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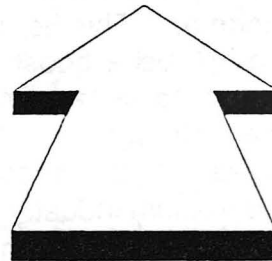
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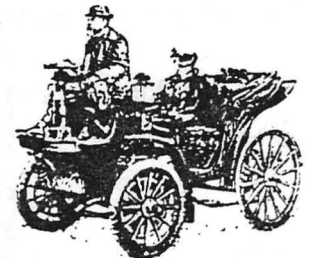
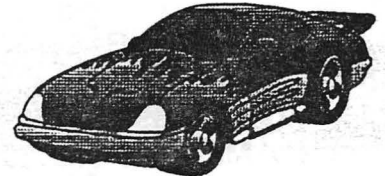
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Presidents corner

As we near the end of 1995, We should reflect on all that has happened during the past twelve months. Many good things have come to pass for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association. We were a part of the grand opening of the route 66 museum in Clinton, Oklahoma. This is an outstanding attraction and will be a boost to tourism in Oklahoma for years to come. We witnessed the Oklahoma Department of Tourism, becoming more aware of the impact Route 66 has become to the tourism industry in our state. They used many Route 66 slogans, recognizable sites, pictures and stories in the state map, state vacation guide and in most of their advertising. Route 66 has truly been reborn and we need to continue our work to continue emphasizing Route 66 as a major part of Oklahoma's tourist industry.

For the first time in many years, many of our state Route 66 associations have come together to discuss the future of Route 66 across our great country. With continued work and cooperation among all the Route 66 association, perhaps someday an organized effort will be underway to promote Route 66 on a national and international scale.

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association annual meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday January, 27, 1996 at the Edmond Historical Society Museum at 2:00 pm the address is 431 S. Boulevard in Edmond Oklahoma, Please place this date and time on your calendar and make a special effort to attend.

Your Oklahoma Route 66 Association is Co-sponsoring "The cards for the Kids" in

cooperation with KOMA Radio, Tinker Air Force Base. a Network of civic groups, National Media Groups, and Internet. This project is a campaign to mail Christmas and holiday cards to the children survivors and victims of the April 19th bombing. We are asking all our members to mail a card which will be placed on public display at the state capitol in Oklahoma City. More information can be found in the article in this newsletter.

Please Send a Card to the Kids!

From the office staff, the officers and directors of the Oklahoma Route 66 Association,

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

COUPLES HEAD FOR CALIFORNIA IN MODEL-T

In the pre-dawn hour of Friday, December 17, 1954, two Ohio couples shook, rattled, and rolled out of Clinton, Oklahoma in a 1919 Model-T Ford. They were on their way on Route 66 to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

The trip started in Columbus, Ohio. It was a spontaneous idea, that developed at a dinner party. Mary Riggles made the suggestion to her husband, Malcolm and their two friends, Maxine and J. Alfred Shuman. The Buckeyes were to play UCLA that New Year's Day. A number of their friends were flying to California, but the Riggles and the Shumans decided to go by car. But it wasn't just any car. C. Malcolm Riggles had owned and restored a Model-T.

They dressed in hunting suits with pockets for warming hands. Side curtains were affixed to the sides of the car roof to keep out the cold. The Tin Lizzie was checked over and seemed to be running good. On Saturday, December 12th, the couples started out. The plan was to get on Route 66 and head for the West Coast and the Big Game.

At Rolla, Missouri, the trip was delayed for 24 hours because of generator trouble. A local radio program



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found out about their problem and asked their listeners for help. Nine generators were found. A man by the name of Mr. Coffee replaced the broken part.

Newspapermen and T.V. reporters created some delays. T.V. cameras from Tulsa followed the couples to the start of the Tulsa Turnpike on Thursday morning, where they were met by more T.V. crews from Oklahoma City T.V. stations.

The Riggles and the Shumans had to stop each night at a place where their car could be garaged. People wanted to steal parts of the car for souvenirs. Reflective lettering was put on the sides and rear of the Lizzie so people could see them at night. The lettering said "Shake, Rattle, and Roll-OFF we go to the Rose Bowl."

They averaged about 200 miles each day. While in Clinton, the couples stayed at Glancy's Suburban Courts. Model-T's were not built for speed but for longevity. Passing anything on the road was a highlight, even if it was a farm tractor.

In one town, local businessmen came out and lassoed the car and invited the travelers to breakfast. At the California state line, two people, Mr. and Mrs. Duppler, came riding up on horses, covered with silver trappings, to greet the Ohioans. It seems as though they were from Ohio too.

Palm Springs, California was the end of the trail. The couples stayed in suites on the top of the Biltmore Hotel. The hotel management made arrangements for flowers and fruit to be placed in their rooms. A chartreuse Christmas tree was part of the holiday decoration.

The Riggles and the Shumans attended the Rose Bowl in the rain, but that did not dampen their spirits or the good times they had. Some of the things they got to do was to drive down Christmas Tree Lane in Los Angeles and see the fabulous light displays. They also got invited to the "Art Linkletter's House Party" t.v. show. The Model-T was moved out on the stage and they were interviewed.

A fire broke out on the lower level of the Biltmore Hotel. This created some excitement. The firemen and firetrucks were everywhere. But being trapped on the top floor of a building on fire can be scary too.

Mary Riggle took a Bell & Howell movie camera along on the trip to record all the happenings on Route 66. The film is missing. It was part of Mr. Riggle's estate. He passed away in 1974. It is regrettable that this historic home movie was misplaced and can't be shared by all, who would like to see it. The trip took nine days and

nights. So there was lots of footage that showed the people and the times.

