

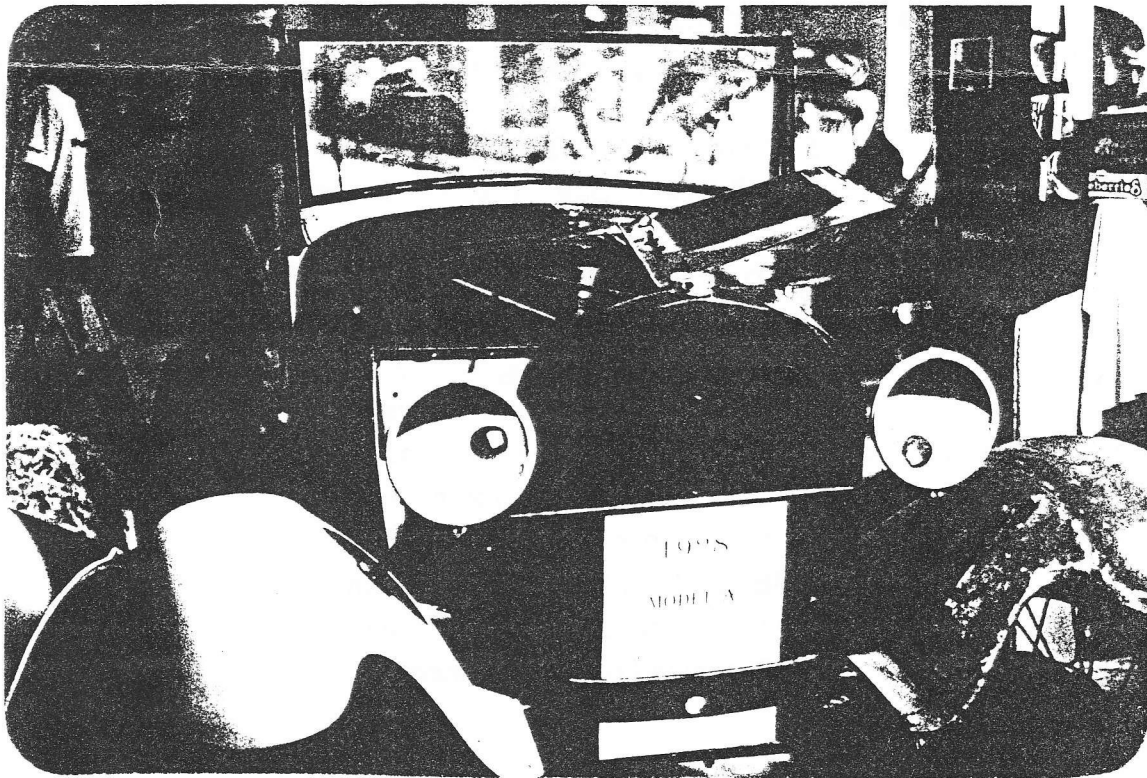


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Official Newsletter of the
MODEL A RESTORER'S CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Inc



Hello, my name is "Brum", and I am being lovingly restored by the students of the Denmark Agriculture College. In this photograph I am on display at the Perth Royal Show. You can find a full story of my restoration on the inside of the magazine.

Photograph courtesy of Peter Silberthorpe - Thank you!

Next Run/Meeting: Sunday, 24th NOVEMBER
Meet: Causeway Car Park 9am for 9.30am Start

This Club is the WESTERN MODEL A-s Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America. Inc
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22nd - 24th NOVEMBER

WA Production of "My Fair Lady"

Group Bookings welcome - Marloo Theatre 9255 1212

SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 2002

Meet at the Causeway Car Park at 9.00am for a 9.30am start
no further details available at time of printing.

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SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2002

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SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 2002

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Place: Perth & Tattersalls Bowling Club, Plain St, Perth

Between Adelaide Terrace and Riverside drive

Opposite Hyatt Regency Hotel. Drive into the venue and around
to the back Club House for parking.

Many of you have been there before.

