

SPORTS PAGE

BIG CHANGE IN RULES OF BASKETBALL

Drizzle Restricted To a Single Bounce Next Season

Basketball will look like a new game when the teams trot out on the floor to start the season next year.

The Joint Rules Committee has adopted a drastic change in the playing code. This change, which restricts the dribble to one bounce should be beneficial to the game.

The new ruling will probably cause a lot of criticism from some sources, particularly those coaches who depend upon a dribbling star to carry their teams thru a season. And of course the star who is best at the art of bouncing the ball down the floor will be much put out by the new ruling.

It will tend, however, to make the game more of a team affair and less of a one man exhibition.

No longer will the game be so much of an officials game.

It should prove much more interesting to the spectators.

It will be more interesting to the players.

It will be much harder to coach.

This was the radical change in the playing code adopted by the Committee. Other changes were minor in nature and had to do mostly with the classifying of existing rules.

OTHER CLUBS WANT JAKE

According to a dispatch from the Miami Times, written just before the Cardinals left their Florida training grounds, Jake Flowers, christened D'Arcy Raymond, utility infielder for the Cardinals, could fit in at short for the Reds, Dodgers or Phillies. This is the opinion of critics who saw him perform while Tommy Thevenow was on the holtout list.

Flowers has been kicking around the Cardinal bench for several seasons. He looks mighty good at short according to the dispatch. If Braddon tries to shoot him back to the minors several clubs will be waiting to grab him.

Frankie Frisch, newly acquired second baseman for the Cardinals, after seeing Flowers in action said that he was a second Travis Jackson. Flowers covers a wide field, throws well, fears no drives that comes his way and puts the ball on the runner prettily. Were it not for the fact that Thevenow was rated as one of the best playing shortstops in the 1926 season more attention would be paid to Flowers.

Flowers, however, has established himself as first understudy for Thevenow and no longer will he have to trot over to the initial sack when Jim Bottomley is under the weather.

R. F. D. Carriers' Head



Carl H. Howard, of St. Paul, N. C., President of the National R. F. D. Carriers' Association, has been driving Route No. 3 in Robeson County for 24 years and has never been "reported" to the Department. There are 33,000 members in his association which meets this year at Oklahoma City in August.

President's Aide



Col. Blanton Winship will be military aide to President Coolidge, starting May 1, succeeding Col. Sherwood A. Cheney, who returns to field duty.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR PENTAGON IS PROGRESSING

A basketball schedule of fine proportions is in the making for the 1927-28 Washington College "Flying Pentagon."

Graduate Manager William R. Howell has already arranged games with all the Maryland Colleges with the exception of the University of Maryland and this school has offered the local colleges two dates.

The schedule for next year brings back as an opponent on the court for the first time in a number of years, St. John's College, formerly Washington's foremost rival for state title honors.

Mt. St. Mary's after a year of absence from the "Pentagon" schedule is again back on the books with a pair of contests.

The United States Naval Academy has written offering Washington a game on the academy floor. It is thought that the game will be scheduled if the two schools can agree on a date.

Perfect Attendance School Contest



Girls beat boys and Kentucky leads in the National contest for the best school attendance. Caroline Grubbs, 16, of Junction City, Ky. (top) now heads the list with 10 years, 7 months and 15 days without being absent or tardy. Lila V. Phillips (center), 15, of Elrod, S. E., with 9 years and 8 months, is second, and Mary Perenzi, 14, of Linds, N. J., 7 years, 7 months, is third. Is there a boy or girl in this county with a better record than Caroline Grubbs? If so, send us your picture.



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SPLASHES IN SPORTS

By H. S. ARE

The prolonged wintry-spring is playing havoc with baseball throughout the country.

The spectators are kept away.

Baseball players are not at their best when performing before a small gathering.

The owners of the clubs are all so anxious for a big gate.

They know their teams can play better. That's all they think about.

New equipment for the early season fan has made its appearance in the up-to-date sports goods stores.

