

How To Bring 'Em Back

Days Of The Model A.

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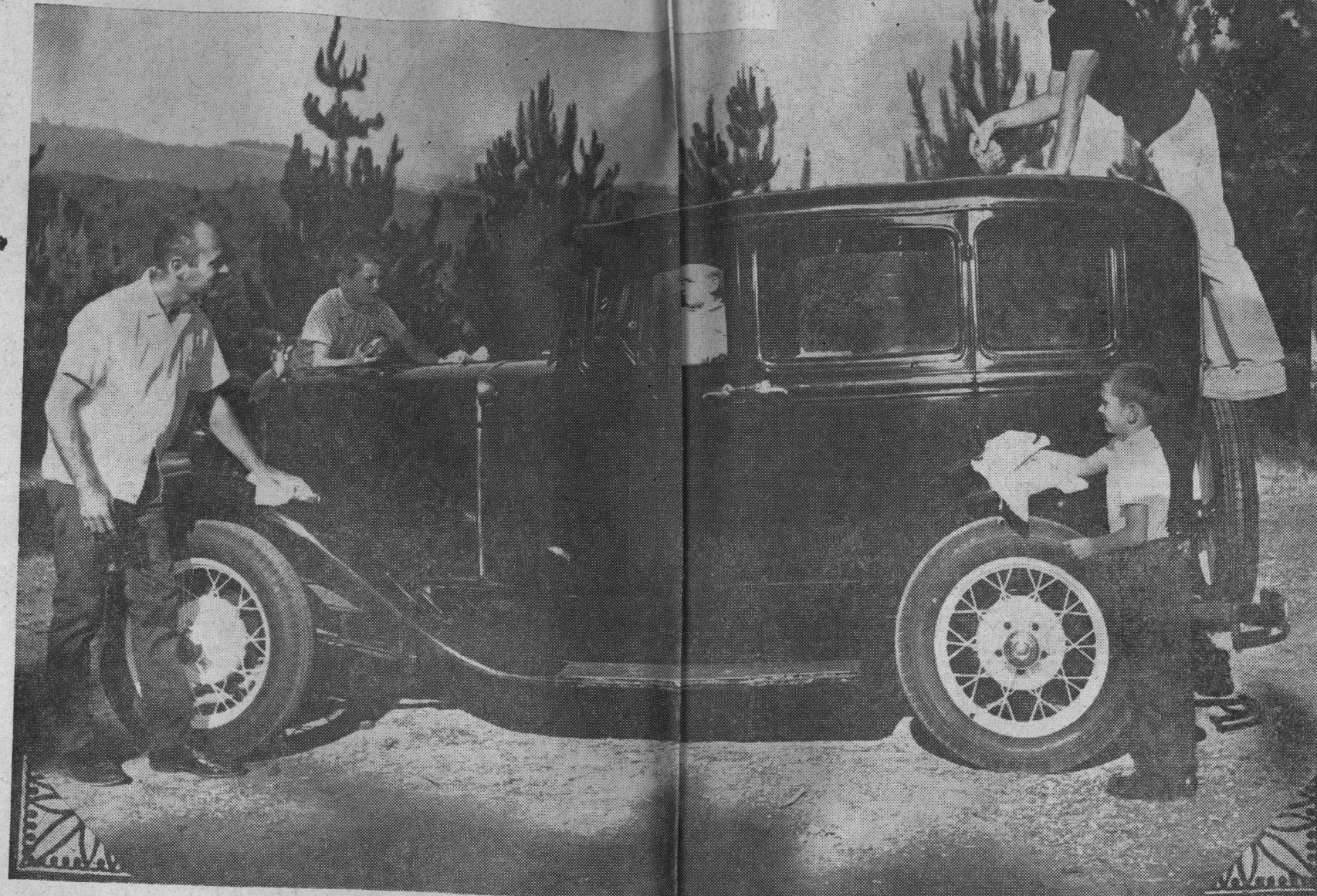


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Henry Ford's Model A was the pride of many a family in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Even today it stirs the hearts of enthusiasts. The chug of the four-banger engine is a breath of the time when the car emancipated the nation's young people and was simultaneously denounced by preachers as a sinbox on wheels.

Robert Latimer of Soquel and his five children show us the process and pleasure of restoring one of the world's best known cars in this sequence of photographs. From buying a rusty, cobwebbed shell, through the grimy rebuilding of the cast iron engine, to the final polishing and driving of a "like new" car, the family takes part.

Actually, Bob bought his car for \$150 in fairly good condition, and members of the local Model A club "loaned" their unfinished machines to demonstrate the restoring process.



