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FALL HARVEST TIME

BY SHERRY WINK

Living in the country, the Sitzman family raised a lot of their own food. Dad Sitzman had a really large garden plot where he raised vegetables all summer. All of the kids spent many hours weeding and watering throughout the summer! There were also a lot of fruit trees, grape vines and edible plants that helped feed the family all year long.

Mom Sitzman took over once the produce was ripe. She canned so much of the harvest that Dad just built her a fire ring in the back yard to boil the canning jars in. Grandma Roberts came over and helped, and the kids were kept busy carrying firewood, washing jars, peeling apples, trimming green beans, coring tomatoes, and everything else it took to get the job done.

By fall, there were hundreds of jars of good food safely tucked away in the root cellar to help feed the family all winter long. Tomato juice, grape juice, green beans, even some of Grandma's special piccalilli relish, made with the last tomatoes of the season, green off the vine.

But the harvesting didn't end when the garden was finished. Each fall, the kids all headed to the woods to help harvest the wild treats that somehow Dad Sitzman always knew where to find. In September, it was time to start looking for the black walnut trees!

Now the funny thing about these nut trees is that they don't always have great nuts each year. They can have several years of a poor harvest and then have a year where the branches are creaking under the load of all the large nuts. So it was important to check all the trees to determine which ones had the best nuts each year.

This Saturday, Dad and the kids all piled into the back of the Model A pickup to head out to the trees the boys had identified earlier as the best choices. They had brought lots of buckets and baskets to carry them home with. They also wore their oldest work clothes, since the black hulls on the outside of the nuts stain everything they touch!

Following a successful trip, the Model A returned early in the afternoon with a load of nuts and some happy but tired kids. It was time for the fun now!



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See, black walnuts have to be hulled, washed and dried before they can be cracked. It's a messy job, but Dad Sitzman had come up with a way to speed it along, and consequently add a little fun to the job.

The process started with driving the Model A behind the barn and backing it up a little ways from the back wall. Then Larry jacked it up, just a little, so the back wheels were in the air, with just enough space underneath to let a walnut through. Dad had built a tilted ramp with sides which slid right behind the wheel. Now time for the fun!

Starting the motor and putting it in drive started the wheels turning. Then the kids got to toss the walnuts down the ramp. The wheel would catch them, crunch off the hull, and BAM! The walnuts would shoot under the wheel, and slam into the barn wall! The big kids fed the ramp, and the little ones just stood around laughing, and begging for them to dump lots of them all at once! BAM, BAM, BAM, BAM! One year, a nut hit the wall so hard, it went right through a board! Dad said that was ok, that it just meant that board was rotten and needed to be replaced anyhow.

The nuts also stained the back of the barn a dark brown. And this was ok too, since Dad always collected the hulls to soak in a turpentine solution, which he then used to stain the wood in the barn, so it all looked the same in the end.

Once the nut shooting was done, it was time to shovel up the nuts and dump them in the old outside wringer wash machine that Dad kept just for chores like this. Fifteen minutes swishing around cleaned up the residue from the hulls just great.

The job was finished by spreading the nuts two—three nuts deep on a wire rack in the shed, where it was warm in dry. And of course, they made sure the door were tightly closed and windows screened to keep the squirrels from helping themselves to the harvest! One time, the squirrels had found their way in, but luckily they had been lazy and decided the best place to stash their stolen goods were the drawers in Dad's workshop. Imagine his surprise when he opened the door and had a load of walnuts roll out onto his head. Imagine the squirrel's surprise when he came back just to find all the nuts returned to the shed, with his entrance covered with a flat tin can.



Now that the harvest was prepared, these nuts would provide the yummy ingredients for all types of winter treats. These nuts are really hard, so it took hitting them

hard with a big hammer to get them to crack open. Dad would crack a big bowl full of them in his workshop, and then bring them in and pick them out at night while he was sitting in the living room by the stove.

These tasty nut meats would end up in sugar cookies, homemade ice cream, spice cake, banana bread, and if it was a really good year, in some of Grandma Robert's famous black walnut brittle! Yum! And let's not forget Dad's favorite, *Buttered-Maple Black Walnut Pie!* He said one bite of that made all the work worthwhile!




Mom and Grandma would just smile and keep the kitchen smelling wonderful all winter long, with the smells of summer coming from the food so carefully harvested.



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Model A Accessories

This is one of a series of columns about Model A accessories!