TIME: 12 noon for 12.30 sit down

Cost: \$25.00 per person Buy your own drinks

Organised by Dora Annear

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**Minutes of Meeting held Sunday 27th October, 2002
at Parkerville Children's Home**

Meeting opened: 11.35am

As it was Parkerville Children's Home Picnic Day, the meeting was held before lunch, to enable members to do their own thing after.

Apologies: Helen & John Moorehead, Lorraine Sartori, Alan & June Smith, Jack & Mavis Berkshire, John & Pat Laurie, Darren, Germaine & Teneill Jeffree, Barrie & Gwen Guest.

Members Present: Peter Sartori, John & Gayle Easterbrook, Louise & Melissa Read, Colin Davidson, David & Pat Buzzard, Lindsay Blacklock, Jim & Nina Williams, John & Shirley Hall, Max & Dora Annear, Bob & Val Newton, Peter & Elaine Gilberthorpe, Edith & Alan Jeffree, Kelvin & Kath Pepper, Kath & Merv Ward.

Visitors: Merle Smith, Ron Hilgert (now a new member – welcome), Bob Eaton, Ivy Osborne, Annique Keesler, Michael Smith (who's name was not in the book, but he was there, I saw him!).

Minutes of last meeting: moved Lindsay Blacklock – seconded John Hall – the minutes be accepted as printed in the magazine – carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Secretary reminded members of the Bay to Whiteman run to be held next Sunday 4th November, with proceeds to go to Legacy (refer last months magazine).

Financial Report:

MODEL A RESTORERS' CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA Inc.

Financial report as at 30 th September, 2002		
Balance brought forward 31 st August, 2002		12563.33
Plus: INCOME SEPTEMBER		
Subs	5.00	
Christmas Function	<u>150.00</u>	<u>155.00</u>
		12718.33
Less: PAYMENTS SEPTEMBER		
Debit Tax	1.60	
National Meet Banner	30.00	
Council of Motoring Clubs – Subs	50.00	
Postage – Newsletter	<u>55.79</u>	<u>137.39</u>
		12580.94
Less: August Cash Held (Petty Cash Reconciliation shown below)		
		<u>42.35</u>
		<u>12538.59</u>
Account Balances as at 30 th September, 2002		
Bank West	2761.54	
ANZ Term Deposit	<u>9822.05</u>	12583.59
Plus: Outstanding Receipt No. 3031 - Subs		
		<u>5.00</u>
		12588.59
Less: Unpresented Cheque No. 151(Council of Motoring Clubs-Subs)		
		<u>50.00</u>
		<u>12538.59</u>
Petty Cash Reconciliation		
Balance Bought Forward August	42.35	
Less: Purchases – Book of stamps	<u>4.50</u>	
Cash-in-hand	<u>37.85</u>	

Accepted as correct – moved Pat Buzzard – seconded – Alan Jeffree – carried.

Correspondence In: Email from Peter Gilberthorpe with a photograph of Denmark Agricultural College Model A Ute, at the Royal Show, thank you John.

Letter from Melanie McCarthy & Angelo Calleja, Denmark Agricultural College, with progressive photographs of the restoration of their Model A Ute and a brief description, thank you Melanie and Angelo.

Letter from Germaine Jeffree, regarding payment of Model A Restorers' Club listing in the White Pages.

Correspondence Out: Letter from the Editor to the Agricultural College, with a copy of the email received from Peter Gilberthorpe, with regards to a Shannon's grant, to enable them to further the restoration on their Model A Ute. Correspondence accepted – moved Jim Williams – seconded – Colin Davidson – carried.

Business arising from Correspondence: The question was asked, "has the Club made any contribution to the Denmark Agricultural College?" It was decided that at this time the Club is unable to help them financially,

but it was suggested that maybe the Club or some of the members could help by donating some parts. Secretary to write to the College and make the offer. It was further suggested that if we are to get the younger people in our community interested in old cars that we should have a couple of runs to the Senior High Schools. Pat Buzzard to make further enquiries. Peter Gilberthorpe suggested we write to the Council of Motoring Clubs for other car clubs to do the same. This matter to be discussed further at the January meeting. Germaine Jeffree has paid for the White Pages Listing for the past 5 years not realizing it was for the Club, the total she has paid is \$310.08, she has requested that the Club re-imburse her for this payment, Secretary/Treasurer to send her a cheque. It was decided that the Club no longer required the listing so the Secretary to write to the White Pages and cancel it. Moved Dora Annear – seconded – Shirley Hall.

