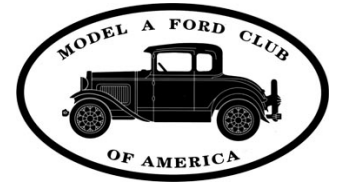




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THE LITTLE TIN HORN

By SHERRY WINK

Spring was approaching and the Sitzman kids were excited. For Easter, some of their cousins were coming to visit Grandma Roberts. This meant lots of fun and visiting, and Grandma always made lots of homemade goodies to eat when family came to stay.

Grandma always made her dishpan angel food cake for company, so big that she baked them in her biggest dishpan, with a empty coffee can in the middle. She had a special glass plate to put it on too. To the little kids, it looked as big as a wagon wheel, but it was really only about 30". Still a really big cake though. She drizzled special icing all down the sides, so your fingers got sticky when you ate it. The adults used forks but where was the fun in that?

Making an angel food cake took lots of egg whites, so that meant that Grandma always made a big kettle of homemade chicken noodles with the yolks. Talk about a meal that made your mouth water, that was it! Of course, there wasn't anything wrong with the crispy fried chicken, mashed potatoes with butter, and canned green beans from her cellar that she always served up on Sunday afternoon, either!!

Easter weekend, Aunt Erna pulled up in her Bonnie Gray Fordor, with the three kids in the back. Arlene and

Sharla always sat around and talked about boys. Sandy always looked forward to seeing her cousin Ellen, although somehow Ellen always managed to find a way to get them in trouble. But she always made it sound so fun at the time!

But the boys were always excited when cousin Steve came to town. Steve was the "cool" cousin, always talking about all his adventures, and coming up with exciting things to do. It was always a good time when Steve was around. Now I'm not sure that Grandma felt the same way because he was always egging on the boys to do things that would get them in trouble.



Steve always bragged to the Sitzmans boys that HE wasn't afraid of Grandma, that all a body had to do was stand up to her, after all, what could she, an old lady, do to him? The boys always stood around, feeling uncomfortable when Steven started talking like this, and tried to change the subject, but sometimes he would just keep going, trying to get them to defy her about something. But he wasn't going to catch them trying that with Grandma! They kept telling him "you don't mess with Grandma!" He just laughed, calling them sissies.

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The afternoon that the cousins arrived, Steve was already in full swing annoying the adults. He had just recently bought a little tin horn, and he was playing it non-stop. It was really high pitched and squeaky, and it quickly got on everyone's nerves, not the least, Grandma Roberts. She quite quickly and firmly told him to put it in his pocket and not to pull it out again until he left.

Steve just laughed, and within minutes, started tooting again. Grandma told him again to put that dad-blame thing away, or she was going to do something about it. That tone of voice from Grandma was enough to make the Sitzman boys go pale, but Steve just laughed and head up the stairs to his bedroom.

Locking the door behind him, he quickly pulled out his tin whistle and soon was toot-toot-tootling at full volume to his hearts content. He knew he would probably miss dinner, but he had hidden a piece of chocolate cake and a glass of milk earlier, so he wasn't too worried. And in his experience with adults, by morning it would all be forgotten anyhow. And he grinned to himself, thinking about how much of a big shot he was going to be to all the other boys.

All of a sudden, BAM!!!! In astonishment, with his jaw hanging open, Steve saw the door to the bedroom fly off the hinges and smash to the floor in a cloud of plaster dust!! And right in the middle of the cloud, was Grandma Roberts, standing on the door, hands on her hips, glaring at him with fire in her eyes. She had KICKED the door down and was coming after him and that dad-gum whistle!!! "To the woodshed, now!" barked Grandma. Still in shock, all Steve could say was "yes ma'am". And off they marched!

To Steve's relief, Grandma's destination wasn't for a switching, although later he realized that might have hurt less. Nope, Grandma pointed at a huge stack of logs, handed him the splitting axe, and said "Don't bother coming back inside until the while pile is done". And she walked off.

Steve dutifully started chopping, and it didn't take long for him to start feeling his muscles burn. But he didn't dare stop, Grandma had finally made a believer of him!