Artics, mufflers, snowshoes, earmuffs, thermos bottles (contents to discretion of owner) ice skates and fur coats.

Several games have been postponed this season because the trainers forgot to pack the skis and snow shoes with the rest of the equipment.

The blinding snow and hail storms in which some of the games have been played bothered every one but the umpires.

They couldn't see anyhow.

Among the umps who will make their debut this season are three from the Blind Veterans Home in Baltimore.

This is also the season of returns.

The rookies, who have been going great, find themselves returned to the minors, possibly to a lower class team than the one from which they came.

Downs in our own Eastern Shore League training will soon start.

The Eastern Shore League is famous for several things.

It's the only league where a game was forfeited because one of the teams wore the wrong colored stockings.

Then a team which has won only one or two games in the whole season is returned the champion because the rest have violated the player rule.

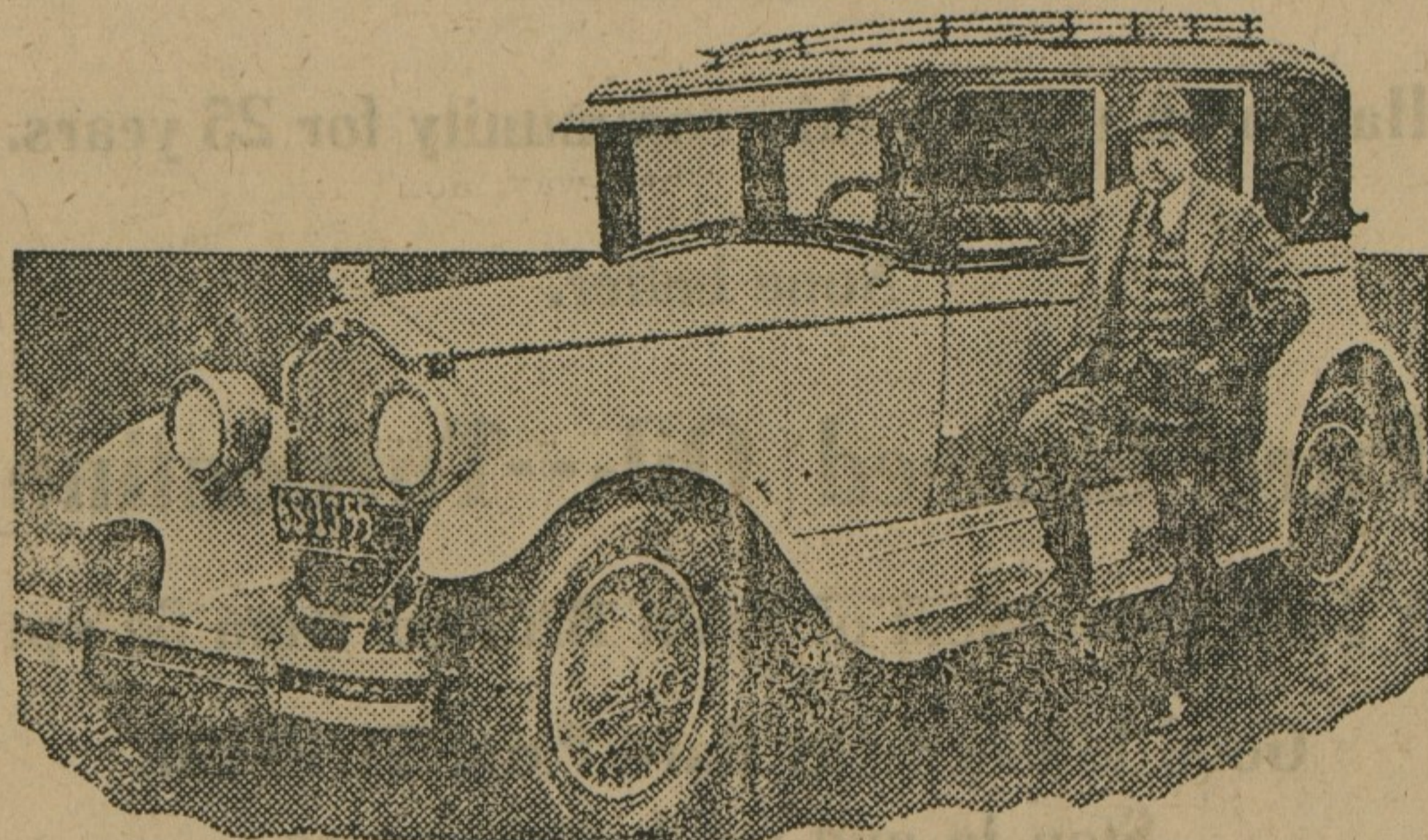
It is famous for its treatment of umpires.

