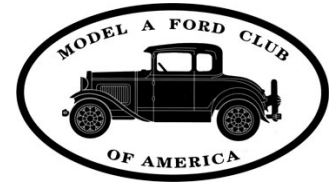




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CAROLING IN THE AIR

By SHERRY WINK

Excitement was in the air at the Sitzman household this mid-December night! It was time for Christmas Caroling! And it was looking to be a perfect night. It was snowing softly, big fluffy sparkling flakes. There was just enough white on the ground and trees to make it beautiful, but not make travel difficult. It was cold enough to feel like Christmas, but not so cold that bundling up in mittens and scarves wouldn't keep you nice and toasty! Yep, it was the perfect night for caroling!

Christmas caroling, going door to door singing Christmas songs, was a long standing tradition in this area, and the whole town was looking forward to this night. The Sitzman kids were meeting their friends in town at the church and could hardly wait! It would be a night of singing, visiting, cookies, hot chocolate and more!

The whole family had been practicing their singing for weeks now, and it was not unusual to go out to the barn and hear Richard and Robert singing to the cow while milking her, or to hear Sharla warbling her favorite carols while hanging laundry. Not everyone in the family was a great singer, but what the three little boys lacked in skill, they made up for in volume and gusto!

Late that afternoon, Dad built a small fire in the back pasture and threw a bunch of bricks in the coals. By evening time, they were nice and toasty when he raked them out, and once they cooled down just a bit, he wrapped them in towels to use as feet warmers in the pickup for the ride to town.



Mom Sitzman also put a bucket of dried corn in the oven on a low temperature to heat it up. Just before it was time to head in to town, she pulled out a bunch of Dad's old socks (clean of course!) and filled them with the hot corn, then tied each in a knot to close them. With one of these tucked under your coat or in pocket, you could keep your fingers toasty warm too! Although it wasn't that cold right now, she knew it would be a long night, especially for the younger ones!

Finally it was time to load up the truck and head into town. With the bricks and the corn socks, and the wooden shell over the pickup bed, everyone stayed warm on the drive. And of course, there was some last minute practicing going on, although there were lots of arguments over which song to sing. Sharla and the older girls like "Joy to the World" and "Noel", while the

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younger kids argued for “O Christmas Tree” and “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. But eventually they all worked it out just in time to reach town.

Once at the church, the kids piled out of the back as quickly as possible and joined up with their friends. Since some of the houses they planned to visit were rather far apart, one of the families provided a wagon, filled with hay, to pull the group door to door once they got to the edge of town. That was as much fun as the singing to the younger kids. Too bad there wasn't enough snow to use a horse drawn sleigh!

While in town, the group walked door to door, carrying lanterns to light the way. Sandy and Suzanne were both very proud that they were chosen to carry lights, as you had to be very careful not to let them swing around or get close enough to burn someone. It was an important job!

At each house, the carolers would gather round the door in a half circle, and then knock on the door. When the door opened, they would loudly start singing a Christmas carol. (Not always the same one at first, but they quickly got that sorted out!)

Although it was obvious that they were expected, many of the elder ladies tried to act surprised to see them. But some how, they all just happened to have a tray of fresh baked cookies, or just made fudge, or once in a while, a whole kettle of hot cocoa that just happened to be ready to warm up cold children on a cold night!





Once the group of happy carolers reached the edge of town, the hay wagon, already pulling the oldest and youngest of the group, quickly loaded up the rest of the troupe and hit the back roads to travel to the houses of elderly shut-ins that they knew would appreciate the festivities. A lot of joy was spread that night to lonely people who could never get enough of those happy young voices.

Finally, as the night was getting late, the wagon finally pulled into the long driveway of Grandma Roberts farm. She was the last on the list and had been expecting them too! In fact, she had been baking all day, with cookies and pies to ready, and a big vat of hot spiced apple cider steaming on the cook stove. The cider was specially saved from the last pressing of the year from Grandma's apple tree, with the apples the boys had gathered up. The last apples of the season were the sweetest, and the cider smelled heavenly!