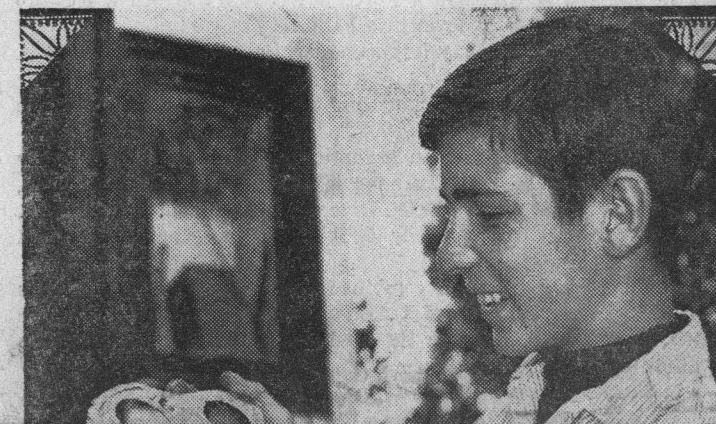
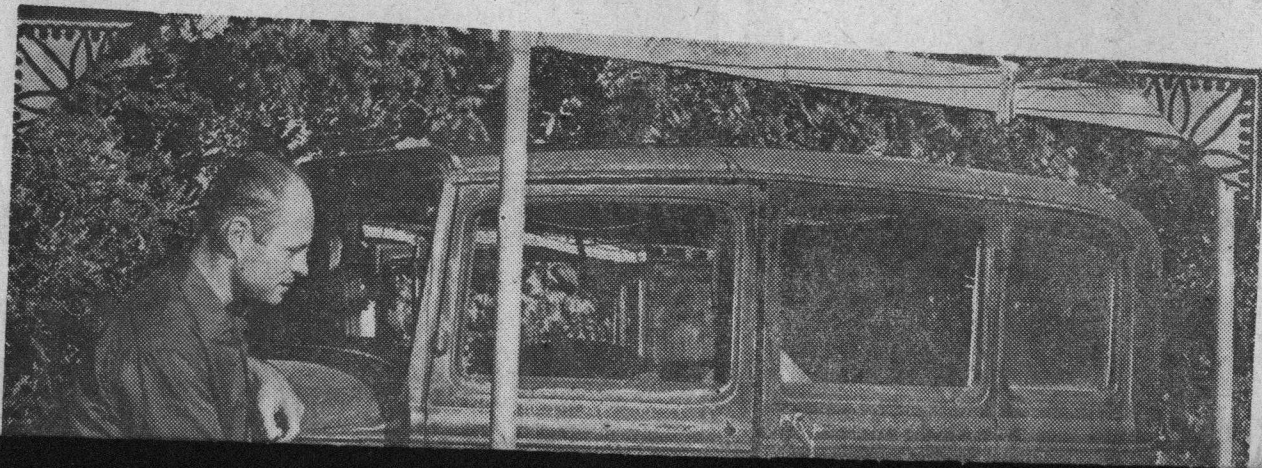
Robert Latimer, a Lockheed ordinance technician, directs a polishing job on the family pride and joy, a 1931 Model A. Next to Bob, left, is Rick, 8. At right is Randy, 6, while Rob, 14, retouches the roof. Russell, 2, acts as driver.

