

MERCURY TEST CAR GREETED IN FARMINGTON

The official test car touring Michigan and Northwestern Ohio in the nationwide Mercury Economy run, arrived in this community Tuesday. The car, a 1940 Mercury 8 of strictly stock specifications, was driven by E. T. Edmundson of the Dearborn branch of the Ford Motor Company. It was greeted by a reception committee headed by Curtis Hall, manager of Olin Russell, Inc.

The speedometer reading when the car crossed the city limits was 1858 and, according to entries in the log book, the average mileage per gallon of gasoline to date stood at 22.1.

Included in the reception group, were Mayor Leo F. Gildemeister and Emory O. Hutton, City Street Commissioner. Local motorists are being invited to drive a duplicate of the official car. It was stated by Mr. Hall, to try their skill at recording higher gasoline mileages than those already established. In these demonstration tests a motor bowl will be filled with one-tenth of a gallon of gasoline and each driver will follow the same demonstration route.

The "trip" reading on the speedometer for the one-tenth of a gallon of fuel is multiplied by ten to determine the mileage per gallon. The gasoline meter, built to U. S. Bureau of Standards specifications, is accurate to within one-third of 1 per cent.

The Mercury Economy Run, embracing a national schedule of over 1,000 towns and cities, and ending the participation of nearly 100,000 motorists, was designed, primarily, to show the public that advances in automotive engineering have reversed the old dictum, "slow driving for economy." But Mercury's most economical speed is 45 miles per hour. From this community the official test car went to other parts of the territory.

FARMERS WARNED OF IMPENDING BEETLE INVASION

Next major insect pest headache for Michigan likely is to be the Japanese beetle, predicts Ray Hutson, head of the entomology department at Michigan State College.

To date the beetle apparently has appeared only in Detroit and even there it has been held in check on its way into the state from the east where it has become prevalent. But chances to keep the pest out permanently are slim, Hutson believes.

"There will be damage in rural areas, especially to fruit trees," says Hutson. "But this is a pest that will require special campaigns in cities."

Homeowners will find they will need to treat lawns heavily with field arsenate to reduce infestation. It takes a half ton to an acre to eradicate and half that to control so that the larvae do not eat up the bluegrass roots.

The beetles select ornamental shrubs. Thus the homeowner will have to do the same, outfitting the beetle by using more evergreens. Golf fairways will suffer and will require treatment just as the greens and lawns. Caretakers of parks and cemeteries are due for a heavy portion of the campaign.

The Japanese beetle is sometimes confused with the Colorado potato beetle, but the new pest is somewhat larger. The body is lighter than the potato pest and its color is metallic green or greenish brown with the exception of the wing covers. These are brown and do not cover the tip of the abdomen which has five white spots on each segment.

When will the beetle appear? Hutson does not know. He estimates it may show up in five years and be a major pest 10 years after that.

SOUTH FARMINGTON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Mrs. H. A. McIntyre and daughter, Glenn, and Mrs. George Koss and daughter, Adeline, of Farmington Road, were Detroit callers Saturday.

Little Harry Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thornton, is at their home on Farmington Road.

Miss Mary Jean and Norman Parent of Clarenceville and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Banfield of West Bloomfield, attended a dancing party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Wampler and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Johnson of Detroit were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss on Base Line Road.

Mr. Cooper's three daughters and his three grandsons of Detroit called on him Sunday.

Ralph Houtz and Don McIntyre spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Banfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baum of Redford were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss.

Mr. and Mrs. George McNeal of Detroit were dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Emma Damon, of Edward avenue.

Mrs. Thornton and Florence Riecher of Berkey called at the Harry Thornton home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. McIntyre of New Hudson called on relatives in Farmington Acres, Friday afternoon.

Romance in Hardware

By ALICE DUANE (McClure Syndicate-WNU Service.)

WHEN Peggy Prince was 15 she began selling kitchen utensils at Warner and Prince's after supper on Saturday nights. Peggy's father was half owner of the store, which did more business than any three other hardware stores in the town put together. Peggy had decided to work there to start with for the sake of earning a little extra spending money. At the time Harold Warner, just through high school, had just joined his father in the business.

Peggy had not tried to hide her admiration for the tall, fine-looking son of her father's partner. One day after closing hours Mr. Prince had asked driving Mr. Warner home in his car, and Harold had taken the hint and had asked permission to drive Peggy home in his father's car. So the custom had begun—for four years now Harold had driven Peggy home—and, incidentally, Peggy and Harold had become engaged.

Now Peggy was 20 and Harold was 23 and they were driving home after a Saturday evening that had been especially prosperous to the business which they would some day inherit.

"Of course, you like hardware," Peggy taunted Harold. "It's your whole life—hardware."

"I don't see why you jump at conclusions," said Harold. "That's a guess. As a matter of fact, I load it—I load hardware."

"You'd say anything to avoid an argument," said Peggy. "You haven't any idea of the way I feel about it. Sometimes I could just load and run away. Lead my own life—instead of the life that has been cut out for me."

Peggy paused and looked at Harold. He said, "I'm surprised, but I don't intend to look at her."

