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## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE:—

Today Calvin Coolidge is President of the United States, coming into high office under the most distressing of circumstances. In the home of his father, directly across the street from the humble home in which he was born, he took the oath of office in the night, and for the third time in American history a man from Massachusetts sits in the seat of Washington. To reach the presidency through the death of a predecessor has never, with one exception, meant more than the serving out of the term.

The first vice-president to thus reach the presidency was John Tyler—who had almost four years to serve. He sought a nomination at the expiration of his term and failed.

The second was Millard Fillmore. He tried to succeed himself but failed to get the nomination.

The third was Andrew Johnson, who made no attempt to succeed himself.

The fourth was Chester A. Arthur, who tried to get the nomination at the end of the term and failed.

The fifth was Roosevelt, who soon loomed larger in the public eye than the man he had succeeded ever had.

Unless we are mistaken in our estimate of the man there is little likelihood that President Coolidge will fashion his course during the next year with the view to getting the nomination that would, otherwise, have gone unquestionably, to the late President. He is a modest, reticent man whose political successes have been rather unusual in view of his temperamental inability to enjoy the political atmosphere.

Within few minutes after taking the oath he expressed his determination to strive to carry out the wishes of the late president; and to this end he announces that the present cabinet will be asked to remain. This is the customary procedure, but it has seldom worked out in practice. Thus Tyler's cabinet was soon displaced, and Fillmore's and Arthur's, and Mr. Roosevelt's policies were radically different from those of his predecessor.

The intentions of President Coolidge, who is a sincere man, are no doubt in complete harmony with his announcement, but he will be subjected to much pressure from powerful personages to rid himself of Mr. Hughes. The best answer he can make to pressure of this sort, from whatever quarter it may come, will be to call attention to the last word of Mr. Harding to the American people in which he paid tribute to Mr. Hughes as "a great secretary of state."

The new President is temperamentally different from any other we have had—more given to taciturnity, less to the outer manifestations of good fellowship, for he is a perfect type of the repressed New Englander of tradition. This manifests itself not only in his social peculiarities such as have been enumerated, but in his moral concepts, his political views, or, to make it more accurate, his governmental views. He is the fourth New England president, only one of whom was a Democrat.

His speeches might have been written by old Dr. Alcott, the father of the author of "Little Women"—

by which we mean that they deal largely with human conduct. There is very much of the Puritan in his nature.

As governor of Massachusetts his vigorous action in the case of the policeman's strike stands out as the most impressive of his actions, and to this he owes his present position.

He faces heavy duties, grave responsibilities, innumerable worries, and he will be entitled to the sympathetic consideration of the nation in the trying task of governing a people. He starts out with the invaluable advantage of having, and no doubt, deserving, the reputation of being sincere and honest. The discussion of his political opinions, and his expressions of pending problems and policies can well wait until the republic has paid its last tribute to the kindly man who has fallen in the public service.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The United States will be without a vice-president until the next general election. A president of the Senate will be chosen when congress convenes in December. He will preside over that body like the vice-president but will not be in line of succession to the presidency in case President Coolidge should die in the meantime. Trusting that the country will be spared the sorrow and grief of having another president die in office, but in the event that it should happen, Charles Evans Hughes, secretary of state in President Harding's cabinet would become president.

The funeral train carrying the body of President Harding, his good wife and the presidential mourners is speeding across the country and will arrive in Washington sometime next Tuesday. Wherever it passes, the people will stand in silence and bared head to pay a silent tribute to the dead president who gave his life in the service of his country.

Those who want a Chautauqua next year will be given an opportunity to express their opinion this evening. Directors, who will carry out the wishes of the people have been appointed and if you want a Chautauqua next year sign up for tickets.

## Buick Introduces

## Its 1924 Models

Introduced to the public this week, the 1924 Buick cars offer renewed proof of the unreliability of rumor. For months gossip of what Buick would do on August 1st has been prevalent and often solemnly assyred by the wiseacres as "on good authority." Yet so little of it proves true, and so many complete surprises characterize these cars, that Buick is to be congratulated on keeping its secret so well.

There is no question that these Buick cars are hailed as a substantial advance in automotive engineering, that the new features are developments rather than innovations, evolutionary rather than revolutionary and but is will be noted at the same time consistent throughout with those Buick fundamental principles that have endured through twenty years of Buick manufacture.

With fifty per cent more power claimed for its famous valve-in-head six cylinder engine, its successful external brakes extended to four wheels in both Sixes and Fours, a specially designed carburetor that is heralded as a wonder, and literally dozens of other developments, major and minor, Buick proves that its engineering staff has been very much "on the job."

The thousands who are certain to see these cars in the leading centers soon, will first observe a change in body lines, undoubtedly influenced to a degree by recent refinements in foreign design. Thus a more modish appearance, even than the 1923 Buick, has been accomplished by a departure in radiator and hood contour on both open and closed bodies. This applies to both the six and four cylinder models, of which there are fourteen body styles.

