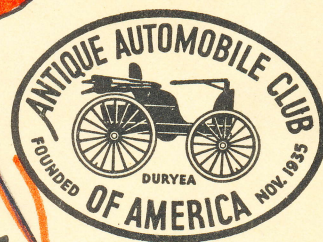


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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1973 A.A.C.A. DUES? The bylaws of the North Alabama Region requires national membership in A.A.C.A. to be a member of our local club. The North Alabama Region lets each member be responsible for paying his national dues. If you haven't paid your dues you miss out on an excellent magazine, you will not get an invitation to the national meets nor will you be able to show a car or sell in the flea market. Don't miss out on the National Spring Meet in Nashville, Tennessee June 8 because you forgot to pay your dues.

FEBRUARY REGION MEETING

To use a tired cliché, "Would you believe" 57 members and guests were in attendance for the February meeting? I can't recall if this is a record for a monthly meeting but I'm sure it's close. President Dan Shady recognized the following guests: Hank Holt, who has a 1953 MG; Kent Blankenship, who has a 1923 Dodge Brothers; Dr. V. M. Burkett and son who have a 1941 Buick; Wallace Jones who has a 1936 Rolls Royce; Robert Byers, who has a 1957 Jensen; Max Craig, who has a 1928 Ford and 1930 Ford; Carl Berry, who has so many antique motorcycles I lost count; Jim Fultz, who has a 1933 Pontiac; Mike Williams, who has a 1949 Plymouth; and Don Miller, who won our door prize, a case of Exxon oil. The business meeting was shortened to have plenty of time for coffee and goodies before our guest speakers arrived.

The program proved to be one of the most interesting and informative technical presentation we have ever had. Mr. Jim Rohrer, Technical Industrial Specialist from Memphis, Tennessee and Mr. Jerry Mobley, sales representative from Huntsville presented a program on oil and lubricants and brought us up to date on the latest advancements in this industry. They discussed the latest advancements in this industry. They discussed the latest specifications of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Petroleum Institute and their relationship to the letter designations on oils. According to Mr. Rohrer an oil with an SE designation will meet or exceed any oil requirement for any car. The viscosity index should be selected according to the temperature extremes. An oil with a "W" suffix has been tested and indexed at 0°F for winter applications and oils without a "W" suffix have tested and indexed at 210°F. Mr. Rohrer concluded this indicates a multigrade oil will have better lubricating qualities through all operating temperature extremes. All of my tender 21 years I've believed the "W" after the number on a can of oil stood for "weight" only to find out it stood for "winter".

The cake and cookies were furnished by the newsletter typist. Since the winner of the door prize has to furnish the next months refreshments our typist is trying to find a use for a torque wrench in her kitchen.

The North Alabama Region Newsletter is sporting a new name and a new cover, thanks to Kem Robertson. The first critic automatically becomes editor for the coming year.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE
MEET LOCATION: BILL PENNEY MOTOR COMPANY
ABOVE BODY SHOP

MARCH 29	Ladies Night--Movie on Powder puff Clinic
	Picadilly Cafeteria--Jim Beaver
APRIL 26	Problem Seminar off the cuff discussion of auto related problems encountered and how to resolve
MAY 31	Judging Seminar--Don Pryor
JUNE 28	Auto Body Patch Panel Repair--Leonard Brown
JULY 26	Auto Related Movie
AUGUST 30	Upholstery Seminar
SEPTEMBER 27	How to identify your "T's"--Ernest Cross
OCTOBER 25	Report and slides or movies of Hershey
NOVEMBER 29	Election of 1974 Officers
DECEMBER 14 or 15	Christmas Party--Jack Stuart and Ernie Cross

1973 SPRINGTIME INVITATIONAL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

The first annual Springtime Invitational, sponsored by Dixie Region A.A.C.A. will be held May 4 and 5 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Registration will begin on Friday May 4th 2-6 P.M. at the Holiday Inn on highway 78 East. A free get acquainted party will be from 7-9 P.M. Registration will continue on Saturday May 5 at the Cascade Plunge show area from 9:30-11:00 A.M. Judging will be from 11:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Banquet and awards will be in the Cascade Plunge Cloud Room at 7:00 P.M. Car registration \$3.00; Flea Market \$5.00; Banquet \$6.50. Send registrations to Bill Kinzalow, 713 Arrow Rd., Birmingham, Ala. 35214. Phone 205-798-3312. Make checks payable to Dixie Region A.A.C.A. 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards in each class. There will be a special interest class.

