

Endurance Contest of Long Island Automobile Club

THE Long Island Automobile Club's endurance contest which took place Saturday, April 20, was in all respects a decided success. The number of entries was quite encouraging, and the crowd which turned out to witness the event was sufficient evidence of the great interest taken in the automobile by all classes.



Fig. 1. Willett's Point, L. I.

The contest was designed primarily to demonstrate the practicability of the modern automobile and its ability to overcome any difficulties which might beset it when on the road. That the vehicles which entered clearly showed great efficiency was evidenced by the number of carriages which "got through."

There could not be a more satisfactory method of proving to a sceptical public the practicability of automobiles than that adopted by the Long Island organization in this its first test.

The object sought by the members was laudable and might well

be imitated by automobile clubs all over the country. Races are of course good things for a certain class of automobilists, but the average man is looking for a motor vehicle which will "get there" with at least as much certainty as a horse-drawn vehicle.

The drawing up of plans for this contest necessitated much work on the part of those who had the matter in charge. It was necessary to go over the route several times, take numerous photographs, measurement of grades, etc.

The accompanying illustrations are reproduced from photographs taken by Mr. H. B. Fullerton while on one of these preliminary runs.



Fig. 2. East Norwich, L. I.

These will give some idea of the roads at different points along the course.

Fig. 1 was taken at Willett's Point (near Bayside) on the North Shore. In the front carriage is President Adams and Mr. A. R. Pardington. In the second carriage, Treasurer Frederick Webb and Mr. Hopins. The first three are members of the Long Island Automobile Club and Mr. Hopins is with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company. In the last carriage—a surrey—is Mr. H. S. Chapin, of the Long Island Automobile Club and Captain Ford, of the U. S. Navy. This point is about where the East River meets the Sound. For many years it has been a favorite spot for riders, drivers and cyclists, and it will undoubtedly be extremely popular for automobilists.

Fig. 2 is of East Norwich, on the road between Oyster Bay and Massapequa. This road runs through Jericho and Hicksville. The carriage is a Winton, owned by President Adams, of the Long Island Automobile Club.

Fig. 3 is the beginning of the Jericho Pike, one of the oldest macadam roads on Long Island. This is an almost straight road from Jamaica to Jericho, running through Queens, Mineola and Westbury. The carriage is owned by Mr. H. S. Chapin, who with Mr. Adams,

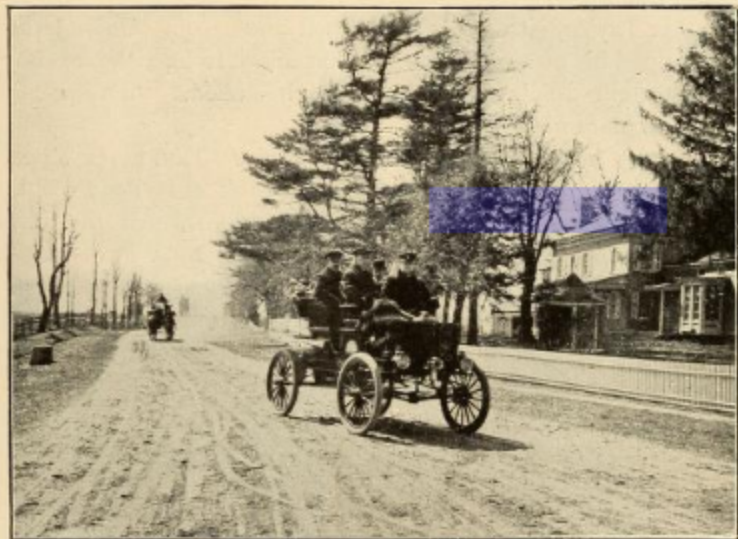


Fig. 3. Beginning of Jericho Pike

occupies the front seat. On the rear seat is Mr. A. R. Pardington, of the Long Island Automobile Club and Mr. William T. Wintringham, one of the oldest bicyclists in this country.

In our next issue we will give additional facts regarding the race itself, with numerous other illustrations showing the various machines as they appeared on the occasion of this interesting and instructive event.