Exterior feature noted at first glance are the new head lamps, nickled radiator on the sixes, water tight hood hinge, open hood support, newly designed crown fenders, a more strip, operating instruments conforming in design to the headlamps, flush ventilator, new dust apron and a heavier and better looking gasoline tank. It will be noted that a two to four inch longer wheel base on the six cylinder chassis has created more room

in both the front and rear compartments, thus affording greater comfort to both driver and passenger and, coupled with an improved spring suspension, easier riding qualities also. The finish is exceptionally fine, even for Buick, and the appointments unusually complete.

The 6 cylinder valve-in-head engine which has probably brought more enduring fame to Buick than any other unit of its construction, has been so re-designed that it actually yields 50 per cent more power and a speed of 60 to 70 miles an hour. It has forced feed lubrication, removable head, larger valves, heavier crank and cam shafts, greater piston displacement and a new marvel carburetor that includes a simple dash adjustment for economy, regardless of weather or kind of gasoline employed.

The extension to all four wheels of the highly successful Buick external brakes is feature that it is announced has been in process of development for a period of years and recently subjected to more than 150,000 miles of hard and varied road tests. These brakes enable the car to be brought to standstill much more quickly thus affording an added factor of safety inestimable in its advantages. The brakes are operated by light pressure on the foot pedal and the mechanism is both simple and ingenious. The factory organization gives it complete approval to this feature as perfected and in no sense experimental.

Another outstanding factor is the improved lubrication of the engine. There are new cup-top push rods and the rocker arms, valve stems and springs, connecting rod bearings are all automatically lubricated.

The foregoing are merely "the high spots" in the 1924 Buick, the minor improvements and refinements of the line being, in the aggregate, scarcely less interesting and epochal. And through it all basic Buick ideas of construction have been rigidly adhered to, amplified marvelously, but in no instance discarded.

Of the fourteen body models of the line, ten are mounted on the six cylinder chassis and four on the four cylinder chassis.

Of the six-cylinder body models there are two interesting departures from the 1923 line, a five-passenger Brougham. The former is painted a durable black and the interior is lined and upholstered in easily renovated material. The result is a car that can be subjected to the roughest usages of business and at the same time quickly adaptable to social purposes.

The five passenger Brougham, painted in a brilliant maroon, is a very smart model of the so-called Sport type. It has all the refinements, inside and out, that are associated with cars of this character, besides many features distinctly its own.

The five-passenger touring car and the five passenger sedan, finished in lustrous black, are distinguished by ample room. The seven-passenger touring and seven-passenger sedan are finished in a beautiful soft shade of blue. The sport roadster and sport touring are both maroon color.

Of the four cylinder line, the five-passenger touring and the two-passenger Roadster are finished in black, the four-passenger 'coupe in maroon, the five-passenger sedan in blue.

## New President Begins Duties At Washington

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union station and in it he was whisked to the New Willard hotel, escorted by some of the same secret service men who watched over Presidents Wilson and Harding.

Several of the agents have just returned to Washington after acting as "advance guard" for Mr. Harding on his last trip and they immediately took up their new duties.

Mr. Coolidge began his first day as president in Washington with a vim. He arranged a newspaper conference, his first to the reporters at the capitol, for 11 a. m. He will go to the office he occupied as vice president in the senate office building and there "look over the mail" which has accumulated in his absence.

## To Preach Series Of Sermons At M. E. Church

A series of Sunday evening sermons will be conducted at the First Methodist church in this city during the months of August and September. These sermons, which will be preached by the pastor, the Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, will be character sketches of Bible men and women.

The themes of the sermons will be: "The Man Who Restored the Church", "The Man Who Drove Furiously, or the Good and the Bad of Speeding", "The Man Who Was a Successful Success", "The Lover Who at a Great Price Won a Wife", "The Young Man Who Redeemed Himself", "The Woman Who Saved Her Nation", "The Man Who Was Promoted To High Position", "The Man Who Lost His Chance". Everybody is invited to attend these services.

## GENEVA NEWS

Brenton Bucher went to Berne where he will spend the latter part of the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bucher.

Mrs. Ed Rawley is a guest of her sisters, Mesdames Wm. Kelley and O. D. Arnold, of this place. She was formerly Miss Blanche Ford and was a resident of Geneva.

F. M. French was a business caller in Portland Thursday afternoon, returning Friday morning.

Walter and Morris Jones, who have been employed at Fort Wayne, are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jones.

Plans have been made for an ice cream social at Jay City next Saturday evening, August 4th. It will be held on the church lawn.

