

Mrs. Robertson, an elderly lady, who, while motoring over the Paekakariki Hill in company with her son-in-law and Mr. Montague, of Wellington, in November last, was thrown from a motor car, has now recovered sufficiently from her injuries to be able to leave the Otaki Hospital.

A movement is on foot among the members of the old Motor Cycle Club to procure a wreath in memory of Corporal H. Fancourt (writes "Carburettor," in the Otago "Daily Times"). Harman was the first secretary of the Motor Cycle Club, and one of those who were responsible for the fusion of the Motor Cycle Club and Motor Association into the Otago Motor Club. The patriotic work and many and varied activities of the O.M.C. are due in no small degree to those motorists who foresaw the possibilities of a combined club, and no small share of the work was carried out by the late member.

Owing to the successful issue of the last motor cycle hill climbing contest conducted by the Napier Motor Cycle Club last month, that live body has decided to hold another such competition on Saturday afternoon, March 15, on the Taradale hills.

The directing-editor of several of the leading United States motoring journals, whilst on a visit to England, was recently asked if the American motor manufacturers were expecting a free market in Great Britain after having played an important part in the finishing up of the war. His reply was: "We expect that the American motor manufacturers will be faced with a tariff of from 30 to 40 per cent. for a period of at least five years." If this forecast comes true, it will make a tremendous difference to the British motor industry and give it a fair chance to again get on its feet.

In the paper on "Road Stones in the Wellington and Taranaki Districts," which he read before the New Zealand Civil Engineers' Conference at Auckland, Mr. A. S. Mair

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stated that in a large proportion of the country covered by tertiary rocks no stone of any kind was available for road building, and this made the making of artificial stone a necessity. This had been done with varying success. He stated that he had manufactured some 12,000 to 15,000 cubic yards of this material, which had made first-class roads—demonstrating the value of burned papa. Mr. Mair dealt with the need of arousing greater public interest in road-making, which, with the increase of transportation, was a growing problem. He expressed the hope that before long a Dominion Association to advocate better roading would be formed, and that the Government would make definite investigations into the problem.

The children of the various orphan institutions in Auckland were taken for a most enjoyable outing to Buckland's Beach, Tamaki, thanks to the generosity of the Auckland Automobile Association, who chose this way to commemorate the Allied victory. About 70 motor cars were engaged, and 600 children from the following institutions were entertained: The Salvation Army Children's School at Herne Bay, Richmond Road Home, Mount Albert Orphanage, Leslie Presbyterian Orphanage (Remuera), the Rev. Jeffries' Home for Destitute Children at Ponsonby, the Manurewa Orphan Home, and St. Mary's Home, Onehunga. During the afternoon, Mr. W. H. Wynyard (the vice-president of the association), addressed the children, and explained that the object of the association in providing the outing was to impress upon them the important influence the victory of the Allied arms would have upon the younger generations. Refreshments were served, and an added delight was an aeroplane display previously arranged with the New Zealand Flying School. The Garrison Band was in attendance.

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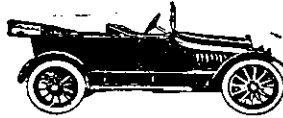
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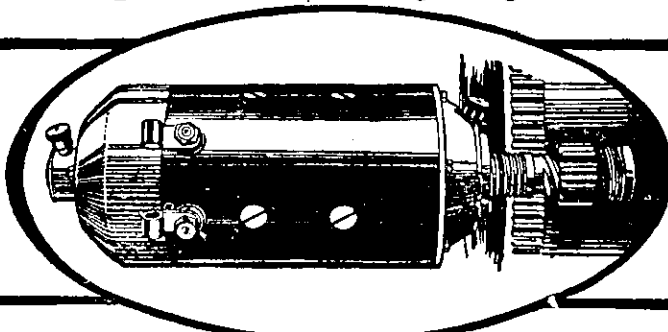
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