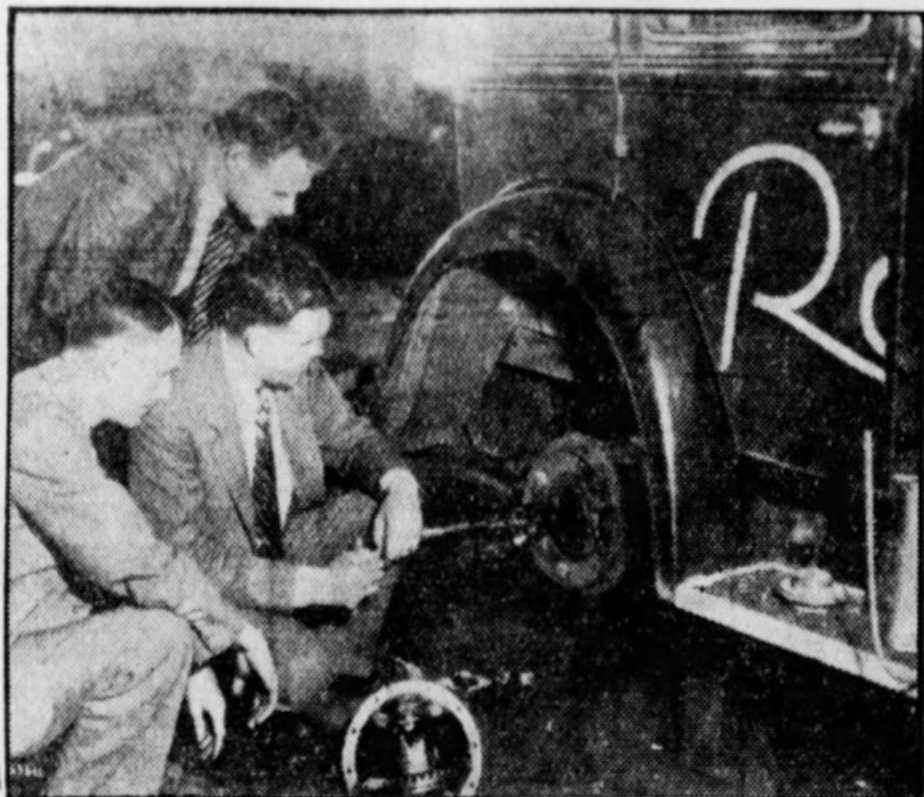


ENGINEERS INSPECT ENDURANCE CAR AFTER 440-HOUR TEST ENDS



S. E. HOWE, LOUIS CHEVROLET AND CHARLES C. MERZ EXAMINE REAR WHEEL ASSEMBLY.

The engine and driving mechanism of the Roosevelt straight-eight, holder of the new world's nonstop automotive endurance record of 440 hours and 30 minutes, showed far less wear than was expected after the gruelling test, a minute examination of the car revealed immediately following the completion of the run.

To conform to official rules of the American Automobile Association, under whose supervision the test was conducted, the Roosevelt was disassembled at once and inspected, part for part, to determine that it was strictly a stock car in every mechanical detail. This examination was conducted by Louis Chevrolet, veteran racing engineer; Charles Merz, A. A. A. representative, and S. E. Rowe, chassis engineer of the Stutz Motor Car Company.

Afterwards, every part of the car was subjected to careful scrutiny by Thomas J. Little Jr., chief engineer, and other members of the Marmon engineering staff. The engine was

found to be in perfect working order and examination of the pistons, valves and other engine mechanism failed to disclose appreciable wear or defects. Axles, wheels, steering gear, transmission and ignition system likewise were thoroughly inspected and found in their original condition.

The end of the record-breaking run literally was forced upon the drivers of the car, pitmen, A. A. A. representatives and others connected with the test who had maintained improvised headquarters at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for nearly three weeks. After eighteen days eight hours and forty minutes, a cloudburst and windstorm of cyclonic violence descended upon the Speedway and ended the test in dramatic fashion by making driving practically impossible as well as exceedingly dangerous.

Had the deciding hand of the elements been withheld, it is impossible to determine how much longer the car would have run. Taking the general condition of the car as a criterion, the test might have extended for an entire month or possibly longer, Marmon officials said.