The whole group piled into Grandma's front room and spread out. The boys headed over to corner to empty their pockets of cookies and start the trading of those not eaten on the way. Many of the older of the group gathered around the piano to continue to sing a few more old favorites while enjoying their treats and hot drinks. The rest of the group grabbed chairs or sat on the floor and enjoyed the treats while listening to the singers.


Finally, it was time to load up the Model A and head back to the Sitzman home. Each of the older kids helped carry out the little ones who had already fallen asleep, and then tried their best to stay awake on the way home. Mom and Dad Sitzman rode up front with little Nick tucked in between them, and softly hummed Christmas carols all the way home through the fresh fallen snow.



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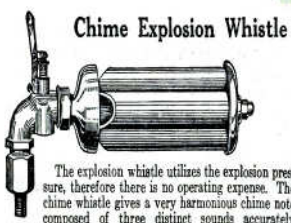
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Model "A"ccessories

Horns!

Today, it's just not a "true" Model A without an "Ahooga" horn on it. But that hasn't always been true! Even when the Model A was new, other horns were also popular. Owners, just like now, were always looking for that new thing that would make their car stand out from the crowd.

It's astonishing the number of different horn types that were available to upgrade your factory model. Check out these examples from catalogs from 1929-31!



Explosion whistles were always popular with the younger set. Who wouldn't want to pull up along side someone and scare the pants off them?

Here is a nice set of twin horns for the front of the car!



E. A. TOROVOCE BULL HORN

The King of Warning Signals!

Built to last a lifetime. Has a distinctive penetrating tone of clearness and volume, similar to the bellow of the wildest Toro or Mexican Bull. Heavy cast aluminum projector, highly polished. Distinctively modern in design and shape. 5 1/2" diameter. Chromium plated all brass base. Attaches to lamp rod in front of car. Has magnetically operated, sound-producing mechanism eliminating mechanical wear. **LONGER CARRYING. DISTINCTIVE SOUND.** Adjusting knob on base for raising or lowering volumes. Length 12 1/2". Complete with black en-



This one is for someone who definitely wants to be heard!

J & R Tally-Ho Horn

Distinctive—Pleasing in Tone

\$4.95



Tally-Ho, for that British sound.

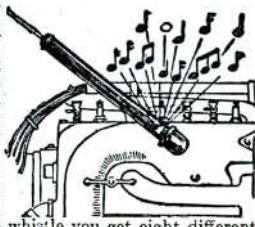
A beautiful horn that will satisfy the most fastidious. The projector is made of cast aluminum, highly polished, the body of the horn is made of steel, beautifully finished in baked enamel—in black, red, blue or green. It is a magnetic vibrator horn of high frequency, and of commanding sound and volume which must be heard to be appreciated. This horn is ideal for the man who is going some place and wants to get there. It clears the road and commands attention, and still is pleasing in tone, its penetrating tone carries around curves and over hills. Furnished with a laminated bracket for mounting on rod between headlights, fender, or any flat surface. Equipped with inside terminal and armored cable, making it water-proof, durable, and long-lasting. A high class horn at the price usually paid for a cheap horn. Length, 11 1/4 in.; width, 6 in.; shipping weight, 5 lbs.

\$4.95

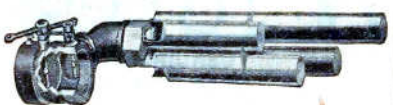
Mocking Bird Whistle

This one states it has 8 different tones, depending on the pull on the cord.

This Whistle has eight beautiful, distinct tones. A signal that warns pedestrians, but does not offend. Not shrill and harsh, but soft and distinct. It screws into the exhaust manifold and extends upward. The valve is controlled by a cord. A slight pull gives a low, soft warning, which will not frighten people at close range. By varying the pull on the cord which operates the plunger in the



AERMORE HORNS



For some reason, this one is advertised as the "signal with a smile". I guess it must have a very cheerful sound. "Called the signal with a smile because its tone, although ear-splitting, is cheerful."

Model A Safety

Horns?

Since we just talked about horns under accessories, let's keep that topic going! A good strong loud horn is essential to Model A Safety.



There are times when you need this equipment for more than just sounding good in parades! Some times people do stupid things while driving around you and a good strong horn can sometimes jolt them back to attention!

