

LOCAL MOTOR CAR DEALERS SHARE IN NEW CAR SHOWINGS

Chevrolet and Hudson-Essex 1929 Models On Display; Others Expected Soon

Four of Farmington's motor car agencies are sharing in the introduction of new models recently announced or to be announced at the New York Automobile Show which opens Saturday afternoon. The presentation of the new types is expected to stimulate sales in Farmington as throughout the remainder of the country.

Perhaps the greatest mod among the newly introduced models is in the new Chevrolet Six, which has attracted much attention as "a Six in the price range of the four." The new car is formally presented to the public of this vicinity last Saturday evening by the Farmington Motor Sales, Chevrolet dealers in this territory.

At the presentation, the new model Chevrolet was on display, and a number of features were provided to give the occasion a festive air. Music was furnished, and favors for men and women, and a large crowd was in attendance.

Prior to the opening, R. E. Beckley and R. J. Nicholson stated that they had taken numerous advance orders for the new cars, and an even greater number of prospective buyers were said to be waiting merely for a glimpse of the new car itself before placing their orders. Those attending the formal opening Saturday night were much impressed with the new model six.

New Essex and Hudson models are being shown by the Lake Drive Garage at Farmington Junction, simultaneously with other displays all over the country. The new Essex and Hudson models are both larger and incorporate many new features, the Essex specifying 76 improvements and the Hudson 64. Essex has adopted the name of "The Challenger" for its new cars.

Oakland-Pontiac Sales is expected to present within a few days the new and larger Pontiac Six, which is looked forward to as one of the outstanding announcements of the season. The new cars will, it is expected, show a larger motor and larger bodies, maintaining practically the same sale price.

New models of Graham-Paige cars are expected also at the New York Show, and it is anticipated that Grand River Motor Sales, Farmington dealers in Graham-Paige cars, will soon have the new model in their show room for interested prospective buyers to examine. Details of the Graham-Paige plans are not yet available.

Steadily increasing production at the Ford plants, together with the announcement a few days ago that 30,000 additional men are to be employed, is expected to speed up deliveries being made by Olin Russell, Farmington Ford dealer. Orders for the new Ford car have been exceptionally numerous at the Farmington agency, and are expected to keep pace with deliveries for some time to come.

George K. Checketts, Buick dealer, said recently that he had contracted for a large quota of cars during 1929, and expects that sales will easily top this quota and exceed the record of 1928.

REPORT INDICATES WIDENING ONLY 'POINT NEAR CITY'

Superhighway Commission's Resume Of Grand River Does Not State Exact Terminus

The Grand River Superhighway is honored with a full-page picture in one of the most prominent places in the second Superhighway Report, by the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb Superhighway Commission, issued this week, and the extension of wider Grand River to the point near the City of Farmington is recorded on the calendar for 1929. There is no mention, however, of the proposed widening within the City as far as the Farmington Lumber and Coal property.

The report, which affords a complete survey of the work done under the supervision of the Commission of the three counties between October 1, 1926 and September 3, 1928, indicates the prominent place in the minds of the Commissioners occupied by Grand River and Base Line roads, the latter particularly being accorded emphasis.

Two references are made to the extending of the wider Grand River highway to Farmington one being slightly less positive than the other as to width. Under "Progress of Superhighways in Wayne County," the report says: "The section of Grand River lying between Base Line Superhighway and Farmington in Oakland County will be widened to 204 feet and paved at a later date. This improvement is a great boon to motor traffic going to and from Detroit in this section."

In the Oakland County section of the report, however, under the same heading, the statement is less definite as to width, but includes a positive assertion that the widening is to take place during 1929, as follows:

"The section of this Superhighway lying in Oakland County between the Base Line Superhighway and a point in the City of Farmington, with a proposed width of 204 feet, is to be paved by the State Highway Department in 1929."

Important mention is made also of the Northwestern Superhighway, which runs through Southfield, Farmington, West Bloomfield, Commerce, White Lake, Highland and Rose Townships, a distance of 20 miles in Oakland County, to the Livingston County line. The southerly two miles "has been accepted by the State Highway Department as an Inter-County Road to be constructed during 1929," according to the Commissions' report.

My Favorite Stories by Irvin S. Cobb

A Voice from the Ranks

CAPTAIN 'BILLY' FARNHOLT, a now deceased, was one of the most gallant soldiers that Essex county, Virginia, sent to the front in the great army, and if you don't believe Essex sent out her full share of hard fighters in 1861 just ask any native of the county, that's all. The old soldier was a famous story teller. One of his favorites had to do with an actual experience of the Civil war in which cool grit in the face of almost certain death was required. I think, in just the proper proportion, with a beautiful scene of humor.

The man from whom I got the yarn used to go on hunting expeditions with the captain. My informant could recall the name of the battle in which the thing occurred. He was quite sure it was one of the bloody fights of the final Virginia campaign shortly before Lee's surrender.

The general engagement had commenced. The brigade to which Captain Farnholt belonged was drawn up in reserve awaiting the command to advance, when a small battery of Union guns opened fire on the top of a nearby hill, doing considerable damage. An order was given that Captain Farnholt's company should capture the battery and silence the bothersome guns.

