

I Remember Old Tuscaloosa

By Fred Maxwell

It was a 1909 four-passenger Buick, planetary transmission, four cylinder, right hand drive, open car painted white. It was a new car when the Tuscaloosa owner bought it but the car had had a long and misspent life when J.C. bought it and took it home in the northern hills of Tuscaloosa County.

After a few days of trial and error in driving and repairing the car, J.C. declared he was through with it and offered it for sale for \$100.

J.C.'s oldest son bought it, used it for a while but spent more time and

money on the car than he did in driving.

The car was sold to J.C.'s second son who soon sold it to the third son. The third son gave the car to the fourth and youngest son.

J.C. came into Tuscaloosa one day and was asked about his car. "I'm through with automobiles. They are nothing but a trial and tribulation to man and an abomination unto the Lord. Why, that one car broke all four of my sons and had me badly bent. I'm through."