2004 National Meet Report

It was reported that we are still looking for a venue, there has been a booking made at the Cannington Show Grounds, this will adequately meet our requirements and the cost is \$230.00 per day. Gayle Easterbrook made some enquiries regarding the old Metro Bus depot near the causeway, but because she has been on holidays and Jury Duty, has had no time to take this matter further, she will follow this up as soon as she goes back to work. It was reported that the Police Department contract for the land still has two and a half years to run, so that should not be a problem. John Moorehead had a look at a venue at Wattlegrove, but this was found to be too small. Fund raising with a sausage sizzle was discussed. So far there have been 4 responses from the Early Bird Registration Form sent out with the October magazine. There will be an Early Bird Newsletter sent out with the November magazine.

General Business: Christmas Lunch – final numbers will be required by the end of November – 35 members have already paid. 2 apologies have been received due to financial difficulties brought on by the draught Dora is currently phoning country members. Can you please let Dora know if you have any special dietary requirements? Dora requested \$120.00 for bits and pieces for the Christmas Lunch, all members in favour. The President presented Max Annear with a Life Member name badge. Name badges available for members who have ordered them at a cost of \$9.05 each, see the list in the November magazine. New starter brake available, as described by David Buzzard, see advertisement in next newsletter. The price is \$40.00, which compares with Snyder's price.

Editor has asked if you would like a photograph of your Ford A on the front cover of the magazine, please send him a photograph and a brief history of the vehicle and restoration and he will see what he can do.

Peter Gilberthorpe has some steel shelving available, unfortunately there is no framework to go with it.

Peter also gave the members a reminder about the "Bay to Whiteman" run on Sunday 4th November.

The meeting was held on the verandah of a lovely old restored building on the grounds of Parkerville Children's Home and Peter Gilberthorpe gave us a brief description of the history and restoration of the building.

Meeting closed 12.15pm

Crossword Clues

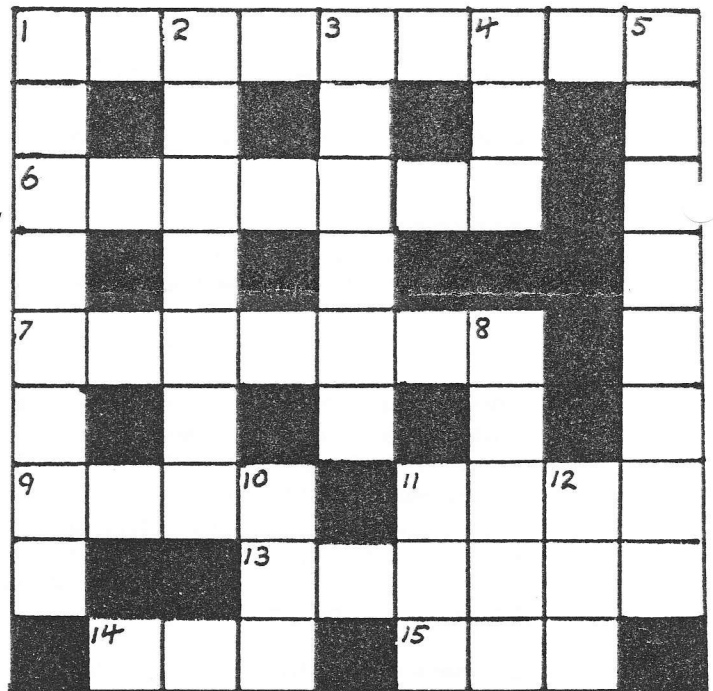
ACROSS

- 1. Henry Ford's father worked as one of these
- 6. Shoulder muscle
- 7. Henry Ford's mother's second name
- 9. Flo Cap's husband
- 11. Encumber
- 13. Punish
- 14. Chop
- 15. Single

