

MOTOR NEWS

AUTO COMPANIES TO SET A PRODUCTION RECORD

Detroit District Booming With 280,099 Men Employed in Turning Out Automobiles

With conditions of activity pointing toward a record automobile year, the plants in the Detroit district are maintaining production at levels above normal for this season of the year. The Chevrolet Motor company expects to turn the millionth car of its 1928 production off the assembly line during the early part of September, and thereby will exceed its output during the full twelve months of last year.

Ford is making headway toward the 5,000 daily mark, but the volume is still about a thousand short of the anticipated mark. It was given out last week that eighty carloads of Model A parts are being shipped every twenty-four hours. Included in the shipments are fenders, hoods, running boards, shields and other body parts. They go to Ford branches and make up that portion of the output that is not used for assembly within the Fordson plant.

Handling eighty carloads a day is such a huge task that conveyor system has to be used to bring the parts to the loading platforms.

Ford is said to be using more than 118,000 workers. General employment in the Detroit area has hit another new peak. The record of a week previous was broken when it was shown that 280,099 men were listed on factory pay rolls. This represents an increase of 75,000 over the corresponding week one year ago.

Graham-Paige, now among those ready to produce more cars in the present year than in the whole of 1927, turned out its 50,000th car on August 8. The maximum one day's production was recorded on August 14, with nine-hour output of 516 finished cars.

Oakland, it is stated, is close to exceeding the entire production of last year. More than 22,000 Oaklands and Pontiacs were produced in July, bringing the seven months' total up to 184,-252. The latter figure is 63 per cent greater than the total for the same period last year, which was 112,888. Oakland has 9,000 more cars to produce to better its complete 1927 output.

"Good 'Used Car' Is Not Hard to Sell." Cheap Ones a Drug

The market for used cars on the north shore has moved toward stabilization, according to Carl Hanson of the Hanson Motors company of Winnetka, distributors of Graham-Paige.

In talking of used car sales, Mr. Hanson pointed to a list of used cars which his organization is marketing.

"When the purchaser of a new car trades in his old one, there is a doubtful value on the used car, because its condition may be such that resale is difficult and sometimes impossible. If a used car has a trade in value of only \$100 it is hard to resell and often it is necessary to let it go to the junk pile, which means giving it away for ten dollars or some like figure.

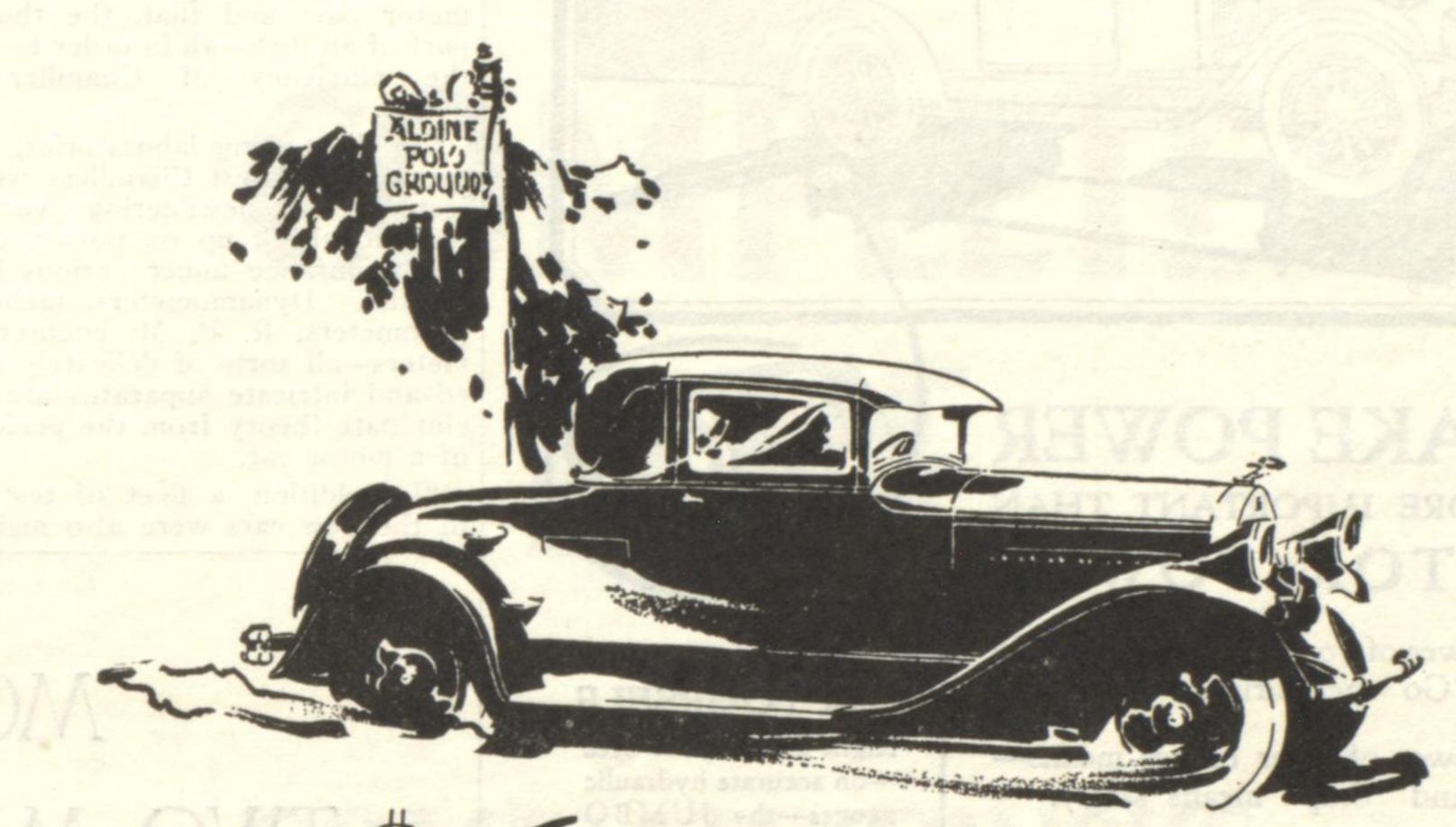
"It is interesting to note that very often the motor of one of these used cars is in good shape due to the care the owner has given it. It may look bad. The fenders may be jammed up. The paint may be worn off. It may

have plenty of rattles and squeaks. not hard to sell. We have found that the same. And as I have said there is purchase it." little market for such a car

"But here's something else. A used of the new Graham-Paige. car that is rated at \$1,000 or \$1,200 is "The new Graham-Paige has a short chassis models.

But it is still capable of many miles when we get a good used car which due to good motor condition. But its does not show the marks of wear and appearance makes it a \$100 car just tear there is always someone ready to

turning radius, to facilitate turning around in narrow streets, parking in restricted spaces, and maneuvering in difficult traffic," he says. "this was Mr. Hanson points to a few features made one of the prime objectives of the engineers who designed the five



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