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It was quite a while before breakfast was thought about again, but Mom Sitzman has foreseen this, so she had plenty of walking around food, as she called it, like biscuits with butter and honey, or bacon sandwiches.

No one went hungry, that's for sure! And she made sure everyone had some solid food in them before they all headed out to the backyard to check out the sleds by pulling the little ones around, or running and jumping onto the sled to slide a short way on the flat ground. Dad Sitzman reassured all the Sitzman kids that on the following Saturday, they would give the sleds a good workout!

Saturday finally arrived, and with perfect sledding weather. Seven inches of snow had fallen since Christmas and the Sitzman kids could hardly wait to head out to that hill in the back timber to test out those new sleds. Dad Sitzman was leading the pack! They threw the new sleds and as many kids as could fit in the back of Larry's Model A pickup, and the rest of the family all climbed in Mom Sitzman's Tudor. Dad Sitzman led the way in the family AA, which he had packed the night before with some essentials for a happy day of sledding.

This included a load of firewood, a tripod and kettle to heat hot cider in, a thermos of coffee for the adults, and potatoes to cook in the coals once the fire burnt down. There were also plenty of blankets to keep warm with while taking a break, and a number of bricks to keep warm around the fire to tuck into the blankets to help warm up little ones fast! And of course, Mom Sitzman had a large picnic hamper full of sandwiches and cookies. It was going to be a full day of sledding fun!





Dad also threw in a couple of scoop shovels. These were great for packing down the run to make it faster or to build a few banked curves into the sled run! Larry and the twins made good use of those shovels until Mom had to call a halt to the higher bumps they were building to take a little air. She was afraid those new sleds might not last very long at the rate they were daring each other to attain!

The rest of the afternoon was spent in sledding, drinking hot cider, toasting bread on the fire, sledding, and tucking into the warm blankets in the back of the Model A pickup Mom Sitzman kept supplied with plenty of hot bricks to keep them warm.

The little kids tired out in the middle of the afternoon and barely complained when Mom Sitzman tucked them into the warm blankets for a rest. But the older boys and some of the girls too, including Sandy, kept climbing higher and higher on the hill to get that long ride to the bottom. And naturally, with the boys egging each other on, there were a few wipeouts, but it was just part of the fun.



In case you think it was just the Sitzman kids having fun, Mom and Dad Sitzman ended up just as snow-covered and exhausted as the kids, with Dad Sitzman winning the prize for the longest run, beating Larry by over 20 feet. Mom Sitzman was in the running until that last curve took her and a few kids out in a flurry of snow! It was a tired but happy group that made their way back to the Sitzman place as the sunset on a perfect day.

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KIDS AND THEIR “A”s!



Allison Borek age 12 and Emily Borek age 8. They live in Somerset Pennsylvania. Their dad rescued this pickup out of a chicken coop last year, as well as a Model A coupe. Both had been cut apart with a fire ax back in the 1950! Dad said he really hustled to get the truck welded back together so he could get it road worthy in time to get the Christmas tree.



Morgan Eggers lives on Long Island New York and really enjoys her family's Model A!



Kory G., age 13, lives in Ontario Canada. He was helping his granddad change the intake and exhaust manifolds.



Rosie Winkinhofer, age 2, is not sure about the driver of this Model A at the recent "Trunk or Treat!" Rosie lives in Table Rock Nebraska and loves going for rides in her grandmother's 1929 Tudor.



Jay McCord's Granddaughter Mia lives in California and loves spending time with her grandpa and his Model A's!

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Joe, 3 years old, lives in Texas, and recently had the opportunity to ride with Santa (aka Jim Adams) in Santa's A400 Model A!



Elfie just won a blue ribbon for being the youngest driver (in the oldest car!) at “Cars an Coffee” in Peer, Belgium. car. She was driving their Model A named “Big Betsie.” She followed her dad, who was driving in a Minerva, a car that was a favorite of Henry Ford.

Another Santa in a Model A! A RED Model A, how perfect! Driver/Santa Charlie Houidobre is from Covington Louisiana, and is a member of the North Lake A's club .

