

ROAD RACES HURT TRADE

ANTAGONIZES LEGISLATION

**EFFORTS FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS ARE
CRIPPLED BY SPEED CONTESTS,
ACCORDING TO WELL-IN-
FORMED AUTHORITY.**

The recent statement sent out by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, which was directly aimed at the endurance run from New York to Boston last Thursday, has caused the public to discuss endurance runs and road races. Some of these discussions have been very unfavorable to automobile contests, but it should be said that the whole racing and contest fraternity should not suffer for the actions of one or two frenzied drivers in this last contest.

There is no one better qualified to speak on automobile contests than A. E. P. Chalfont, general manager of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, who has the following to say on road races and legal speed:

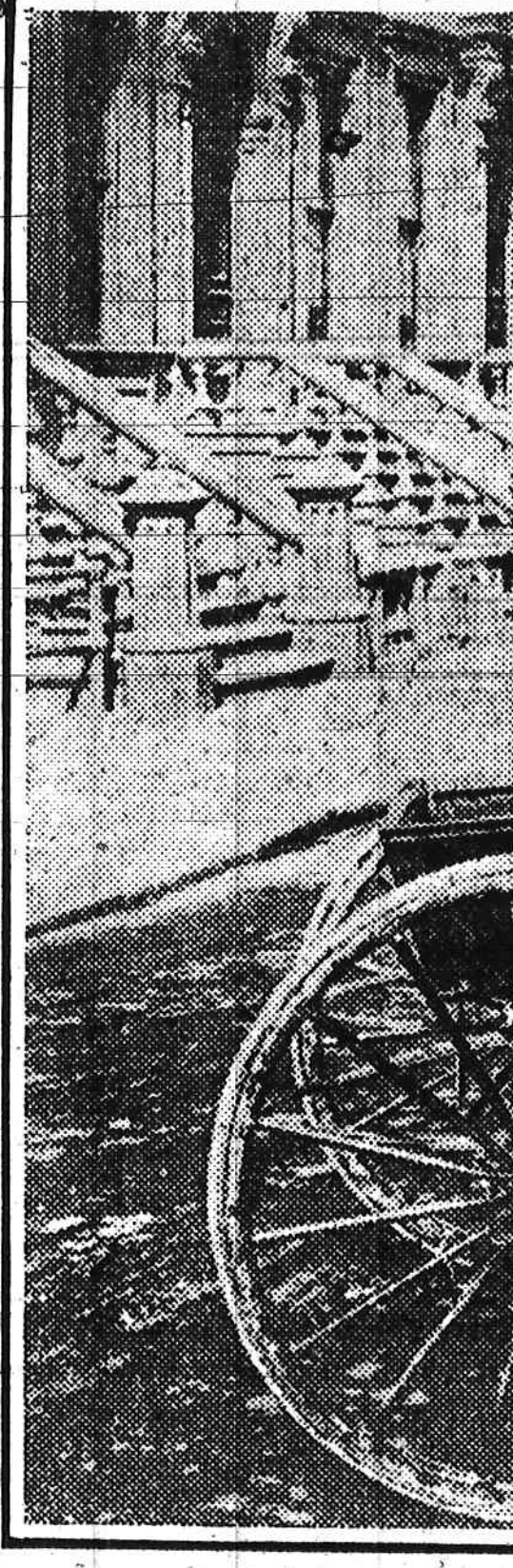
"The public must now realize that automobile contests are in their infancy. However, the most expert men in the business can not tell what turn the sport is going to take next.

"The whole manufacturing world is divided on the subject of racing. One maker says the sport is of no benefit to the industry; another says it helps more than anything else. Some favor a speedway, but urge the importance of practical contests.

The Function of Racing.

"Racing undoubtedly has a very material function in mechanical progress. It develops the art of driving specifically and executive ability broadly. It has a great human interest, which will not and should not be suppressed. It is undoubtedly the supreme test for one thing, and its excitement and interest have proven of such a nature as to draw the biggest crowds ever seen at any sporting event. The road race naturally stimulates the strongest efforts of the designer, the draftsman and the manufacturer. To continually improve the result to the limit of skill is to gain for the factory and the

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"Healthy growth and development can, however, proceed on no other than national lines. The members of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers have done much to encourage national contests and keep them within proper bounds.

"Recently in various parts of the country challenges to speed and endurance contests on the public highways have been issued. Wherever such contests involve a violation of the village, town, city or state speed laws, obviously they should not be tolerated. The inhabitants of the territory passed through at an illegal rate of speed may very reasonably have a feeling of bitter and retributive resentment, which may very possibly record itself in positive legislative action, which will oppress the fair-minded motorist and militate against the interest of the automobile industry as a whole, and impede the normal development of mechanical road traction. Such short-sighted affairs can only tend strongly to precipitate contemplated adverse laws in the form of bills proposed in the various state halls of legislation, or, unhappily, to defeat the passage of such liberal legislation as may have received some encouragement. There was an instance of the last mentioned kind in a state nearby recently.

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"It is impossible to forward the only way to the result of the road-building work at all. It is difficult to run a race in which speed is not used, or rather how the latter may be limited in some instances, speed laws will be broken.

"Let us consider the great effect of all this on the country. The result is a good many other things are being done to get good roads. The government is doing its best to get the best roads in the country. It is doing its best to get the best roads in the country. It is doing its best to get the best roads in the country.



be necessary to recall to any forgetful mind that good roads are largely the sine qua non of motoring.

"If road races must be run, a twenty, thirty or forty-mile course should be arranged for by consent and according to law, and be properly protected and policed during the conduct of the race. Doing anything else is worse than unkindness to a dumb animal. The automobile can easily survive conflict with its legitimate enemies. Nevertheless it should be protected as much as possible from its unwise friends. Many of the members of the Licensed Association have consistently supported sensible contests and will continue to do so.

"Incidentally, special challenges are seldom justifiable. There are opportunities enough to race on properly guarded courses in due observance of law.

"A reliability contest of not more than a day's duration, over recognized automobile thoroughfares, conducted by promoters who obligate themselves that speed laws will not be violated (safeguarding this obligation by proper controls), can result in the fair promotion of the sport and in properly testing out new models for manufacturers, particularly when such contests are held under difficult road conditions. A notable case in point is the contest held between New York and Boston this month, the controls being so well placed as to make it practically impossible to exceed the country speed laws of twenty miles an hour."

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