DOWN

- 1. Founder of Detroit City
- 2. Narrated
- 3. Fill up
- 4. Insignificant amount
- 5. Murder of a king
- 8. Prickle
- 10. Lurch
- 11. 5th Zodiac sign
- 12. Trey

Answers to Crossword on second back page
Crossword compiled by: Gayle Easterbrook



Idiots

EARLWOOD IDIOTS

Two men tried to pull the front off an ATM on Parramatta Rd, by running a chain from the machine to the bumper of their Toyota Landcruiser, but instead of pulling the front panel off the machine they pulled the bumper off their 4WD

Scared of attracting attention from oncoming traffic, they left the scene and drove home, with the chain still attached to the machine, their bumper still attached to the chain and with their vehicle's license plate still attached to the bumper. No, they did not use a stolen car.

Notebook

BIRTHDAYS for NOVEMBER: Birthstone: Topaz: Flower: Chrysanthemum

Ann Byers, Geoff Ingram, Lindy Ingram, Peter Jordan, Alma Letch.

Many Happy Returns!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new member Ron Hilgert of Armadale. Ron has paid his membership subs, but as yet the Treasurer has not received his membership form, so it is not know what vehicle Ron owns. Welcome to the club Ron.

WANTED: For a 1928 Ute: Steering wheel, hood bow frame, speedometer, headlight reflectors and rims and light sockets. These are wanted by the Denmark Agriculture College. Please contact John or Gayle Easterbrook if you can help with any of these parts.

FOR SALE: Lathe-Sheriton/Conquest. All geared drive, three phase motor, 10 inch swing, all normal accessories plus 4 speed milling attachment.
Excellent condition \$3500.00 ono John Moorehead [REDACTED]

Set of 6 Phaeton side curtains – Good condition \$100.00
Ring Alan Jeffree – [REDACTED]

AVAILABLE: Steel shelving – no frame work available
Ring: Peter Gilberthorpe [REDACTED]



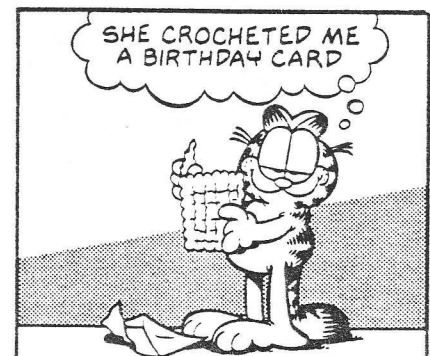
Christmas Lunch Final and Urgent Reminder



There is only one more Club run this year on 24th November, and if you have been thinking about coming to our Christmas celebration, please do something about it now. Either post Dora a cheque or pay her at the November run. Final numbers must be in by the end of November. Full details can be found in the Calendar section of this magazine.

The Secretary has name badges for the following members that have to claimed:
Ron West, Rosemary Eatt, Ivan Eatt – the cost is \$9.05 each – please ring Gayle to arrange for payment and collection.

Garfield



The Story of "BRUM"

"Brum" is the name given to a 1928 Ford Model A Ute, purchased from a VCC Club member in Albany by the Denmark Agriculture College. Some restoration had been started.

Melanie McCarthy a 15 year old, Year 11 student sent us this report.

The students completely dismantled the differential, gearbox, and front axle and then rebuilt all the components including the engine. We are currently working on the body panels, the mudguards proving to be quite a challenge as there is a considerable amount of rust to be removed. Students are doing approximately 95% of the work, even though many of us have had no experience in the automotive industry at all.

The vehicle will be restored as a utility based on Mr Blewitt's, prior to its unfortunate demise.

When completed, "Brum" will be used to promote the college at various occasions including the Denmark Country Show, Perth Royal Show, Albany Show, and Mt Barker Field Day etc.