Hardly a day passes when one isn't chased out of town.

Ex-champion runners are the only ones who apply for these jobs in the Sho' loop.

RHYMES OF BASEBALL
If, when the game's going against you
You step to the plate with a grin,
And sock the first good one that's offered,
The chances are even you'll win.

Touring the World



LIEUT. COL. E. ALEXANDER POWELL, noted war correspondent, travel writer and globe trotter, is engaged in a tour of the world via America's most modern and popular means of travel—the automobile.

With this American car, and accompanied by his wife and daughter, Col. Powell spent the winter visiting the islands in the eastern Mediterranean. Material gathered there will be included in his book, "Mediterranean Mornings," which he is writing on route. He will proceed through Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and others of those newer countries. The party will drive to Constantinople and thence by ferry across the Bosphorus. The tour will then take them down through Turkey and Syria to Damascus or Jerusalem. Arabia, Persia and India will be visited as the tour proceeds. Col. Powell will drive entirely across China and sail from there for California, completing a trip entirely around the world and traveling by automobile while on land.

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Col. Powell is one of the best equipped men in America to undertake this long tour. He holds the record of being the only man to drive from Paris to India, crossing the Sahara Desert. He is also the first man to drive a car from Mexico to Alaska, accomplishing this feat in 1913.

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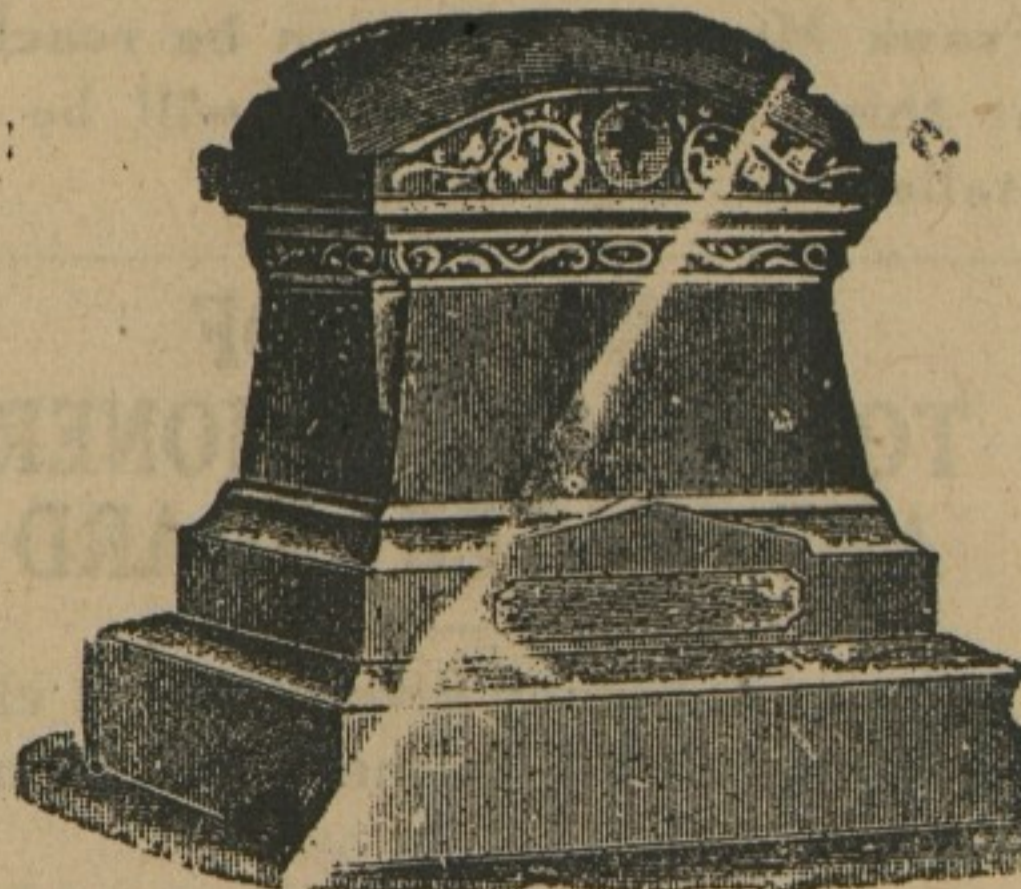
Teacher: "Surely you know what the word 'mirror' means, Tommy. After you've washed, what do you look at to see if your face is clean?" Tommy: "The towel!"

