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## FORD ROADSTER, EQUIPPED WITH A RUCKSTELL AXLE EASILY CLIMBS STONE MT.

### Steep Ascent Negotiated in Record Time and Without Undue Strain on the Motor.

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The most amazing application of latent automotive power which has ever come under this writer's observation took place last Wednesday when a Ford roadster—equipped with the Ruckstell axle—successfully and disdainfully climbed Stone Mountain under its own power and with no external assistance other than the cheers of a small but interested group of spectators.

Be it known to those who have yet to see Stone Mountain from a close view and those who have looked at it from the ground and let it go at that—Stone Mountain is the world's largest single block of granite and its ascent is not to be undertaken by an automobile without a vast respect for that automobile's pulling ability. From the very beginning of the ascent, the road is rough. At times it becomes tortuous and the foot path—the only road leading to the top—winds in and out between great boulders, fallen trees, and other obstacles in a fashion which produces more tortional strain than a car is generally called on to withstand during its lifetime.

And when the real grade is reached, it gets steep. Steep, according to any definition of that good old English word. For about 200 feet the grade is 45 per cent or better and the granite has been worn away to a smoothness that allows but scant traction. And this is the portion of the climb that has balked many a motor car with ambitions out of line with capability.

The Ruckstell axle is a comparatively new proposition in this section, though it has been accorded a remarkable success in the West and on the Pacific coast. And from the conscious ease with which this Ford roadster negotiated this spectacular climb there is ample explanation of its popularity in any section where power is a requirement. Replacing the left half of the standard Ford rear axle, it furnishes an application of the power in a Ford motor which is little short of astounding to those acquainted with a Ford's performance ability.

The power is there. The Ruckstell axle brings it out. Hence, there is an economy in its use in addition to the additional ability which is placed at the driver's command, for every bit of that power is applied where it will do the most good—at the rear wheels.

Stone Mountain has been climbed by other motor cars. But the outstanding and spectacular nature of the feat is not diminished one whit by that fact. But if anyone regards it as a pastime to be undertaken lightly, invite him to take his car and try it. Having been a Ford owner for a number of years we hold the highest respect for its capabilities and we have carried our humble "lizzie" into places where our better judgment said "nay." But the idea of Stone Mountain is outside the realm of possibility so far as we are concerned. And still is, even though we saw it and marveled at the business-like way in which this little roadster went to its job.

J. Tom Sewell, a representative of the Universal Motor company, drove the car. The Universal Motor company handles the distribution of Ruckstell axles for the southeastern territory, through the Ford dealer organization exclusively. And H. S. Campell, manager of the Universal's Atlanta branch was master of ceremonies on this occasion.

But the Ruckstell axle had the leading role. It is a device which is thoroughly orthodox, scientifically designed and built of the best materials on the market. As stated, it is sold and installed exclusively by authorized Ford dealers throughout the country. And the Stone Mountain demonstration climb was the opening of an intensive sales campaign throughout this territory. The axle is made for both truck and passenger car equipment.

C. E. Freeman, authorized Ford dealer at Highland and North Boulevard heads the Ford dealer organization locally in the Ruckstell campaign and the interest already developed presages a volume of business which will be eloquent praise of the Ruckstell axle's merit. Facilities for installation in the Freeman service station has been increased to care for the increased demand. Demonstration cars have been placed at the disposal of the public that all may see and know the amazing extent of this new development and application of Ford power.

Which is the text of the story. There should be a pride to the Ford owner in knowing that the motor is capable of developing such a prodigious flow of power that such a climb as Stone Mountain becomes almost child's play. And with the advent of the Ruckstell axle such a climb is made possible through scientific application of that power.—Atlanta Journal.

### Fire Wardens Meet

Saturday afternoon County Fire Warden J. J. Mann and Deputies Zeb Shope, J. E. Cabe, Ernest Brown, J. D. McCoy, Jack Berry, Weaver Gibson and J. A. Parrish, met at the court house with District Forester, T. W. Alexander, to discuss the prevention of forest fires in the county and means of suppressing them.

