

SPEED KINGS TO MEET JULY 4TH

'Straw Hat Derby' Is Event At Polo Club Races

Forty of the leading dirt track drivers of America will compete in a three-day race meet at the North Shore Polo club speedway, Lincoln and Peterson avenues, next week. The dates are set for July 4, 5 and 6, the events which were scheduled for June 15, but which had to be postponed on account of the slippery track.

Chief among these will be the long awaited five-mile match between two of the stars of the game—Fuzzy Davidson and Cliff Woodbury. Davidson, who holds the dirt track records up to seventy-five miles, recently returned from Los Angeles where he scored a victory over DePalma.

Lowery DePalma Record

Woodbury, a Chicago man who has forged to the front the past few years, holds several records at Roby and last season lowered DePalma's one-mile mark at Hawthorne. He holds more first places than any other man in the Chicago territory.

Another five-mile match race for the Fourth brings together Esthan Wenneson of the north side, in his famous Nelson Brothers' Special, and Curley Young, the youthful south sider who won the Memorial Day 50-mile grind. Young is driving his Ford "99," and hopes to defeat the veteran. Wenneson has driven all the dirt tracks in the central states, and holds the unofficial light-car championship. He set the 20-mile record for Roby in 17:51.33.

"Straw Hat Derby"

Other events for the Fourth will be two ten-mile races, the fifteen-mile "Straw Hat Derby" and a five-mile consolation. The program for the fifth and sixth will consist largely of short distance races, which seem to appeal especially to the fans.

Included among the entrants will be George Beck, driver-promoter, who two weeks ago went through the fence during practice at the north shore rather than smash into Wenneson's car; Dewey Shank, who holds the 105-mile record at Maywood in 65 minutes; Frank Nichols, five-mile champion; Ernie Fosnaugh, holder of dirt track records in South Dakota and New Orleans, and Sonny Talamont, 1922 champion at Roby.

N. U. School Surveys

Retail Meat Business

Results of what is believed to be the first comprehensive survey of principles underlying the successful and unsuccessful operation of retail meat stores ever conducted were made public last week by the Northwestern University School of Commerce in a report prepared by Professor Horace Secrist, director of the bureau of business research, entitled, "Expenses, and Losses in Retail Meat Stores." The survey, according to Professor Secrist, was conducted by Northwestern university and the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture in co-operation, in consequence of representations made by the National Association of Meat Councils to the university and the department.

Among the conclusions obtained from the survey and set forth in the report is the statement that the average successful retail meat dealer receives a net profit of about five per cent of his gross sales, and that seven out of every ten stores made a profit during the year studied. This five per cent profit is exclusive of the personal earnings of the owner for his services at the rate of a meat cutter's wages. The average net profit among all the dealers reporting, including those who suffered a loss, was 2.7 per cent of sales.

When high operating expenses exist in retail meat stores, they are due primarily, according to the report, to high wage bills, inefficient management, irregular purchases by customers, high rents, excessive fixture investment, and lax credit regulations.

Wages are shown to be the most important factor in overhead expense, and the most important consideration in readjusting expenses. The figures gathered for the survey also show that losses are more common in small than in large stores; that inadequate margins are more conducive to losses than are high expenses; and that profits are most likely to be secured when expenses are moderate and margins are reasonable. The single most important explanation for the failure of merchants to secure profits is the cut-throat competition under which they attempt to do business.

John Van Patten of Davenport, Iowa, who has been visiting at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Allen, 412 Melrose avenue, played at the Kiltie tournament at Skokie club yesterday.

Miss Helen Ruth, 416 Woodstock avenue, entertained her bridal party for dinner on Thursday before the rehearsal which took place that evening at the Union church.

Ministers O. K. Hearst; Ban Mobilization Day

Methodist ministers, at their meeting Monday, June 23, at the Chicago Temple, passed resolutions commending William Randolph Hearst, in his statement "that the Hearst papers have always been opposed to the booze and boodle element of the Democratic party and will conscientiously oppose any candidate representing booze and boodle."

The resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, were presented by the Rev. W. B. Grimes, pastor of the Gross Park Methodist Episcopal church.

The meeting also went on record as opposed to "Mobilization Day." The Rev. W. S. Fleming offered resolutions, which were adopted, calling upon "all ministers to repudiate the day" and preach against it on the preceding Sunday.

