THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

MID-HUDSON REGION

DEDICATES ITS 14TH ANNUAL OLD CAR SHOW ON JUNE 12TH, 1983 AT THE VANDERBILT ESTATE IN HYDE PARK, NEW YORK, TO THE

DUTCHESS COUNTY TERCENTENARY ANNIVERSARY

"300 YEARS OF PROGRESS WITH AN INTERESTING HISTORY"

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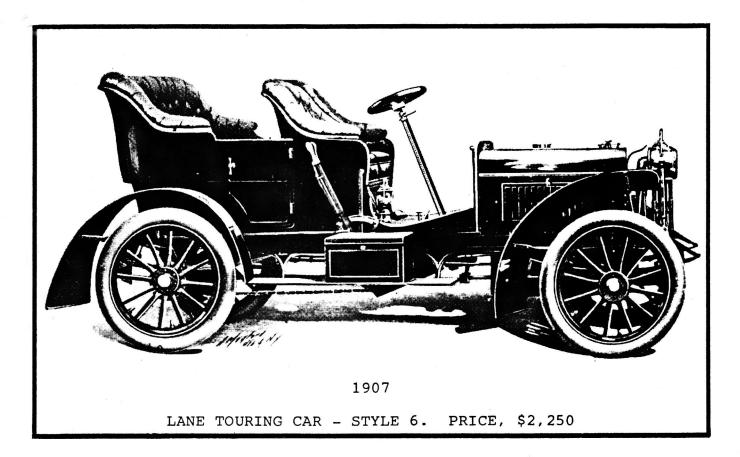
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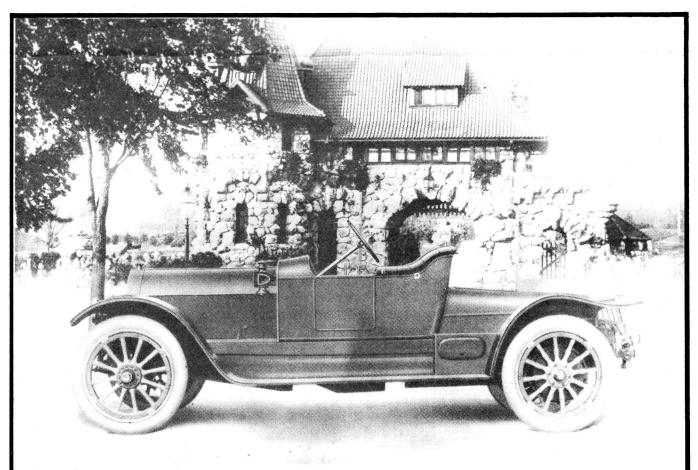
WERE YOU AWARE THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING PLANTS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY, THAT PRODUCED SOME OF THE FINEST CARS OF THEIR TIME?

The "Lane Steam Automobile" was made in the City of Poughkeepsie at Prospect and Pine Streets by the Lane Motor Vehicle Company. These vehicles were manufactured from 1901 to 1912. The Lane Motor Vehicle Company was awarded a "First Class Certificate" by the prestigious Automobile Club of America as the result of a Lane vehicle successfully completing an endurance run from New York City to Rochester, New York. Elapsed time was 5 days at an average speed of 12.25 miles per hour, September 9th to 13th, 1901. "It went through without a break or any delay whatever and did not miss a single control." The Lane was a quality vehicle and had many safety features which were copied by other manufacturers. Approximately 100 Lane vehicles were made. The Lane Company passed to an employee, Reginald Flewelling, who continued the foundry and machine shop business as "Lane Brothers" at 110 Main Street until 1968.

The FIAT, designed in Italy by the firm "Fabrica Italiana Automobile Torino", was a powerful car for the 1910's. It was capable of speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Ralph DePalma, the famous racing driver and winner of the 1915 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race, raced the Fiat at many tracks in this country. He also acted as Chief Tester and Advisor to Fiat Automobile Company, - in Poughkeepsie. The Fiat plant opened in late 1909, began manufacturing cars in 1910 and did so until 1917 when the United States entered the world war. 1200 persons were employed, and 450 to 500 cars a year were made at the factory location which is presently known as the "Western Printing Co." These fine automobiles ranged in price from \$5,000 to \$8,600, and they were well worth the price.

Donald F. Wood





THIS IS A 1914 FIAT SPORT RUNABOUT CONVERTIBLE SHOWN IN FRONT OF THE OAKLEIGH THORNE ESTATE, MILLBROOK, N.Y.