

MERCURY GETS 19 MILES TO GALLON FIRST DAY'S RUN

Overnight Stay Of Test Car In City Wednesday

William V. White, manager of White Motors, Inc., local Ford, Mercury and Lincoln-Zephyr dealers, received an official telegram from the Ford Motor Co. in Norfolk today that the stock Mercury 8 sedan, conducting a 1,500 mile "economy test" run through North Carolina, obtained 19 miles per gallon of gas on the first day of the run, Tuesday, January 2nd.

The "Economy Test" run is being conducted by the manufacturers to show what the car will do under ordinary driving conditions over local roads. The car left Norfolk Tuesday on the first leg of its 1,500 mile journey, during which time an accurate check of the mileage obtained will be made by prominent city and state officials along the road travelled. It will arrive in Roanoke Rapids next Wednesday, January 10th, remaining in the city overnight. A group of prominent local citizens have been invited to make the trip with the official test car from Raleigh to the city next Wednesday, and the car, together with its authentic record of the entire trip up to date will be on display at White Motors salesrooms from 4 o'clock until the following morning at 9:30 when it will leave on another "lap" of its 1500 mile test run.

The first day's run was from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, from whence the run will be made on down the coast to Wilmington, visiting leading cities of the state before proceeding to Roanoke Rapids on January 10th.

A big "reception" is being planned in Roanoke Rapids for the arrival of the test car here next Wednesday afternoon, and much interest is being shown in the run locally.

Too Late To Classify

LOST: Blue River ladies yellow gold diamond ring set with center diamond and four side diamonds in "fishtail" design. Lost in Leggett's Dept. Store. Return to Lynchess—"Gifts and Jewelry," for Reward. 1t-1-4

75 Children At Girls Scout Party

Approximately 75 children enjoyed the hospitality of the girl scouts at a party given in newly completed scout hut on Hamilton and Eighth Streets in the afternoon and evening of December 22. In most cases each scout had one guest; in some cases two scouts invited one child. The children were presented a toy, an article of clothing, candy, nuts, and fruit.

The scouts, about 90 in number, invited their guests for two different parties, one from 5 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon and one from 7 to 8 in the evening.

The Hut was decorated for the Christmas season with the activities centering around a huge Christmas tree. Santa Claus was on hand to hand out the presents to the under privileged children who made up the guest lists.

The program consisted of Carols which all the children participated in, "shadow graphs" under the direction of Miss Louise Brown, and the part played by Santa Claus.

Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Rowe of Weldon entertained at three tables of bridge on Thursday evening.

Amid appropriate Christmas decorations several progressions of contract were played with Mrs. L. J. Judkins winning top score prize for ladies and T. R. Manning the gentlemen's prize. When cards were removed presents were distributed from a characteristic Christmas tree.

The hostess served sandwiches and coffee to the following: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Judkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boseman, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Manning.

Ministers In 2 Counties Organized

An organization of the Methodist preachers of Halifax and Northampton counties was started at Weldon last Monday morning with the following present: Rev. P. T. Newton, Rich Square; Rev. L. E. Sawyer, Garysburg; Rev. B. P. Robinson, Weldon; and Rev. C. T. Thrift, Halifax.

The temporary officers are Rev. B. P. Robinson, President, and Rev. C. T. Thrift, Secretary.

The time of meeting was set for Monday after the second Sunday in each month. All the Methodist preachers of these two counties are expected to become members.

Commissioners Meet In Short Session Jan. 2

The Roanoke Rapids Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on January 2, 1940, for a short business session.

Mayor Allbrook told the commissioners that the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works of Roanoke, Va., had offered their services of drawing plans for the construction of a

new jail and that he had asked the company to send an engineer to the city for that purpose.

The Chief of police was instructed to summon all citizens of the city who are found driving without city license.

Building inspector for the city, Henry Fitts, appeared before the Board and asked a revision in the plumbing code, requiring all sewer lines of new dwellings and new work in existing dwellings extending from dwelling and connecting with Sanitary District lines to be of cast iron pipe. Action on the matter was deferred until the city engineer could be consulted.

C. J. Simmons spent Saturday in Emporia, Va., on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barrett and family spent Sunday with relatives in Enfield.

Miss Ann Matthews has returned here after spending several days in Plymouth, N. C., with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Carroll.

Miss Otelia Vaughan spent the week-end in Greenville with her aunt, Mrs. Cammie Moore.

Rufus Daniels of Lawrenceville spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Daniels.

Thomas Edwards returned to Hickory, N. C. after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Wiley Edwards.

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(And Remaining Overnight until 9:30 A.M. Thursday)

See for yourself this test of motor car operating costs. Look over the official Log Book of the Run. See what the mileage is at the date it arrives here. Make it a point to be at the White Motors salesroom (corner Roanoke Avenue and Ninth) where you may see the car any time from 4 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon until the following morning at 9:30, when it leaves on another leg of its journey.

The mileage records are only part of this test of Mercury qualities. The rest of the test is yours—come up to our showroom and see what else this precedent-breaking car has. All the performance, size, comfort and luxury you'd have a right to expect in a big car—and something more: the PLUS ECONOMY thousands of owners have bragged about. If you don't know the Mercury, you haven't caught up with the newest in motor cars. Would you like to drive one this evening?

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