Supervisor R. W. Shields of the Nantahala National Forest made a short talk congratulating the county on the organization of a fire fighting force and offering the fullest cooperation in preventing and fighting fires in all parts of the county, whether on government land or the land of private individuals. Mr. Shields stressed the importance of an educational campaign to prevent fires.

Mr. Alexander instructed the deputies in the methods of making reports. He also suggested that each deputy visit the schools in his district and talk to the school children concerning the importance of preventing fires.

Major S. A. Harris, in a short talk told of the damage a forest fire will do from the standpoint of tourist developments. From this viewpoint alone he was of the opinion that a forest fire would injure the salable value of lands anywhere from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per acre.

When the meeting adjourned the deputies left with a better understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

### Items From Norcross, Ga.

Mr. Will Singleton has returned home after spending four months in Miami, Fla.

Mr. Homer Long and son, Don, have returned home from Tignall, Ga., where they have been at work for Mr. F. S. Nichols.

Mr. Jack Long left a few days ago for Akron, Ohio. Sorry to give him up and wish him well.

Mr. Paul Long has returned home from Atlanta, where he has been at work.

Mrs. Homer Long visited Mrs. Valula Turner Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. William Mardell is moving back to our section to farm the next year. We all welcome him.

Mrs. Carlina Dickins is on the sick list. Hope she soon recovers.

Mrs. Homer and Mrs. Paul Long visited Mrs. Jim Mackeney Friday.

Mr. W. N. Pool is talking of going to Florida. Sorry to give him up.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Long visited Mr. Will Singleton Wednesday night.

Miss Annie b. Cober has been spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Roy Turner.

Get up your dogs, boys, and come down, for there's lots of opossum in Georgia.

Come on, Cartooghaye and Uncle Tom's cabin, for I am a tar heel too, and enjoy reading your news.

Miss Genett Turner spent Wednesday night with Miss Helen Long.

### Attorney Erwin Here

Attorney W. S. Erwin of Clarksville was here last Monday on business. Mr. Erwin reports that Habersham expects to get to work on the highway between Clarksville and Tallulah Falls in the early part of next year. If Habersham can build roads like it voted bonds, not much time will be required to finish its section of the highway.

## ENTERTAINER EXTRAORDINARY

### Miss Lura Forbes to Appear at Franklin Court House December 9th—Enjoyable Evening is Promised.

A few years ago there came into the office of Mr. C. E. Booth of Chicago, a young woman who said that she was looking for something to do. There was a smile on her face, a twinkle in her eye, her manner was charming and Mr. Booth, notwithstanding he was very busy at the moment, gave the young woman a hearing.

Said the young woman to Mr. Booth: "Will you give me something to do?"

Said Mr. Booth in reply: "What can you do?"

"I'll show you," said the young woman in return.

And the young woman entertained Mr. Booth and his office force for half an hour with the most original narratives of life and people she had seen and known, that had ever been their pleasure to listen in on.

In speaking of the incident, Mr. Booth said that her stories were related so very naturally that he thought of himself as being in the presence of an old friend who was recounting some of her experiences.

She was not reading, neither was she acting, and yet she was acting in the most natural and effective way possible. She was all unconsciously acting like the people she was telling about. And this is Art.

This young woman was Lura Forbes, recognized and spoken of as being probably the most original woman entertainer on the great lyceum and chautauqua platform.

Lura Forbes was born and reared among the mountains of Kentucky and on her own responsibility went to New York and studied under Beiseco.

She has been offered both dramatic and moving picture work but chooses to give her gifts to the lyceum and chautauqua platform.

Lura Forbes is not a reader—she is an actor, a mimic. She is simple, natural, original in all that she does. You will laugh and you will cry. You will forget yourself and the fellow next to you and be wholly lost in the people she portrays, some of whom may live in your midst. To appreciate Lura Forbes you need to see and hear her. She will not be in lyceum long, because sooner or later she will be induced to engage in dramatics or pictures, and then she will be your favorite actor. Better see her now. By special arrangement with herself and Mr. Booth we are offering her to Piedmont patrons and am happy that you will have opportunity to hear this remarkable young woman entertainer. Give Miss Forbes a warm Southern reception and every one prepare for a delightful evening together.