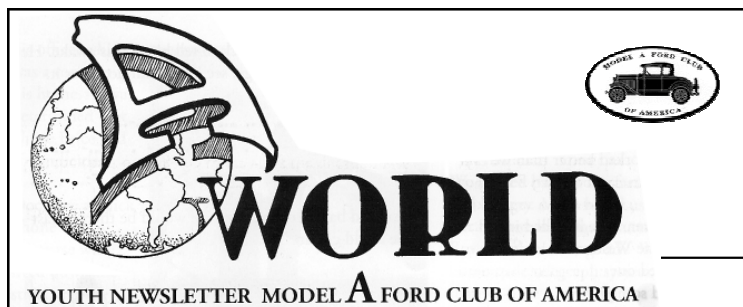
After a while, the other boys showed up with the Model A pickup. Grandma had sent them to load up the wood. During the course of the



afternoon, truck loads of firewood were delivered to the widow down in the holler, the little old couple in their 90's that lived on the other side of the farm and to several other needy families that Grandma knew could use the help. By the end of the day, the pile was gone, Grandma had a good stack of wood, and there were a lot of grateful families who didn't know they owed their good fortune to a little toy whistle and a wiser but very tired boy.

The other boys were not too thrilled with Steve for making their afternoon a workday instead of just getting to play. And they let him know it, looking at him and just shaking their heads in disgust.

That night, as Steve went to bed (without a door still), he lay in bed with every muscle in his body aching and his last thought was what every Sitzman boy already knew and tried to tell him: "You don't mess with Grandma!!"



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Model "A"cessories

Flying Radiators?

Most Model A's you see today have one of just several radiator caps. Usually a quail, or a moto-meter, (both accessories, not factory equipment by the way) or just a plain cap. And often with the moto-meter, you will find a pair of wings underneath. But in the Model A years, there was a wide choice of "flying" radiator caps to accessorize your ride!

In fact there were so many, that for this article, I narrowed it down to just flying things. And then narrowed it down again to just "Wings" and "Propellers". One day in another article, I'll have to do "Birds" as I was surprised at the number of different ones available!

Motor Wings



A beautiful ornament that will improve the appearance of any car. This is one of the most popular radiator ornaments on the market. Made of brass, heavily nickel plated so it will not rust. Just the thing to help "dell up" your car. Fastens between Moto-Meter and radiator cap. Prices quoted do not include Moto-Meter or radiator cap. Shipping weight, 1 lb.

8435—Motor Wings, Each 9"	.48
8436—Motor Wings, Each 12"	.78

DOUBLE WING and CAP PLUG

Double Wing—made of rust-proof white metal, highly polished. 9" from tip to tip. CAP PLUG for attaching wing on radiator cap ornament. (Illustrated above).

8383—Double Wing	.25
8136—Radiator Cap Plug	.05

Wing Ornaments

Fastens between moto-meter and radiator cap. Made of rust-proof material, beautifully finished. C5667A—Motoring. 9" from tip to tip (Wt., 1 lb.)

PRICE	.38
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Today you can usually find just one pattern of wing ornaments to add on to your moto-meter. But in their heyday, there were multiple versions available to purchase for your Model A, like these from various catalogs (1931 Pep Boys, 1928 J&R Auto, 1929 Western Auto).

Neva-Lost Locking Cap



The "Neva-Lost" is an extremely neat appearing wing radiator cap, heavily nickel plated and highly polished. It will add much to the appearance of any car. There are no latches or straps to mar it's lines, and a quarter turn opens or locks it securely. It is leak proof and theft proof, and will always stay in alignment. A lock is supplied for the Moto-Meter, and adapters are furnished so any size Moto-Meter may be used. This cap is very sturdy, and will not rust or tarnish. Ship. wt., 2 lbs. B193—Each, for all cars..... 1.95

Price quoted does not include Moto-Meter.

These wings have a little more stylized look to them. (1931 Pep Boys)

WINGED ORNAMENT BOLT


Beautifully Distinctive!

A beautiful ornament to cover the hole in the radiator cap or for attaching another ornament. Adds that extra touch of beauty. Artistically designed and distinctively moulded. Wing is made of white metal, highly chromium plated. Has long extension bolt, nut and washer. Where else but at PEP BOYS STORES could you buy such a remarkable value?

8147—Winged Ornament Bolt	.16
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In case you wanted just a little of aerodynamics, here's a single wing! (1931 Pep Boys)

Egyptian Wing Radiator Caps




The Egyptian design is the latest vogue in radiator caps. Its appearance is of such artistic elegance that it will add an atmosphere of refinement and distinction to even the finest motor car. The entire cap is sturdily constructed to give long service. It is very neatly finished, the body having a polished finish and the wings a dull finish. It will not rust or tarnish. To install, just screw it on like any other radiator cap, and it automatically locks on and prevents theft of both the cap and the Moto-Meter. It permits the radiator to be filled easily and prevents the handle from being burned by the hot radiator shell.

