

KEITH HERDSLEY sits at the wheel of his 1917 Ford car, one of nine antique autos safety-checked at Allan's Collision garage, Crewsons Corners, Saturday afternoon. His two children accompanied him on the drive from Kitchener at a

top speed of 50 m.p.h. The car has three floor pedals, equivalent to a modern automatic. Spark and gas controls are on the steering wheel.

Safety check

Antique autos from era of silent movies

More than one passer-by raised eyebrows passing Allan's Collision Service at Crewson's Corners Saturday afternoon.

Lined up outside the firm's body shop were vehicles that looked as if they had come from the silent pictures. It wouldn't be a surprise if Bonnie and Clyde, a grinning Al Capone or the Keystone Cops had stepped out of any one of them.

But the immaculate cars, shiny and looking almost new, were lined up for a safety check at Fred Allan's shop, a factor which ruled out another less safety-conscious era.

Proprietors of the restored vehicles are members of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada, Central Region, and they are preparing for weekend rallies which they participate in almost every weekend from now until the snow flies.

Blossom festival
This weekend, for instance, they'll rally at Niagara Falls for

the Niagara Blossom Festival. Cost to car owners is only \$20 for the weekend and "we'll have a glorious time," members of the society forecast gleefully.

Stars of Saturday's check-up were a 1917 Ford, owned by Keith Herdsley of Kitchener, who also is president of the central region of the historical society, and a gleaming 1928 Auburn sedan, called a Baby Dusenburg, owned and operated by James Whittier, of nearby Galt. The Auburn has won 10 first place awards and two best-of-shows at antique car shows in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Whittier is particularly proud that his Auburn took best of show in Auburn, Indiana, home of the car, as well as two first places at the Canadian National Exhibition show of classic automobiles.

How much does it cost to restore these old autos and keep them in shape?

The tires on the Auburn, huge

750 x 18s with wide whitewalls, range around the \$100 mark. It took Mr. Whittier one and a half years to restore the vehicle to its present condition, after he discovered it in a barn near Brampton. He did most of the work himself with the aid of his wife, who is also an enthusiastic classic car buff.

The Whittiers have two other Auburns at home as well as two cars they use for parts and a 1931 16-cylinder Cadillac coupe.

Another gleaming testimonial to restoration is driven by Ray Death of Rockwood who had his 1934 Lincoln, a sleek 24 foot luxury limousine once owned by silent screen star Ned Sparks, out for its annual safety check. The 12-cylinder engine in his prize auto is still ticking over like an auto just out of the manufacturing plant.

