

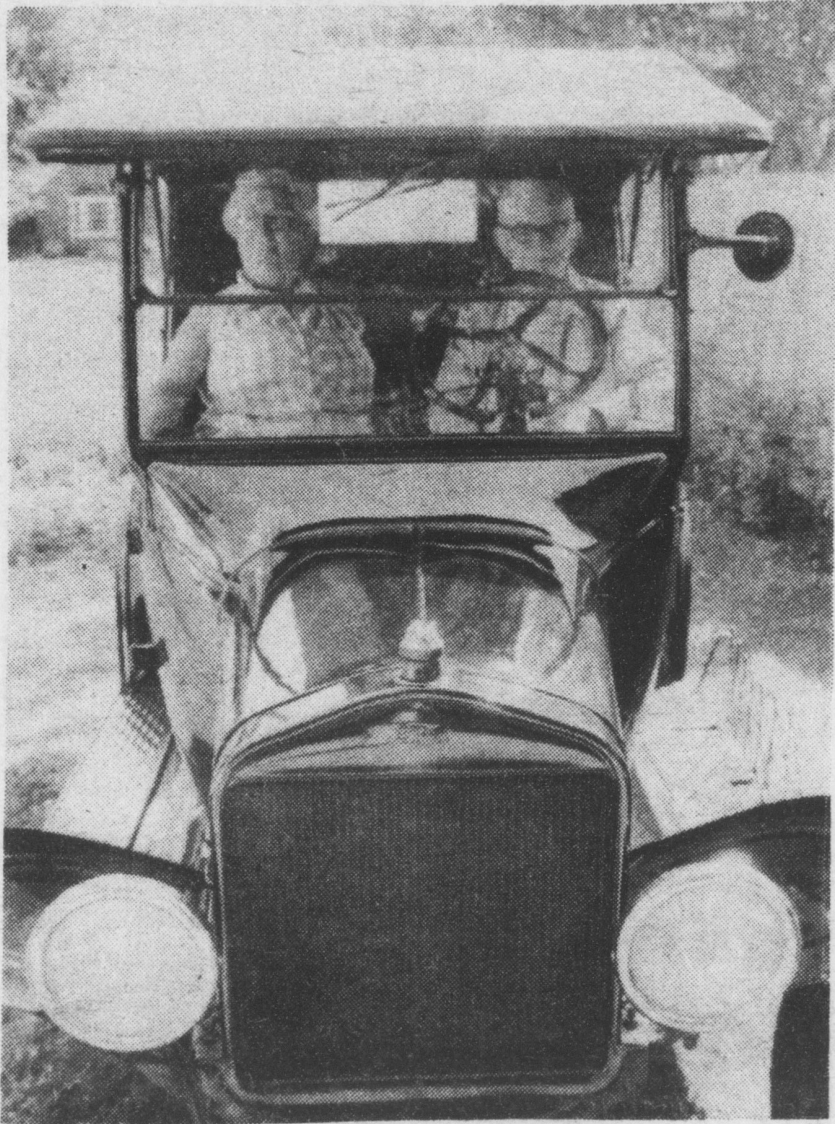
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Clinton and Illian Eby in their 1922 Ford.

To stop this car you hit the reverse pedal

Clinton Eby of Mount Joy owns a car that cost \$375 brand new and is still running after 53 years. It is still in use by Mr. Eby, who takes the car for rides in the country and to Weis Market for groceries.

Mr. Eby's auto is a 1922 Ford Model T. He doesn't know how many miles are on it—it doesn't have a speedometer, much less an odometer. "My daddy had a 1913 Ford, and it was a good car. That's why I got this one," he told us.

The Model T has features that are now found only on high-priced foreign cars, such as real leather seats and magneto ignition. It also has "air conditioning," according to Mr. Eby; the windshield tilts down to keep the riders cool in summer.

Mr. Eby claims that his car was one of the first with an automatic transmission. There is no clutch on the Model T, only three floor pedals: one for high speed, one for low, and one for reverse. The pedals can be engaged simultaneously. "This car can go forward and backward at the same time," notes Mr. Eby, "you can't do that in the modern car."