How does your horn sound? It should be long, loud, and have a nice "ahooga" sound! What, you say yours sounds more like a sick cow? Well, it might just be time to do something about it!

Sometimes, all it will take is properly oiling and adjusting the tension screw. Try this first. If you still don't get a good sound, it's time to take it off, take it apart, and clean or repair it!

This is not a difficult job, and is a great entry level task for working on a small motor. It was actually the first thing I ever worked on for a Model A, and I admit to not being much of a mechanic. But I had fun, and the horn sounds much better now!

An ahooga horn is a fairly simple design. A small motor turns a ratcheted wheel against a thin metal diaphragm. Sometimes one of these two parts needs to be replaced. The brushes on the motor can also be dirty or worn and need replaced. All major Model A suppliers sell parts, or you can buy a complete rebuild kit with all the parts included.



Ratchet



Diaphragm

If you have copies of the "Model A Mechanics" Handbooks by Les Andrews, there is a great step by step tutorial to follow. Also, just do a little searching on youtube, and there are some great videos to watch for guidance.



Brushes and springs

Remember, a great sounding horn is more than just fun, it's a necessity for safety too!

Brands we still know!

Today, we are all familiar with Coca-Cola ads with Santa Claus, polar bears, and the phrase “the pause that refreshes” But did you know it wasn’t until during just before and during the Model A years that these important relationships were formed?

Coca Cola was invented in 1886 to replace a similar drink that had alcohol in it. It used the Kola nut as a source of flavoring and caffeine, so they change the “K” to “C” to come up with the name. It was originally sold as a medicine, for 5 cents a glass. At the time, it was believed that carbonated water was good for you. It was only available as a fountain syrup, which the drug store mixed with carbonated water to make the drink. But it became so popular that within a few years it began to be available in bottles.

In 1922, Coca-Cola used the first polar bears in their ads, although it was only in France at the time. As you know, they became very popular and appear often in Coke ads even today.



In 1929, Coke first started using their famous line “a pause that refreshes”. Here’s a nice ad from that era. Check out how small the glasses were back then!



Later, in 1931, Coca-Cola decided use Santa Claus and Christmas in their ads. They were trying to convince people that the soft drink was good to drink in the winter too. This is the first image of the Coca-Cola Santa Claus. It was so widely seen that it helped form the popular image of Santa Claus we know today. Before then, Santa was painted all different ways depending on the story the artist wanted to tell. His clothes weren’t even always red, but sometimes yellow or blue. Coke had an artist paint a version that they felt showed a happy, healthy person enjoying Coke. After getting used to these ads, Santa became standardized as the jolly chubby red coated gentleman we know and love today!



Grandpa's Games

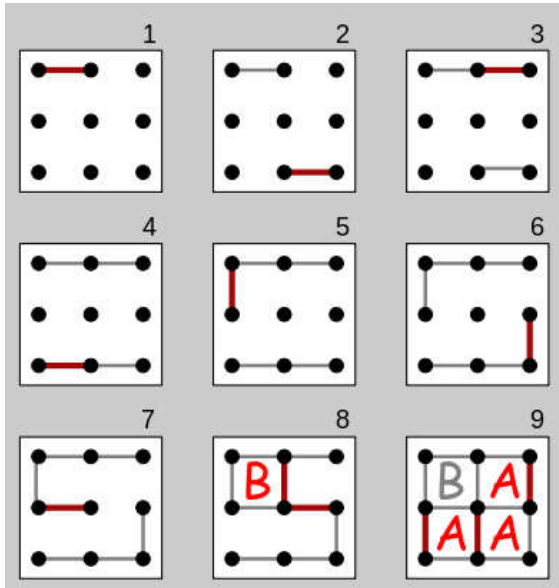
Dots and Boxes

Many times games in the Model A days were not store bought, but simple games with pencil and paper, like tic-tac-toe, or Dots and Boxes. This game has been called by many names such as "pigs in a pen" or "boxes" or even just the "dot game", but it all the same game. The earliest version of it know is from 1889. It can be fun for beginners and yet challenging for more advance players. And best of all, it can be played anywhere!