Work still to be completed includes much of the panel work, building of the utility back and timber base, making up the seat frame and base, and the upholstery and hood. We are still in need of a steering wheel, hood bow frame, speedometer, headlight reflectors and rims, and light sockets.

We will try and keep in touch with the club as work progresses and we will forward photographs of the car as body assembly progresses. We appreciate the interest you are showing in our project, and we will do our best to ensure that the vehicle looks the part.

Kind Regards, Melanie McCarthy.



March 1999

As it is not possible at this time, for the Club to help the students financially, it would be appreciated if any members could perhaps let the Editor know if they have any spare parts that they may be willing to donate.

Thank you!

Elderly Citizens, Children and Petrol Pumps

What more could you ask for in a days outing? What a fantastic run we had on Sunday 27th October, organized by Peter & Elaine Gilberthorpe. We met at Ritcher Lodge, Bayswater, where they provided us with a great morning tea. The elderly residents were very interested in the Model A's. The lodge staff were wonderful, they just couldn't do enough for us. When Gayle asked for another cup of tea, they were most embarrassed that they had run out of hot water, it was not too much trouble to go to the kitchen and get some more, even after Gayle thought she would save them the trouble and pour her own, only to find out that the pot she poured from was full of hot coffee, which did not go to well in half a cup of tea, yuk! The Secretary has sent a Thank you card to Peta Bennetts, (Diversional Therapist), staff and residents.

After leaving the lodge, it was a very interesting run through Guildford, along Great Eastern Highway to Midland, up Greenmount, past the Old Mahogany Inn, into Parkerville.

It was Parkerville Children's Home Annual Picnic Day, with stalls, displays, children (& adults), having a great time getting soaked and blowing huge bubbles. A couple of times it threatened to rain, but not even the weather could dampen the members enthusiasm to wander around and enjoy the picnic atmosphere.

For those who chose to, we were invited to go down the highway to Glen Forrest, where we were the afternoon tea guests of Les & Peggy Musgrave. What a surprise we all received when Les & Peggy showed us the old service station fuel pumps, restored and made to house a bar fridge. Les had several such pumps, an Ampol one, a Shell one, a Mobil one and a Golden Fleece one. They were absolutely immaculate. They were just as the petrol pumps used to look when they were new, all bright and shiny and when you opened a door in the front, there was the bar fridge. Of course, the male members were most interested in the Ampol one, because that was full of beer. What a novel idea!

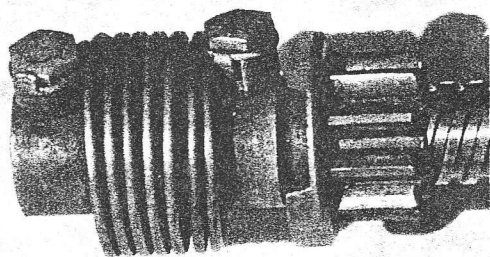
Inside of Peggy's house was just gorgeous. Her bedroom décor was Victorian with a four poster bed with matching curtains, covers and pillows. She had all manner of memorabilia in her lounge and kitchen and in her dining room she had a very interesting collection of old kerosene lamps. The display of teddy bears, knitted toys and dolls sitting in all sorts of places around the house had to be seen to be believed. Peter presented Peggy with a lovely plant pot of petunias by way of thank you, but the Secretary has sent them a Thank you card also. A great big THANK YOU must go to Elaine and Peter for organizing such an interesting day. Gayle and I had a great time, as I am sure, did the other members.

John Easterbrook - Editor

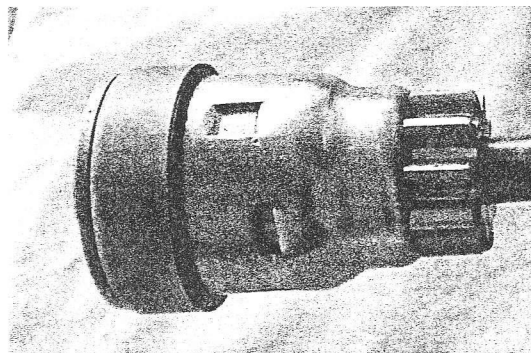
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David Buzzard

Ford

Machine Age

The city of Detroit into which Henry Ford walked on December 1st, 1879, was the oldest major settlement on the shores of the Great Lakes, more than a century older than Chicago. The French were the first white men to conquer the lakes, and it was a Frenchman who founded the city of Detroit.

