST HAVE LEARNED HIS TRADE MAKING ROLLER COASTERS - HE DOESN'T USE A STEAM ROLLER - HE USES DYNAMITE -

OH MY HEAD -

WOWIE! WHAT A SWELL BASEMENT THAT WOULD MAKE - BUILD A HOUSE THERE AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO DIG FOR A CELLAR - THAT'S WHERE THE TRAFFIC COP HIDES -

I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE FELLOW THAT HAS CHARGE OF THESE ROADS BY THE NECK - I'D LIKE TO PUT A BATHING SUIT ON HIM AND SAND PAPER THESE BUMPS AND DRAG HIM OVER THEM THE REST OF HIS LIFE -

OOOF -

SOME BUMP - THAT'S BEEN THERE FOR 10 YEARS - GROWING DEEPER EVERY DAY - A BUSHEL BASKET FULL OF GRAVEL ON SOME OF THESE BUMPS WOULD SAVE A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF TIRES AND SPRINGS DURING THE YEAR -

AND NOW WHAT? SEE WHAT WE HAVE HERE - BRIDGE UNSAFE - CROSS THIS AT YOUR OWN RISK -

THIS BRIDGE IS UNSAFE - CROSS THIS AT YOUR OWN RISK

THINK OF THAT - COME OUT HERE AND FIND THE BRIDGE UNSAFE - WENT ALL THE WAY BACK AND PAINTED A NICE SIGN - BROUGHT IT OUT HERE AND STUCK IT UP - HE COULD HAVE BROUGHT HIS HAMMER AND A COUPLE OF 2X4S AND A FEW NAILS AND MADE IT SAFE IN LESS TIME THAN IT TOOK HIM TO PAINT THAT SIGN -

WAUCONDA - YOU'D THINK THEY WERE TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THIS TOWN - GOT ALL THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD LINE TRENCHES BUILT - ALL THEY NEED IS THE BARBED WIRE - THE GUY THAT PUT UP THAT WELCOME SIGN HAD SOME SENSE OF HUMOR -

THE COMFORT OF MOTORING - WHEN YOU'RE NOT PUMPING UP AND DOWN YOU'RE SITTING OFF IN A DITCH FIXING A TIRE - IF YOU BREAK DOWN IN ONE OF THESE HOLES YOU HAVE TO STAND ON THE SEAT GET A RED FLAG AND PUT IT ON THE END OF A FISH POLE - STAND ON YOUR TIP TOES AND SHAKE IT OR SOMEBODY WILL COME IN ON TOP OF YOU -

AND NOW WE HAVE NICE SMOOTH PAVEMENT - THIS IS A BIRD-LIKE SILK WOVEN IN THE LOOM OF A DREAM - HOW DO YOU DO OLD ROAD SUPERINTENDENT - I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE HE LIVES -