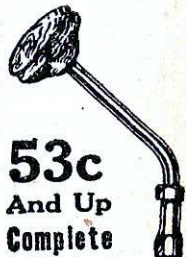
A lot of times when we look at the Model A, we ask, "was that original?" What we have to recognize is that from day one, Model A owners were adding items to the stock automobile. Some were authorized Ford parts, bought from the dealers when you bought the car, like air gauges & trunks. But many, many other accessories were available from multiple sellers. Here's one!

Gear Shift Balls

Think you are stuck with just the plain black Fordite gear shift ball? Not really. This was a very popular and inexpensive way to dress up a Model A.

Gearshift Balls and Extensions

A highly polished, beautifully colored Gearshift Ball adds a real touch to the appearance of your car that nothing else can give. They fit on the regular gearshift lever or on the Gearshift Extension as shown. This combination brings the gearshift lever within easy reach, and is an added attraction and improvement. You may purchase the combination, or either one separately.



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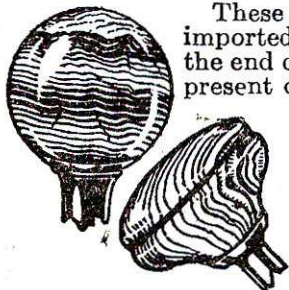
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| B682—Art Glass, beautifully colored, Oval..... | .25 |
| B686—"Perfection Ball, Composition,..... | .45 |
| B687—Genuine Mexican Onyx, Large Oval..... | 1.15 |
| B690—Genuine Mexican Onyx, Small Oval..... | .85 |
| B253—"Faith" Gearshift Lever Extension, 2¾"... | .28 |
| B254—"Faith" Gearshift Lever Extension 4½"... | .28 |
| B255—Extra Quality Gearshift Lever Extension (No. 3½)..... | .95 |

These versions are from a 1930 Western Auto catalog Choices included art glass and onyx, as well as a "Perfections Ball" made of composition material, whatever that was! You could get them shaped like the original ball, or oval shaped ("perfectly shaped to fit the hand") Note also that gearshift lever extensions were also sold.

Imported Onyx Gear Shift Balls

To Fit Any Car

These balls are made of highly polished imported Onyx. The ball is screwed onto the end of the gearshift lever in place of the present one. They prove as added attraction to any car, no matter what the cost. Shipping weight, ¾ lb.



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| B688—Onyx Gear Shift Balls, Round..... | .85 |
| B687—Onyx Gear Shift Balls, Oval. Perfectly shaped to fit the hand most comfortably..... | 1.15 |
| B690—Onyx, Small Oval for large cars..... | .85 |
| B685—Onyx, Special for Model "A" Ford Car..... | .85 |

Model A Safety

One safety item that was not included in the Model A from the factory is a fire extinguisher. However, every Model A should have one within easy reach of the driver!

With the old wiring in many of our cars, fires are not as rare as you might hope. Remember, a fire can most easily be put out in the first few minutes before it spreads. By having an extinguisher on hand, the car you save just might be your own!



If your car already has an extinguisher, be sure to check the date on it to ensure it's still usable. If past the warranty date, it's time to replace it! A good extinguisher will also have a gauge to show that it hasn't lost the pressure it needs to work.

It's recommended to have an ABC Fire Extinguisher. This is a "multi-purpose" extinguisher which can be used on Class A, B, or C fires.

- Class A: Wood, Paper, cloth, etc.
- Class B: Flammable Liquids- Gasoline, oil, grease, etc.
- Class C: Electrical Fires



Most auto parts stores sell reasonable priced extinguishers. You can also buy them at stores like Wal-Mart and Target. It's not a purchase you want to put off!

And if you ever have to use an extinguisher, remember the "P-A-S-S" method. **P**ull the pin on the fire extinguisher, **A**im the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire (stand 6 feet from the fire), **S**queeze the handle of the extinguisher, and **S**weep the extinguisher left to right while aiming at the base of the fire.

If using a dry powder extinguisher, remember to firmly thump it on the bottom to settle the powder before using, so it doesn't release just the pressure and not the fire fighting ingredients!

Model A Models

See if you can unscramble these words to find the secret name below!! Answers are on page 8 if you get stuck!

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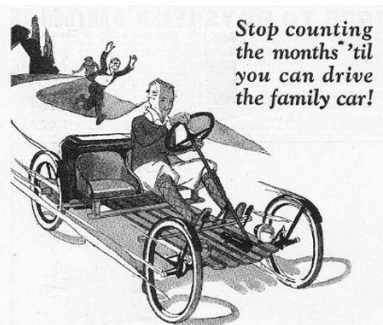
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Not a Model A, but...