Malcolm Riggles had the car shipped home. The couples flew home from California to Dallas to Columbus.

The Riggles had one son and he lives in Columbus, Ohio. Mary Riggles Fourman lives in Auburnondale, Florida. The Shumans had one child. Maxine and Alfred Shuman have passed away.

For a period in time, the Riggles and the Shumans went for the "Gusto" and "Got their kicks on Route 66."

"Cards for the Kids"

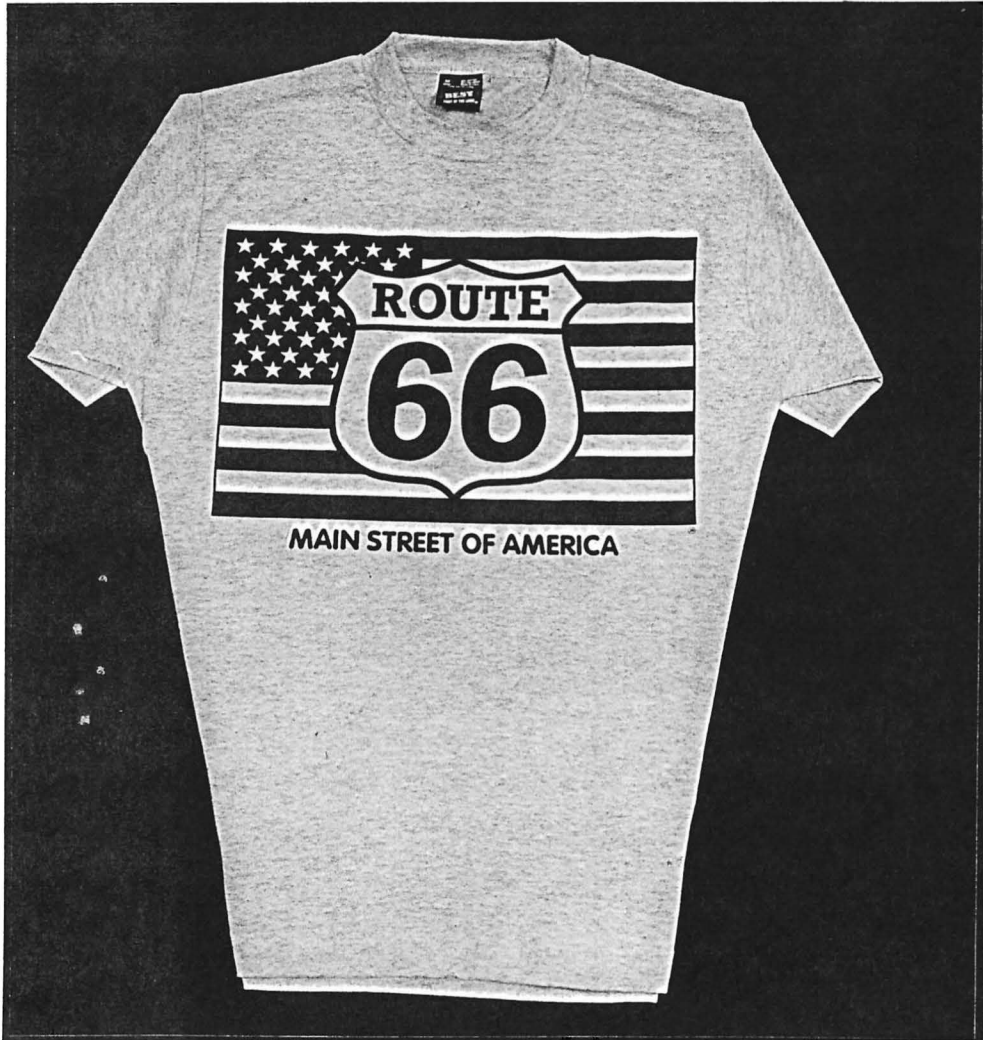
This Christmas, While enjoying the lights, Music and joy of the season, take just a moment to touch a life affected by last april's tragedy. The Oklahoma Route 66 Association in conjunction with KOMA radio, encourages you to add one more person to your Christmas Card list, A child who lost a loved one on that day! We are working with radio stations, the Internet and other caring organizations all across the U.S. and around the world to collect Christmas Cards for the kids. The cards received will be displayed for the families to see during the Christmas season, in the State Capitol Rotonda in Oklahoma City.

Gold Record Recording artist Bobby Vee will be our celebrity spokesman for the campaign, and he is encouraging everyone to "Just add one more Christmas Card to your list." We are asking everyone to send a gesture of love, hope and healing to the kids during this special holiday season.

This will be their first Christmas without their Mothers or Fathers or siblings who died in the April 19th bombing. Won't you please help us show that they and their loved ones are not forgotten! Add your own personal message if you wish, and send your cards to

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Have you checked you membership Date

We are appealing to all our members to please check your membership date that is on the mailing label of this news letter. If your membership is expired, Please take this time to renew. Most of the support for the association comes form our members dues. Without your memership, we would not be able to continue the work of promoting Route 66.

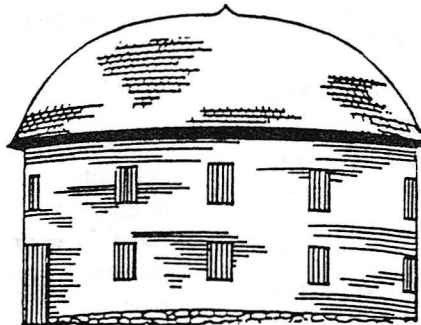
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