

Talk o' the Town

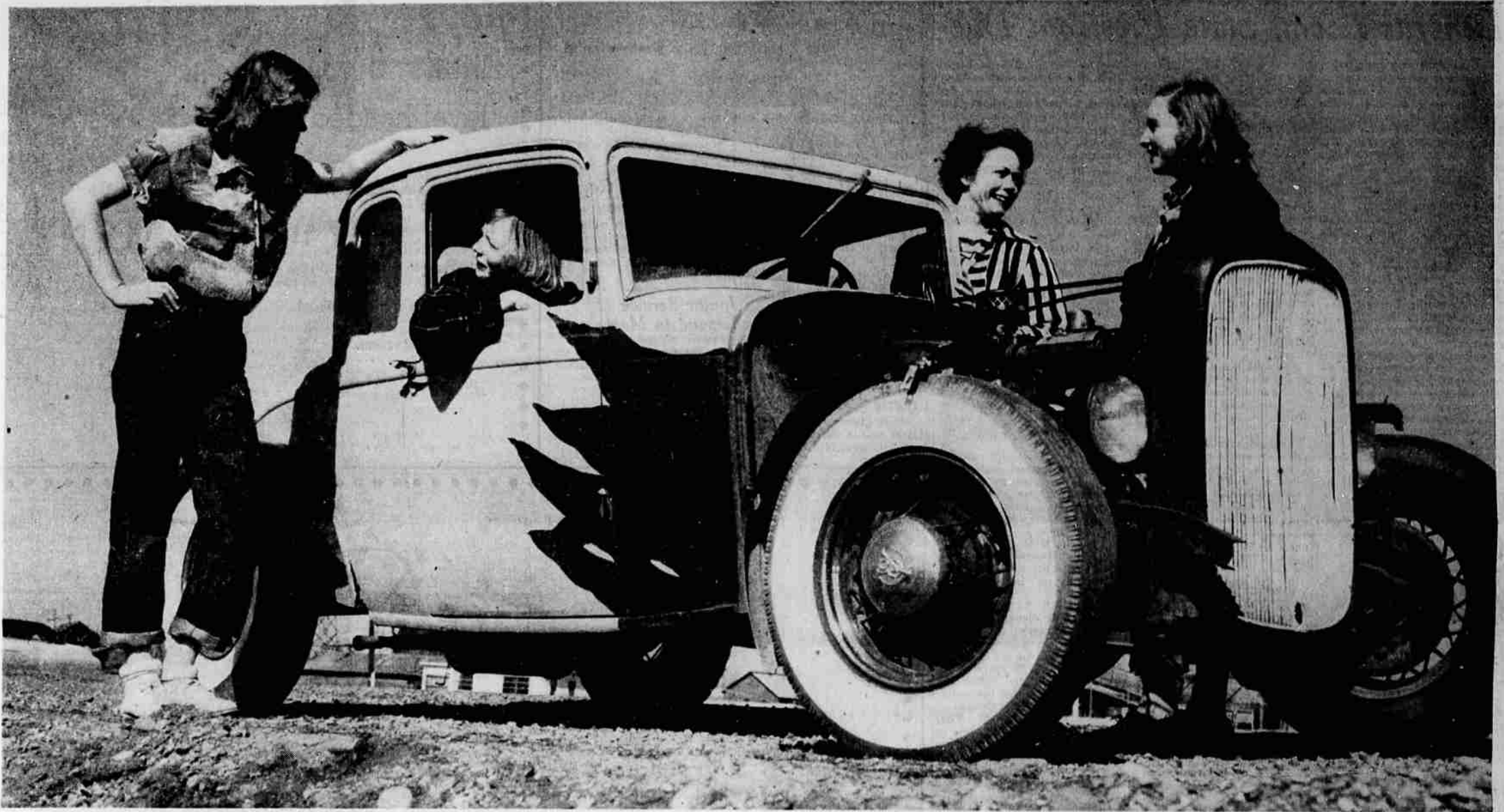
The High Winders

Spring's approach this year has brought to Eugene and Springfield not only the first crocus of the season, but also the first girls' hot rod club of the area. Known as the High Winders, the five teen-agers who make up the club meet every other Saturday in their trailer club house behind the home of their president, Terry Sullivan, 19, at 1105 Main St., Springfield. Terry, who bakes pies for Lane Products Co. during the week, became interested in girls' hot rod clubs while in southern California and organized the High Winders along lines similar to the half-dozen boys' hot rod clubs in this area.

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All-day outings are among club activities. Here, before the group sets out, Terry gets some final instructions from Jody Lance, 18, of 1554 Pearl St., Eugene, a student at Eugene High School. At each club meeting members are awarded points — plus points for regular attendance, proper appearance of both car and owner; minus points for traffic tickets or such frowned-upon road practices as "dragging" or "squirreling around."



Terry's "Deuce" is a 1932 Ford coupe ("channeled and customized") with which, she says, she fell in love at first sight. "It's sharp," she explains with pride. "Everybody who sees it wants it. There isn't another car in Eugene like it. Wherever I drive,

everyone turns around to look." With "a little horse-trading and a little to boot," she acquired the car from a neighbor and hot rodder, Harold Walton of 1260 Main St., Springfield, who got her

1935 Ford custom in the bargain. Now Carol Walton, 16, Springfield High school student, has bought Terry's former car from her brother. Here Terry, Wanda McMahan, 15, of 1550 Pearl St., Eugene, Jody, and Carol pause for a roadside rest.



What's this? An unexpected delay. Here (above) Jody, Wanda, Eugene High School student, and Terry try to get to the bottom of the trouble. High Winders take pride in being their own mechanics. This time the difficulty turns out to be a broken axle — hard-to-find part because of the car's high-speed rear end. Terry will have to shop around the wrecking yards.



Faces washed, club members have a cup of coffee as they make plans for their next jaunt (when "Deuce" is repaired) and talk of the days when their hot rods will acquire the speed equipment necessary for racing. Left to right are Jody, Terry, Carol, and Wanda. Fifth club member is Mrs. Melvin Lemmon of 1260 F. St., Springfield, whose husband lends assistance whenever motor trouble develops. Membership in the High Winders is open to all conscientious girl hot rodders of the area.