

PUBLIC IS WATCHING TOUR WITH INTEREST

Such Test as Glidden Run Is One
of Few Means of Comparing
Many Makes of Cars.

CONTESTS ARE GOOD THINGS

Give People Line on Machines and
Shows Manufacturer
Defects.

That people are interested in the Glidden tour is evidenced by the amount of space the newspapers and other publications all over the country are giving it. Papers usually print what people are interested in and the avidity with which thousands of patrons each day grab the latest news from the scene of the famous struggle shows that the papers are but satisfying strong demand.

Undoubtedly these contests between different kinds of automobiles are watched eagerly by the public because it is only by such contests that the public can draw comparisons. With so many machines on the market at various prices and offering various inducements the prospective purchaser gets muddled when he thinks about a choice.

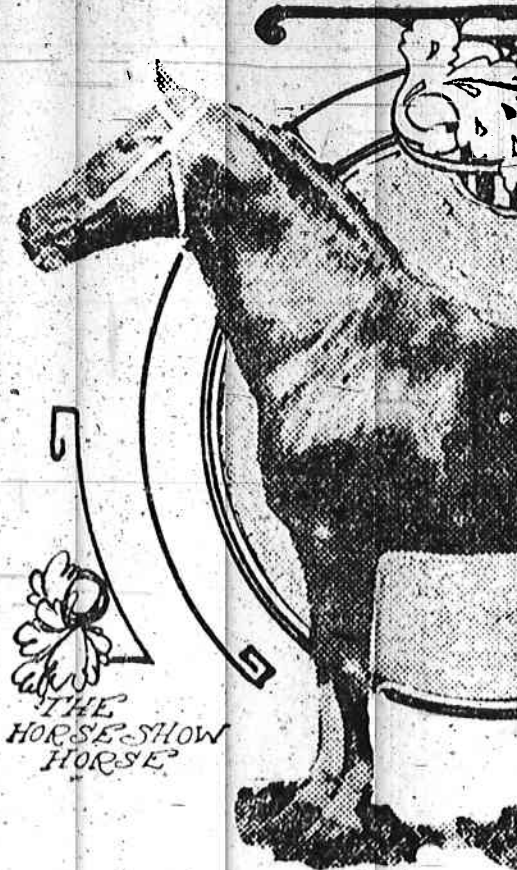
There is no question that these endurance runs do give a line on the machines that are entered. The Glidden tour this year is as severe a test as any machine would discover in touring any part of the country.

Glidden Tour Real Test.

It is doubtful if any ordinary touring party would attempt roads that the Gliddens have voluntarily agreed to go over. The fact that so many cars are standing the strenuous struggle without penalty is a tribute to the American manufacturer.

And moreover the individual companies who are lucky enough to go through with none or at least only minor repairs will never regret entering the tour. It should sell cars for them.

On the other hand the cars that meet with disaster can not regret the action because it will show them where their car is weak and they can proceed to improve the defect. It will be better



THE
HORSE SHOW
HORSE



Defects.

That people are interested in the Glidden tour is evidenced by the amount of space the newspapers and other publications all over the country are giving it. Papers usually print what people are interested in and the avidity with which thousands of persons each day grab the latest news from the scene of the famous struggle shows that the papers are but satisfying strong demand.

Undoubtedly these contests between different kinds of automobiles are watched eagerly by the public because it is only by such contests that the public can draw comparisons. With so many machines on the market at various prices and offering various inducements the prospective purchaser gets muddled when he thinks about a choice.

There is no question that these endurance runs do give a line on the machines that are entered. The Glidden tour this year is as severe a test as any machine would discover in touring any part of the country.

Glidden Tour Real Test.

It is doubtful if any ordinary touring party would attempt roads that the Gliddens have voluntarily agreed to go over. The fact that so many cars are standing the strenuous struggle without penalty is a tribute to the American manufacturer.

And moreover the individual companies who are lucky enough to go through with none or at least only minor repairs will never regret entering the tour. It should sell cars for them.

On the other hand the cars that do meet with disaster can not regret the action because it will show them where their car is weak and they can proceed to improve the defect. It will be better for this defect to be brought out in a run known to be so unusually hard than it would be for a new purchaser to meet with it.

Contests Are Good Things.

The Glidden tour is undoubtedly a good thing for all concerned. The value of endurance contests are becoming more and more popular with manufacturers, while racing is growing less in favor. Races between stripped, specially built cars do not tell much to the public, while a supreme test of a stock touring car or runabout such as a man would buy is something to be watched closely by people contemplating buying or otherwise interested in the sport.

There will be no tie this year in the Glidden tour. In case that more than one car reaches Syracuse in safety, the machines with the clean slates will continue on to Buffalo, the starting point of the run, and will then start over the same route again.

In order to make sure that no car goes over the pilgrimage again without a penalty, the time schedule will be shortened. A smaller allowance of time to get over those mountain roads will undoubtedly mean the determination of a winner.

SULLIVAN'S AUTO PARTY



THE
HORSE SHOW
HORSE?



THE AUTOMOBILE
FIRE ENGINE?

Notes of Glidden Tour.

Gus Buse of Pittsburg has the highest powered machine in the run. Buse drives 70-horse-power Thomas.

Joe Moore, Harry Hammond and Ray M. Namara of Indianapolis have earned the reputation of being classed among the best road drivers in the country.

Farmers along the route have made good use of the passing motors by hitching their fractious horses by the roadside and letting them become accustomed to the machines.

The youngest driver is Artie Kumpf of Buffalo. This little fellow, who is 18 years of age, and who weighs but 125 pounds, handles one of the Pierce Great Arrows like a veteran.