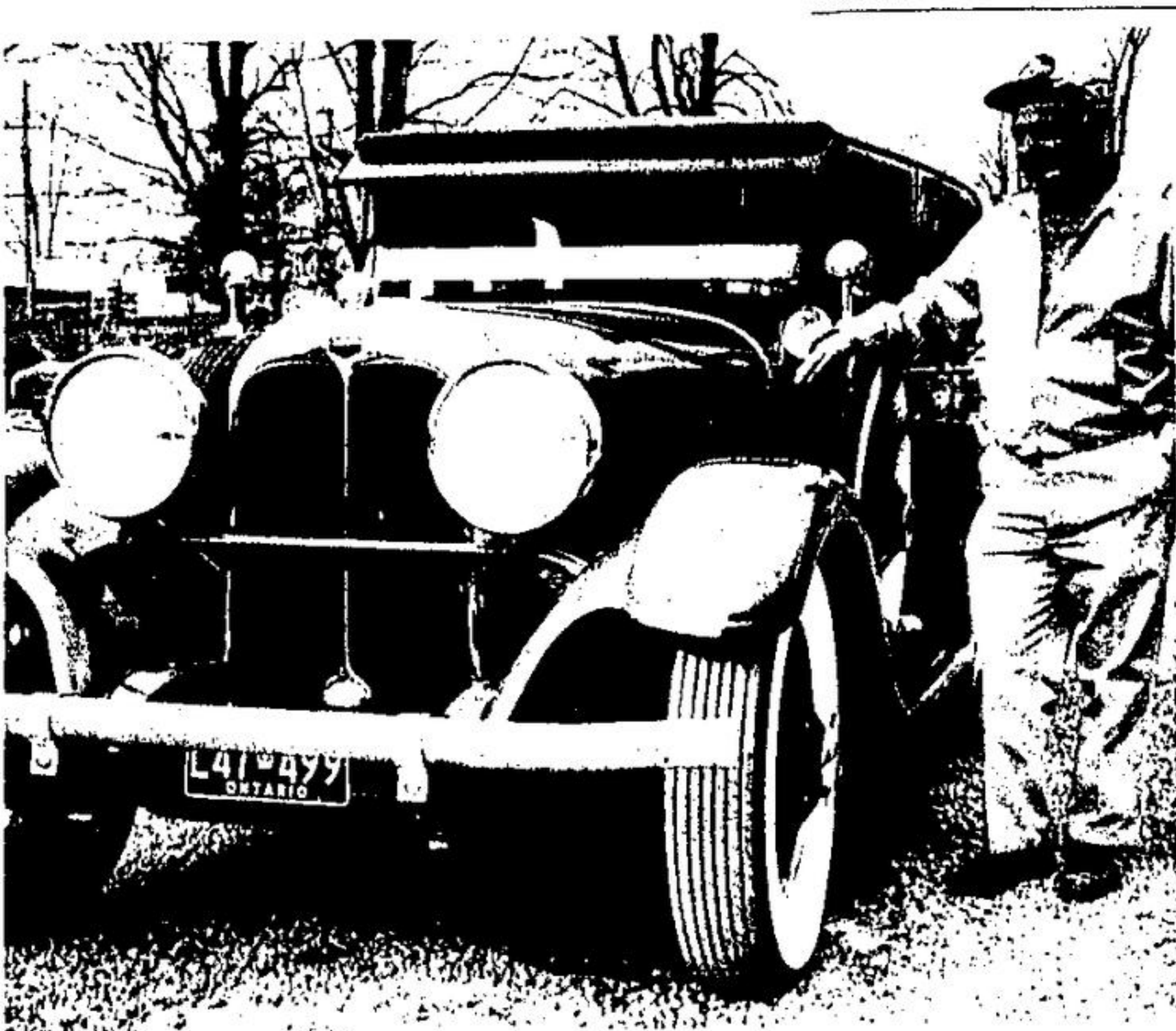
Keen car buff
Fred Allan, who supervised the safety check at his body shop, is also a keen car buff. He has a 1939

Buick Special which he will drive in celebrations at Oshawa to mark the 100th birthday of Col. McLaughlin, whose car empire was absorbed by General Motors. It is one of the best examples of the 1939 Buick in the country.

Some day Fred hopes to go into the business of restoring cars. Last week he had a man come in and ask if he would restore a five passenger 1924 Brock steamer and a 1922 nine passenger Stanley steamer. Unfortunately, he had to decline.

A safety check may only take a few minutes for each car but owners awaiting their turn have lots of information to swap and stories to tell about their fascinating hobby.

Want to see all kinds of elegant cars? Come to Doon pioneer village June 12, that's where the big rally is this year, says Georgina Allan, who is as enthused about the era of elegance as husband Fred.



JIM WHITTIER and his 1928 Auburn were a prime attraction for antique car buffs at Crewsons Corners Saturday. He has won 10 first prizes with his car at shows and two best-

of-show awards. The car is in mint condition and he drives all over the province and to the United States where the vehicle never ceases to be an attraction. —(Staff Photo)

Rooftop teeth mystify clerks

Post office employees visualized Martian visitors last week when children reported finding a man's upper plate on the post office roof — and presented it to them.

The gleaming teeth were in such good shape, postal workers gave them their stamp of approval.

Children playing lost a ball on the post office roof and with no one around, arranged to climb up on a ladder to retrieve it. They came up with both ball and plate and presented it to one surprised clerk.