This meant that unless some one devised a better plan, the detail must rush the hill by a frontal attack. It also meant that the little assaulting force must suffer heavy casualties even if it was successful. There was no cover. They must charge the enemy across an open space where the Federal pieces might play directly upon them.

As the men awaited the word to advance, the company commander felt it his duty to advise them that this was a most desperate adventure, on which they were about to start. His own instructions, he explained, were not specific. He merely had been told that he must eliminate those pestiferous Yanks. Then, hearing somewhat from strict military discipline, he asked whether any individual present cared to make a suggestion whereby the enemy's battery could be taken with the least possible loss of life. A pause befell. No one, it seemed, could think of an easier way than the one already decided upon.

A private, who stammered badly, broke the silence:

"W-h-h-a-a-t say, fol-lers, e-o-o-s-s just ch-imp in and buy the damned thing."

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Sardine's Fate

Hunting the tuna fish was formerly done to protect sardines, which they devour in large numbers, but since the tuna is now popular for food, it is the basis of an important phase of the fishing industry.

In the Mediterranean the tuna are detected by watchmen who sit in chairs on high extended steel ladders on the coast and relay word by telephone when a school of fish is sighted.

By means of sardine bait, the fish are lured into a bay, called the "death chamber." This chamber is a square inclosure of heavy netting which is closed at the entrance when a number of fish have been caught in it. Then the men, working from a float around the net, kill the tunas with spears.

Are Hairs Radio Antenna?

We may say that the notion of this mind is electrical, both in nature and response. We know enough of the laws of electricity to appreciate that under proper conditions a suitably sensitive and properly lined receiver in a radio, will receive the impulse coming to it, no matter what the source. Under these conditions the suggestion is valid that supernatural minds may be in tune with sources of information or knowledge as though under the influence of a broadcasting station, radio-casting instantly from somewhere else, and supplying them with the information which they surprise others.—Psychology Magazine.

Bertha Goes to the Dance

By JOHN GRAY

IT WAS the day before the all-important junior ball at Tilton college. On the "spare room" bed in the Denby farmhouse lay the pink chiffon frock that Bertha had bought for the great night. She slipped and stockings lay beside it.

The whole house was in an air of expectancy and even the cows and chickens in the barnyard and pasture must have suspected that something was in the air from the happy, preoccupied air of Bill Denby, gruff and usually indifferent, as he went about his daily chores. Bill Denby was Bertha's brother, her elder by ten years, who, though he avoided society himself, never seemed more content than when his pretty sister was included in the festivities at nearby Tilton college.

When George Filton came with the news that changed all this air of pleasurable expectation to one of gloom and dejection.

"The done thing that seems most honorable," he announced. "It means that I can't take you to the ball. And with much faltering and many hesitations she proceeded. "Last summer I met a girl who lives out in Wyoming. We played tennis together and went swimming and sailing and—well, however we parted I asked her to go to my junior ball with me. That was before I met you. Well, we wrote once or twice, and she was waiting for me about the ball, and then we didn't write any more. I had met you and she didn't seem to care whether I wrote or not. This morning I had a letter from her. It just says, 'I'm coming for the ball. Will arrive at five Friday. I know you haven't forgotten your invitation.'"

"It's too late to prevent her coming," she said here. "I didn't know what to do. Of course, I want to take you more than anything else. But I made up my mind that the right thing for a fellow to do in the circumstances was to go to the night he really cared to go to and tell her."

It was not till George had gone and Bertha had gone to nurse her grief in sight of the pink frock laid out so neatly that she began to feel a little better. Bill Denby, who had looked in vain for his sister downstairs, found her there in the spare room. Bertha explained.

"I don't care so much about going with him," she said. "But I wanted to wear the dress. I never had such a pretty dress before."

"I'll take you," Bill said firmly. "But they won't let you in—your're an outsider."

"See here," said Bill, shaking a defiant finger in her face, "you said this George is the boss of the dance. I'll show him I'm not outside this time. I'm going."

In the thirty hours that were to elapse before the dance Bill found only a few for sleep. There was a hasty trip by motor to Tilton in quest of evening clothes.

He came back with numerous bundles. "Here's everything from soup to nuts," he announced: "dancing pumps, silk socks and everything. Now start in and show me the steps."

The next evening at half-past eight, when Bertha, dressed in her pink chiffon, started off with her brother to Tilton college, she was inclined to think that this smug, slapping, self-dressed young man must be some one else than her brother.

It was an uncomfortable moment for Bertha at the door when the student whose duty it was to receive tickets, bowed to her and looked skeptical which Bill said he would see the chairman of the committee, who would fix things up for him. George came forward, sensed the situation in a flash, and escorted the Denbys past the dismayed door committee.