It might have been fun to be a kid in the 20's! Check out this ad from a 1928 magazine. Seems if you were too young to drive the Model A, you could practice up with this stripped down version! From the description, it still sounds like you should need a license to drive it! It has headlights, tail light, and a horn, 20" tires, and it goes 12 miles an hour. The batteries (it had two) recharged overnight "from the house current". Electric toy, battery included!



Here's a car you can drive now!

Red Bug is a real automobile—it is built with all the precision of a fine car, does twelve miles an hour with ease, will go anywhere and climb any hill the big cars can (and some they can't)! Its fully equipped with service and emergency brakes, bullet type headlights, tail light, Klaxon horn and parking lock. Tires are standard 20"x2" pneumatic auto tires. Power is furnished by two regular automobile storage batteries, rechargeable overnight from the house current. Red Bug comes in brilliant red and glossy black, brown fabric leather upholstered seats and waterproof varnish on all wood parts. For illustrated booklet write to Automotive Standards, Inc., Military Park Bldg., Newark, N. J.

RED BUG

The Electric Roadster

A few jokes from some 1931's Boys Life Magazines

Watts That?

Customer: What is the charge of this battery?

Clerk: A volt and a half

Customer: Well, how much is that in American Money

(Sept 1928)

Footing the Bill

Automobilist: I am prepared to make a fair settlement, and you ask \$500 just because I ran over your foot. Why, man, I'm not a millionaire.

Injured Party: I'll have you understand I'm not a centipede, either.

(Dec 1928)

Model A Advertising



THE NEW FORD SPORT COUPE

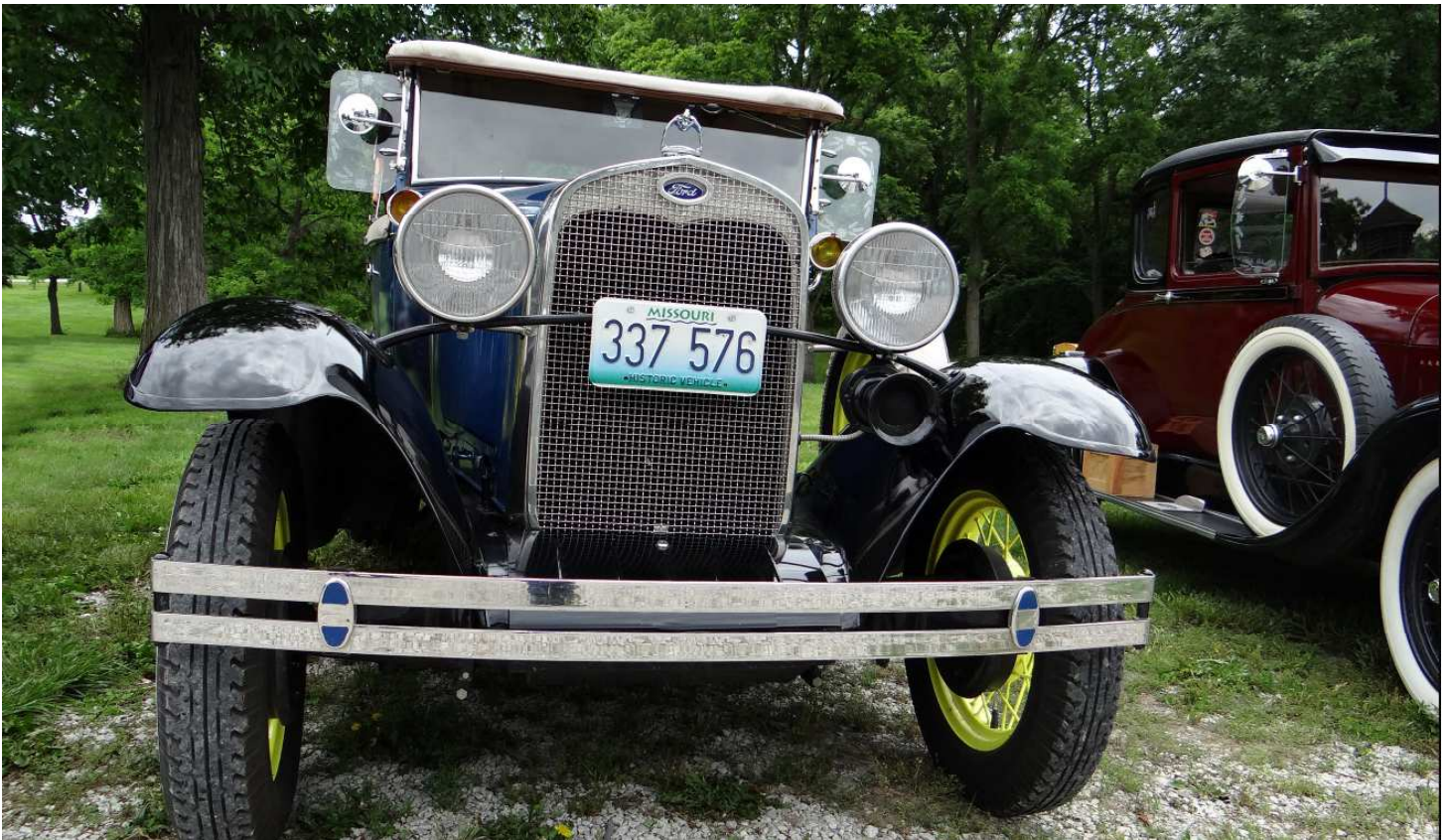
The beauty of the new Ford, so apparent in line and color, extends also to the upholstery and appointments. You note it as you open the doors and see the attractive interiors. You find it also in those important little details of trim and finish which a woman's practiced eye is quick to catch. There is about the car a distinctive style or tone which reflects the substantial quality that has been built into it. In external things, as in mechanical construction, the new Ford has been made to endure.