Antoine Laument de La Mothe Cadillac, a soldier of fortune who sailed up the Detroit River in July 1701. He named his settlement in honour of the Minister of Marine, "Fort Pontchartrain du Detriot", Fort Ponchartrain of the Strait

Detroit flourished and the key to much of this growth was attributed to the commencement in 1817 of the Erie Canal, which by opening a waterway from Buffalo to New York, was to give all the settlers of the Great Lakes safe and direct access to the Atlantic and the world beyond.

In 1842 Douglas Houghton discovered one of the largest deposits of iron ore on earth. Drawn to the area by this discovery, other prospectors hit upon the largest single mass of copper ever discovered.

Detroit became the staging post and port through which the riches of Michigan reached the wider world. By the time Henry Ford came to town in 1879, the wealth was starting to show.

Mechanical innovation was already the hallmark of Michigan and of her principal city.

In 1848 the first iron furnace to the west of Pittsburg had started smelting in Detroit. In 1864 the Detroit Stove Company went into business. Within a matter of years the city's ironworks were producing 150,000 stoves annually, and when the Detroit Capital Copper and Brass Rolling Works were completed in 1881 they were the largest in the world.

This was the flurry of inventiveness and profit, which Henry Ford entered when he started his apprenticeship at the James Flower & Brothers Machine Shop in December, 1879. It was one of the smaller factories in the city, but it had a reputation for thorough workmanship and for training its apprentices well. Among other graduates of Flower Brothers was David Dunbar Buick, who made his money in plumbing and bathroom fittings before turning his attention to cars. After months at Flower Brothers, Henry Ford moved on to the Detroit Dry Dock Company, (the company that built the first 100 percent iron vessel in America) and this became the official beginning of his working life.

While Henry Ford worked at the Detroit Dry Dock Company he lived in rented lodgings close by. Henry put his Dearborn watch repairing experience to remunerative use. He took evening work with a jeweller, cleaning and repairing watches.