JUDGING SEMINAR

Ray Campbell, Southeastern Division Judging Chairman will conduct a judging seminar in Decatur, Alabama on Sunday April 8 at 2:00 P.M. The seminar will be held at the Cock's Pest Control Annex.

Ray is a master judge and is known for a very informative and humorous program.

All members of the North Alabama Region have been invited.

ATTENTION LADIES: Get out all of your antique clothes, 1800 thru 1970, for a fashion show! We would like to have every outfit in North Alabama Region modeled so we can make slides of them for a permanent record and instant fashion show in the future. It would be a special added attraction if some of the men and children would cooperate too. Lowell, get your top hat and tails out and we have a very attractive night shirt and night cap for some gentleman to model for us. Barbara Becraft and Joyce Cross will be looking for volunteers at our dinner meeting this month. If you miss the meeting call either one of us and let us know what you have and if you'll model it for us.

The Region has ordered safety banners from A.A.C.A. to strap on your antique when touring. The banners are designed with soft backing to protect your finish. The banners have the A.A.C.A. seal with North Alabama Region imprinted. Banners are \$2.50 each. Place your orders with James Beaver.

The selection of a club jacket has been suggested. Be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

Club tools - Tom Miller is the new tool custodian. The club owns an air compressor which rents for \$2.00 per week, a paint gun which rents for \$1.50 per week, and a sandblaster which rents for \$1.50 per week. These tools are of excellent quality and the rental fee only covers maintenance. Contact Tom Miller at 859-1433.

Plans are being made for a car display in Dunnnavants Mall, April 27, 28 and 29. The merchants of Dunnnavants Mall plan to roll prices back to the fifties. If you have a car of the fifties in showable condition contact Jack Stuart or Gene George.

The board of directors voted at the March meeting to support two requests for car displays; a show called "Weekend on Wheels" to be held at the coliseum in June or July and a display at the Burritt Museum in the fall. Details later.

We'll be looking for a good attendance from our Tri-Cities Chapter at our Ladies Night March 29.

Ed Wyle, how are plans coming on the Scottsboro Chapter? Let us know if we can help.

To familiarize our newer members with the Tom Totcky Trophy, the first recipient of the trophy, Don Pryor, was asked to write an article on the background of the award. Don writes of his personal experiences with Tom. Memories such as these are shared by many of the older members of our club because Tom Totcky truly exemplified what this hobby is all about. Thanks Don. Ed.

THE TOM TOTCKY AWARD TROPHY

by Don Pryor

Over the past 6 years the North Alabama Region has awarded one of its members with the Tom Totcky Award for the best restored car of each year. Since our club has added a number of members during the years that the award has been given, we felt it was appropriate to give the background of the award to those of you who never knew Tom.

Tom was a typical antique car enthusiast. A transplanted yankee who had a slow Michigan accent and a basic knowledge of cars and mechanics acquired during the 50's. During those years he, like so many others, recognized a 25 year old car first as a good candidate for a customized hot rod and second as an antique car.

But that changed and by the time our club was formed in 1962 Tom had developed a genuine interest in restoring antiques and had developed all the typical characteristics of the hobby. He enjoyed chasing down car leads and parts as much as any of us but, more than that, he exemplified the main purpose of the club. That is the sharing of knowledge, talent, and equipment among his friends in the hobby. He was always available to lend a hand, his gas welding outfit, or some other specialized tool that he had accumulated while becoming an experienced auto mechanic.