Miss Forbes will appear at the court house in Franklin, at 7:30 p. m. December 9th.

### Lower Tesenta News

On November 22, Mr. John Holt's singing school here was concluded by an "all day singing and dinner on the ground." Many of our friends from Newman's Chapel, Sealy, and other neighborhoods were present. Some real good singing was done and all present seemed to enjoy the occasion.

Miss Ellen Rogers and Mr. Montgomery Miller were married on Thanksgiving Day. Accept our good wishes for your happiness, Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

On the afternoon of the 26th, the teacher at Lower Tesenta invited the patrons of the school to come and see some of the work that the pupils were doing. The ones who braved the rain and came to the school house seemed pleased with what they saw. The teacher urged them to keep the children coming to school just as regularly as possible.

Mumps are in fashion for youngsters here. Coon-hunting is stylish for older persons—and some of the hunters have been lucky.

Today a new son came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Conley. His name is said to be George Conley, Jr.

Yesterday Rev. Coles preached a brief but interesting sermon at the Methodist church. His text was "Be ye not conformed to this world but ye transformed by the renewing of your minds."

Mr. Barnett Conley of Montana, is visiting relatives and friends here.

## FRANKLIN'S BIG DAM COMPLETED; SWITCH TURNED BY MAYOR LYLE

### Reforestation by Forest Fire Prevention

"Riots and rebellion would result immediately should Congress propose to tax Southern landowners one dollar per acre every Fourth of July for fireworks," says H. H. Wefel, Jr. in the Manufacturers' Record. "Landowners however, submit to a tax at least as great, collected by the Red-Tongued Taxgatherer of the South—the forest fire. Had we rebelled against this tax twenty or so years ago the accumulated values in the form of sturdy young forest and thriving industries would be in excess of \$5,000,000,000 today."

"It is high time we rebel. If we do not, twenty years hence will find us not simply as we are today, but facing the consequences in droughts, insect and fungus pests, reduced fertility of soil, cooling lands and inefficiency of industry based upon our own resources."

If forest fires have cost the South \$5,000,000,000, what have they cost this year? Forest fire prevention and protection measures cannot be adapted too soon.—The Manufacturer.

### Stiles Locals

Messrs. Clyde and Harry Morgan have just returned home from Wesser Creek, where they have been at work.

Mr. Harry Welch has purchased a new Ford.

Mr. Robt. Burnette is visiting home folks this week.

Misses Ena Smith and Grace Fouts were visiting. Miss Smith's parents last week-end.

Mr. Albert Burnette of Almond was in this section one day last week.

Miss Ruth Byrd returned home from Almond one day last week.

Mr. C. D. Morgan was the guest of Mr. W. E. Smith last Saturday.

Mr. C. C. Welch motored to Florida a few days ago.

Mr. Doyle Smith was the guest of Mr. Laup Welch last Sunday.

There was a box supper at the Burningtown school last Saturday night—with good salesmen and plenty of pretty girls we made up \$75.39 for the purpose of buying an organ.

Mr. H. L. R. Morgan was the guest of Mr. Edd Byrd last Saturday.

Mr. Claude Bradley of Etna, was in this section Saturday.

### Forest Preservation

The year 1925 is going to show a splendid record in the national campaign for preservation of forests.

This work has gone ahead on two lines, prevention of forest fires and reforestation of logged-off areas.

One of the largest timber corporations in the Northwest follows a program of replanting within three years every tree that is cut down.

Forest nurseries are being established to enable this company to replace about 4,000 acres a year.

A survey by the American Tree association shows that 19 states have forests, 33 have forestry departments two have state nurseries and that millions of dollars are being spent on reforestation.—The Manufacturer.

### Poplar Cove Items.

Miss Mamie Gladle was the guest of Mrs. Harvey Edwards Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Greenwood, November 16, a baby boy.