From left to right kids in back, Knoxville, age 11, Brody, age 6, Rhett, 20 months, and Lucy, age 9. All of the kids are from Louisiana.

Looks like they are all ready for a trip to the North Pole!



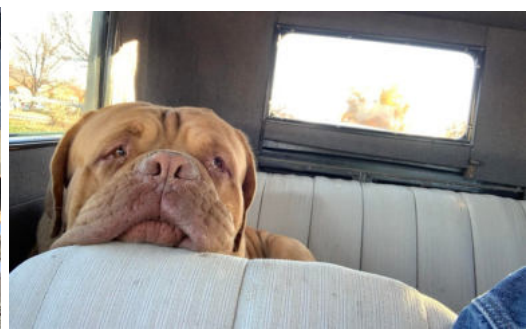
CHANCE, THOR, AND MORE!



Chance Halladay lives in Grand Junction Colorado. Here he is with his Dad Matthew and dog Thor. Chance helps his dad in his body shop business where all they do are classics!

The Cutlass in the below picture belongs to Chance (but I know he's really eying the Model A!) Matthew says that Chance drives well at 13 years old. And he can drive the manual transmission on the 1929 Model A as well!

Thor, a Dogue de Bordeaux mastiff, seems to enjoy the Model A too! I think he takes up most of the back seat all by himself!



BIG BOOTY JUDY



If you can't tell, the kids picked the name for this new member of their family! The 1930 car joined the family about six months ago. Kyler age 17, Addie age 14, Stella age 11, and Tate age 7 collaborated on the name. The family lives in Salt Lake City Utah.

Dad Dan says he's always loved cars and has owned a few quirky cars over the years. He just got custom plates for her, but didn't even try to get that name on them! The new plate reads "POMP"

which is what his family called his grandfather who raised him. Pomp used to talk about driving Model A's as a youth and so this Model A is connection to the past for Dan. Now he hopes that connection will continue down for his kids.

The decision to purchase "Big Booty Judy" was a decision between Dan and his seventeen year old son Kyler. Dan knew he wanted a car that would Kyler would really be into. So far, so good! And Dan says it is one of his favorite cars ever as well! Kyler is learning to drive Judy's manual transmission, with the goal of driving her to the Junior Prom. Father and son are working on some winter projects to get Judy in her prime condition for spring driving.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE FAMILY



Adalynne 10, Alaina 6, Tucker 4, and Rezzah 3 are pictured here with their parents and the family's 1930 Tudor. The car was their great grandfather's car. It has been in their family for over 50 years. Dad Chad reports having so many fond memories of this car growing up that he hopes to repeat with his kids. From going to parades with his grandparents, to learning how to start and drive it, to taking it to shows and driving it in parades. He and his wife even drove it to prom. Then he took his grandpa for rides when he wasn't able to drive it anymore. From the look of it, this family is well on its way to being a fourth generation vehicle!

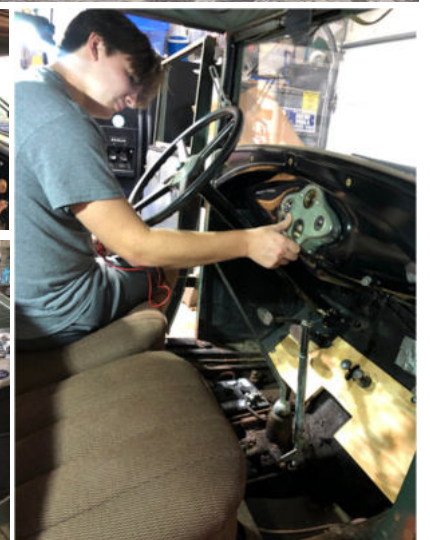
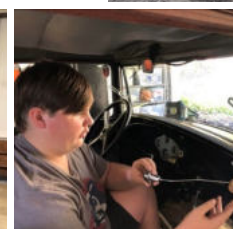
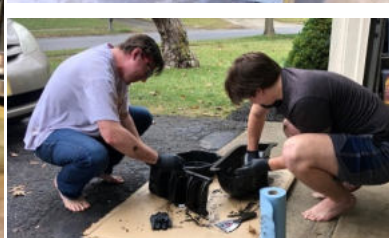
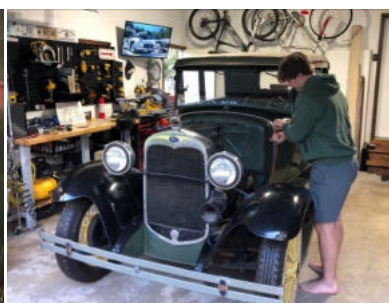
Great Granddad's Tudor