I recall his willingness to be of help from a number of personal experiences. My first contact with Tom was when he helped get a rumble seat lid for my 1931 Model A Coupe then under restoration. The lid came from Tom's 1931 customized cabriolet which he had recently sold in a final break with his hot rod interests. There were other occasions during the restoration of my coupe when he was to help out. The seasoned oak he gave me to make body mounting blocks. The introduction to one of his metal working friends when a floor pan had to be reproduced. The list goes on with me and many others active in the club during those days.

Tragedy struck Tom on September 4, 1965 when he lost his life in an attempt to save the lives of three others in a boating accident. Even in his death he was, as always, helping someone else.

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Our club wanted to do something in remembrance of Tom and completion of his 1928-29 Model A mail truck restoration seemed appropriate. This project, in a sense, embodied the helping hand quality that we all admired in Tom. Each member contributed some part or effort until the mail truck was presented to Jackie, Tom's wife in the summer of 1968.

The trophy for the best restored car was anonymously donated for presentation in Tom's name each year and as fate would have it the little 1931 Model A coupe he helped me on was the first car to receive the award in 1966. This trophy serves as a reminder of the true spirit of comradeship that our club should represent and hopefully it gives an incentive for every member to put out a restoration worthy of receiving the award. Following are the recipients of the award to date.

1966	Don Pryor	1931 Model A Coupe
1967	Ernest Cross	1928 Chevrolet Touring
1968	Bernie Geir	1931 Model A Coupe
	Herb Fulmer	1928 Model A Sport Coupe
1969	Leonard Brown	1926 Chevrolet Coupe
1970	Rusty Parker	1935 Packard Phaeton
1971	George Townsend	1927 Buick Roadster
1972	Rusty Parker	1955 Thunderbird



The late Tom Totcky in his 1926 Ford Runabout

HEART OF HUNTSVILLE MALL 1973

Another successful Heart of Huntsville Mall Show is history. Tom Holley was show chairman and he is to be congratulated for his organization and planning of one of the most unique and interesting displays we have ever had. The Sears end of the mall was set up to show the various steps involved in antique car restoration. A before restoration car was furnished by Jerry Peoples, his 1923 Ford Coupe and Leonard Brown's 1924 Ford touring was the restored or finished product. Around these two vehicles were displays depicting 6 stages of restoration; disassembly, cleaning, woodworking, metal working, painting, and assembly. Anyone who took the time to study the displays will never again repeat that classic statement, "Boy, somebody sure took good care of that one". Tom Holley, Dan Shady, Leonard Brown, Harlen Pratt, Kem Robertson, Ernie Cross, Ray Gause, Jerry Peoples and Sears furnished parts and equipment for the restoration display. Jim and Bobbie Charlton set up their restored gas pump and oil pump along with other pieces of service station equipment of a bygone era. Over half of the 33 cars on display were first timers at one of our mall shows.

Tom Holley and the North Alabama Region wishes to convey their thanks to everyone who participated, and especially to those who pulled guard duty. The only case of reported vandalism was the removal of the mustache and other indignities suffered by Bill Penney's manequin. Photographic coverage of the show was furnished by Gene George.

Following is a list of the cars that were on display:

- 1903 Oldsmobile Curved Dash - Dick Singleton
- 1918 Oldsmobile Touring - Bill Penney, Jr.
- 1923 Ford Coupe - Jerry Peoples
- 1924 Ford Touring - Leonard Brown
- 1927 Buick Roadster - George Townsend
- 1929 Ford Roadster - Ed Miller
- 1930 2 dr. Deluxe Phaeton - George Case
- 1930 Durant 4 dr. Sedan - James Beaver
- 1930 Lincoln Town Car - Don Pryor
- 1930 Ford 2 dr. Sedan - Bud Jolley
- 1930 Ford pickup truck - Bill Clemons
- 1930 Ford Touring - Dave Marty
- 1931 Ford Coupe - Bernie Gier
- 1932 Dodge 4 dr. Sedan - Jim Charlton
- 1932 Packard Convertible Coupe - Dr. Lowell Becraft
- 1933 Pontiac Convertible Coupe - Jim Fultz
- 1936 Ford 2 dr. Sedan - Ernie Cross
- 1936 Rolls-Royce 4 dr. Sedan - Dennis McCann
- 1936 Rolls-Royce 4 dr. Sedan - Wallace Jones
- 1936 Chevrolet Coupe - Ron Dion
- 1938 Pontiac 4 dr. Sedan - Mike Vizzi