The only equipment needed is a blank piece of paper and a pen or pencil. In the old days, the kids even played it with chalk on the sidewalk, or a piece of charcoal on wood.

Start by drawing a grid of dots, equally spaced on the paper. The board may be any size, it's limited only by your patience in drawing the dots, and the time you have to finish the game!

Once the grid is drawn, take turns adding a single horizontal or vertical line between two un-joined adjacent dots. No diagonal lines are allowed. Any player who completes the fourth side of a 1x1 box earns one point and takes another turn. When you close in a box, put your initial in it to track the point. The game ends when no more lines can be placed. The winner of the game is the player with the most points.



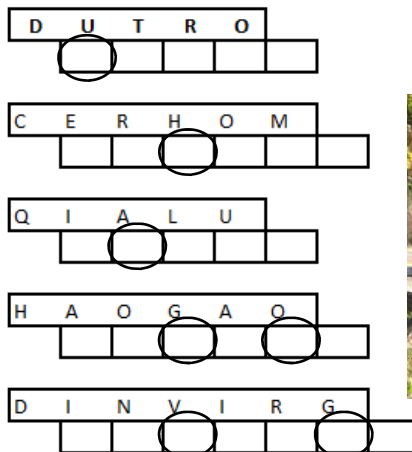
Here's a little strategy to get you started:

The diagram on the left shows a game being played on a 2x2 board (3 dots up and down). The second player (B) plays the mirror image of the first player's move, hoping to divide the board into two pieces and tie the game. The first player (A) makes *sacrifice* at move 7; B accepts the sacrifice, getting one box. However, B must now add another line, and connects the center dot to the center-right dot, causing the remaining boxes to be joined together in a *chain* as shown at the end of move 8. With A's next move, A gets them all, winning 3-1.

MODEL A FUN!

Unscramble the words
to solve the final puzzle!

Answers on page 9



_____ IS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY YOUR MODEL A!

SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This 1929 Tudor engine is ready to tour! But the bottom picture has lost a few of the important parts it needs to run! Can you find them without looking at the hints?

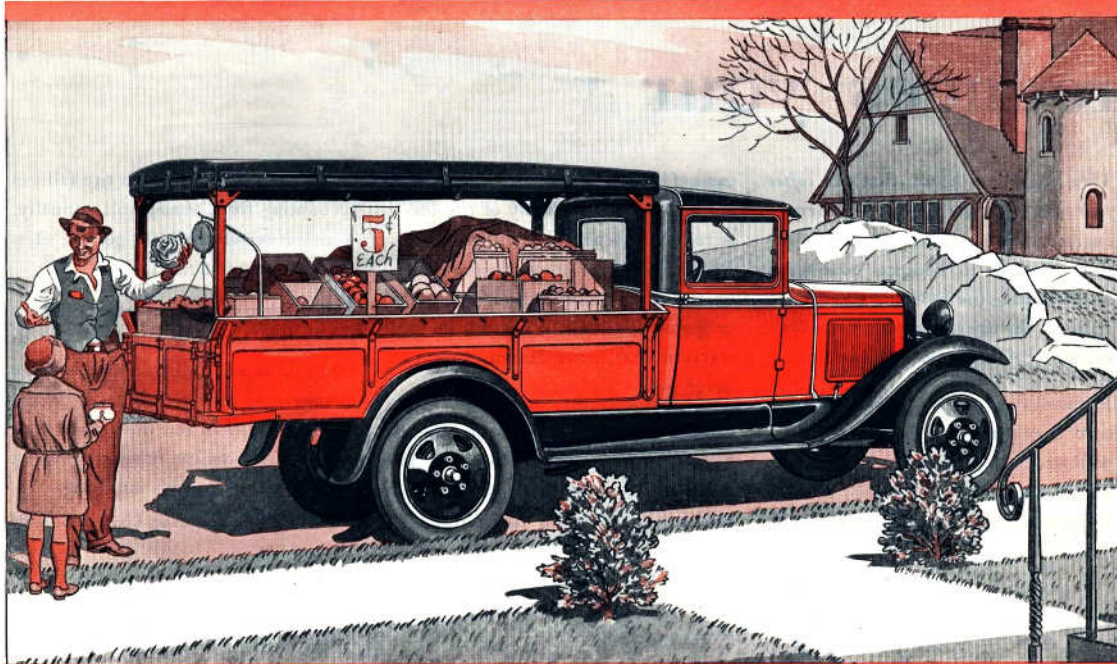
The answers are on page 9, but don't peek too soon!