Sam age 21, Henry age 18, and Mitchell age 14, live in Indiana. They've been working for several months with their dad to help restore their great granddad's 1930 Model A Tudor following a decade or more in storage. Their dad Andy remembers his granddad driving kids around in this same car in the 1970s!

The boys have completed by themselves or helped do the following projects (and learned by watching YouTube videos and referring to some books like Les Andrew's red book):

- replaced all wiring
- rebuilt distributor
- changed all fluids
- un-seized the engine
- replaced fuel gauge
- new ignition switch and ammeter
- new stop light switch
- new fuse and battery cut-off
- new starter switch
- dropped oil pan and cleaned out sludge and pump
- refurbished ahooga horn
- converted back to original headlights from sealed beam
- new hub caps and lug nuts
- scrubbed yellowed tires back to whitewalls
- scrubbed years of mold/mildew from interior vinyl.

Now that the car is again running, they are starting to drive it in the neighborhood including learning how to drive a manual transmission. The Tudor has excited young and older neighbors alike, including a group of kids who wanted to know all about the car, and a retired man living a few houses away, whose face lit up with fond memories as he shared that he learned to drive as a youngster in a Model A.



SIX THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!

This Model A pickup looks quite festive and ready for Santa to go for a ride! But the top picture looks like he's lost a few details compared to the bottom one. Can you find the differences? *The answers are on page 12 but don't peek too soon!*



The Model A Horn

To keep the horn giving it's best sound, there is a little maintenance involved! The instructions below are what Ford told the owners to do in 1928:

The Horn—The quality of tone and length of service received from Ford horns depends entirely on the care they receive. To produce the most effective tone it is necessary that the armature revolve at a high rate of speed. This speed is possible only when bearings are properly oiled, and the commutator and brushes are kept clean.

