

AUTO LICENSES REACH 787,660

More Issued So Far This Year Than During 1922

More automobile licenses have been issued already this year than were issued during all of last year and a quarter of a million dollars more in fees has been collected than was collected in 1922, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson announced this week.

Since January 1 this year 787,660 automobiles have been registered in the Secretary of State's office. The total registration for 1922 was 786,190. The fees collected to date this year total \$8,118,469. The total collections of the automobile department last year were \$7,861,211.

The previous year's total registration has been reached this year a month earlier than usual. Last year the previous year's total was not reached until June 20. This speeding up of registration is attributed by Secretary of State Emmerson to the efficiency of the force of inspectors working under him. More than 400 arrests of drivers who have neglected securing their 1923 licenses have been made since March 1 when the round up of delinquent drivers began.

A motorcycle squad of inspectors has been started over the State. This is the first time motorcycles have been used by the State inspectors and those who are still violating the law by using old licenses will be rounded up in a hurry.

"There is no excuse," Secretary Emmerson said today, "for any automobile owner operating his car with a 1922 license. The automobile department of my office has been right up to date all of the time in issuing licenses and there has been no delay. We have worked out a system which enables the applicant for a license to get his plates as fast as the mail can deliver his application

and return the plates. We intend to see that the law is obeyed.

"Inspectors will enforce not only the license law, but all other automobile laws and by the use of motorcycles we believe that more effective work in the future can be done than has been done in the past. This is the third season we have had the use of inspectors and they are bringing in many times over their cost to the state besides contributing materially to the safety of the public on highways."

"Hottentot" Picture at Hoyburn Kiddies' Show

"The Hottentot," a motion picture starring Douglas MacLean and Madge Bellamy, and regarded generally by critics as one of the truly great films of recent years, will be seen at the Hoyburn Theatre special morning show for children this Saturday. There will be shows at 9:30 and 11 o'clock.

The Saturday morning children's shows at the Hoyburn are carefully planned by Manager Sturdivant. They are especially arranged to suit the understanding of the little folks and have become immensely popular. They are given about once a month.