B209—Small size, 9 1/4" wide for Ford, Chevrolet, Essex, Little Marmon, Oldsmobile and Star.	2.95
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Shipping weight, 2 1/4 lbs.

Egyptian items were the rage, so of course you had to have them for the car! (1928 Western Auto)

Vertical Wing Cap



A beautiful, heavy nickeled cap, 7 1/2 from tip to tip. So very low, screws tight against the radiator shell. Held shut by a small lever opens easily. Locking arrangement for both cap and moto-meter. Ship. w.t., 1 lb.

25655A—Vertical Wing Cap, Ford 1928-29	1.30
25655B—Vertical Wing Cap, Chevrolet 1928-29	1.30

Another version of stylized wings, these are flatter, and are 7 1/4 inches across. (1929 Western Auto)

"Full Flight" Winged Cap

Special for Ford, Chevrolet and Whippet

The wings come up at just the right angle to set off the radiator. Made of rust-proof metal heavily nickel-plated and polished. Cap locks to car-motometer locks to cap. Hinged lid with clamp lock. May be used with or without motometer. Price does not include motometer. Ship. wt., 2 lbs.

D6201—Full Flight Cap for '28-29 Fords	2.15
D6202—Full Flight Cap for '28-29 Chev.	2.15
D6205—Full Flight Cap for '25-28 Whippet	2.15

Here is a nice set of wings with a different angle to the wings. These had a model specifically for the Model A's. (1929 Western Auto)

DE LUXE AEROPLANE ORNAMENT

A Smart Graceful Ornament!



Here it is. The ornament every motorist has been waiting for. Absolutely the smartest and most graceful automobile ornament PEP BOYS have ever offered. A perfect reproduction of the latest LUMINATED CABIN with its own side, green on the sides, of 7 lights with a white lens. The entire ornament is made of heavy chromium plated, cylinder motor is mounted to link enamel with 4 chromium plated screws. It fits snugly with the radiator cap. Purchased complete with one 6 Volt 15" P. bulb and 1 1/2" heavy grommet cable. ABSOLUTELY SHOCK-PROOF. Easily installed on any car. Quality such as this usually sells for more than \$1.00. PEP BOYS offer the LOWEST PRICE—only \$1.89.

8153—Illuminated De Luxe Aeroplane, Complete with Bulb and Cable	1.89
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Aeroplanes were all the rage in these years. Even Henry Ford made airplanes. (1931 Pep Boys)

AEROPLANE MOTOR PROPELLER Radiator Ornament Fits All Cars



Propeller blades rotate when car is in motion. Can be used with or without Moto Meter. Artistically finished in black with highly polished nickel blades. Propeller blades measure about 7 1/2 inches across. A very attractive ornament for any car. Shipping weight, 2 1/2 lbs.

B5974—Each	98¢
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PROPELLOR

IT SPINS LIKE A WHIRLWIND BALL BEARING



NEW BEAUTIFUL, NOVEL

JEWELLED WHIRLPLANE

At World's Lowest Price!



A well designed ornament adds greatly to the appearance of any car. PEP BOYS have the only Jeweled Whirlplane in the world. It is made of heavy chromium plated metal and is finished with a brilliant cut glass lens. It is mounted on a ball bearing and spins like a whirlwind. It is a very attractive ornament for any car. Shipping weight, 1 lb.

8145—Jeweled Whirlplane	.66
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Not sure what makes it a "whirlplane" instead of a simple prop, but I love the name! (1931 Pep Boys)

Rotascope Ornaments



A novel ornament which rotates on ball bearings like a windmill whenever car is going or in slight breeze. The interior of the four rotating blades is set with colored crystal glass. Made of brass, nickel plated. Rotascope is made so that the ornament may be mounted on any radiator of locking cap, and with either a motometer or a plain cap. Shipping weight, 1 lb.

Not wings or propellers, but I love this one! It revolves in the wind! (1929 Western Auto)

Now, a little different than wings, but still representing speed! Here are multiple versions of propellers to add a little "lift" to your Model A! Most all of these actually whirled or spun in the wind while going down the road! (1931 Pep Boys, 1928 J&R, 1929 Western Auto).

Football—Model A Era

Did you know that professional football actually started in 1920? That's when the American Professional Football Association began. The name was changed to the National Football League several years later. The game of American football had been around since the late 1800's. But it was a very dangerous unorganized game. Once it started to get standard rules, it really took off in popularity.

But the athletics of those days didn't look anything like the players today either! Just like drivers of Model A's were obviously smaller than average Americans today, so were the football players. And the uniforms of the day were quite a bit different than ours today too. Most football jerseys were made of wool. And the players' numbers were not added to uniforms until in the 1930's.