1938 Buick Convertible Coupe - Dr. Ray Gause
 1939 Plymouth 4 dr. Sedan - Ron Dion
 1941 Ford 2 dr. Sedan - Ross Vinson
 1941 Buick 4 dr. Sedan - Dr. V. M. Burkett
 1952 Packard 4 dr. Sedan - Bill Constable
 1952 Mercedes Benz 300 Sedan - Gene George
 1957 Chevrolet Convertible - Tom Holley
 1957 Chevrolet 2 dr. hardtop - George Fore
 1957 Ford Convertible - Bill Clemons
 1962 Cadillac Japanese Import - Robert Holliday
 1962 Lincoln 4 dr. Sedan - Herb Reed
 1973 Classic Roadster - Bill Clemons

WANT-ADS

FOR SALE: 1929 Olds engine and transmission, front half frame, cowl, and radiator. Inside storage since 30's. Stored in Georgia with Missouri title. Paul Grivet, 407 Greenacres Dr., Huntsville 35805 837-0292

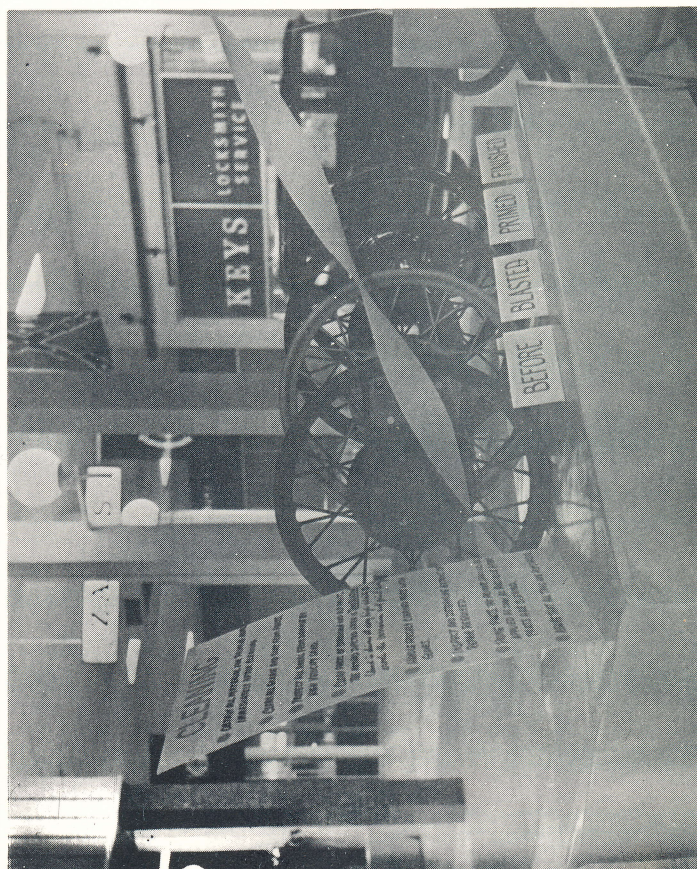
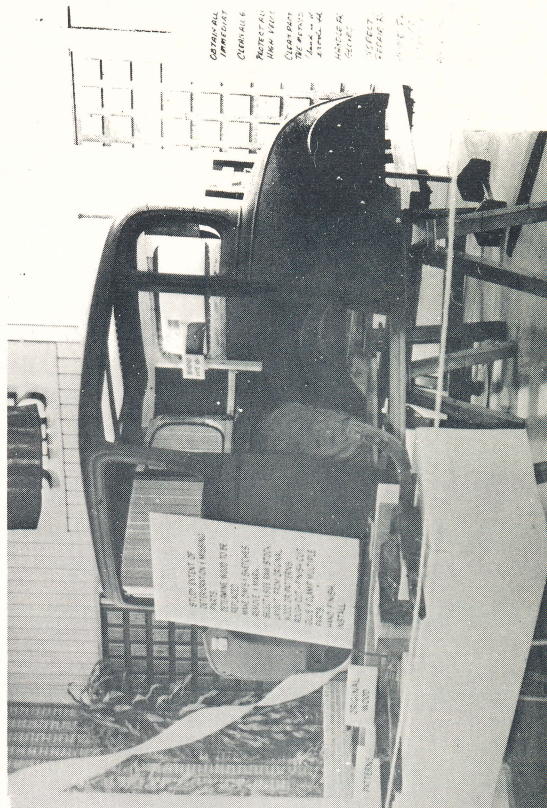
FOR SALE: WAREHOUSE SALE for 1930-1960 Ford, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Plymouth, Dodge, Desoto, Chrysler, Studebaker, Hudson and Packard--over 150 mufflers, \$5.00 each; tail pipe \$3.00; seatcovers \$5.00; brake shoes \$6.00 set; clutch \$2.50; Gen. and starters \$18.00; Carb., fuel pump, water pumps, oil filters, wheel bearings, rod bearings, wheel cyl., oil pumps, pistons, piston rings, valves, gasket, taillight lens, door handles, trunk hinges, headlight lens bulbs, shocks, springs, tie rod ends, voltage reg., rods, trailer latches, horns, tire chains, fender skirts, vent shades, gauges, armatures, ign. switches (cable type), spot lights, fog lights, headlights, ring gear, and pinion, windshield wipers and much more. 1946 Ford Conv. with new old stock parts go with car. Leonard Brown Cowan, Tennessee 615-932-7218