Okaaaay? Here's a Model A ad I don't think I've seen before! To me it stands out not so much for the Model A in the picture as for what the people are doing!! What was the artist thinking!! Apparently, it was considered glamorous or something to try and pet a bear cub while standing between it and the momma bear?? I don't think the next few pictures taken on that camera are going to be pretty, do you? Good thing these cars are fast, and "made to endure". Because she's going to need that as she rushes her young man to the hospital in a few seconds! I guess it just goes to show that people in the 30's were just like we are today, always a few nuts in the bunch!

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This is a little different view of a Model A. But apparently a few things got lost in the lower epicure. Can you find them without looking at the hints?

The answers are on page 8, but don't peek too soon!



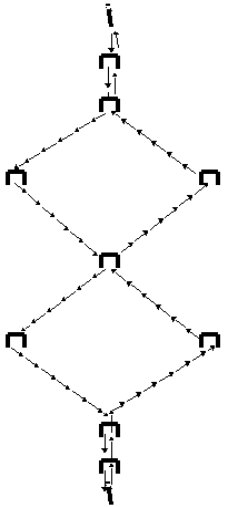
Grandma and Grandpa's Games

Croquet—

Pronounced “Crow-kay”, this game has been around for hundreds in years in one form or another. In 1900, it was actually played at the Olympics! It was extremely popular in the Model A years. This game does need some special equipment, but chances are if you dig far enough back in your or your grandpa's garden shed, there's a croquet set hiding in there!

The setup for croquet is simple. It only requires an open grassy area and a croquet set (two stakes, nine wickets, mallets and balls). The object of the game is to hit your ball through all the wickets in the right order.

The standard way to layout a croquet field is commonly called the double diamond pattern. For an official game, the playing field would be 100 feet by 50 feet on fairly level ground. But in reality, croquet is fun no matter what size yard you have, (within reason). The layout should be made in a manner as close as possible to that shown on the diagram to the left.



The simplest version of croquet is to play single player, with the first person to complete the course by going through the wickets in the correct order wins. You can also form teams to compete.

The order of play is traditionally determined by color, The player with the colored ball at the top of the stakes goes first. But you can also just toss a coin.