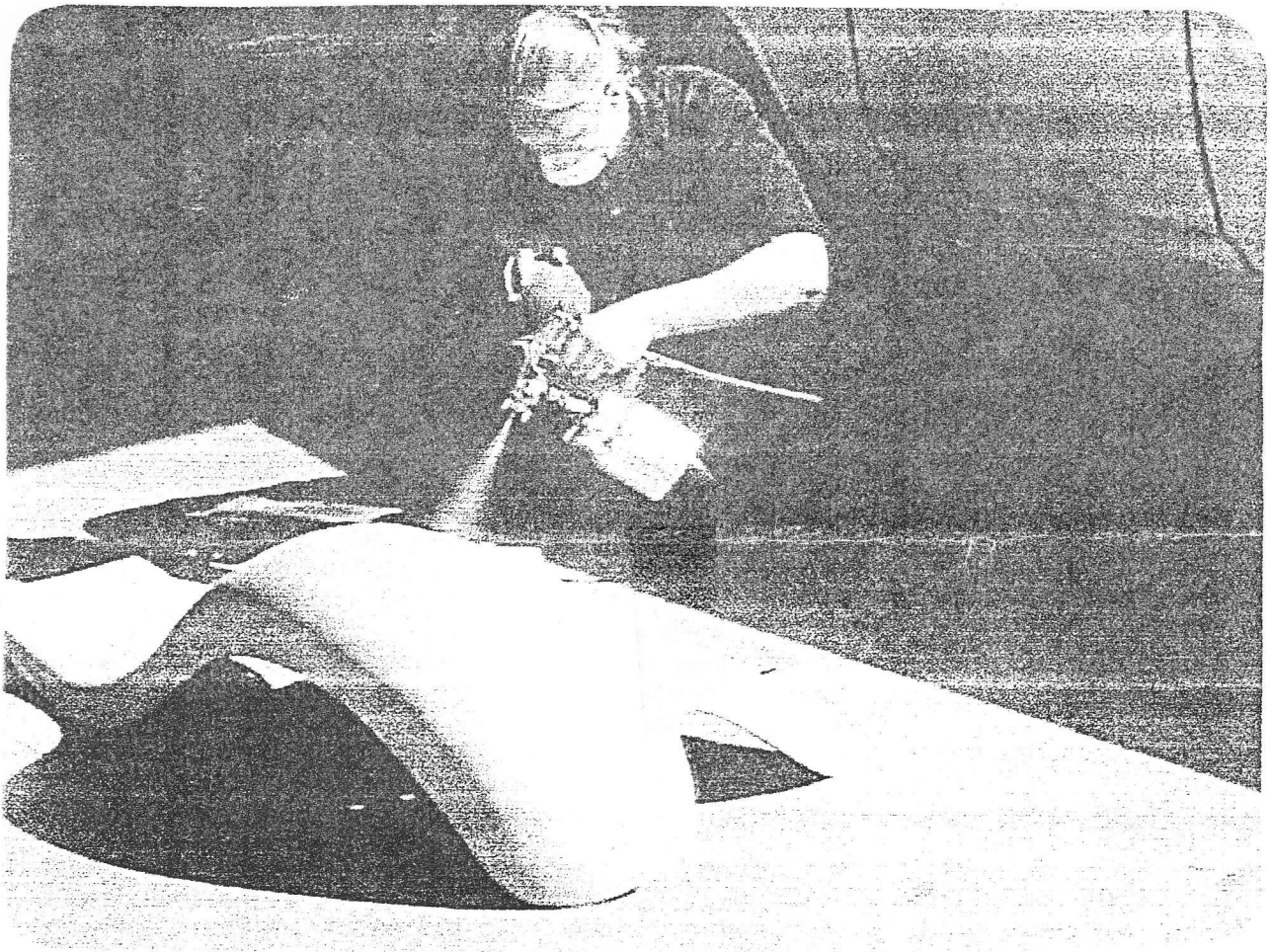
He would slip down the road every evening and at weekends, though the jeweller would not let him into the shop, since he feared his customers might doubt the workmanship of one so beardless.

Henry Ford felt that a man intent on success ought to keep his mind occupied. One subject on which he started thinking was the possibility of going into some sort of business, the watch business perhaps. He worked out that he could build a good serviceable timepiece for around thirty cents if he produced 2,000 a day. But he could not see himself disposing of over half a million watches a year, so he gave up that idea.

He left the Detroit Dry Dock engine works sometime in 1882, having completed his mechanical apprenticeship to his own satisfaction, before the age of twenty.

During the years he was an apprentice he left the workshop every autumn to help his father bring in the harvest. At the age of nineteen he gave up life in the city to work on the land.

The Restoration of "BRUM"



Melanie McCarthy - Year 11 Student

Melanie was one of three students who removed the gearbox, transferred parts to another gearbox, installed gearbox, engine, radiator etc, into the chassis and was driving the vehicle (in pouring rain) for the College Open Day Grand Parade.

The three students started at 8.15am and were driving it out of the workshop at 12.58pm (the same day!)

Originally, the start time for the parade was 2.30pm, but at 12.40pm we were informed that the parade would now be held at 1.00pm

Angelo Calleja

Head of Department

Western Model A News



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A neighbour of the Fords, John Gleason, had bought a little portable steam engine from the Westinghouse Company, and it had gone wrong. Henry had a look at it and at the end of a day's work he knew all he needed to, about the little steam engine.

Henry worked the season for farmer Gleason, and got to know the local Westinghouse representative. He became area demonstrator for the company in Southern Michigan, travelling around the countryside with a bag of tools to operate and service the company's machines.