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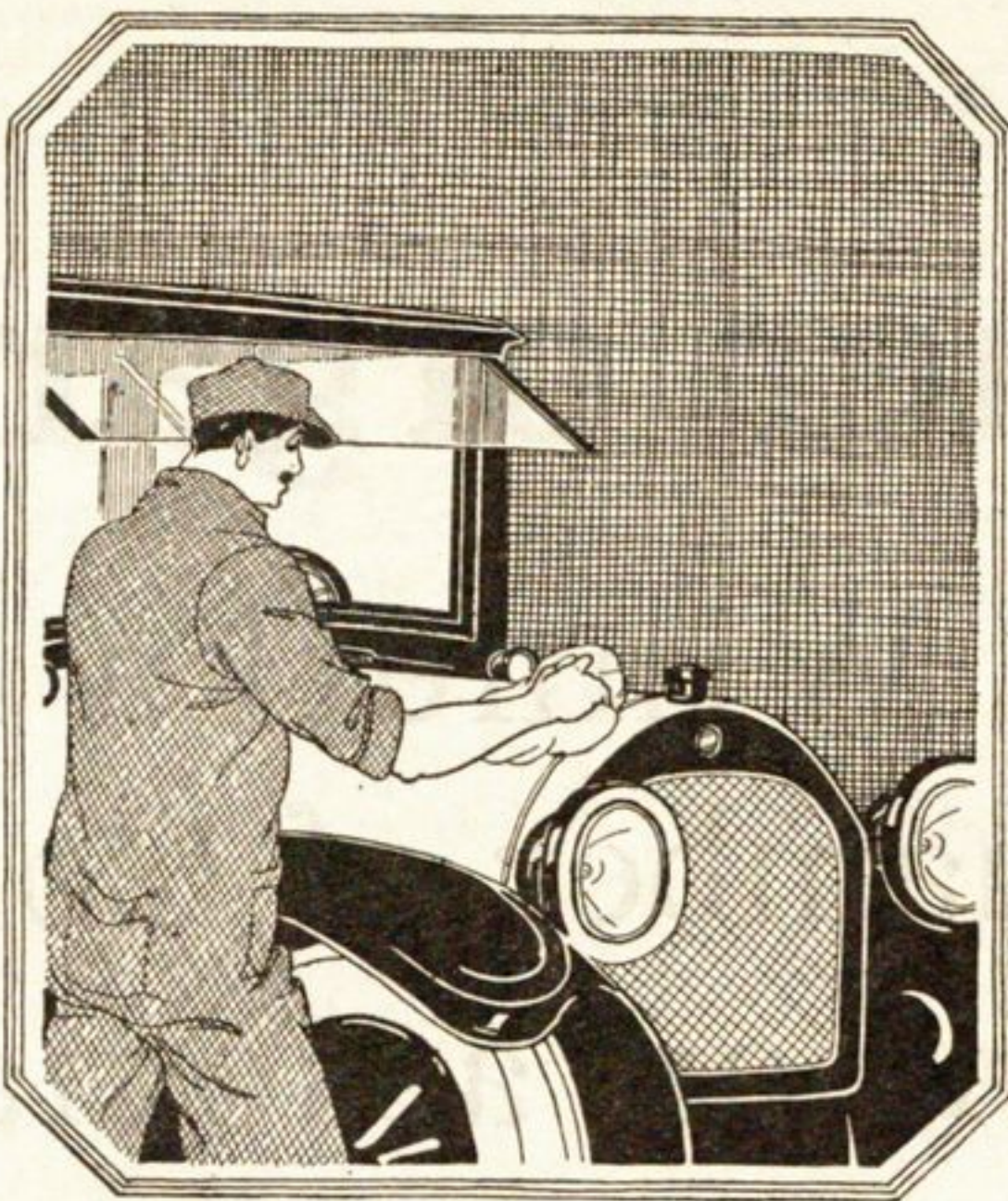
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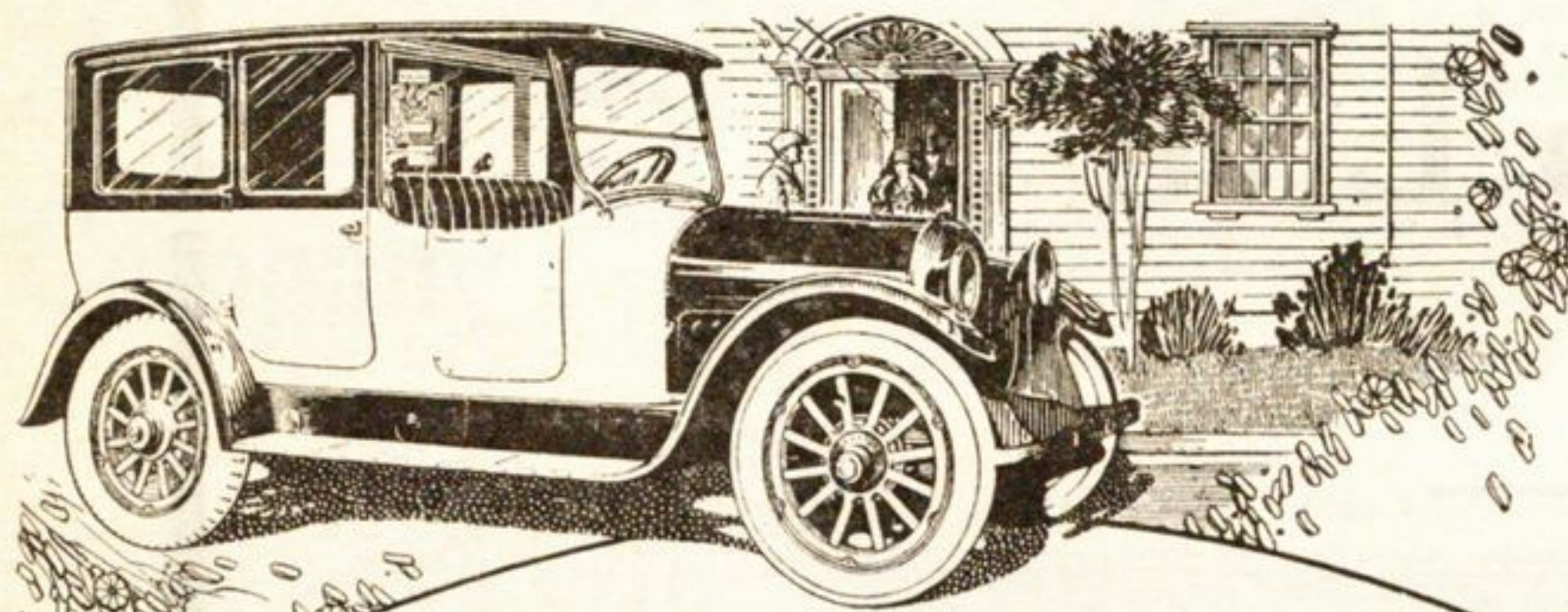
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