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Valley V-8s December 1987

In keeping with our ancient custom of many years, our December meeting will be preempted by our annual installation dinner. The dinner will be held at The Summer House, 21870 Victory Blvd (Victory east of Topanga) in Woodland Hills, on Friday December 4, 1987. Festivities will start at 6:30 P.M., with a no host bar. The menu is Prime Rib at \$21.00 or chicken at \$16.00. Let's all get together to say farwell to the outgoing officers and demonstrate our support for the incoming line of officers. If you have not already done so, please call Al Spencer at (818) 761-1734 with your reservations. Al and Ruth, along with Gerry Blackwell are working very hard to make this a fantastic evening. your appreciation by making it a point to attend. - Call Now!

Well the results are in. Yours truly has just stopped by the post office box to pick up the last batch of election ballots — What a shock, I never anticipated getting so many write—in ballots. This has been the year for surprises.

Dave Sanborn's brunch tour to Pasadena was another success and we are truly indebted to Dave for all his hard work this year. It appears that Everyone attending had a good time and many members expressed a desire to do it again next year. How about it Dave?

The Merle Norman San Sylmar tour on November 14th was also well attended and appreciated by all. Byron Matson curator of San Sylmar did his usual fine job and was a gracious host, — Remember, if you missed this tour, you can always call and make a reservation for an individual tour.

How about Larry Caplan's presentation on gauges and horns at the last meeting?

Superb! Alfred McKee missed the meeting and missed \$50 when his name was drawn

— See you in December Al.

The approach of the new year means it is time once again to renew your dues. As a regional chapter of the Early Ford V-8 club of America, the Valley V-8s cannot accept members into our local club, unless they are members of the National organization. We operate on the honor system and do not

ask you to attest to your membership in the National. Local dues are \$12.00 and should be mailed to the post office box, or given to Terry Smith at either The Installation Dinner, or the January meeting. Late dues create extra work for Terry and others, so please write a check soon.

Bill Culp, past president '79, is recuperating from surgery and I'm sure he would enjoy receiving a card or note from each of you. — Get well quick Bill, we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

The tree chop is scheduled for December 13th. Gerry Blackwell will have the details at the Installation Dinner.

Finally, this issue of the <u>Drive Lines</u> marks the last time my message will appear upon these pages. In accepting the office of president a year ago, I told you that to be successful I would need your help. Well I got it — and your friendship too. And we were successful. It has been a year of great satisfaction, but more importantly it has been a year of fun, friendship and challenge.

I would like to close my final newsletter article with a note of thanks to all of



We're starting another decade of the twentieth century, and it seems like a good time to look back and look ahead.

It was almost at the beginning of this century that we started our company. We wanted to build a good, sound car and sell it at a price low enough so pretty nearly every family could have one.

We were all alone in that idea then. But the experience of thirty-seven years and the building of one-third of all the motor cars ever made have proved it was a sound idea. A lot of interesting things have resulted from it.

One was our discovery that there are very few high-priced things that can't be produced at a low price, if you're stubborn enough to stick to it until you find the way. We're finding new ways to do that right along.

Another was our discovery that you can pay high wages and cut the cost of your goods at the same time, without cheating on the quality of the product. That idea is pretty widely accepted today. Not as much as it might be, or as it will be in the future, but already it's the rule instead of the exception.

We have learned that stability of employment with every possible security for the worker is one of the most desireable things that can be achieved. We want to keep all our 120,000 men at work throughout the New Year if it is at all possible. And we have planned our production schedules accordingly - to level out the peaks and valleys of production and employment.

Our payrolls are now the largest in recent years. Because the increased business of last year permitted it, we raised the wage rate of thousands of our men. We also put into effect a \$150,000,000 insurance plan for the benefit of our employees.

A lot of other things have resulted from the success of the low-priced automobile. The roads that have been built. The oil and gas and tire and service businesses that have grown up. The new markets that have been built up for farm products to be used as raw materials in industry. The freedom that people have to move around and see their country.

But the most important thing we have found in these thirty-seven years is that this country is always good to a business that never sells the country short - a business founded on the belief that this country is going steadily ahead, and is willing to invest everything it has in the future.

That is why our plant here in Dearborn is never completely "finished" in the way that a house is finished.

That's why we are always rebuilding and adding to our facilities as we are, even now, to provide for the new tractor.

That's why we can say Happy New Year with confidence. We know that, no matter what happens, Americans will be able to review some more real progress at the end of 1940.

Henry Find Education

Bud Williams has the original which appeared in the Dearborn, MI paper in 1940.

you for your help and support. I know that you will show the same enthusiam, support and friendship towards the new line of officers, as they assume the responsibilities for this great club.

Lin joins me in thanking you and wishing you and those that are close to you a warm and cheerful holiday season. With health and happiness for each of you during the new year....

See you at the Installation Dinner on December 4th.



John Kemmerer

First Sunday
Of each month

Valley V-8's Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mercury Savings
5201 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Studio City, CA



The Valley V8's CHRISTMAS PARTY

AND

AWARDS BANQUET

FESTIVITIES BEGIN 6:30 P.M.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4th

REUBEN'S SUMMER HOUSE 21870 VICTORY BLVD. WOODLAND HILLS

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PRIME RIB	of Francis (Cherry Laboratory	\$21.00

ENTERTAINMENT SANTA CLAUS GIFT EXCHANGE (Bring a fun Gift)

FUN FELLOWSHIP

The Valley V8's

CHRISTMAS PARTY

And AWARDS BANQUET

OTHERS YOU PLAN TO BRING	SPOUSE
CIRCLE TOO PLAN TO BRING	
ENTREE CHOICE:	Number Amount
1/2 Chicken- \$16	2) (Trott Blott
Prime Rib- \$21	Printers
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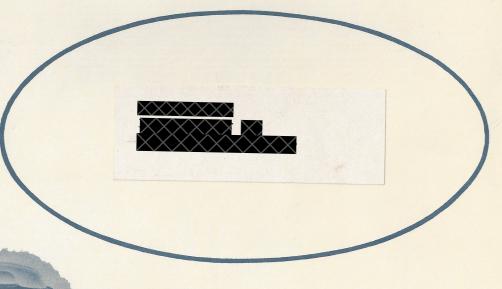
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