Harold Mattax, Joans Liechty and Harold Rankin went to Indianapolis Thursday and drove back some new Fords for the Geneva Auto Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fields of Oilton, Okla., arrived at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Chas. Fields of this place Thursday night. The young couple were married last Saturday, July 28th, and drove to Geneva on their honeymoon. The groom is well known here, having lived in Geneva and vicinity practically all of his life. He was graduated from the local high school with the class of 1921. He attended business college at Fort Wayne and has been employed in the office of an oil company in Oklahoma for the past year or so, where he and his wife will make their future home.

Word has been received here of the death of George Calkins at his home in California last Wednesday. His death came as a shock to his relatives and friends as he was enjoying fairly good health. He became suddenly ill with acute indigestion and was dead before a physician could reach his home. The deceased resided in this vicinity for a number of years before going west and was employed as a pumper. He is the step-father of Mrs. services was held Friday.

Mrs. Payton and daughter, Mrs. Madeline Dell, of Indianapolis are guests at the home of Mrs. Lou Armstrong and daughter, Dorothy.

## CORT THEATRE

Matinee Every Afternoon at 2:30  
Saturday Matinee at 2:00

Evening Show at 7:00  
Saturday Evening at 6:30

## TONIGHT

"THE GENTLEMAN FROM AMERICA," A Universal feature  
featuring Hoot Gibson. "Boyhood Days" Comedy with Buddy  
Messenger. 8 Reels Fox News 10c-25c

## Wednesday

## "LYING LIPS"

First National, featuring  
HOUSE PETERS  
and a wonder cast.  
A spectacle of society and  
of the woman who paid.  
Added Attraction  
"Green as Grass"  
A good 2 reel Christie  
comedy, with  
JIMMY ADAMS  
A great show.

## 9 Reels 10c-25c

## Monday

## "THE HOTTENTOT"

The comedy drama special  
of the year, featuring  
Douglas MacLean  
Madge Bellamy  
It'll have you on your  
feet all the way.  
Added Attraction  
Buster Keaton  
in a good comedy  
"Cops"

10 Reels Fox News  
10c-35c

## Tuesday

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The comedy drama special  
of the year, featuring  
Douglas MacLean  
Madge Bellamy  
It'll have you on your  
feet all the way.  
Added Attraction  
Buster Keaton  
in a good comedy  
"Cops"

10 Reels Fox News  
10c-35c

## Thursday

"LYING LIPS"  
First National, featuring  
HOUSE PETERS  
and a wonder cast.  
A spectacle of society and  
of the woman who paid.  
Added Attraction  
"Green as Grass"  
A good 2 reel Christie  
comedy, with  
JIMMY ADAMS  
A great show.

9 Reels 10c-25c

## Friday

"HABIT"  
A 6 reel First National  
production, featuring  
MILDRED HARRIS  
A drama of high society  
with romance as the  
background.  
"Great Scott"  
Mack Sennett Comedy  
Fox News  
A great show.

9 Reels 10c-25c

## 8 Reels 10c-25c

"THE PRISONER"  
A Universal Picture  
featuring  
HERBERT RAWLINSON  
Action—Thrills  
Romance and everything.  
Added Attraction  
"Pleasure Before Business"  
A good comedy  
Fox News

8 Reels 10c-25c

## Cut Out--Save For Reference

No Daily Announcement of our attractions will appear next week  
Guide yourself by this program.

## The Turn In The Road

Life and death are, at best, never a certainty in any respect. One never KNOWS just what is in store for them from one minute to the next. It may be that you are doing any one of a thousand things, which, seemingly have no chance or possible danger. But, in the next second the seemingly impossible happens and then—the turn in the road.

What assurance have you that the plaster on the ceiling won't come loose, fall down just right, strike you in a vital spot and snuff out life in a shorter time than it takes to tell? What safeguard have you that the next time you cross the street, some wild and reckless driver won't come dashing around the corner and knock you into darkness without so much as a warning? What absolute knowledge have you that everything you eat is 100% pure and harmless to your system? How do you know your heart action is going to be the same from one minute to the next?

All these things may seem far fetched to you this minute when you are in first class physical condition. However, they do happen and in just the way you least expect. It may happen to you—have you ever thought of that?—and, if it does, are you so situated that your family would have sufficient means so they would not suffer?

In other words, insure yourself against any emergency that may arise. A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY is a will that no lawyer can break. It needs no administrator, no attorneys fees, no court costs. A check is brought right to YOUR OWN HOME without one penny of cost or trouble. If you have a policy in the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company, you can rest assured that the very same day that you are laid away, your wife or family will have the check for the amount of INSURANCE you carried. It is GOOD BUSINESS.

Don't put it off any longer. It isn't YOU that is taking the chance; it is YOUR loved ones. YOU love them therefore YOU want to PROTECT them. DO IT WHILE YOU CAN.

Consult us. We will be glad to go into the matter with you and help you select the proper policy best fitted for your needs.

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