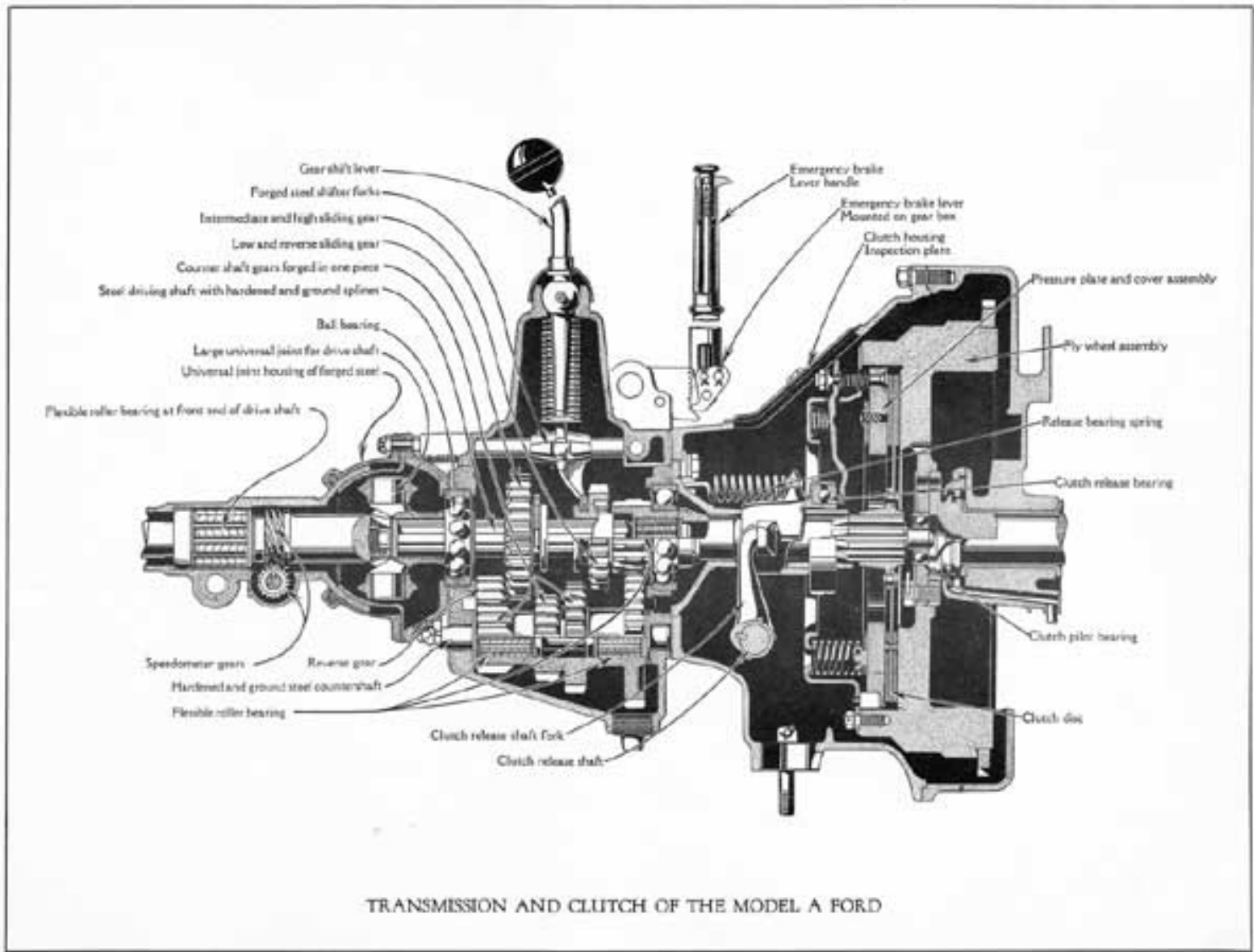
If you want to play a more formal game, then you can keep score of points. A single point and stroke (additional turn) are won for each wicket and stake made in proper order. Two points and two strokes are won if a ball is hit through wickets 1 and 2 and/or 6 and 7 with one stroke of the ball. Bonus strokes may not be accumulated. Once a wicket is made or a stake is hit, the previous bonus strokes are lost.

A player's turn is over if the ball does not go through a wicket, hit a stake and has no additional strokes remaining. All balls must be played from where the ball comes to rest unless it goes out of bounds. Any balls that go out of bounds should be placed 36" inside the boundary line at the point of exit. If the player has an additional stroke accumulated, they may play it. If another player (either partner or opponent) puts your ball through a wicket or turning stake, your side gets the point, but no bonus stroke.

Faults: Faults result in all balls being placed as they were and the player's turn ends. 1. If you push the ball with the mallet instead of striking it squarely. 2. If your mallet strikes another ball instead of the ball you are playing. 3. If your mallet hits a wicket or stake.

When a player's ball hits another player's ball, it is called roqueting. For roqueting a player is awarded two bonus strokes. If a player roquets, they may place their own ball side by side with the struck ball. Then placing their foot on their own ball, strike it so as to move the other ball without moving their own. They then have one stroke to hit their own ball.

These are just the basic rules. But the official games has many more precise rules on scoring, and play, with multiple versions depending on the version of the game and the region of the world you are playing in. The main thing is to agree on the rules you are using before the game starts, and have fun!!