It was declared that the retirement of Gen. Pershing should not be used to in-dorse war but to aid in ending war.

"The time has come when we must stop talking war," said the Rev. Dr. Farmiloe.

The Rev. A. Heist, head of the Federation for Social Service, told the preachers that the purpose of "Mobilization Day" was an effort to arouse the country against the church attitude on pacifism and war.

The resolutions were ordered sent to President Coolidge, the secretaries of state and war, and to Gen. Pershing.

Judge Edgar A. Jonas of the municipal court, in his address before the

ministers, advocated the establishment of two state's attorneys, one for civil and one for criminal work.

He pleaded for the separation of boys and young criminals from the hardened ones.



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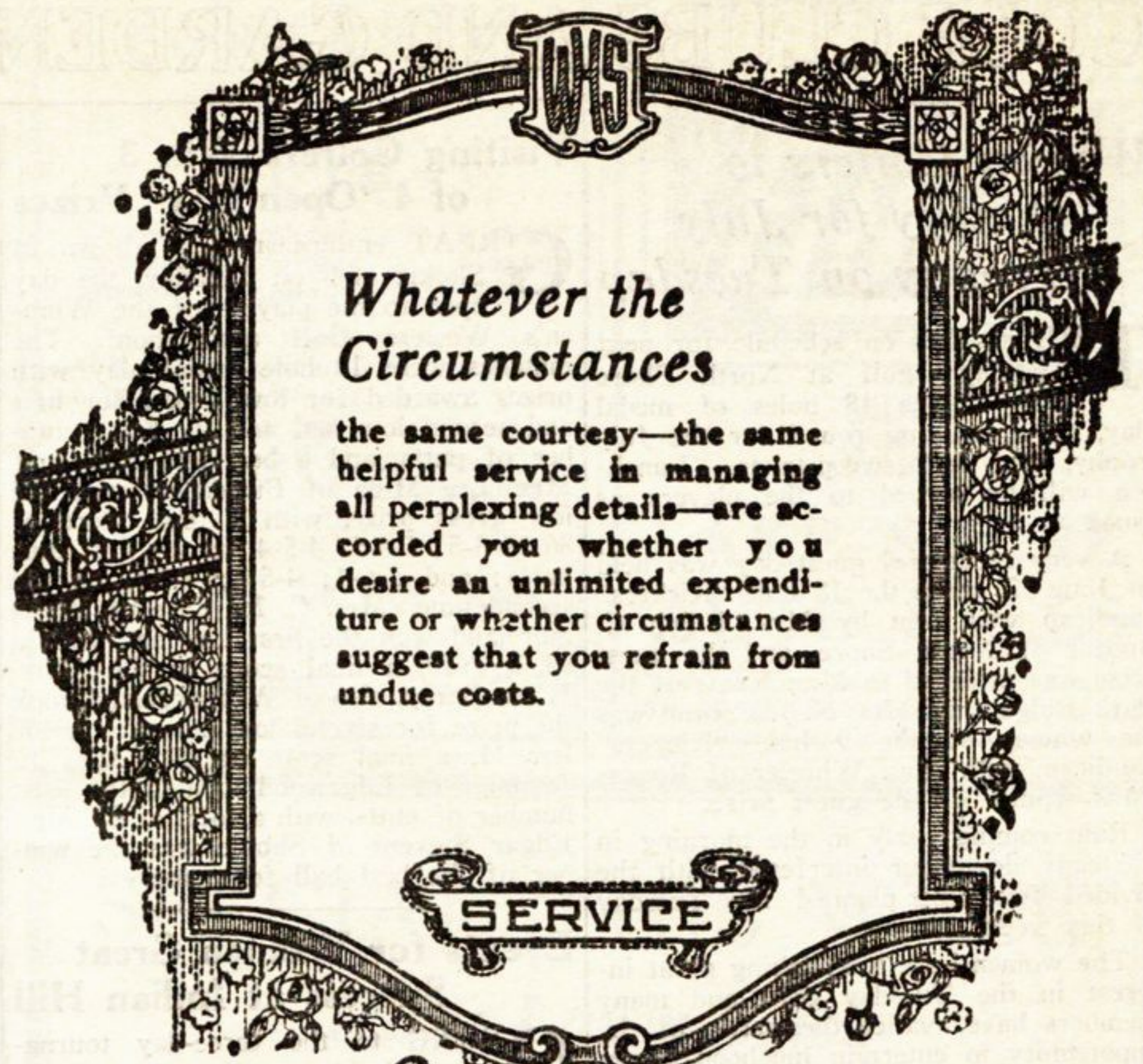
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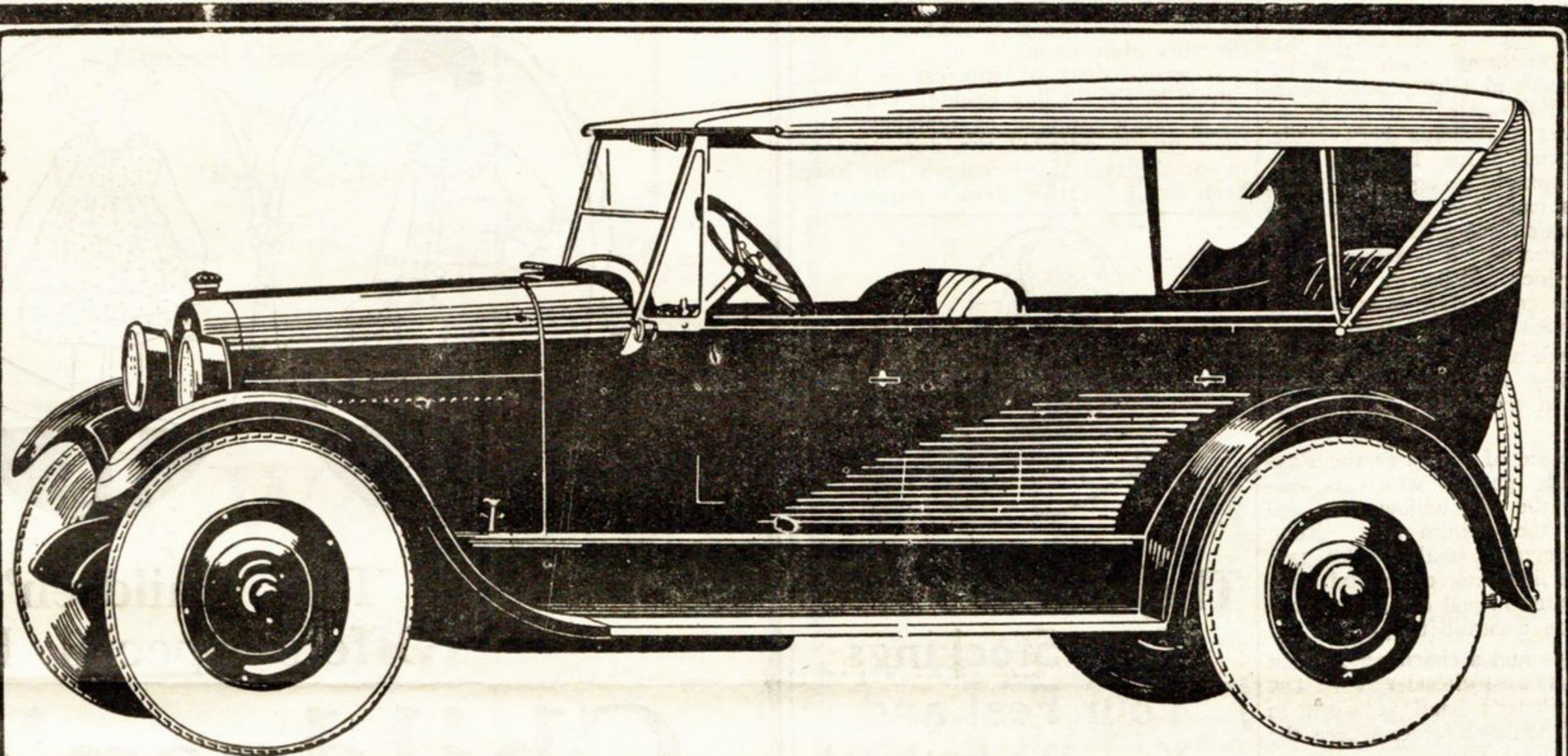
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