

FEATURE AT SIX

Neal riding along toward Christmas

By Josh Shepherd
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Though Gene Neal is not an avid collector of automobiles, the 1923 Ford Model T on display in his store is one of his pride and joy.

He found and bought the center door sedan in 1960. Even then the early automobiles were difficult to find, but he was lucky enough to find this "Lizzy" with all original equipment, right down to the paint, tools, and tire chains.

In 1923, more people owned and drove Model T autos than any other car around, Neal said.

"It was Henry Ford and Thomas Edison who first hatched the idea of making a car every working man could afford," Neal said. Even in 1920 currency, most automobiles went for between \$500 and \$700 or more, but the T ranged widely in price from a bottom line \$200 to \$800 dollars if a

buyer wanted to have the extras. Like an interior ignition switch.

The T, though, was a simple machine, one any buyer could repair on his own.

Three pedals in the floorboard resembled the cars of today, but their function was completely different, given that the accelerator was located on the steering wheel and the pedals, besides the clutch and brake, had a reverse pedal.

"It is the fuses driven had to accomplish to drive the car well that Neal said is why he enjoys the car so much. Eventually, it would become routine, but it was fun to watch someone who had never driven the T before attempt to drive the car about town, he said.

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The trick is in the clutch, he said, you eased the clutch in halfway before attempting to brake or throw the car in

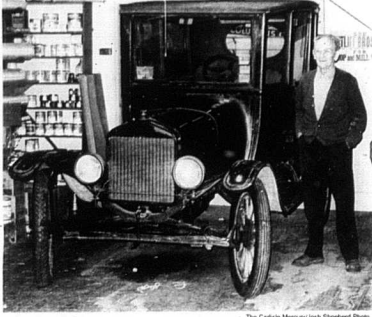
reverse and slowly let up. To move forward at the 30-40 miles per hour the car could travel at top speed, and even then you had to have a good feel of it, he said.

The suspension system, consisting of two large springs in the front and back, was used all the way to the front of the shock system had been developed.

The fuel tank, which was placed beneath the driver's seat, had no pump to drive the fuel in to the carburetor, it relied on a gravity feed along the oil as well as transmitted to the cylinders by means of the splash system. "There were no pumps," Neal said.

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The car was a marvel of



Gene Neal stands with his 1923 Model-T Ford, which he has stored in his place of business prior to the Christmas Parade. The car has served many uses for the Neal family.

Bussell on board since '78

The Nicholas County Conservation District has many varied projects which represent commitment to the protection of our natural resources.

Efforts to conserve oil and water is a priority with those who serve as a district advisor.

One such board member who is involved and dedicated to natural resource management, conservation is Grimes Bussell.

Mr. Bussell has served as a supervisor since March 1, 1978.

During those years he, along with the other board members were instrumental in the district acquiring a bull deer and two no-kill feeders.

"This equipment is essential to much needed pasture and hayland improvement and conservation practices requiring deer work," says Mr. Bussell.

Mr. Bussell enjoys hunting, fishing and baseball, but serving as a board member, solving environmental problems, is also enjoyable.

Mr. Bussell feels that if the district had greater financial

assistance many more services could be provided.

He is a member of the Mt. Zion Christian Church and he and his wife, Naomi, reside 308 Millerton Road.

He also has a daughter, Pamela, and a grandson, Brian.

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OBITUARIES

CUNDFY
Corroll Frank Cundiff, 68, of 612 E. Main Street, Carlisle, husband of Eunice Parson Cundiff died Monday, November 20 at his residence. He was a retired assistance foreman at the Nicholas County Road Department and was a Veteran of World War II.

He was born in Nicholas County to the late Phillip and Maudie Dabell Cundiff. Survivors are his wife, Eunice P. Cundiff, Carlisle, two sons, Raymond Mitchell, Nicholas County and Philip Cundiff, Nicholas County; four daughters, Betty Howard, Nicholas County, Reva Fuller and Lena Cundiff, both of Carlisle and Betty Wade, Jessamine County; one sister, Mrs. June Mitchell, Bataavia, Ohio and one grandchild, Evan. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 23 at the Carlisle Cemetery by Rev. Tony Smith.

Neal was eight years old when the particular model of the T now owned came out on the line, but in 1927, Ford other cars were becoming more expensive and complicated, the Model T, built of many jakes, still dominated the highways as the most owned car in the country, he said.

"More and more families were moving to buy their own car. It wasn't like it is now where the average family owns two cars. There were still quite a few people making their way in horses and buggies. At the time, probably half the families in Nicholas County owned their own cars and chances were it was Henry Ford's T," Neal said.

At a height, the Model T, jokingly nicknamed the "Tin Lizzie," brought Ford about \$2 million, which even by today's standard is a considerable profit margin, Neal said.

The Neal's had their own version of the car and it served them well for many years. However, when the trunk broke on the car, fixing it proved more difficult than he anticipated.

GROVES
Hilda Beane Groves, 75, 103 Locust St., widow of Jasper Groves, died Monday,

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November 20 at the Johnson Mothers Nursing Home.
She was a member of the Henryville C.M.E. Methodist Church.
She was born in Nicholas County to the late Warren and Eliza Savage Anderson.
She is survived by a son, James Williams, and daughter-in-law, Betty, a step son, Edward Groves, Lexington; two step daughters, Leticia Groves, Lexington, Mary Oliver, Paris, Sarah McCaffrey and Dorothy Johnson, Carlisle; and Lucille Groves, Lexington, three brothers, Gabel Bean, Carlisle, Raymond Bean, Lexington, and Logan Bean, Cynthiaiana; a sister, Corne Adams, three grandchildren; and a great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 24 at the Henryville C.M.E. Church by Rev. Wayne Rogers.
Burial was in Carlisle Cemetery.
Casketbearers were Raymond, Clarence and James Compton, James E. Bean, David Young, and Ashby McEluffey and Visitation was after 9 a.m. Friday at the church.

HUGHES
Floyd E. Hughes, 85, died at the home of his son, 2645 Cleveland Boulevard, Louisville, Tuesday, November 22, 1989.
Formerly of Nicholas County, he was the son of the late John Morgan and Zaidie McLeod Hughes, and was a retired farmer.
He was a member of Mt. Pisgah Christian Church in Fairview.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Hughes, Louisville, and Brooks H. Hughes, Bowling; three grandchildren, Ellen C. Hughes Watts, Louisville, Jackie E. Hughes and Greg B. Hughes, both of Bowling; six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Saturday, November 23, 1 p.m. at the Clark Funeral Home in Morefield, with Reverend J.C. Hensler officiating.
Burial in Carlisle Cemetery.

GEORGE
Zula Blanche George, 79, of 132 Myers Road, died Monday, November 20 at Nicholas County Hospital. She was the widow of Earl George, Member of Island Crest Methodist Church and a former cook at MMI, born in Nicholas County to the late Jack and Nora Gray.
Survivors are a son, W.J.

YAZELL
Cynthiaans, four daughters, Lynn Bassell, Mayville, Amanda Shields, Carlisle, Brenda Mitchell, Fleming County and Emma Jean Hatten, Frankfort.
Services were 2 p.m. Friday, November 24, at Mothers-Gauche Funeral Home by Rev. Gaylord Gillespie.
Casketbearers were Darrell Bassell, Junior Hunt, Billy Watkins, Elva Shields, Chuck Yazell, and David Bennett.
Honorary: Robbie Hopkins, Steve Phillips, and Michael Watkins.

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