What followed made Bertha feel as if she had suddenly been swept off her feet. The girl, beautiful, stately and bristling, but certainly no more than George, took both Bill's hands in hers. "What a wonderful surprise," she said. "I was going to send for you tomorrow, but I never knew you'd be at the dance." Then she and Bill, gratified to some chairs behind some palms, and when the music started for the first dance, and George was expected to be the first on the floor, he did not even try to find Bill and the mysterious girl from Wyoming but stepped out on the smoothly waxed floor with Bertha.

They danced for a few minutes and then sought two chairs at the side of the floor. "What's Helen Dawson?" George said. "She's the girl Bill was out to Wyoming a few weeks ago and told her about Bill—how he'd never married and didn't like girls; so she decided to come and look him up. She found out when the dance came off, remembered I'd asked her, and took that as an excuse to come East. She didn't think how she might have spoiled things for us. But everything is going to turn out all right, I guess," added George, as he looked over in the palm-shaded corner of the room where Bill and Helen Dawson were still talking, oblivious of music, dancers and possible onlookers.

And that night when Helen and her new-found friend, Bertha Denby, whom she had met once before as a little girl, said good night, Helen whispered to Bertha that she was engaged to Bill and Bertha announced in a lower whisper that she had just accepted George.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mrs. Fred Menke, PHONE 28523

Mrs. Walter Readerle and two children are confined to their home on account of illness.

Bob Kurtz of Detroit spent several days with his cousin, Melvin Witte of Dresden boulevard.

Mr. Duckett, triant officer of Clarenceville School, who has been very ill from a stroke is some better.

Mrs. Lena Kruger, 49 years, died on Friday, December 21 at her home on Fourth Gate road.

Funeral services were held from the Northrop Funeral Home on Monday, Rev. David officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery. She leaves her husband, William and two daughters and one son.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jorgensen of Base Line road were Walter Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jorgensen and son, Sorenson and daughter of Detroit.

Guests at the Aldrich home on New Year's Eve were Miss Ethel Finley, Miss Edith Brate, the Misses Dawson, Lester Dawson, J. Thomas, W. Edwards, D. Griffith of Detroit, Charles Finley and Frank Finley of Flat Rock.

Mrs. Charles French of Hugo avenue entertained the "500" Club at her home New Year's Eve.

The Volney Smith School brought a fine music for the entertainment given by the L. O. O. F. for the children on Thursday evening. Moving pictures and a talk by C. Smith of Tinton of his travels was greatly enjoyed. Each received a box of candy with oranges from Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Young spent several days in Alpena.

Louis Waaen spent the Christmas holiday in Alpena.

Miss Mina Beestel of Fowler, formerly of Clarenceville, received a life teaching certificate at a special assembly of students and faculty of Central State Teachers' College. Miss Beestel was one of a group of 23 fall term graduates to whom were awarded bachelor of arts degree; 23 were given life certificates and were granted limited certificates.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Billing of Purling Brook road entertained on New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Albert Beaver and family. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence.

Billing and family of Middle Belt road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich spent New Year's Eve with relatives in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wahl of Lansing spent New Year's Eve and New Year's day with Mrs. Wahl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Meyer of Cambridge avenue.

Mrs. Pitts of Park boulevard entertained the members of the Blue Bird Circle Saturday evening. A Christmas tree with gifts for everyone furnished the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Wanks, Mr. and Mrs. Sherry Burnes and son Grant, Mr. and Mrs. William La Forge and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Monett, New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ferris and family spent several days in Chatham, Ontario, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Morley.

Mrs. William White entertained her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cullen and Mr. White's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth White of Detroit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. White have moved into their new home on Fourth Gate road.

The Rev. H. Savage and wife, of Pontiac, visited at the Clarence Aldrich home on Christmas day.

E. L. McQuern was unanimously elected president of the Walled Lake Exchange Club Friday noon. Other officers elected were:

First vice-president, Ray Riley. Second vice-president, Glen H. Chasty.

Third vice-president, W. S. Wixom.

Treasurer, C. A. Chafy. Secretary, Cameron E. Rose. Board of Control, one year, E. V. Mercer, Glen Buffmyer, Ira S. Carnes.

Members of the board carried over are J. L. Taylor, A. R. Green and Lloyd Coe.

A partial list of those reported ill recently is as follows: Beatrice Auten, Lois Storms, Edgar West, Mrs. Voigt, William Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Reed Webster, three members of the Shaw family, residents of Thomas street, Miss Ida Steele, Ada Jagersoll, Cecil Kellog, Mrs. Dunham and son, Deputy Lee Doyle, Mrs. Volney Smith, Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. Emmet Houghton and daughter, Mrs. Olive Coumre, Mrs. Dorra Catherman.

HOLLYWOOD

Sold News Items to Herbert L. Lindstrom

Owing to the illness of our correspondent, Herbert L. Lindstrom there is no news from Hollywood this week.

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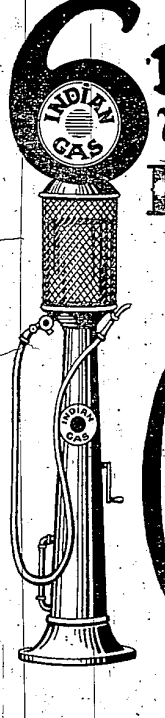
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