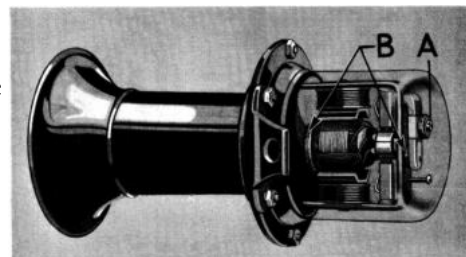


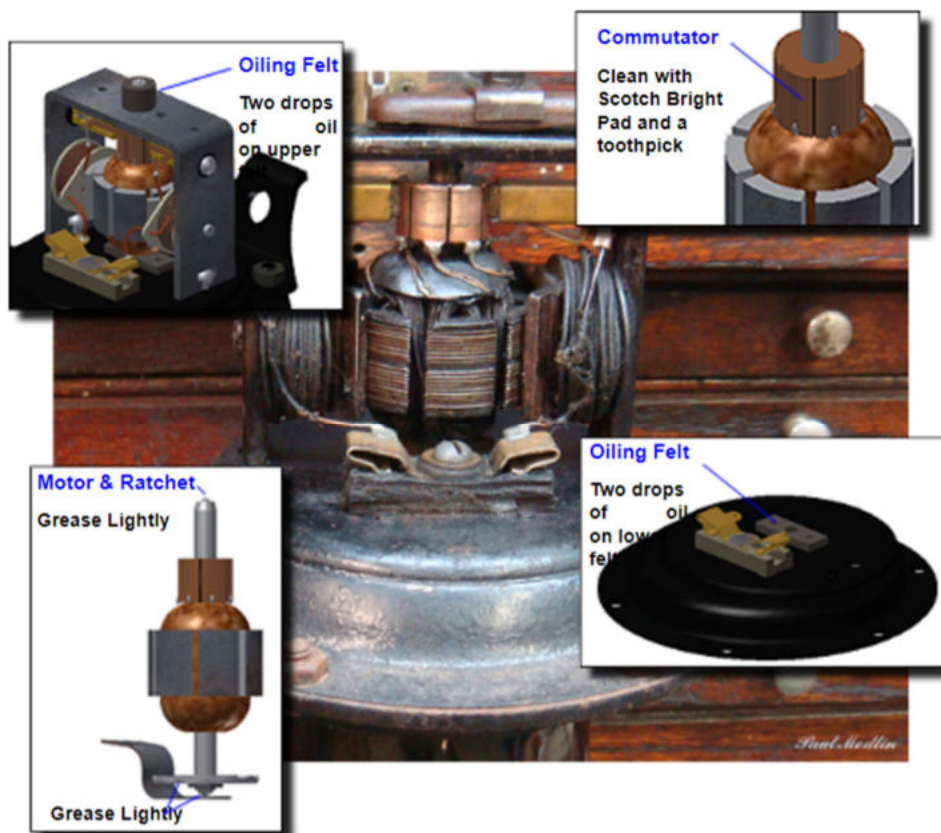
FIG. 463

Lubrication—Once a month remove motor cover located at rear of horn and place a few drops of oil in groove at each end of the armature shaft. See “B” fig 463. Use light fine oil.

Care—To clean the commutator, set the motor in motion by pressing the horn button. While motor is revolving hold a piece of fine sandpaper against the commutator until commutator is clean. Next, with a small piece of wood clean the gaps between the commutator segments. Do not use metal when cleaning gaps. When turned with the fingers, the armature should revolve freely. Should it fail to operate examine the battery, the wiring, and the horn button.

Adjustment—Turning the adjusting screw (see “A”, fig 463), regulates the tone. Turning the screw to the right tightens the adjustment. Turning to the left loosens it. Regulate the adjustment until the desired tone is obtained.

For a modern tutorial on horns, visit ModelABasics.com and check out these instructions from Paul R. Modlin! This website also includes more troubleshooting tips on getting the best sound from your ahooga horn!



Oiling

Tools and Supplies:

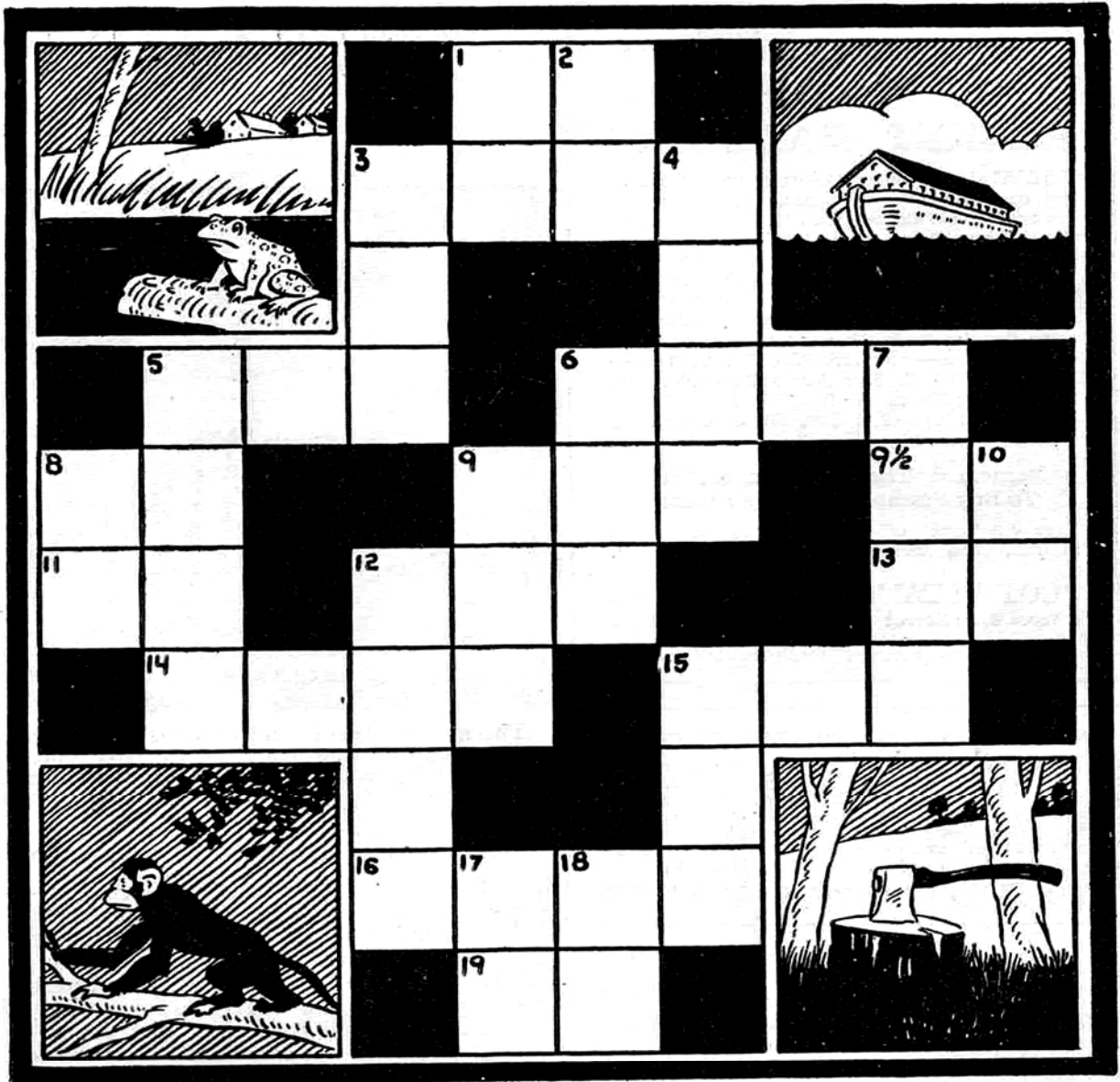
- Flat blade screw driver
- Scotch Bright Pad (or similar)
- Sewing Machine Oil
- Kerosene
- Toothpicks

Procedure:

1. Remove the dirt build up from the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**. Clean with kerosene and pad dry.
2. Polish the **Commutator** with a Scotch Bright Pad. Clean between the gaps with a toothpick.
3. Apply two drops of sewing machine oil to both the **Upper and Lower Oiling Felts**.
4. Lightly grease the upper and lower tips of the **Motor** shaft, as well as the bottom of the **Ratchet**.

There were a lot of magazine targeted to kids in the Model A Days. This crossword puzzle is from a "Youth Companion" 1929 issue.

Answers on page 12!



THE CHILDREN'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Upon
3. Picture (upper left)
5. A metal
6. Girl's name
8. A continent (abbreviation)
9. Made of ginger
- 9½. A state (abbreviation)
11. Preposition
12. Part of body
13. Stand still!
14. What you do to a football
15. Picture (lower left)
16. Used in parchesi
19. Thus

DOWN

1. Goes with either
2. Not yes
3. A ladies' ornament
4. Something to play
5. Used in the war
6. A graceful tree
7. What teeth may do
8. Italian for "yes"
9. Picture (upper right)
10. Toward
12. Sour
15. Picture (lower right)
17. Part of verb to be
18. Company (abbreviation)

Model A Youth Restoration Award Recipient Clay MacWhirter



Clay MacWhirter lives in Vankleek Hill, Ontario, Canada. Clay began his pursuit of an old car to restore in 2019. He had just repaired an antique tractor and used it to plow a field. He already had an interest in learning how things worked. At this time, he was 19 and a student at Carleton, University studying engineering.