FOR SALE: 1954 Packard Sedan, good condition, Dr. Lowell Becraft, 634-9796

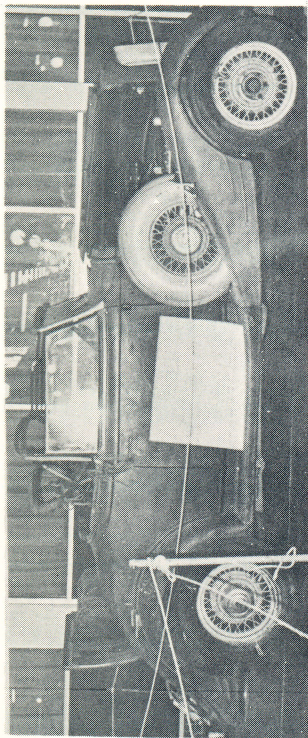
WANTED: Shop manual, literature for 1957 Chevrolet, also any good or NOS parts. Also need pair of solid white wheel beauty rings for 1937 Chevrolet. George Fore 205-852-9799

FOR RENT: Car trailer available for rent, tandem axle, electric brakes, NASCAR approved. Tommy Placker 534-9525

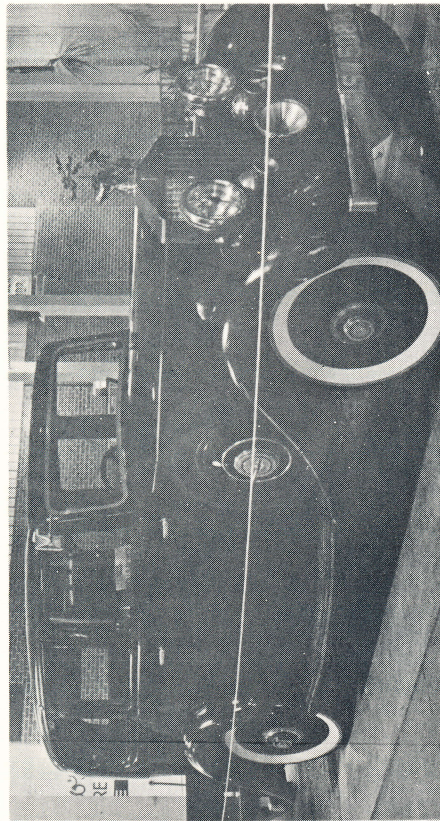
May 18, 19 and 20 - Studebaker Drivers Club Southeastern Meet. Sheraton Inn, Huntsville, Alabama.



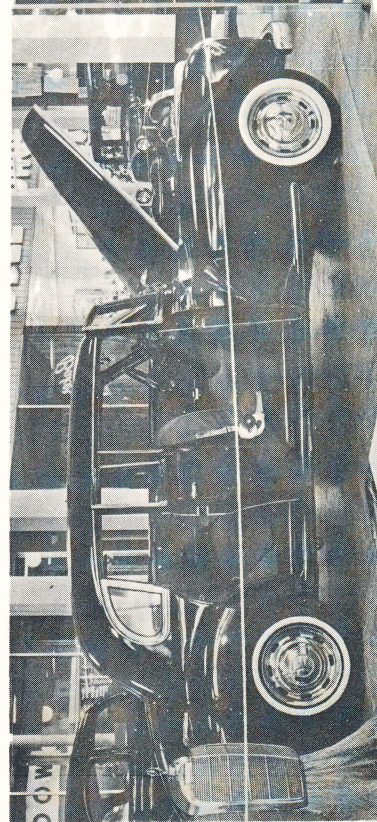
SCENES FROM THE "RESTORATION SHOP" DISPLAY



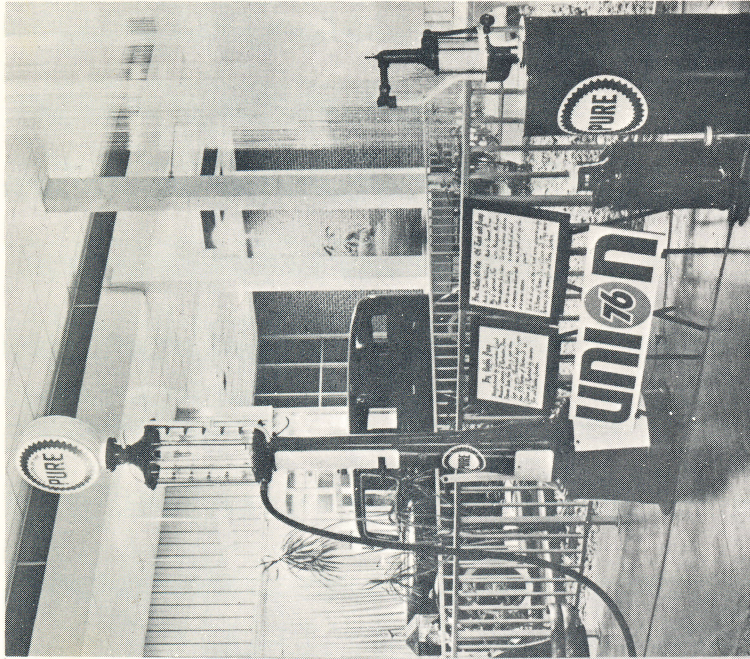
JIM FULTZ'S RARE 1933 PONTIAC
CONVERTIBLE COUPE