Here's a nice diagram of the transmission of a Model A for those of you that have always wanted to know how it works!



Model A Models Answers

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| ALTCEIORB | CABRIOLET |
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Six different things:

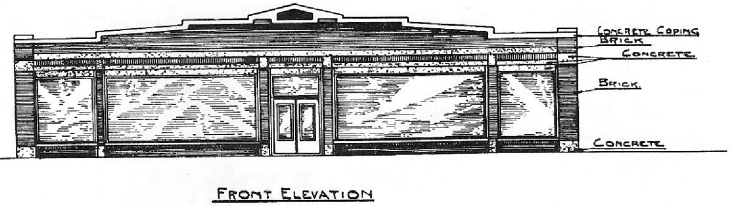
Did you find them all?



MAFFI Museum and car dealership design

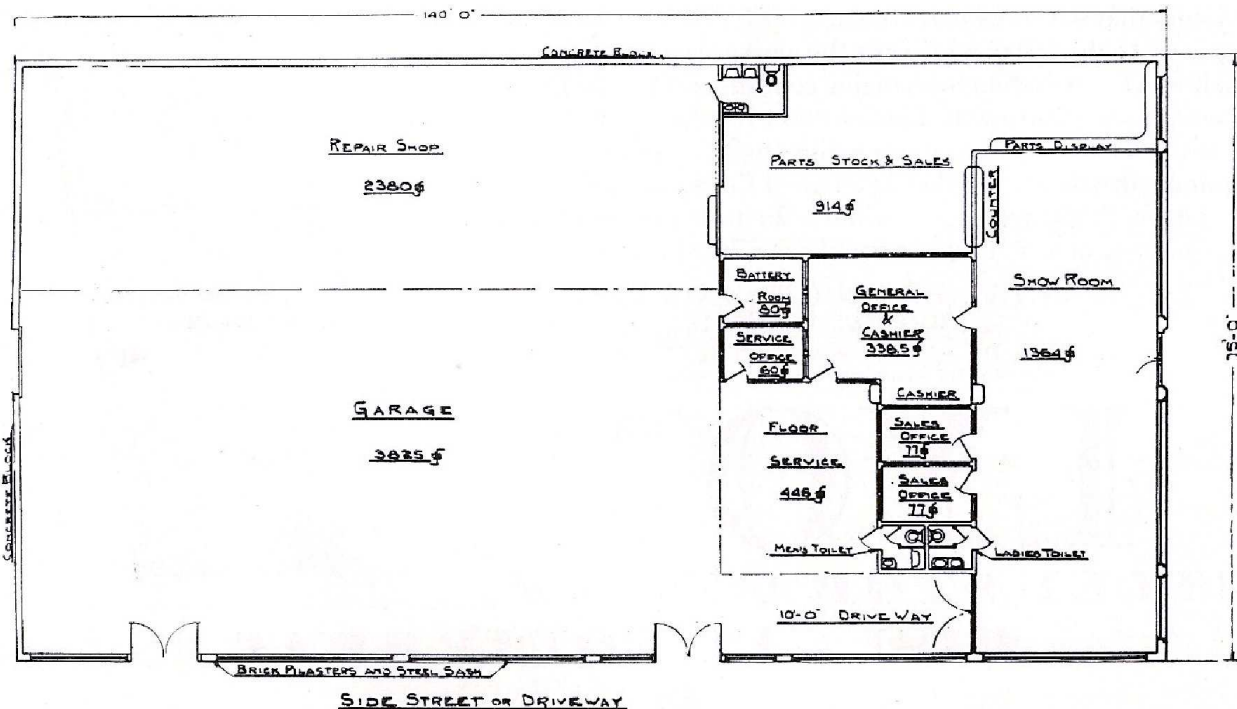
Malcolm McIntyre,
Northwest Missouri Model A Ford Club

Take a look at the design of the new MAFFI museum. The building as you may know was patterned after a dealership of the period and that pattern was provided by Ford. In the May 1929 issue of Ford Dealer and Service Field, plans provided by Ford of Canada show the layout for an average sized dealership. The design was to be placed on a corner lot the car entrance on the side of the building and the showroom entrance on the main street. Items noted in the plans are to use brick on the front and side street portions and concrete block on the remaining two sides which are not seen.