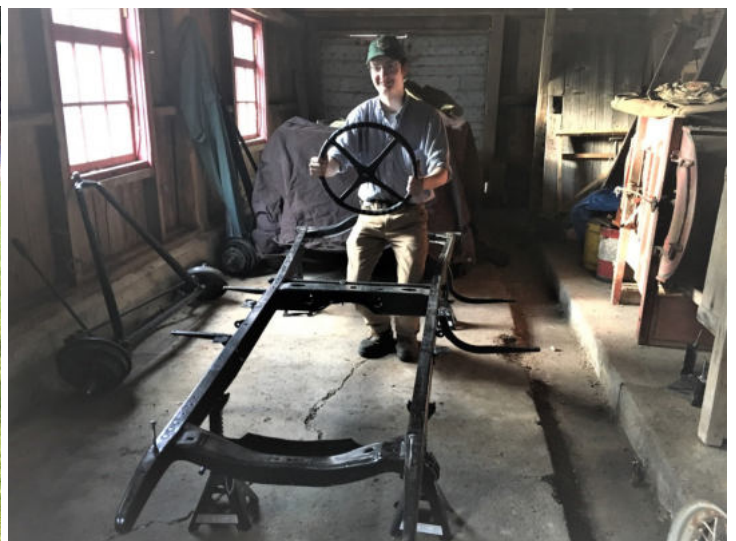
He came across the meeting place of a local Model A club where seven Model A's of different body styles were parked getting ready for a tour. The Model a seemed to fit the type of car he wanted to restore. He talked with the owners and subsequently was offered a disassembled but mostly complete chassis in Brookville, Ontario that needed a complete re-do. He and his friend hauled it home.

Clay started with no knowledge of Model A's and no car on hand to reference. He joined the Canada's Capital As club which is a chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Through them, he was able to access an absolute wealth of knowledge on the subject.

Over the next 18 months, Clay disassembled, rebuilt and reinstalled every component of the chassis: engine, transmission, starter, generator, brake system, radiator, steering box, and front end. He documented the restoration as a project for his engineering studies. He sums up his effort. "This project is a great exercise in mechanical systems and basic automobile construction, as well as history and understanding of an important transition point in human travel history. Over the past season/semester, I was able to build a pile of parts into a driving car and then physically drive it, a process that is almost unparalleled in personal satisfaction." A video presentation, summarizing his written class report, is available at this link on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/bZTajg46-8s>

Clay was a recipient of the Model A Youth Restoration Award (MAYRA) in 2020. MAYRA provides financial support to youth between the ages of 12 and 22 who are restoring a car that is or will become their own. The next recipients will be announced in June, 2022. The deadline for applying is May 31, 2022. Please see our website for details - Modelarestitutionaward.org. All young Model A'ers are welcome.



Ford Advertising

A Treasured Gift at Christmas Time!

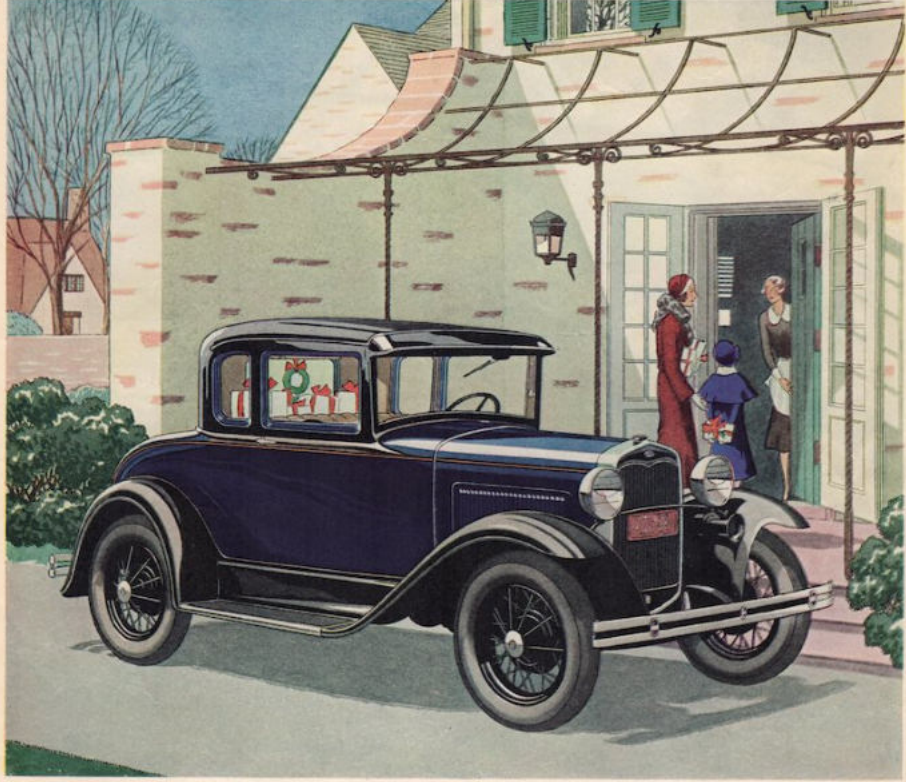
This ad from 1930 is trying to convince someone to buy this car as a Christmas present. I always thought those ads with ribbons on cars as Christmas presents were a modern Ad man's invention, but apparently not!