MODEL A ADVERTISING

SERVING BROADER FIELDS

a new light-express body extends the usefulness of Ford Trucks



The Light-express Body equipped with Canopy Top. A type widely used by hucksters, vendors, grocers and others, for newspaper and magazine deliveries, and for many other purposes. Made of steel, except for floor-boards and sills, which are of specially seasoned wood. The steel end-gate is equipped with heavy chains. Screen sides can be supplied.

A GROWING number of standard Ford bodies is being made available. Almost daily, they are extending Ford economy to new business fields.

Among these bodies are stake, panel, platform, express and agricultural types, five different dump and four different coal bodies, two police patrols, a funeral coach, an ambulance, a garbage truck, an ice body, and others. With a wide range of choice in style and equipment, they comprise a full line of more than fifty types.

These include trucks, sold complete by all Ford dealers, which have been specifically designed for the requirements of every business. All can be supplied in any color-combination desired.

Ford chassis, too, offer a type for every need. The light-delivery car uses the same chassis as the Model A Ford car. The 1½-ton truck chassis is available with 131½-inch or 157-inch wheelbase. It may be equipped with

single or dual rear-wheels, and with high or low rear-axle gear-ratios.

Into the building of both chassis and bodies go fine materials — each selected for

its purpose because it has those qualities of strength, toughness, hardness or flexibility which will serve best in that particular capacity. For example, in the making of the chassis alone, forty different kinds of steel are used.

This is but one example of the value that has been built into it. Others are precision workmanship, and the use of more than twenty ball and roller bearings. These and other features result in completed commercial units that give long, reliable service, capable performance and economy, offering to every business a specialized hauling service at low cost.

Your Ford dealer can supply a chassis and body that are designed for your hauling needs. In New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Dallas, and Los Angeles, there are factory exhibits of Ford trucks and light-delivery cars.

FEATURES of Ford Commercial Units

Four-cylinder, 40-horse-power engine. Torque-tube drive. Internal-expanding mechanical brakes, all fully enclosed. Forty different kinds of steels for specific purposes. Extensive use of fine steel forgings. More than 20 ball and roller bearings. Three different wheelbases. Two different chassis. Triplex shatter-proof windshields. Low first cost. Low cost of operation and maintenance. Reliability and long life. You may purchase a Ford truck or light commercial car on convenient, economical terms through the Authorized Ford Finance Plans of the Universal Credit Company.



Today when you buy a truck, you usually have a choice of one or two body styles. Then if you want anything different, you pay to have it customized. But in the Model A days, Ford sold the same truck chassis with lots of options of bodies to set on top of it!

According to this ad, some of the custom bodies available were: stake, panel, platform, express, five different dump truck bodies, four coal bodies, two police patrol, a funeral

coach, ambulance, garbage truck ice truck, etc. They brag that the full line includes more than 50 body types! Try and find that now days!

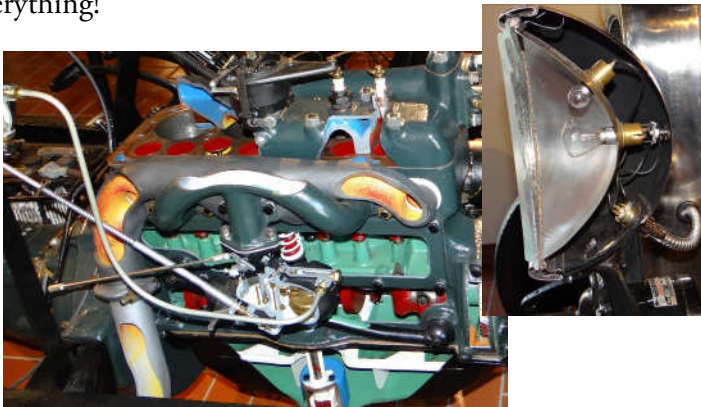
The type truck shown above is often referred to as a Huckster, but originally a huckster was a peddler or salesman who sold small objects, often door to door. As you can see, Ford called this model a "Light-Express" body.