Stepping back further in history when the automobile first started to become popular, sales buildings were simply converted from existing empty space. Most of the buildings contained multiple floors and service and showroom activities were many times separated by ramps or elevators. Even when showrooms were built from scratch for automotive activities, their layout differed greatly from what Ford proposed in 1929. The Kelley Reppert building at 416 Admiral in Kansas City was constructed in 1920 solely as a Ford dealership. This reinforced concrete structure is three stories tall and contained a first floor showroom with 20 foot ceilings. The main floor also contained offices, a parts counter and restroom. The upper floor contained the service department and a freight elevator in the back connected them.

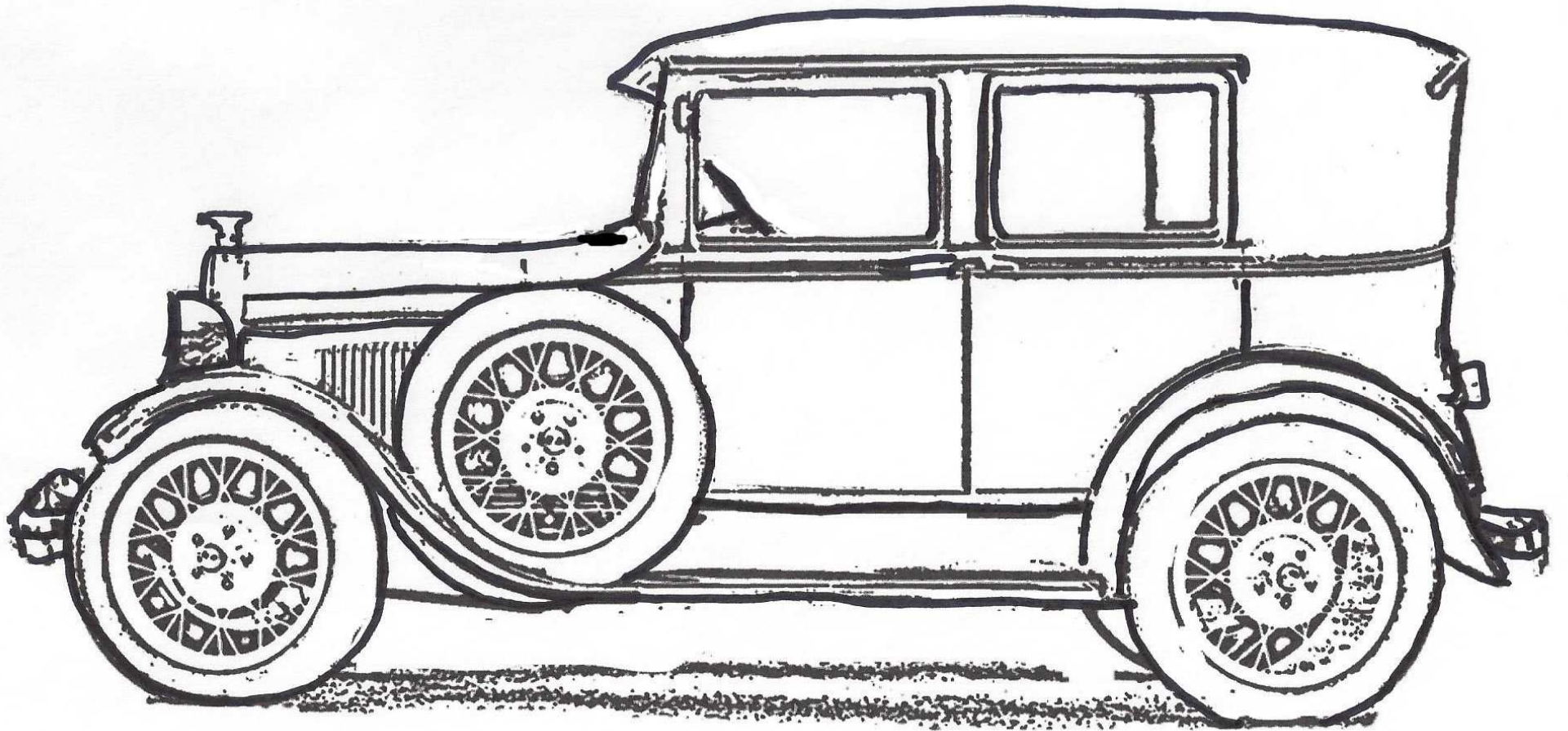
For the 1929 Ford design, it was recognized that the customers didn't like ramps, elevators or runways so the proposed dealership was contained on a single floor. The repair shop was now located at the rear of the building. Parts, office space and restrooms provided the buffer between the show room and the working area of the building. A portion of the parts department was displayed at the front of the building and a 10' driveway inside the building provided access for moving vehicles in and out of the showroom area, and could double as extra floor space. The overall foot print of the building was 75' on the front road and 140' in depth and was considered the modern 3rd generation of dealership design. So when you visit the MAFFI museum the building itself is as much of the Model A story as the cars inside.