"I'd like to cut loose myself," he said at length. "I don't particularly like to lead a life that has been cut out for me either."

Peggy took a long breath, stretched out her arms, and then felt at a loss to know precisely what to say. "There are ever so many things I might do," she said, "if I could only have an opportunity. I'd want to be free; really to live, to think. Have you any brilliant idea for your own future—if you gave up hardware?"

"Well, if that's the way you feel, we might as well call our engagement off."

Peggy was decidedly annoyed, and at this moment of her release from Harold didn't give her the sense of profound relief that she had anticipated.

"It's O. K. with me," said Harold. "That's the way you feel about it."

And so within a few days Peggy and Harold told their fathers of their broken engagement, and started forth to seek their fortunes apart from hardware.

Three months later Mr. Prince appeared at the usual time on Saturday night and with him came Peggy, looking a little thinner—a little less buoyant than usual. Mr. Warner, who was measuring chicken wire at the time, looked up in surprise.

"Peggy's back for good," said Mr. Prince, gleefully. "Say she'll come back to sell kitchen things—Saturdays, the same as usual, if we want her."

As soon as Mr. Warner was at liberty he went to Peggy and, laying a rough hand gently on her shoulder, said: "I'm glad you're back, my girl—only perhaps you'd rather leave early. Harold's coming back on the eight-thirty from the East. He's coming right here to the store. He didn't make out quite so well as he expected. Went thinking he could beat these boys out of Wall street at their own game. Funny you two never ran into each other—just by chance."

"New York's too big for that," said Peggy demurely. "Besides, Wall street is miles from Fifty-eighth street."

Mr. Warner was laughing to himself. "So you'll stay and meet him here?" he asked. "Well, maybe you can get together again—two. Though I hope you won't do it just to please your father and me."

Harold had come in the store by the back way, had hung up his hat on the accustomed peg before anyone knew he had entered the store.

"Need a hand to help with the chicken wire?" he called out to Mr. Prince, by way of attracting attention to his presence.

Mr. Prince turned red, rubbed his eyes, shook hands and stammered his welcome, with something like tears in his beaming eyes. Then he thought of Peggy, looked about the store to see whether she had seen Harold, and felt much embarrassed.

Peggy stepped lightly to his side. "Harold's back," said her father in a whisper. "Maybe you'd better go home."

"Hello, Harold," Peggy said, lightly. Their eyes met and they seemed to exchange an understanding message. "No, I didn't tell them," she said aloud. "I lost my nerve, after all. I thought maybe father'd notice that my trunk tag said Mrs. Harold Warner, but he didn't. We'll tell your father and mine together after we close store." And Peggy after, went gleefully to a customer who wanted to buy a new sawpan.

FOUR BEST FRUITS FOR WHIPS NAMED BY SPECIALISTS

Few families fail to vote for desserts in the form of fruit whips, so home economics experts at Michigan State College have recommended a few tips in preparation.

Fruits of pronounced flavor and color make the best fruit whips. For example, peaches, apricots, and prunes. Cook, sieve and sweeten the fruit for a whip before you beat the egg whites. If the whites stand they will lose much of the air that has been worked into them by beating.

Egg whites whip up more quickly when they are at ordinary room temperature, so get the eggs out of the refrigerator ahead of time. Avoid getting egg yolk or any fat on the beater. If it gets into the whites, they won't beat up as stiffly as you want them.

Adding a pinch of salt to the egg whites before beating will increase the volume of the foam and make it less likely to become watery if it stands. Either a rotary beater or a whip or whisk beater may be used. A rotary beater makes a finer foam, but a whip beater makes greater volume. Beat until the whites are stiff, but not dry. At this stage the foam will be shiny, and will hold its shape when the beater is removed.

Hot fruit pulp added to the beaten eggs partly cooks them. The best technique for combining them is to pour the hot fruit mixture gradually over the egg whites. Use a gentle, folding motion for mixing. If the whip is to be baked, pour at once into a buttered mold or pan. Set this in a pan of water and cook for about an hour, in a very slow oven (225 to 250 degrees F.). A whip cooked slowly should not fall when taken from the oven. If the whip is served without cooking mix only a short time before you want it. Whipped cream, if used, is added after the egg and fruit mixture has cooled and just before serving.

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- 1 See any Ford, Mercury, or Lincoln-Zephyr dealer in the territory shown on the map. Pick out any used car in his stock. When you've made your down payment, the dealer or his salesman will give you a certified, self-addressed and post-paid Entry Card.
- 2 Write or print on the card a nickname for the car you bought, using not more than five words. Mail the card. It must be postmarked not later than midnight of April 11.
- 3 The ten best nicknames as determined by the judges will each be awarded a \$100 cash prize within a week after the contest closes. Decisions of the judges will be final. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. The judges are: Hon. John I. Carey, Mayor of Dearborn, Mich.; G. D. Gettins, Automobile Editor, Toledo Blade; Gordon Kingsbury, Director of Advertising Courses, Wayne Univ.

(NOT ELIGIBLE: Ford Dealers or their families. Ford dealers' employees or their families.)

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