The Model A Museum

Have you had the opportunity to visit the new Model A Museum yet? It's definitely a trip worth taking! I had the opportunity in September this year, and I was impressed! The museum is located at the Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Corners, Michigan.

This museum is awesome! Even if you are not really the "museum" type, you'll enjoy this one! Nothing but Model A's and Model A related items are in this building. The outside is perfect replica of a 1929 Ford garage, including gas pumps on the end. Inside, it's one fantastic display after another!

One of my favorite displays is right inside the door. There is an entire Model A Chassis that has been built with cutaway parts. For a new Model A'er, it is fascinating. Heck, even the old timers I had with me were fascinated! Lights, generators, manifolds, you could see inside of everything!



The display of Model A's covered all the basics and more! They had many rare models right along side the more common Tudors and coups. Check out this bus, or this tow truck!



Of course they had display cases of Model A fashions and accessories, tools, parts, and other fascinating memorabilia celebrating the Model A's. I like this wooden clock made to look like a motometer!



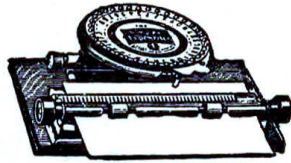
Some of these vehicles have been restored to showroom quality, and some are in the driver category, but they all have an interesting story to tell. This museum will ensure that this great car's history is shared for a long time to come! Go see it if you can!



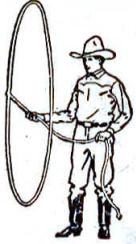
What Would You have Wanted for Christmas?

If you'd been born in the 20's and 30's, what would have been on your wish list for Christmas? Here's a few toys from a 1929 magazine to compare!

Today, you might wish for a new laptop! Back then this fancy mini typewriter would have been on the top of your list!



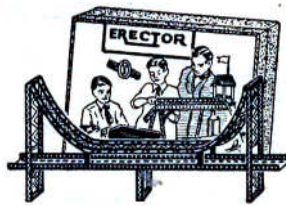
Simplex Typewriter



Tom Mix Rodeo rope

Just like today, kids enjoyed movies and idolized the stars of the day. Where today you might put the latest action figures on your list, cowboys were popular stars back then. Tom Mix was a favorite, and many toys were sold related to his movies.

Today, Legos are the building toys of fame, but back then, erector sets and Lincoln Logs were just as popular for the would be architects and were on many kids Christmas lists!



460-Model Erector Set

Where you might be wishing for that cool sounding electric guitar, or maybe just guitar hero for your playstation, kids of the Model A years were hoping Santa brought this little ukulele down the chimney.



Banjo-Uke and Instruction

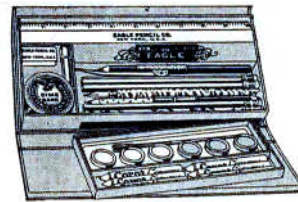


Radio controlled planes and helicopters are standards on many kids wish list, but aviation was the rage in those days and kids would have been thrilled to receive this little plane with a wind-up rubber band motor!

Is a digital camera on your list? Photography was really popular for the Model A kid too. But their cameras used rolls of film that then had to be developed to see if the pictures came out.



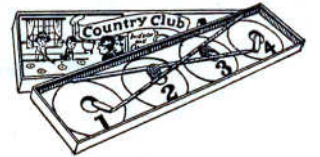
Eastman Hawk-Eye Roll Film Camera



Writing and Painting Set

Here's actually an item that hasn't changed much over the years. This writing and paint set with crayons, watercolor and brushes could be on any young artist's wish list today!

Another item without many changes would be this beginner golf set. This game was popular with the sporting set, both girls and boys and would still work just as well for the modern golfer.



Play Golf!



Tommy Ticker Watch

If a digital watch is on your list, you are the same as a Model A era kid. They wanted to know what time it was too! But they got this stylish pocket watch, just like dad's!