It was the second case of lost and found at the post office last week. One child left a pair of glasses inside the office and can have same by identifying them. They appear to be a girl's.

Another surprise awaited mystified clerks two or three days later. The lad who found the teeth put the bite on the clerks, asking for the teeth if no one claims them.

Cubs hike Bruce Trail

Four Acton Cubs and Akela Forbes Cole were part of a six mile Bruce Trail hike from Rattlesnake Point to Kelso Conservation Area Sunday. The rugged trail took four and a half hours to negotiate including a stop for lunch.

Accompanying Akela Cole were Cubs Mike Waites, Vaughn Cole, Jerry Wardle and Dale Anderson. Thirty-two boys and 12 leaders from the Georgetown district hiked.

This week, 70 10-year-old Cubs will be camping out at Bolton for the weekend.

Rick Coe installed

District conference of Y's Men held here

Acton hosted the Central Ontario Y's Men's District conference Saturday evening in the Music Centre, and Acton Y's Man Rick Coe was installed a district-governor elect.

As well as the installation and business there was a guest speaker, business, buffet dinner and dance.

75 attend
District chairman Gene Fillikus of the Kitchener-Waterloo Y's Men's club hosted the dinner meeting, attended by about 75.

Installed in a short ceremony were John Galilee of the Galt club, who starts his term as district governor September 1, and Rick Coe of Acton, district-governor-elect. Mits Nakamura, London, international director for Ontario-Quebec, installed the two men.

Rick Coe had arranged the evening's program.

Membership down
Present district governor Terry Warne gave a short report. Membership of the five clubs in the district is down from last year, he said. The North Toronto Y's Men have just joined the district which includes Galt, Kitchener-Waterloo, Brantford and Acton. About one-third of the membership attended Saturday's conference.

Mr. Warne received his past district governor's pin, and banners were exchanged.

Guest speaker was Sherman Harmon, Philadelphia, vice-

president of the Eastern Americas, who was introduced by a friend, G.W. McKenzie. Mr. Harmon works in urban renewal programs there.

No discrimination
He told his listeners what Y'sdom means to him... a group where race, religion and language do not matter but people are accepted for what they are. Using appealing anecdotes, he covered a wide range of today's problems by dealing with

Erin twp. wants to be left alone

Erin township council has been compiling information on regional government for presentation next week, and are reportedly against it.

Council feels that the township is large enough to operate economically while being able to tend to the grass roots, and the basic structure should not be tampered with.

Clerk Elmer McKinnon summed it up. "There's a heritage in our township. The structure has grown, and worked out well. There's no point in throwing it all out for something that nobody knows will work or not."



O.P.P. report

Watch crosswalks yield to walkers

During the reporting week of May 2 to May 9 the officers of the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police worked a total of 248 hours and patrolled 878 miles.

The officers investigated six general occurrences, three thefts and laid three charges under the Liquor Control Act.

A total of four warnings were issued under the Highway Traffic Act. Fortunately there were no reportable accidents.

Watch crosswalks
Reminder to motorists! The Highway Traffic Act has made provisions to protect pedestrians when walking within a crosswalk or a pedestrian crossover. It is always wise to slow down when approaching either a crosswalk or a pedestrian crossover and yield to any pedestrian within such designated area.

Prov. Const. Paul Brown

HONORED GUEST At the Central Ontario District Y's Men's conference here was Sherman Harmon, Philadelphia (centre) vice-president of the Eastern Americas. He's flanked by two newly-installed officers, district governor elect Rick Coe, Acton, (second left) and district governor John Galilee, Galt, (second right). Far left is former international president G.W. McKenzie, Acton, and far right Mits Nakamura, London, international director. —(Staff photo)

Low morals

Dog control in the village of Hillsburgh is coming along quite well.

Success is attributed to the fact posters listing fines and penalties for dogs running at large, were fastened lower on hydro poles

than they have been in previous years.

It is believed that the resulting scarcity of dogs was due to the fact that the warnings were closer to dogs'-eye height.

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