Jim Thorpe was a famous athlete during this time. He wasn't just a football player, he also won several Olympic gold medals in other sports before playing football.

The body padding we see today was also not used in the early years. Shoulder pads started to be used by 1901, but as you can see from the picture to the right, they weren't very big.



The pants of the uniforms actually had more padding, which is why the players in the below pictures seem so stocky. But the players considered it "unmanly" to wear a lot of padding. But there were so many injuries, including deaths, that padding became mandatory over the years.

The first helmets were not used until 1900, but they were considered optional until 1920. Even then the helmets were made of hardened leather, with no face protections. They had a little padding, but were said to be very hot and uncomfortable to wear. Most players didn't use them until they were made to!



A Notre Dame Football Game in 1920.



A 1920 College Team

Just like today, football stars quickly became popular idols. They soon were on the front of magazines and had books written about them. They advertised sport equipment and candy bars. They had dolls made in their image and other toys with their names on them. Bubble gum cards were becoming a collectible item even then.



Harold "Red" Grange

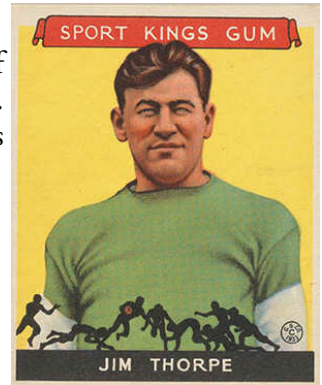
For example Red Grange was a football player in the 20's who was very popular. Check out these many items bearing his name!



Footballs and sports equipment



Silent movies!



1933 gum collector cards



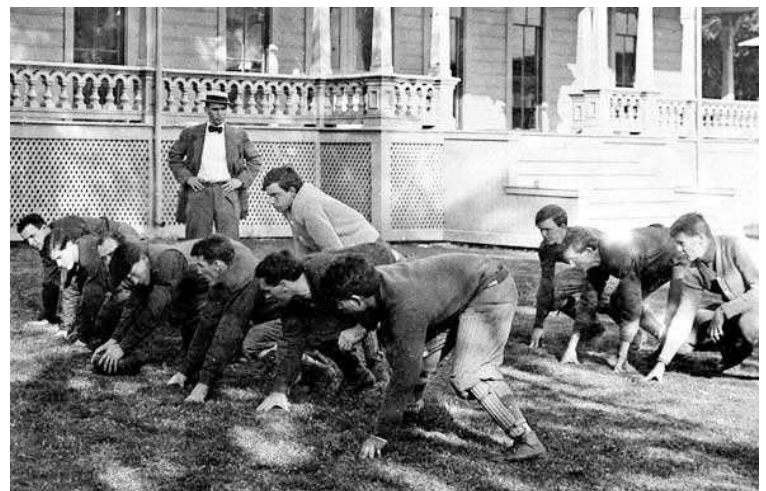
Candy Bars



An early "sports figure" collectible



These guys are actually famous coaches, not players



Kids in the 1920's playing football

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This 1929 Tudor looks ready to race this 1906 Union Pacific engine! Wonder which one would win in real life. Guess we'll never know since only the Model A is still running! But the bottom picture has lost a few of the important details! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

The answers are on page 9, but don't peek too soon!



Grandpa's Games

Card games were very popular in the Model A years. A deck of cards was very inexpensive, and many different games could be played with the same deck.

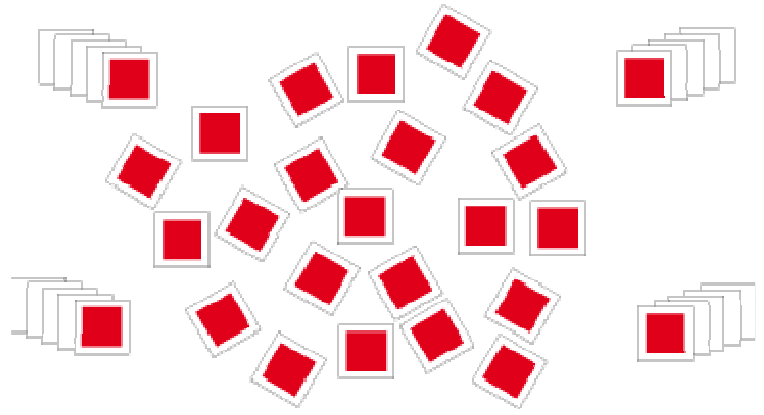
The card game "Go Fish" has been around for over a hundred years. It's a very simple game that be played with 2-6 players. The goal of the game is collect the most sets of pairs.