Little Doris: "My big sister's twenty-four."

Young man: "She told me she was twenty." "Oh! I suspect she didn't learn to count till she was four."

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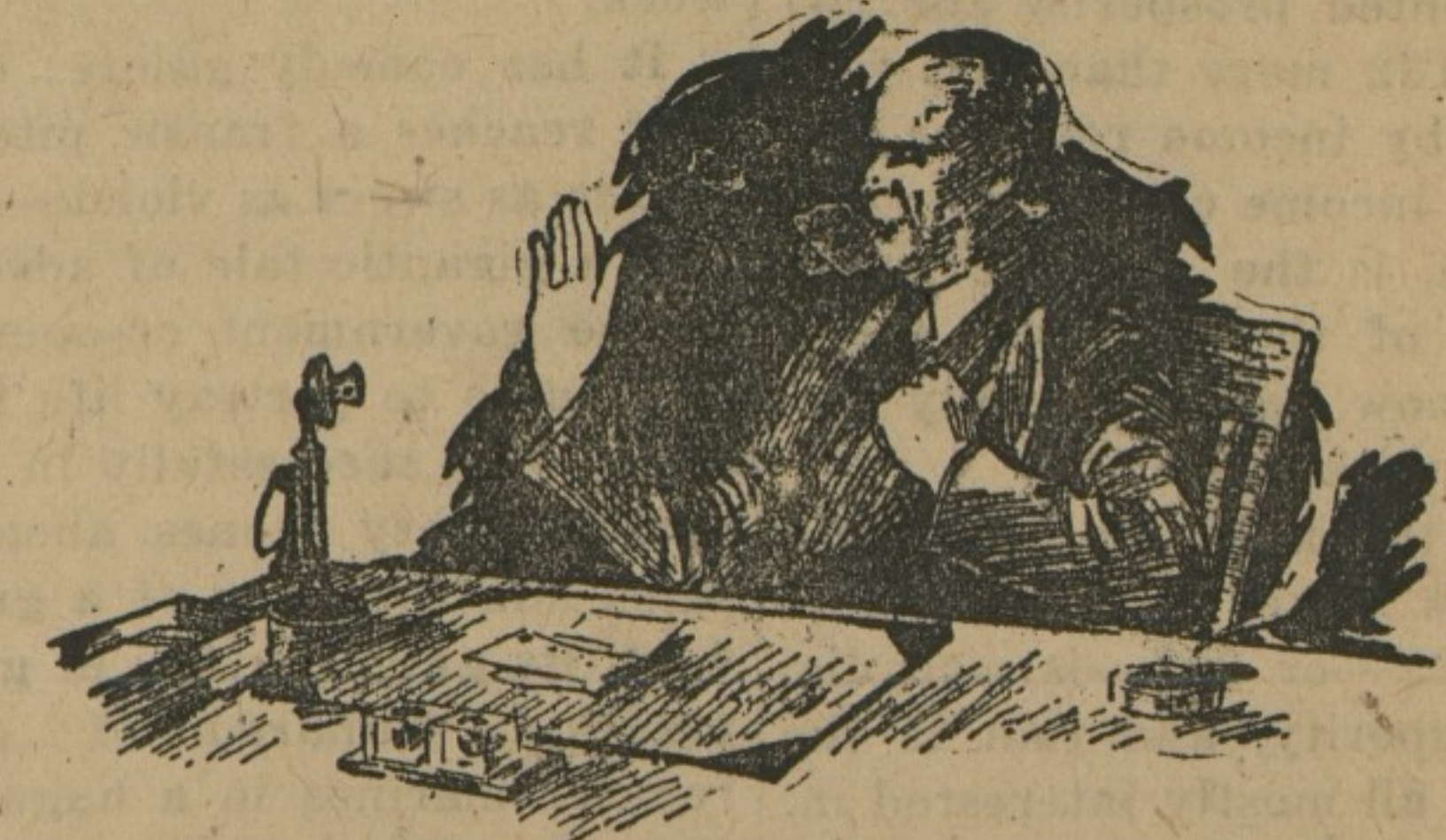
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—one of the people who still believe that long distance calls are expensive? For, although it's 1927, there are still some of them left.

