



OPEN ROAD FOR GIRLS—Happy because they had just found a tire for their 1926 model-T, the Gypsy Coeds—six college gals from Bradford, Ill.—rolled into New Orleans today to give the town a once-over. In the driver's seat is DAR DORGAN,

and beside her are MURIEL CUNNINGHAM and ROSEMARY MORAN. In the back seat, left to right, are PEG BURNETT, ZO DAILEY and MARGIE DORGAN. They've covered 71,575 miles in the buggy.

Japs Move In 'Protectorate'

Start Taking Over Indo-China Bases

(By The United Press)
SAIGON, French Indo-China

Report Japs Ask Thai Support

(By The United Press)
CHUNGKING, China, July 27.—(Sunday)—The board of military operations released reports today asserting that Japan had demanded Thailand's adherence to the "new

Only 20 Japanese Nationals Here And Little To Be Said

There's not much to say about the New Orleans Japanese situation.

Because there aren't many Japanese here, there's practically very little commerce through the port, and because the few Jap-

Gypsy Coeds Jiggle In With Jaloppy That Has Taken Them 71,575 Miles

By FRANK NEILL

Attention all hitch-hikers between New Orleans and New York!

Be on the lookout for a 1926 vintage Model-T Ford containing six pretties. There won't be any room for you in the jaloppy—but the mere sight of them will be one for your memoirs.

They call themselves the Gypsy Coeds. That's exactly what they are. During the past six summer vacations they've driven something like 71,575 miles in their "fugitive from a junk heap," which has carried them into 39 states and two foreign countries.

The gals technically live at Bradford, Illinois, but collectively they've spent less time at home during their vagabond careers than Joe Louis has spent on the canvas of a fight ring.

And Their Car

Introductions, reading from the left: Dar and Margie Dorgan, who are juniors at Clark college, Dubuque, Iowa; Muriel Cunningham, Bradley college, Peoria, Illinois; Rosemary Moran, University of Illinois; Zo Dailey, University of Wisconsin, and Peg Burnett, Colorado State College.

Their limousine, formally christened "The Silver Streak" back in 1935 when the gals were sophomores in high school and made their first hegira, through Wisconsin, has a score of more familiar nomenclatures: "Opportunity," be-

cause it knocks, "Hi Ye, Silver," "Old Grandad," and "Pappy."

A thing to behold, the vehicle has been autographed by movie stars, Henry Ford, mayors, governors and more recently by soldiers.

Parts Hard To Get

"Getting spare parts is our biggest problem," declared Dar Dorgan, a neat blonde who does most of the driving. "The first thing we do in hitting a big town is look up the biggest junk yard." They had to buy a new tire in New Orleans Saturday.

"It cost \$4.57, cash, including sales tax," offered Zo Dailey, who keeps books for the outfit. "Ain't it a beaut? It holds 50 pounds of air." The tire size? 30x3 1/2.

Last year the gals trekked to the west coast.

"We had a mass date with Don Ameche," piped Rosemary.

"Ah, Ameche," breathed Zo.

Muriel displayed a huge photograph of Mister Ameche and the pretties. In the photo the thespian was pointing out directions—but all six coed noggins were turned toward him, rapturously.

Ford Fixed Car Up

"Henry Ford had us as special guests in 1938," explained Muriel, turning over the picture. "He had the Silver Streak completely overhauled. She's worked like a charm since."

The coed nomads weren't kidding. The gas buggy "averages 22 miles

per gallon" of petrol, but it has no gas gauge, and on an average of once a week they run out.

"We draw straws to see who walks to the nearest station," said. She and Margie lost Monday in Arkansas. "We had to walk 10 miles," she said.

Experienced travelers, the gals have learned all tricks of the tourist trade, and invented a few of their own. For instance, they use a special ice pack to keep cool while crossing deserts.

Not Afraid

"Just stick hunks of ice in your curls, wrap a bandana around your heads—and except for a frequent headache, we're cool as Eskimos," explained Dar.

They always stay at tourist camps, and make reservations weeks ahead. That way the host folks know where they are, approximately.

From here they go to Norfolk, Virginia, where a couple of sorority sisters live. Then to New York and back home—in time for the opening of school.

Asked if they were ever afraid, Dar merely pointed to a sign on the side of venerable Silver Streak:

"No Brakes. In God We Trust."

Purdue university has developed a new bath for electroplating zinc. The bath produces a bright, smooth, corrosion-resisting plating which does not crack.

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