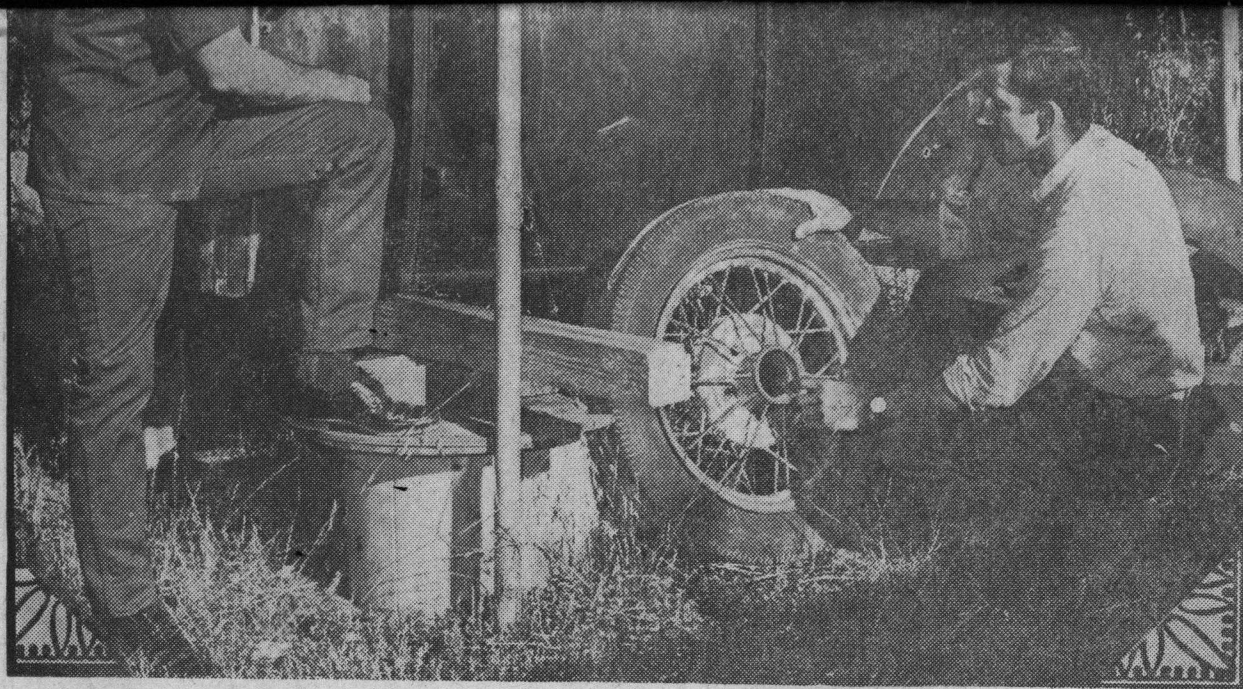


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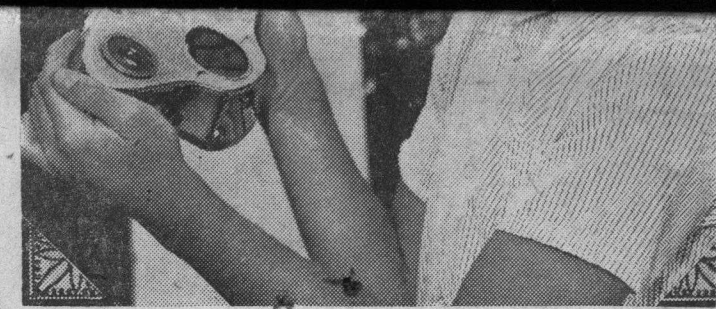
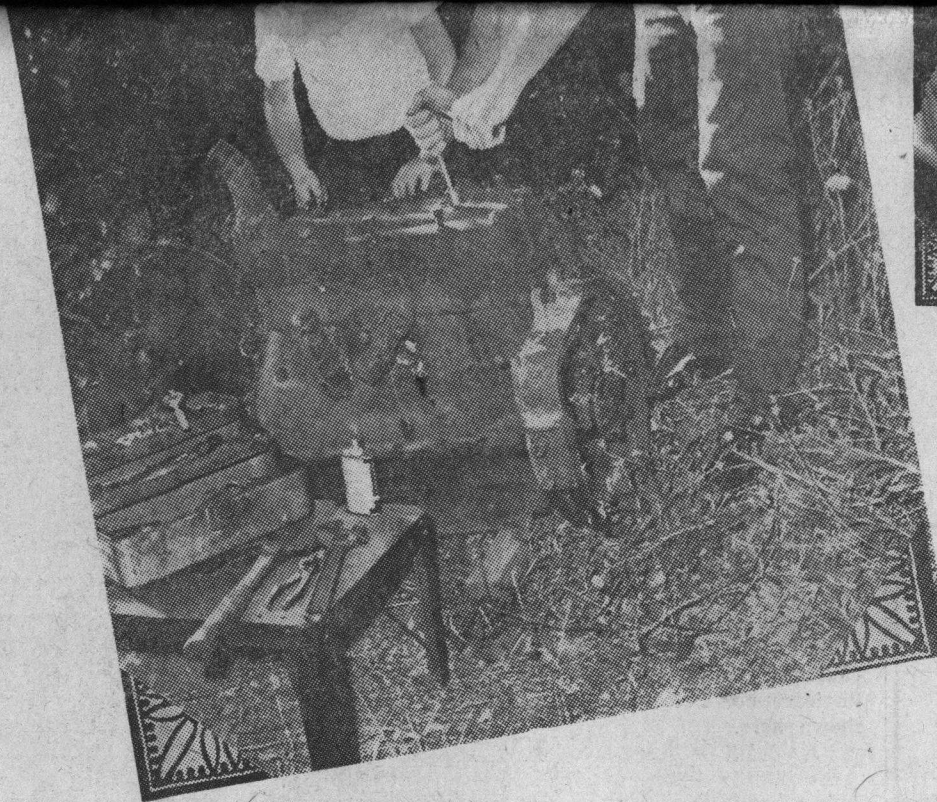
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Bob "negotiates" the purchase of a webbed auto with fellow club member Harold Rowley, above. In the middle picture, Randy does his bit to help dad dismantle the four-banger engine. Below, Randy and Richard watch as father works on the nearly completed car.



The reward of work well done is a shining example of what the Model A used to be. Rob admires a polished instrument panel, above, before the family takes their town sedan for tour in the Soquel-O-Rama parade, below. Bob's wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Laura, can be seen with the rest of the family.