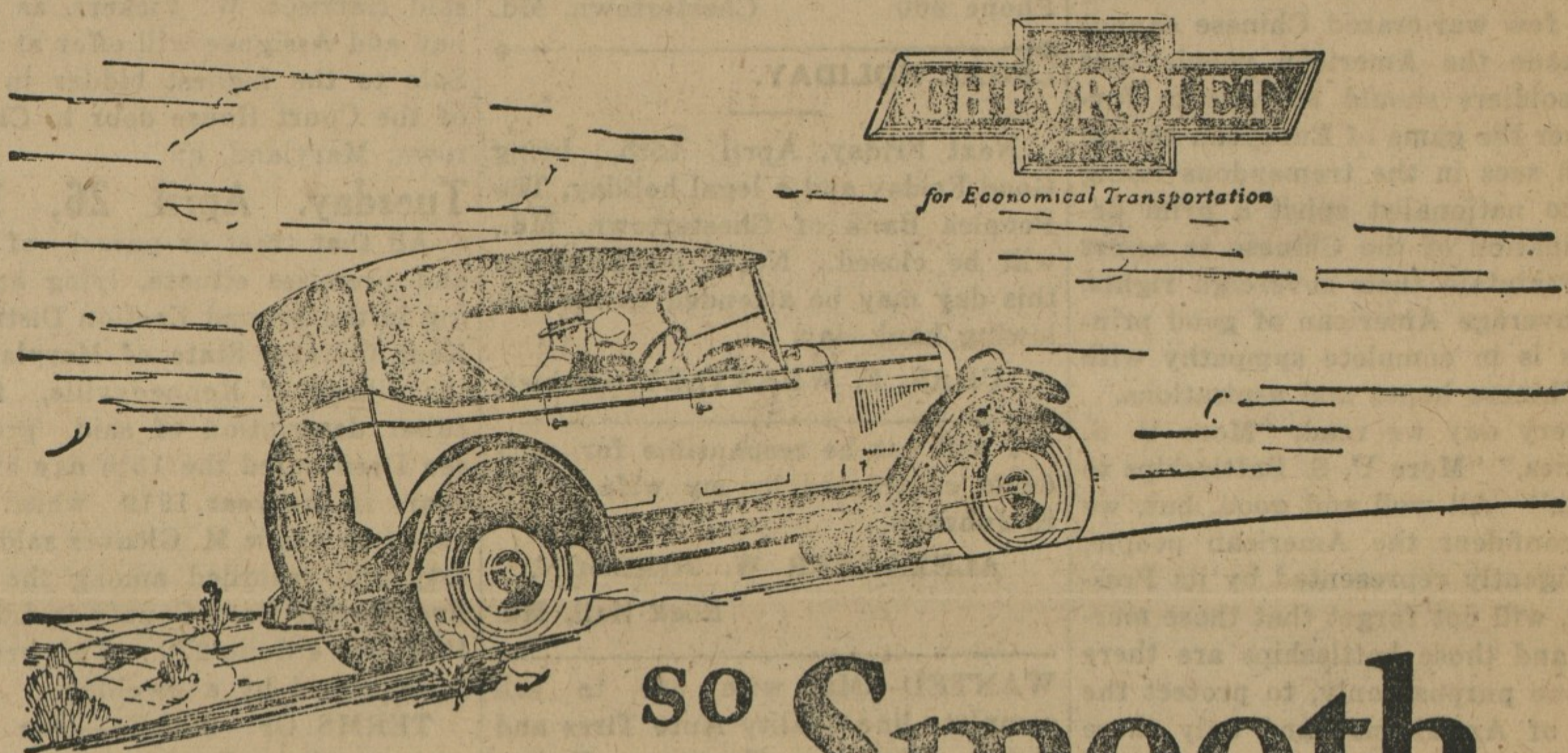
Now, long distance calling is not expensive. For instance, on a station-to-station call of 150 miles, the day rate for three minutes is only 95c., and think how much you can say in three minutes. Then, too, the rates are lower during the evening and night hours. The same call of 150 miles between 7 and 8:30 p. m. is but 70c., while between 8:30 p. m. and 4:30 a. m., it is only 50c. Pretty cheap round trip!