The reverse gear doubles as a brake. There is a parking brake, but it's not intended to stop the car. The drums are tiny and don't even have linings, which makes the car "easy to get inspected" according to its owner. "Most of the time those fellows don't know what to do with it. So they pass it." The T also lacks turn signals, high beams, and horn. The windshield wiper is manually operated.

Mr. Eby doesn't have much trouble getting parts, because the car seldom needs work. Over the years he has repainted it (scraping the old paint off with razor blades), which "took a while", and had to replace the radiator core once. After 53 years the 22-horsepower engine doesn't burn oil, but will "throw" it if over-filled.

The biggest maintenance problem is tires. Model T's have wooden spoke wheels which take 30 by 3 and 1/2 clincher tires—hard to find nowadays. At 75, Mr. Eby fixes them himself. "You use two irons and work like the dickens," he says.

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Marietta brothers found millions in silver - before they died in the Nevada wilderness



In Silver City, Nevada, everyone knows the story of two brothers from Marietta who died in the wilderness before the claims they had staked could make them millionaires. Allen and Hosea Grosch, who were born in Marietta, PA, discovered the fabulous Comstock Lode: veins of silver and other valuable metals that made fortunes for luckier men.

Jay and Barbara Reich, of Marietta, R.D. #1, first heard of the Grosch brothers while watching a film in Virginia City, Nevada, last July. The Reichs spent part of their vacation in Silver City, Nevada, where they photographed the graves of the two brothers, and learned their sad story.

BULLETIN
Donegal School District teachers have authorized their negotiating committee to call a strike "when-ever necessary." As we go to press, talks are still in progress, but a strike is now possible at any time.
The teachers are not satisfied with the school board's latest salary and fringe benefit offers.

In *The Saga of the Comstock Lode*, author George Lyman tells how the brothers arrived in a wild gold mining region of Nevada in 1851. Unlike most prospectors, who enjoyed gambling and fighting in lawless towns, the Grosch brothers spent all their time working in the mountains. The brothers were the sons of a clergyman. They were well-educated, clean cut young men in their 20's and the Wild West types in Washoe thought they were a bit peculiar.

Many prospectors were illiterate mountain men, or gunfighters hiding from the law. They knew gold when they saw it, but considered all other metals worthless. A lot of prospectors were particularly annoyed by "blue stuff" in the ground they worked. The blue dirt clogged their equipment. The Grosch brothers, who carried chemicals and books on metallurgy in the saddlebags, soon discovered that the "blue stuff" was silver ore.

After five years of searching the mountains for rich veins, the Grosch brothers formed a company to begin mining. They hired a young Canadian named Richard Burke to

work for them, and formed a partnership with a man named George Brown. Brown was the only man besides the Grosch brothers who knew the secret of the "blue stuff." Even Burke, the young assistant, was kept in the dark.

In June, 1857, the brothers found an incredibly rich vein of silver. Hosea Grosch wounded his foot

with a pick. He seemed to recover, then a strange malady began to affect him. His body was wracked with pain, but his face became frozen in a cruel, sardonic smile.

A wild, long haired mountaineer named Comstock, who had been spying on the brothers, appeared

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Antiques and crafts in Marietta Saturday

Market Street in Marietta will be the scene of antiques and crafts show on Saturday, September 18th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dealers from along the eastern seaboard states will be present as well as craftsmen demonstrating their skills. Admission will be free. Hot and cold food and drinks and old-fashioned snacks will be sold.

Sunday, September, 19th from 1 to 5 p.m. the same area will be cordoned off to provide an area for resident of Marietta, Maytown, and East Donegal to sell just about anything they wish—white elephants, old furniture and tools, even

"junk" (but no clothing please). There will be no charge for participants. Please contact Mrs. Paul Elliott (426-1819) or Mrs. Richard Umbenhauer (426-1011) if you wish to reserve a curb space to sell something. This is an excellent opportunity to turn some of the items you were going to throw away into a cash profit. Remember—no fee—you keep all the profits. The time for this is from 1 to 5 p.m.

The above two day event is being sponsored by the Marietta—Maytown—East Donegal Bicentennial Committee as their farewell salute to 1976.