On January 1, 1885, a few of the Fords went over to Greenfield the next township to Dearborn for a New Years dance. Henry remembered later dancing a foursome with his second cousin Annie, but the person who really impressed him was Annie's friend. A small vivacious girl with bright, dark eyes and chestnut coloured hair, her name was Clara Jane Bryant.

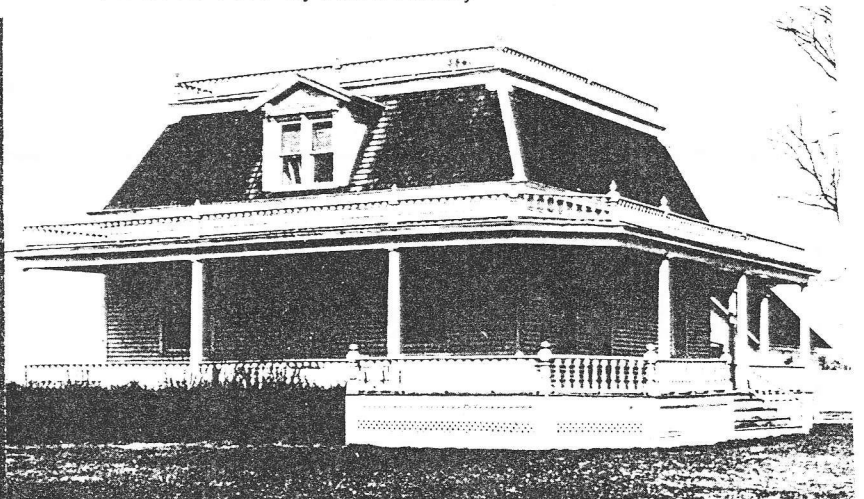
Henry and Clara started attending dances together, and the couple were married on April 11, 1888, Clara's twenty second birthday.

The honeymoon was on the little farm where Henry Ford had been living for the past two years. When he first came back from Detroit he had moved into the family homestead with his father, but in 1886, old William had offered his son now twenty three, eighty acres of forest land which William had bought back in the 1860s and had never got around to clearing.

Margaret and her brothers John and William Junior had helped Henry get his little dwelling decorated and cleaned up in time for his wedding. But Clara wanted a proper home of her own.

In little less than a year they had a new place completed, which Henry and Clara christened "The Square House". Henry was not a conventional farmer and it was his machines that he loved. For two summers he took on assignments for the Buckeye Harvester Company, setting up and repairing their "Eclipse" portable farm engines. Henry was called into Detroit to look at the engine that was the rage of the mechanical world: "the silent Otto." Not a steam device but one of the new internal combustion engines, this power unit had been developed by the German Nikolaus August Otto, one of whose collaborators had been Gottlieb Daimler. It was remarkably light, compact, and regular by comparison to anything Henry had seen before. It was fired by gasoline on a novel four-stroke system: on its first stroke the piston would draw an explosive charge into the cylinder, the second stroke would compress this charge, ignition would then explode the charge, the resulting expansion driving the piston for its third stroke, and the final stroke would exhaust the burnt gases, clearing the cylinder to start the cycle again. The engine was being used in a soda bottling plant, but Henry felt it could be mounted on wheels and adapted to propel itself, rather as the upright boiler he had seen when he was thirteen. But internal combustion engines relied on electricity for their firing cycle, and in working with steam engines he had not learned enough about this. So, scouting around Detroit, Henry had secured the offer of employment at a substation of the Edison Illuminating Company. It was a good job and if Clara was willing, they could move straight away, and he could start work.

Precis extracted by Gayle Easterbrook-from the book "Ford" by Robert Lacey



The "Square House" where Henry and Clara Ford resided from early 1889 to September, 1891

Clara Bryant Ford in April 1888, the month of her wedding and her twenty-second birthday

Answers to Crossword

Across: 1.Carpenter 6.Deltoid 7. Litogot 9. Andy 11. Load 13. Amerce 14. Hew 15. One
Down: 1. Cadillac 2. Related 3. Engorge 4. Tad 5.Regicide 8.Thorn 10.Yaw 11.Leo 12. Ace