Remember, it isn't necessary to wait until midnight to get these discounted rates.

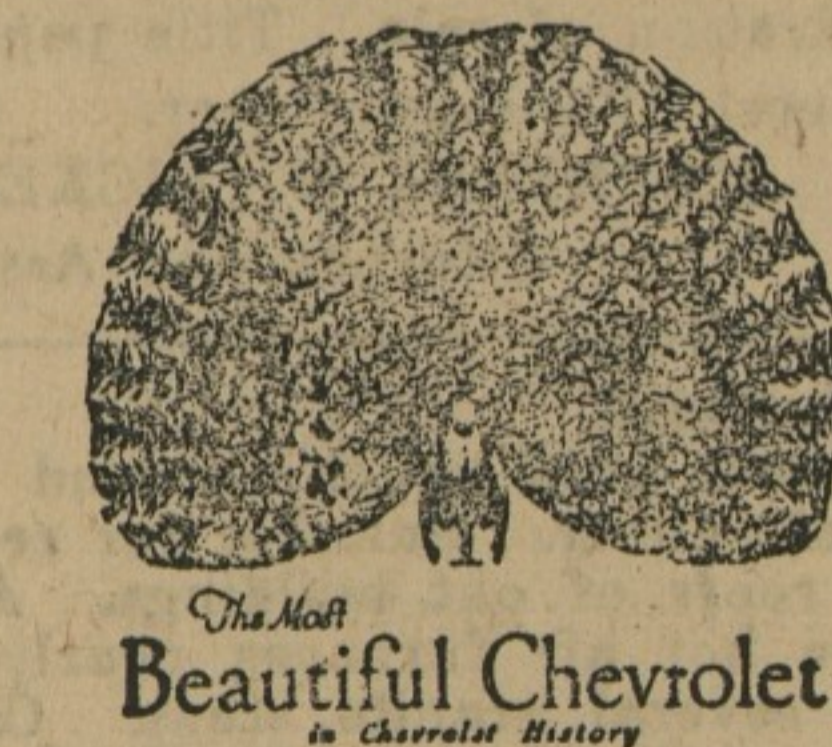
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