

## General Motors Builds 25-Millionth Unit



Brief ceremonies were held in the Chevrolet assembly plant at Flint, January 11, marking completion of this car, the 25-millionth unit built by General Motors. In behalf of the thousands of workers who had a hand in its manufacture, 75 members of the final assembly line crew handed M. E. Coyle, Chevrolet general manager, a commemorative scroll for presentation to W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors. Veteran Chevrolet employes, and executives of the Buick and AC Spark Plug divisions, were present as special guests.

In photo, left to right: C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, Chevrolet; Mr. Coyle; H. H. Curtice, general manager Buick Division; A. P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board, General Motors; Fred Brown, veteran Chevrolet employe; C. S. Mott, vice president, General Motors; C. E. Wilson, executive vice president, General Motors, and Mr. Knudsen. The car was taken at once to Detroit, to play a major part in the "March of Men and Motors" celebration staged that night in the Masonic Temple.

## Big Razor Shaves Sonja Henie Rink

The machine age has come to the ice rink, thanks to the ingenious prop men at 20th Century-Fox. Their brain-child came out of the production of Sonja Henie's latest picture, "Everything Happens at Night," now at the Palace theatre with Ray Milland and Robert Cummings featured.

Up to now one of the chief problems in filming Sonja's skating numbers has been keeping the ice smooth and clean. After Sonja and her chorus had gone through their paces the ice usually was all cut and chopped up and a crew of men on skates, wielding huge, bulky instruments, had to spend several hours skating up and down the rink scraping the ice smooth again.

This operation consumed a great deal of valuable time, until that one morning when one of the prop men, shaving before his mirror, got his bright idea. Fashioned after a safety razor, a huge

duplicate was built which is propelled around the rink by means of cables, pulleys and tackle operated by a motor on the sidelines. The scraping job can now be done more efficiently and in a tenth of the usual time.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS PLAN PICTURES AND THEN SOME

General Fun-Session To Be Held In Raleigh By State News Cameramen.

Raleigh, Jan. 17 — The first State Gridiron dinner will furnish at least one superlative for North Carolina. It will be the most photographed affair ever held in Tar Heelia.

Thirty members of the Carolina Press Photographers association will be on hand with cameras and bulbs to see that their own little shindig is amply covered. An especially large and ancient camera will be secured, with which, the camera boys say,

they are going to compel Governor Hoey to make their picture. As the most-often pictured governor in the state's history, the governor will be asked to return the favor and make a picture of the lensmen.

The gridiron dinner will be held in Raleigh, February 4, with about 200 "most photographed" public figures of the state present, Jack Houston, of the Charlotte Observer, is president of the association.

## RAINY RIMMER PASSES AT HOME

Well Known Hurdle Mills Resident Dies Sunday Morning, Services Held At Berry's Grove.

Funeral services for Rainey Thomas Rimmer, 64, whose death occurred early Sunday morning at his home at Hurdle Mills, were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Berry's Grove Baptist church, with Elders Floyd Adams and Lex Chandler in

charge of the rites. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Death was attributed to a paralytic stroke which occurred two weeks ago. Pallbearers and flowerbearers were nephews and nieces of the deceased.

Survivors included, his wife, who was Miss Luna Dunn prior to her marriage to Mr. Rimmer; six daughters; Mrs. Iral Scott, of Hurdle Mills; Mrs. Estie Wrenn, of Roxboro; Mrs. Wayne Moore, of Greensboro; Mrs. Thaddeus Bowers, of Hurdle Mills and Misses Vera and Rosa Rimmer, of the home; one son, David Rimmer, of Hurdle Mills, and seven grandchildren.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and most grateful appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many kind and helpful acts, their thoughtful consideration, and expressions of sympathy, during the illness and death of our father and husband.

Mrs. Ellen Newton Day and family

## BURGIN PENNELL TO BE MANAGER

Asheville Attorney Will Be State Director of Campaign Of A. J. Maxwell.

Asheville, Jan. 17 — Burgin Pennell, attorney, civic and religious leader, and past commander of the American Legion, announced yesterday that he would manage the campaign for governor of A. J. Maxwell, confirming recent rumors, Mr. Pennell said: "I have agreed to manage Mr. Maxwell's campaign for Governor. I have accepted the gratuitous tender of this responsibility as a pleasure and privilege, without promise or request for political preferment, because of my confidence in his sterling character, his knowledge of the State and its governmental problems, his eminent qualifications and record as a public official, his ability to secure a dollar of value for each dollar expended in governmental affairs, his long support and activity in behalf of the Democratic party, and his balanced program as outlined in the statement announcing his candidacy. I believe he will make an efficient and trust-worthy Governor of our State.

"After a survey of the State, based upon the enthusiastic commendation of Mr. Maxwell's announced policies from citizens of all classes throughout the State, there is every indication that Mr. Maxwell will receive the nomination in the first primary."

State headquarters for the campaign will be opened in Raleigh early in March.

Mr. Pennell, who is a native of Asheville, is a graduate of Wake Forest college, class of 1917.

## Chevrolet Sales Reported Ahead In Past Month

Detroit, Jan. 17 — Chevrolet dealers' sales of new cars and trucks in the final 10 days of December continued at the fast pace maintained ever since the 1940 model announcement, resulting in a gain of 32.2 per cent, for the month, as against December 1938, W. E. Holler, general sales manager, announced today.

Units sold totalled 27,432 for the period and 88,801 for the month, as compared with 22,697 and 66,832 respectively, in December of last year. December thus became Chevrolet's third highest sales month since August 1937.

Used car sales increased during the final 10 days of the month, totalling 45,049 as compared with

43,104 in the previous 10 days and 40,156 in the corresponding period last year. Used car sales for the entire month were 126,215 units, a gain of 17 per cent over the 107,223 total in December 1938.

## Auto Industry Has Grown Rapidly In Four Decades

Like Gulliver in Lilliput, the automobile industry in America has become giant-sized and the dawn of a new decade finds a nation on wheels.

Carolina Motor Club statistics show one car for every four persons in the United States—enough to make a bumper-to-bumper string extending three and a half

times around the world. More than three million of these vehicles are new models, sold during 1939.

During the year just ended, the average motorist drove his car 11,000 miles on 732 gallons of gasoline—a total fuel cost of \$137.18, some 29 per cent of which went for state and national taxes.

In four decades, registrations in the United States have grown from 8,000 to 30,710,000 and the figure is steadily increasing. One reason: Today's motorists can buy three cars for what a single inferior one would have cost in 1920.

It's truly a gigantic industry and last year was a record maker.

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