Each player is dealt 5 cards. The rest of the cards are placed in a stack in between the players, or scattered face down in the middle.

Before starting the game, all of the players put any pairs they have in their hand down in front of them. Suits or colors don't matter in this game, only the type of the card. Queens of all colors match all queens, etc.

Now each player takes turns asking another player for a number card that they already have in their own hand. For example if you have a nine, you can ask any other one player for any nines they might have in their hand. They have to give you the card if they have it in their hand and you get another turn.

If they don't have the card, they tell you to "Go Fish". You would then draw a random card from the top of the



stack or from anywhere in the scattered pile. If it matches what you asked for, you get another turn. Otherwise, it becomes the next player's turn.

Any cards that you have a pair of goes down in front of you to be counted for points at the end of the game. Each pair is worth one point. Most points wins.

If a player runs out of cards, they pick five from the pile.

Just like any card game, there are many variations on this game. Some people like to have to match four cards instead of pairs. Some call the game over when the first person earns 10 points.

The most important thing is be sure you all agree on the rules before starting to play and to have fun!

Here's a fun puzzle I found in the January 2014 of the "Script "A": News from Michigan.

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Find 10 original Ford Model "A" paint colors in the shade of blue in the puzzle at the left.

- Washington
- Gunmetal
- Andalusite
- Hessian
- Chelsea
- Lombard
- Bumper clamp
- Niagara
- Duchess
- Riviera

(Answers on page nine)

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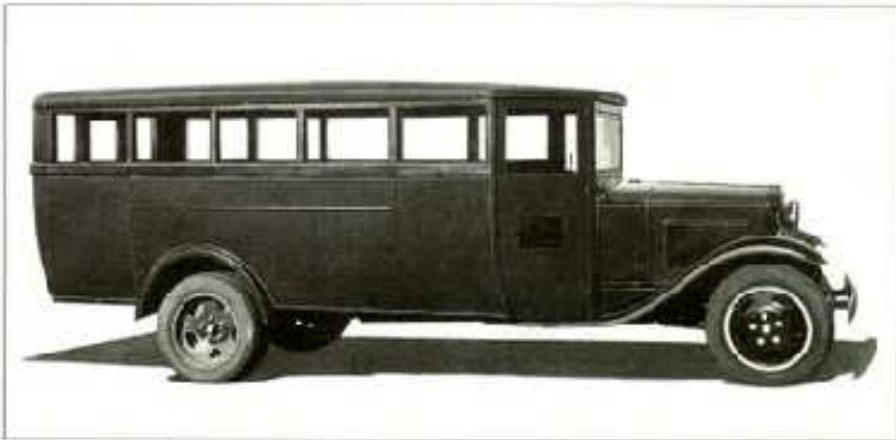
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THE FORD SCHOOL BUS

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for the safe and economical transportation of children



THE Ford school bus is the result of a careful study of the safety and health factors in the transportation of children. Safety glass, elimination of motor fumes, steel construction, regulating windows, 3-door exit, comfortable seating arrangement—all

these vital factors have been incorporated into this Ford unit. When considering applications from bus operators it will be well to keep in mind the high degree of safety and economy offered by the Ford school bus.

F E A T U R E S

Safety glass is standard equipment throughout the entire body. Six of the fifteen windows are of the regulating type, offering excellent ventilation.

Full-length exhaust pipe carries motor fumes to the rear so that dangerous gases cannot leak into the body.

Three doors assure easy loading and rapid exit.

The seating arrangement provides highly comfortable

accommodations for thirty-two children and the driver. Steel construction throughout contributes to safety, strength and long life.

The Ford school bus is designed for the Ford V8 motor truck chassis with 157-inch wheelbase. This assures a strong, rugged and reliable underbody construction.

Any Ford dealer will gladly demonstrate this unit.



The MAFFI Model A museum has a 1930 AA school bus in beautiful restored condition. Nicknamed the “Huff and Puff”, it was originally used at a school in El Monte, California. It was rescued by George Pope of Visalia, CA in the early 60’s and restored by a Model A club in Placerville, CA and later donated to the new MAFFI museum.



Greenfield Village in Detroit has a 1931 Model AA bus, but with a slightly different roof than this ad. While visiting the Village, you can catch a ride at any bus stop for 50 cents a ride.