Mrs. Lila Dills was visiting Mrs. Fred Anderson Sunday.

Miss Esther Williamson was visiting Miss Elenore Williamson Sunday.

Miss Rachel Anderson was visiting Miss Coria Huscusson Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Epp and Mr. J. Franks were the guests of Misses Carrie Eilen Corpening Saturday.

Mr. Willie Huscusson spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. Joe Seiser was at Mrs. B. H. Huscusson's on business the past week.

Mr. Will Dills was the guest of Mr. Harry Edwards Sunday morning.

We are sorry to report that little Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenwood is very ill.

Mrs. Mamie Williamson was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. John Smith was the guest of Mrs. Will Corpening Sunday.

Mr. Gertis Anderson is home with a bruised arm. He has been at Tignall, Ga.

### 1500 Horse Power Available—Provision Made for 750 More—Prominent Men Present.

Friday, November 27th, though a rather dreary and rainy day, was undoubtedly the most significant day in the history of Franklin. For on that day Mayor S. H. Lyle, Jr., turned the switch at the recently completed municipal power plant and thus sent power over the lines to every nook and corner of Franklin.

Many citizens, braving the inclement weather, journeyed to the dam to witness the final touch which assures Franklin of an abundance of hydro-electric energy for lighting and power purposes. Robert & Company of Atlanta, the engineering firm who designed the dam and supervised its construction, were represented in the persons of Captain L. W. Robert, Vice President C. L. Emerson and Mr. A. G. Stanford, electrical expert of the company. These three had come from Atlanta to witness the results of their labors and to congratulate the people of Franklin upon the completion of the dam. Mr. E. L. Allen, representing Robert & Company as resident engineer, was also present. Mr. Easton represented the Electrical Constructors Company of Charlotte, who made a record in the rapid construction of the dam.

All members of the town board were present with the exception of Mr. J. A. Porter who was out of town on business and Mr. T. W. Angel, who was kept away by sickness. Many expressions of regret were heard because these two officials could not be present. It will be remembered that Mr. Angel made the motion to issue bonds for the building of the dam.

The inclement weather Friday precluded any elaborate ceremonies. It was decided to postpone all speeches for a few days when all those who have something to say will be permitted to do so at a banquet.

Friday night Franklin presented a gala appearance with all street lights burning and with the stores and banks ablaze with electric lights.

### Over 6,000 Miles Highway Under State Maintenance

State maintenance forces are maintaining 6,156 miles of state highway system, according to figures from the Maintenance Department of the commission. These forces are at work daily to keep the state highway system in first class condition and are doing so. The cost of this work is being paid by those who use the roads since the revenue for carrying on the work is derived from the license tax on automobiles and the tax on gasoline.

### Mrs. Geo. T. Stiles

After an illness of six months, Mrs. George T. Stiles, 59, died at her home in Franklin at 1:30 a. m. November 27. Her death was the occasion of much sorrow among her numerous friends in Franklin.

The deceased was a devout member of the Baptist church, having joined this denomination 42 years ago. She was born in Macon county and was married to Mr. George T. Stiles on March 1, 1891.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church last Saturday afternoon. Rev. A. J. Smith, local Baptist minister conducting the services. Beautiful vocal selections were sung by a quartette. The floral offerings were many and were highly appreciated by the surviving members of the family.

The hearse of the Franklin Furniture Company carried the remains to the new cemetery west of the city. The elder members of the Men's Bible class acted as pallbearers.

Besides her husband the deceased is survived by the following children all of whom were present at the funeral: Mrs. C. E. Cooper, Etowah, Tenn.; Mr. N. H. Stiles, Haines City, Fla.; and Mrs. William Parker, Elizabeth City, N. C.

### Franklin Citizens Ride Goat

Messrs. L. E. Lentz, Jess Conley, S. L. Franks, W. B. Ferguson, E. W. Long, J. J. Mann and Rev. A. J. Smith took the Knight Templar degree at Waynesville last Friday.