Women in these years were just getting used to being able to make these decisions on their own, following the changes in society after WWI. No waiting for a man to get home to take them in a crotchty old car that needed hand-cranked, and might have several flat tires before arriving at its destination! So a new car for Christmas was a gift for life!

This beautiful blue coupe looks just right for this mother and daughter to make a social call, and deliver gifts to friends and family. The shelf under the rear window holds a few small presents and still has room in the rumble seat if needed!

The Farmer's Wife, December, 1930


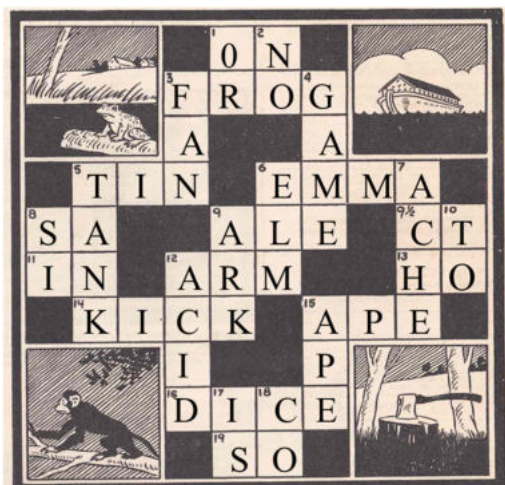
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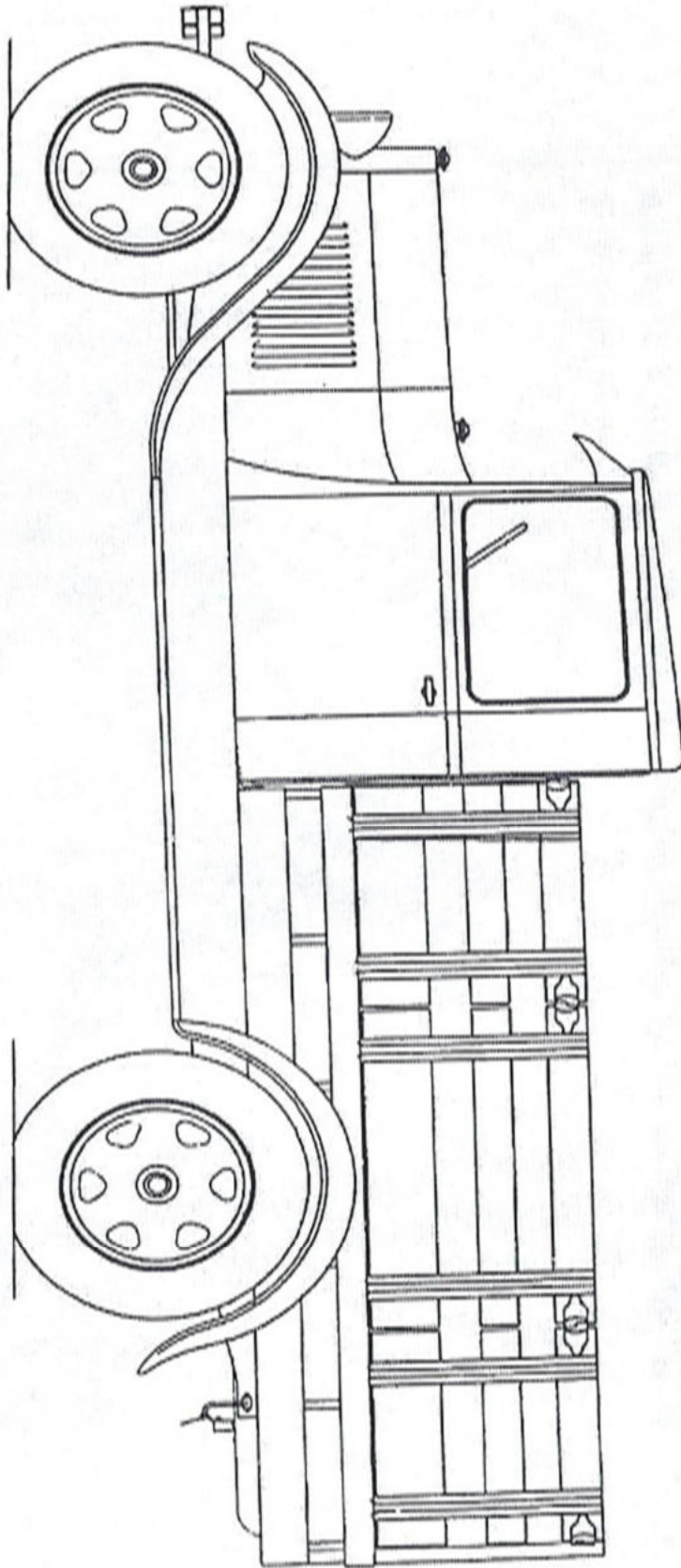
DREAMS will come true in many homes this Christmas. For there, among the holiday gifts, will be a gleaming new Ford. From Dad to Mother. Or from Mother and Dad to Son or Daughter.