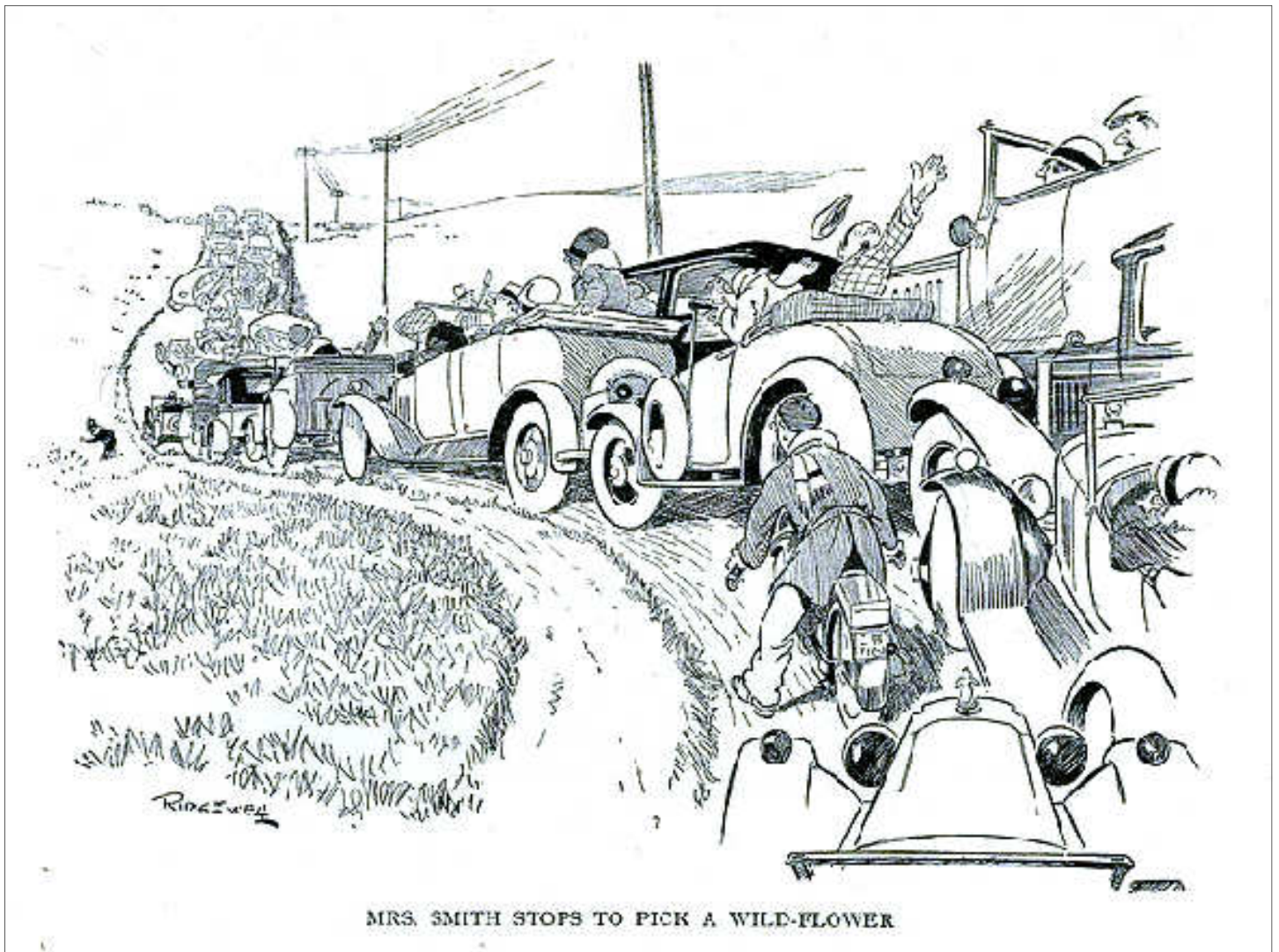
Here’s a great advertisement for a 1931 Ford School bus. Can you imagine riding to school in one of these? The ad states that there is room for 32 passengers and the driver. I think it would be a little tight fitting! But back then, I’m sure the kids didn’t have the backpacks and quantity of books that today’s kids carry to school. Not to mention all the electronic gadgets that find their way in the school bags of today!

But I’m sure it was a big improvement over having to walk to school, or even ride a horse, like some kids did in the rural areas long into the automobile years!