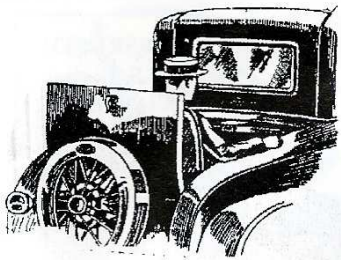


Layout Showing Service Station Departments

Here's a nice Model a pickup for you to color!

This Fordor is painted a gray, but you can paint it any color you like as long as you paint the fenders black!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

I hope everyone had great summer full of Model A activities and fun. My summer has been so full of traveling and family concerns that I didn't have near as much time as I would have like to spend in the Old Lady!

I did get to drive in my first parade ever! It was a warm summer day, perfect for a small town Independence Day parade. My normal pit crew (my 5 & 7 year old nephews) were away at camp, so I coerced my cousin Ken into going with me. Actually, I just asked if he would be interested in riding along, and he practically jumped into the seat before I finished asking! This parade is always a fun experience, with people all along the way enjoying the old cars, and waving and smiling all the way.

Later, I heard from another cousin just how much Ken enjoyed his trip. I've been informed that I'm now a part of the family legends, with the story starting "MY cousin Sherry asked ME to be in a parade with her!" Apparently he has told them all the story many, many times since July! It wasn't his first Model A ride, but I guess it was his favorite one! And I definitely plan on making sure it isn't his last ride or his last parade in a Model A

The rest of the summer went down hill from there for me, with the Old Lady waiting patiently in the garage until I am able to get her out again. But this weekend I plan on having her out to the International Model A day picnic, and hopefully a few outings in October as well. And I won't park her for the winter until after the Veteran's Day parade in nearby Fort Leavenworth. The soldiers there definitely enjoy seeing our cars participate in that one!

Anybody else have any good stories to share with me about their Model A summer, I'm dying to hear them! And I would love to see some pictures too. Looking forward to hearing from you, hope you are still enjoying A-World!

Is there anyone who would like to start receiving the A-World by email? If so, just let me know and send me your email address. One advantage to this is that you will receive it in color!

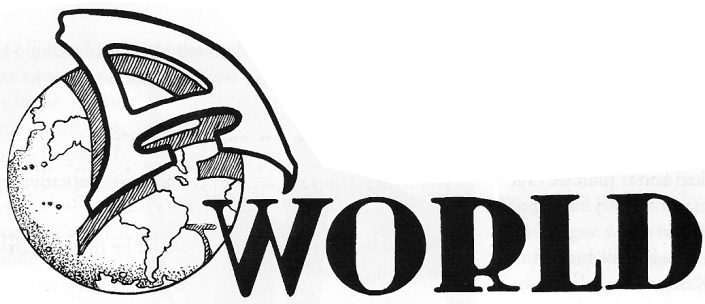
Quiz Time



Take a half sheet of paper. Number 1-10. Name at the top right corner. If you share this A-World with others in your family or friends, make sure you do not write on the newsletter pages. There are two ways to take this quiz: 1) Not looking back 2) Looking back as you take the quiz to find the answers. Try the "not looking" way first!

- 1) What type of nuts did Dad Sitzman crack each winter?
A) Pecans B) Hickory C) Black Walnuts
- 2) How did Mom Sitzman preserve the food for winter?
A) Canning B) Freezing C) Drying
- 3) What type of rock was used for gear shift knobs?
A) Granite B) Onyx C) Quartz
- 4) What type of fire extinguisher should you always have?
A) ABC B) DCE C) XYZ
- 5) What is the lady in the Model A Ad using?
A) A radio B) A camera C) A cell phone
- 6) How many wickets are in a croquet set?
A) 10 B) 14 C) 9
- 7) The standard layout for croquet is called a:
A) Double Diamond B) Square C) Court
- 8) What year was the plan for the garage printed?
A) 1931 B) 1928 C) 1929
- 9) The garage plans called for what material on the front of the building?
A) Rock B) Concrete C) Brick
- 10) What was the Editor's first parade to drive the Old Lady in?
A) Independence Day B) Veterans Day C) Labor Day

Answers: 1) C, 2) A, 3) B, 4) A, 5) B, 6) C, 7) A, 8) C, 9) C, 10) A



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