happy hours and shorten the miles to friends and distant places. Illustrated above is the new Ford Coupe. There are many other body types to select from, in a variety of beautiful colors. A choice of mohair or Bedford cord upholstery is offered in the Town Sedan, the De Luxe Sedan, and the De Luxe Coupe.

Not a gift for the day only, but one that will be treasured through the year. A practical, useful gift that will bring countless

This is a Model AA Truck! If you had a really big job, you needed heavy equipment. This model truck was used for a lot of things, including farm trucks, tow trucks, and road building equipment!





Rumble Seat

Sherry Wink

It snowing tonight while I'm typing this, and the Old Lady is tucked securely away in a garage

for the winter. Too much salt on our roads to safely drive her much in the winter.

There is still quite a bit of Model A related activities to keep me busy! I have another article to write for the Restorer, and a newsletter to finish for my local club. Some Zoom meetings to attend, and I just finished some Model A shadow boxes for our local Christmas party!



And my Granddaughter Rosie is SO ready to go for another ride, she keeps bringing me my hat and asking to ride in Grandma's car. I might just have to bring it out on the next nice day and make her AND me happy!

Hope everyone has a Happy New Year!!



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) Who won for the longest sled run?
A) Larry B) Mom Sitzman C) Dad Sitzman
- 2) Where did the Borek family find their pickup ?
A) Chicken Coop B) Hay Field C) Barn
- 3) What country is Elfie from?
A) Canada B) USA C) Belgium
- 4) Who is Thor?
A) A Model A pickup B) A dog C) Chance's Dad
- 5) Who picked the name "Big Booty Judy?"
A) Dad B) It came with the car C) The kids
- 6) Whose car is Sam, Henry, and Mitchell restoring?
A) Grandpa's B) Great-Grandpa's C) Grandma's
- 7) Where do you find a ratchet on a Model A?
A) steering wheel B) seat C) Horn
- 8) Clay MacWhirter won what award?
A) MAYRA B) Drive of the Year C) Youngest Driver
- 9) What style of car is shown in the ad on page 12?
A) Tudor B) Coupe C) Roadster
- 10) What year magazine is the crossword puzzle from?
A) 1928 B) 1929 C) 1930 D) 1931

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