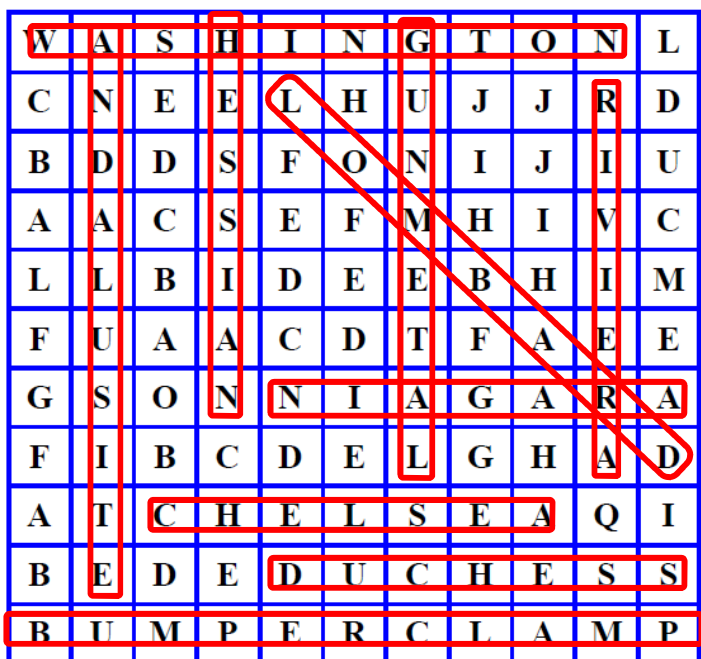
Surviving school buses are quite rare, but I’ve seen two in person. Check out the pictures on the right!

The inside (below) is beautiful, but amazing how compact and tight quarters it is.



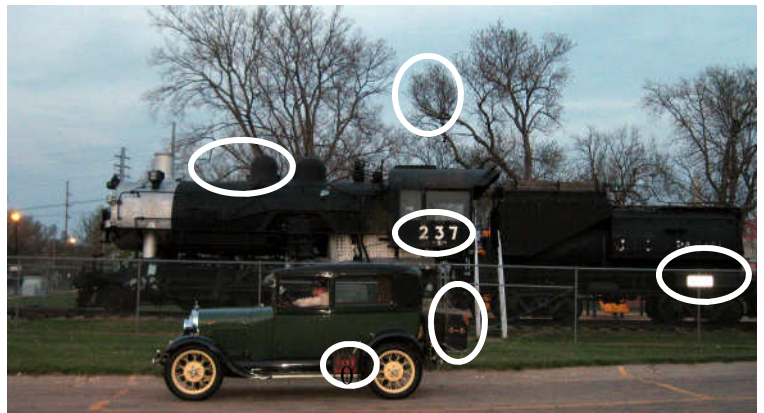


Think that traffic jams are a modern day problem? Check out this cartoon from 1931.