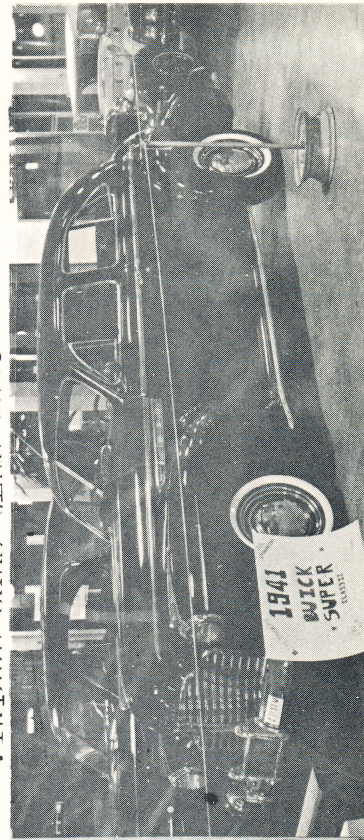
WALLACE JONES' 1935 ROLLS ROYCE



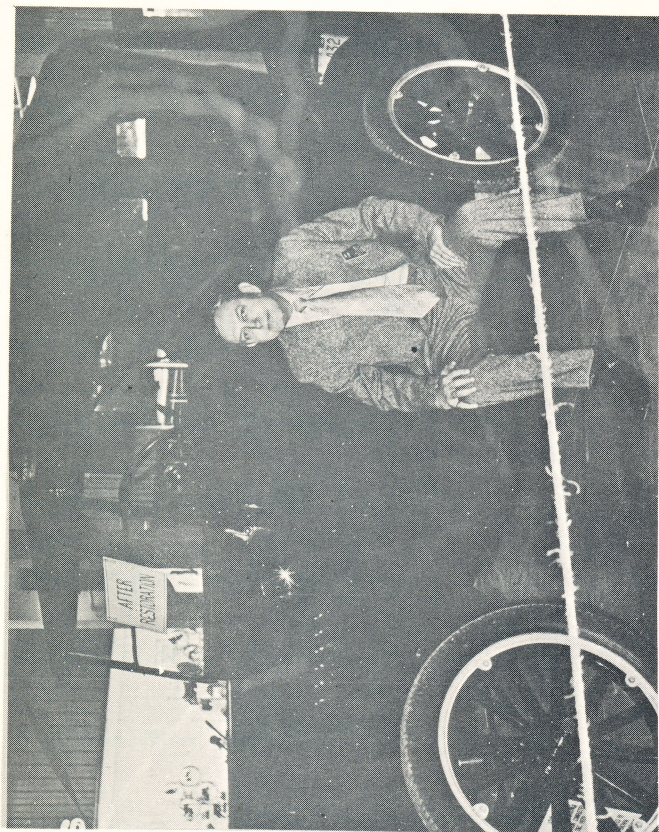
GENE AND LINDA GEORGE'S 1952
MERCEDES BENZ 300 SEDAN



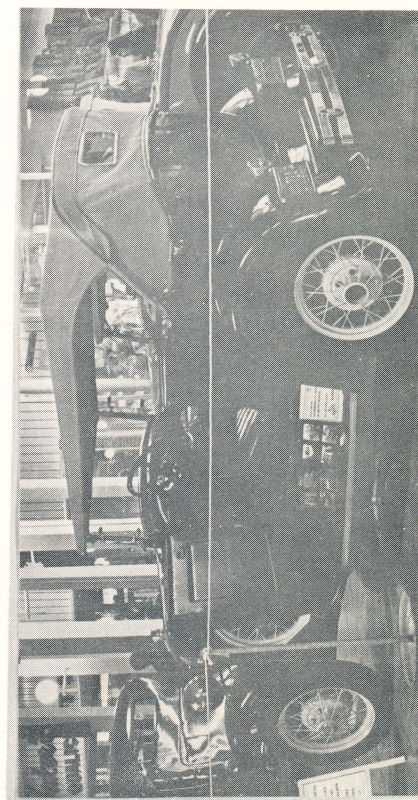
JIM AND BOBBI CHARLTON'S BEAUTIFULLY
RESTORED GAS AND OIL PUMP. AN INTER-
ESTING DISPLAY OF THE TYPE OF SERVICE
STATION EQUIPMENT IN USE WHEN OUR
VINTAGE CARS WERE NEW.