MODEL A FUN!

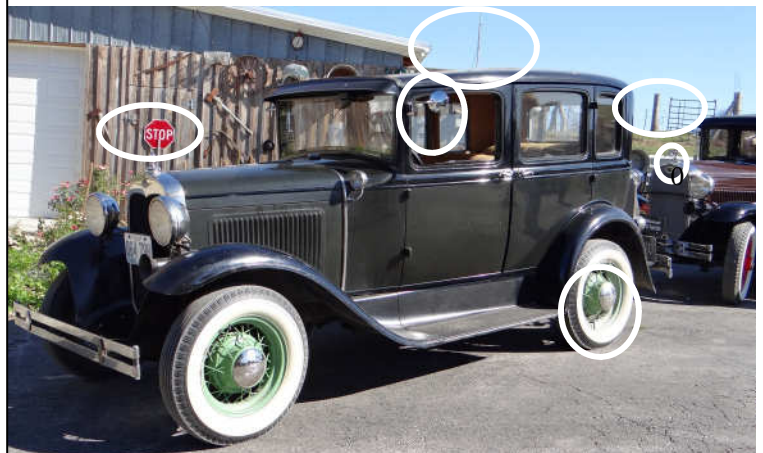
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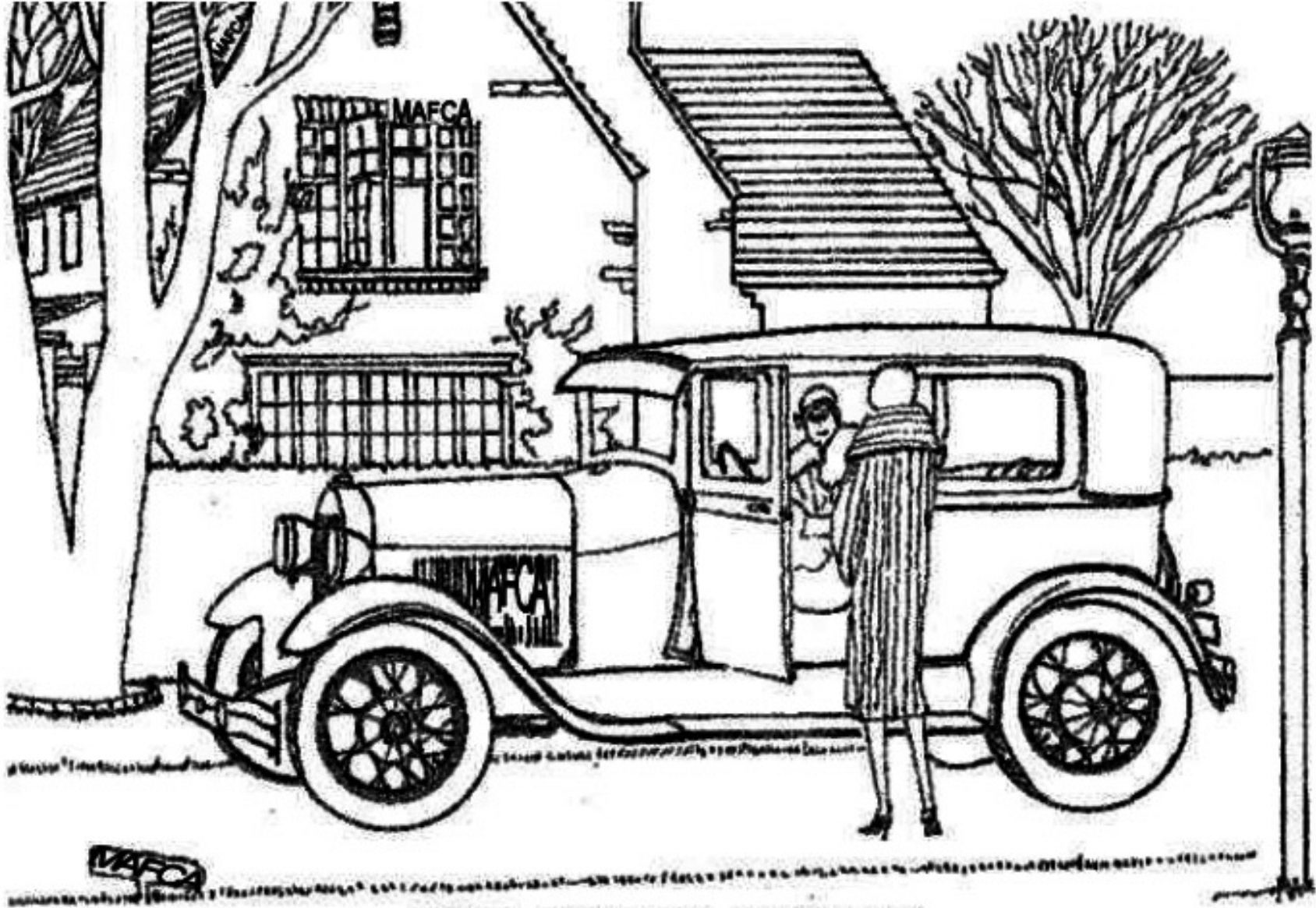
Six different things:

Did you find them all?

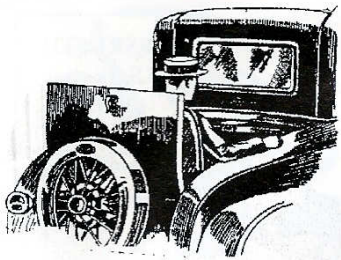


Here's a 1928 Tudor Sedan for you to color!

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



1928 TUDOR SEDAN¹



Rumble Seat

Sherry wink

Wasn't it a great year for Model Aing? Of course, every year is a great year to drive them, but it just seemed like in my area the weather was really cooperating. We had a beautiful fall, and every tour I went on had beautiful colors and perfect weather!

My favorite outing this year was also my last, the Veteran's Day parade in nearby Leavenworth Kansas. Leavenworth is the home of Fort Leavenworth, an army base, so it was a great place for a Veterans parade. It was a fun crowd who seemed to enjoy seeing the Old Lady and all her friends as much as she seems to like doing parades!

Of course, there were many other fun activities throughout the year. Did any of you participate in any events you thought especially fun? Send me some pictures. I would love to hear from all of you!

This year, I've experienced a few mechanical issues with the Old Lady. Some I've been able to diagnose on my own and some I've had to call in more expert assistance! I've always said I wasn't a mechanic, but I've learned a lot about keeping her on the road! That's the way we all need to start, one part at a time. I can now take off carbs, starter motors, change batteries, and more. A little grease under the finger nails never hurt anybody! Don't be afraid to ask Dad or Grandpa (or Grandma) to help work on their "A". That's the best way to learn!

One thing I've done is load my trunk with lots of parts for on the road repairs. My theory is that even if I can't fix it, the odds are there will be someone there that can if they have the right parts. That worked out well in a recent parade when one of my club members broke down due to a shorted out wire. Guess who had the extra fuse he needed to get running again! Score one for the Lady driver in the group!

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 event did the Sitzmans head to town for?
 - A) Halloween B) Caroling C) a party
- 2) What drink did Grandma Roberts provide?
 - A) Coca B) Milk C) Cider
- 3) What accessory horn is named after a bird?
 - A) Robin B) Mockingbird C) Cardinal
- 4) Which part is used to rebuild a horn?
 - A) ratchet B) diaphragm C) brushes D) all of these
- 5) What year did Coca-Cola start using polar bears in ads:
 - A) 1922 B) 1929 C) 1931.
- 6) What is an important tool for Grandpa's game?
 - A) mirror B) pencil C) marbles
- 7) What car is featured in "Six Different Things"?
 - A) Tudor B) Coupe C) Fordor D) Roadster
- 8) Ford brags they have more that "....." truck bodies?
 - A) 50 B) 40 C) 60
- 9) What state is the Model A museum in?
 - A) Missouri B) Mississippi C) Michigan
- 10) What cowboy star was featured in the toy article?
 - A) Gene Autry B) Tom Mix C) Roy Rogers

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



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