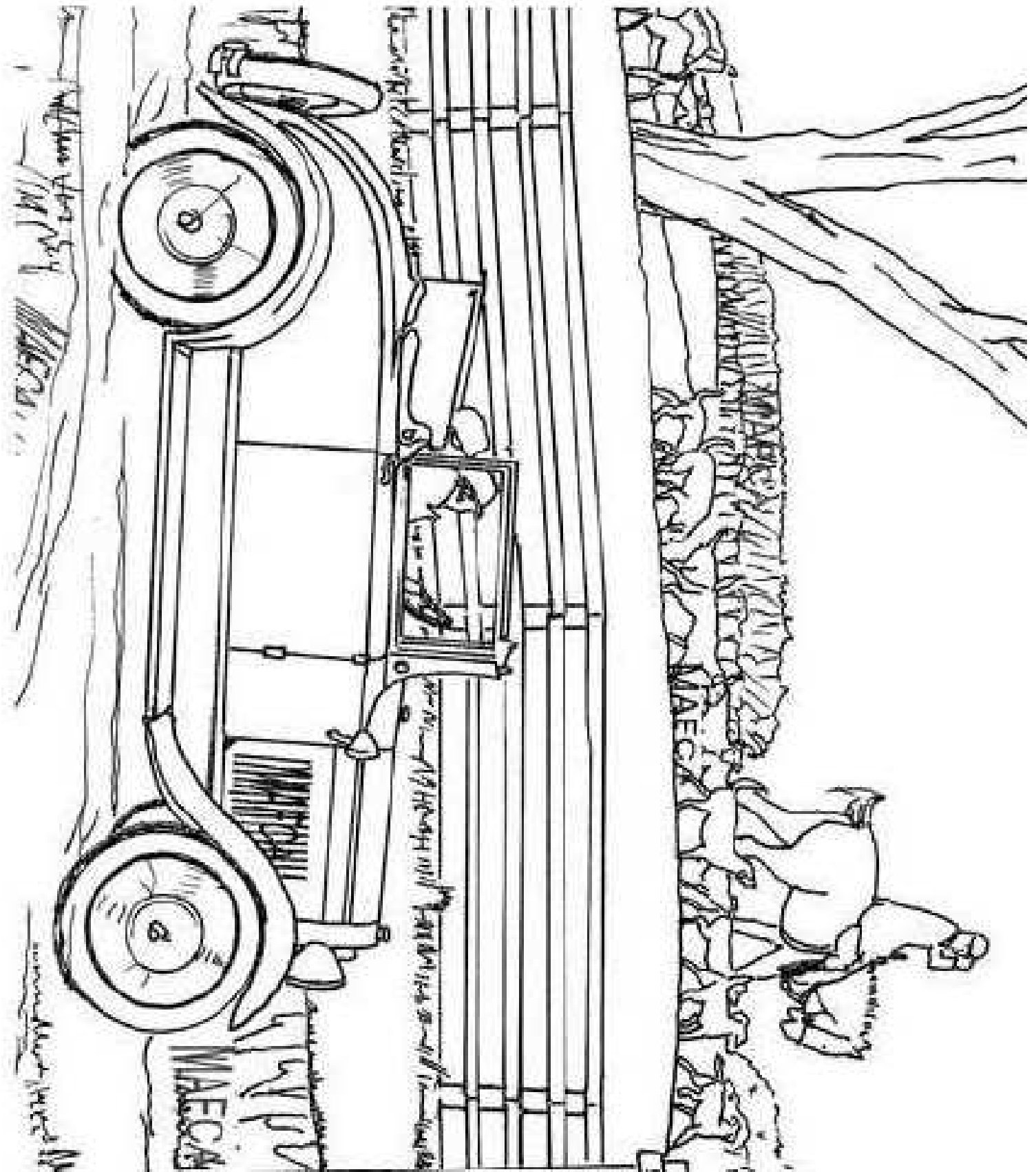
Six different things:

Did you find them all?



Here's a 1929 cabriolet for you to color!

If you like this, it's from the 2012 MAFCA coloring book that can be downloaded from MAFCA.com!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

I haven't driven the Old Lady since November, and I'm getting antsy to get back behind the wheel. I know that touring season is coming, but it's hard to wait.

We've had a lot of snow this winter, and between that and traveling, the poor Old Lady has just been sitting in her barn and waiting. I can almost hear her tapping her tire on the floor thinking "is it time to go yet?"

We finally had a couple of warm days and the snow quickly disappeared. When it was 50 degrees the day of the ladies luncheon, I happily decided to drive the A to get there. I wasn't even sure I could get her up the hill to the street since I don't have gravel to the barn. But unhappily, when I climbed in, the battery was dead! Dog gone it! So now I have a trickle charger on the battery, and soon she'll be charged back up and ready to go. I can't wait and neither can she!

What about all of you? What have you been doing all winter to keep up with your Model A? Are you lucky enough to live in a part of the country where you can drive them all winter? Or has your favorite Model A been tucked away warmly in a garage or barn waiting for the weather to warm up? I would love to see some pictures or hear some stories from each and every one of you!

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?

Remember, A-World is YOUR newsletter! What would YOU like to see in it?

I'm looking for ideas, articles, and pictures to help keep this newsletter fun to read!

If you have ideas or Model A related things you can share, email them to:

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I'm looking forward to all your wonderful ideas!

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 holiday were the Sitzmans celebrating?
A) Christmas B) Easter C) New Years
- 2) What kind of car did Aunt Erna drive?
A) Tudor B) Coupe C) Fordor
- 3) What was a popular radiator ornament?
A) Wings B) Propellers C) Both of these
- 4) Who won Olympic medals before becoming a football star?
A) Red Grange B) Joe Montana C) Jim Thorpe
- 5) What year did football helmets become mandatory?
A) 1930 B) 1920 C) 1910.
- 6) What gum company put out the Red Grange Card?
A) Double Bubble B) Wrigley's C) Sports King
- 7) How many cards are dealt for the beginning of Go Fish?
A) Five B) Seven C) Ten
- 8) How many passengers does the 1931 Ford bus hold?
A) 50 B) 24 C) 32
- 9) What car is on the coloring page?
A) Cabriolet B) Phaeton C) Roadster
- 10) What was Grandmas Roberts' special dessert?
A) Ice Cream B) Brownies C) Dishpan Angel food

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

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