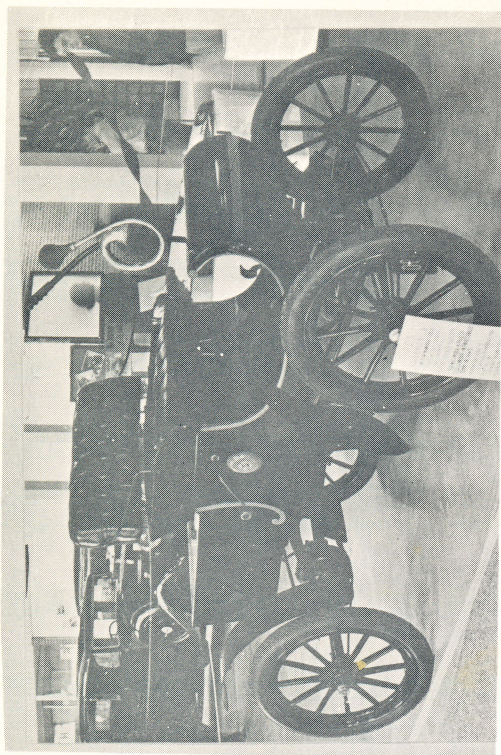
DR. V. M. BURKETT'S 1941 BUICK SUPER



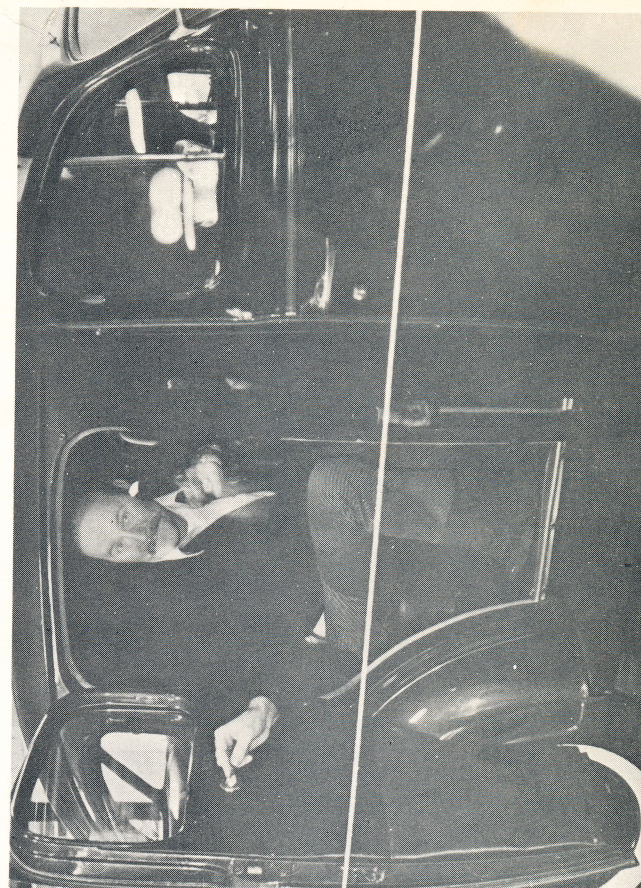
LEONARD BROWNS 1924 "T" FORD TOURING
REPRESENTED THE FINISHED PRODUCT IN THE
RESTORATION STEPS DISPLAY. WE DIDN'T
HAVE TO LOOK FAR TO FIND AN OLD CODGER
TO ADD AUTHENTICITY TO THE PHOTOGRAPH.



GEORGE CASES 1930 MODEL A FORD
DELUXE PHAETON



MR DICK SINGLETONS 1903 CURVED
DASH OLDSMOBILE



CROWD CONTROL WAS A REAL PROBLEM:
NOT REALLY, IT'S ONLY RON DION SHOWING
SOMEONE HIS 1939 PLYMOUTH.