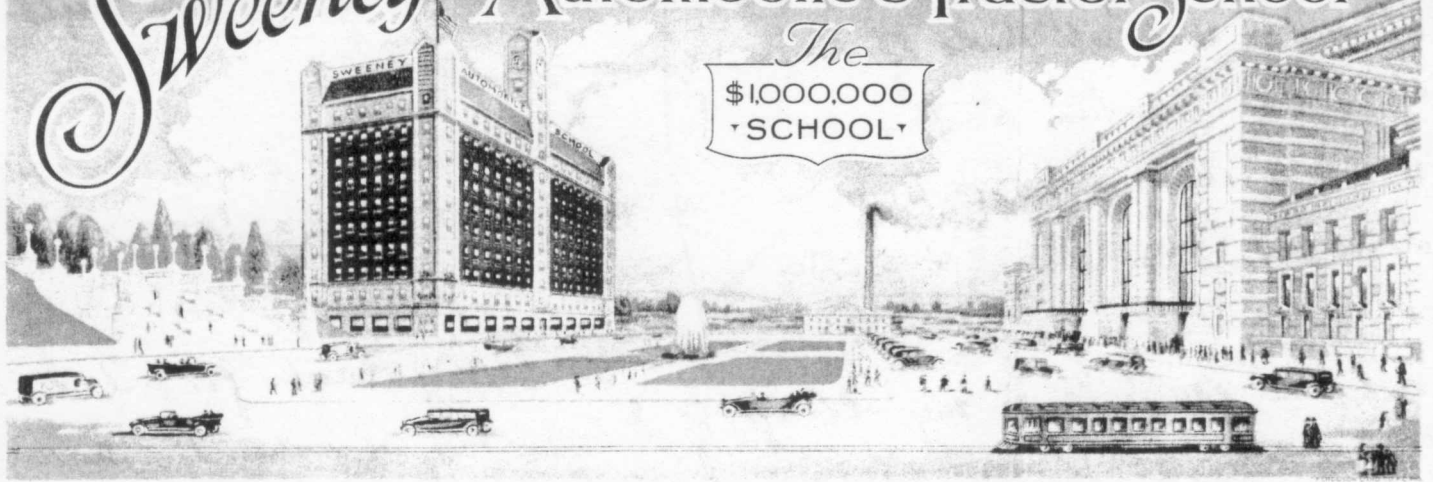


# Sweeney Automobile & Tractor School

The  
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SCHOOL



UNION STATION PLAZA

KANSAS CITY, MO.

"JUST A STEP FROM THE STATION"

Two Mining Magazines to you this week.

Willow Springs, Mo. Apr 10-21.

My dear Hubert, & Sister,

I am out of note paper I find, but no wonder, for I've never been to town since November 1st, when I laid in a supply of every necessity and bade the shopkeepers goodby for the winter. I'll have to go again pretty soon I guess now the weather is improving. This paper is a sheet the boys sent me to see their school so now I'll pass it on to you. it is quite a school. Harold graduated several weeks ago or months rather, and got the job of overhauling a number of trucks for a construction Co. in Kan City and is still working on them but Cyril is still at school. he didn't enter until January. It would be simple work for you Hubert, but they feel it to be quite a trade. They go thro Blacksmith shop and machine shop & learn to make parts &c. they also learn oxy-acetylene welding and vulcanizing & tire work, and electric starters & the whole biz. and also learn how to drive in a crowded city and Sweeney has a large farm outside K.C. where they go and learn how to plow with tractors. They average about 2,000 pupils, entering & leaving every day. The boys say it is well organized and you sure get practical instructions in everything the tuition fee is \$175 and Harold said he got thro' on \$450 counting his boarding expenses and he said he would save enough on this his

job to pay for it all. So the education was a good  
investment. Have you these kind of schools in Eng. if not you might  
to one & make all kinds of money. Looming started on a very small  
scale. I remember him starting, but the war gave him a big boost. our govt  
for a many soldiers to learn who was in the transportation service  
received your letters and photos a couple of days ago. also a Punch  
& Agricultural Gazette a few weeks ago. many thanks for all. I shall  
be quite scientific in my old age if I can only remember the names  
those microscopic "Varmints". but the trouble will be instead of speaking  
diatoms I'll call 'em Dinosaurs or something worse. but I'll try to  
be wise & say little when I'm showing these pictures. no fear his  
mine that I'll paper the walls with them. they are so precious I  
don't want to handle them myself. especially "Sweet Seventeen" bless you  
that's a peach, - send me more when you can spare one Hubert, that's  
a fine picture of Father & Mother on Northumberland Coast. - The  
girls want to see them and when I have two of a kind I'll risk it. &  
otherwise I tell them to come and look at them all they want.

I expect you have your share, like us, of these startling fads  
such as "Millions now living will never die". for in the announcements  
they say the lecture has been given in all the large cities in Eng. also  
we have articles innumerable on Einstein's theory of relativity I  
understand Einstein says there are not more than 12 men in the  
world who can understand it. that lets me out, but I would  
like to know how space ends & what stops it. can you help?

I take a bucket to gather the eggs every eve and then sell them  
16 cents per doz. can't use them all so have to sell. everything a farmer  
to sell is very cheap now. I saw in my paper today where one of our  
farmers sent a Cow hide to market. and after paying transportation the

he had two cents left for his hide at the price he was paid for it.

We had a splendid showing for fruit: the trees were loaded when on Easter Sunday the weather turned cold, down to 20° that night and 18° the next nt and it killed everything Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Cherries & Grapes hope for a partial crop of strawberries & blackberries, but it's going to be cold tonight & may finish them. we are never safe from frost here until May 10. good thing we have a big supply of canned fruit.

Will be milking 5 cows pretty soon. had one calve today. and what we can do with the milk is a puzzle. I would sell them but 3 cents per lb is all I can get. They keep saying business is picking up but I fail to notice it. Thousands on thousands out of work, and I notice your miners and transportation employes are on strikes & that will thoroughly paralyze all business it makes me hot, to think men will fight

to protect their country from a foreign  
foe and then turn round and ruin it  
themselves. Germany will be on its feet  
before the Allies if they dont watch out  
and then the bother with Ireland & unrest  
in India, but I've faith in old England  
pulling out of the mud. shes never been  
beat for a long times hope Eng & U.S. will  
keep close friends then the two of them can  
hold their own O.K. I think they will  
stay together. There is a good feeling in  
this country for England. and I hope Eng  
will foster a good feeling for the us. then we  
shall be safe. —

Its bed time have saved a lot of things  
to write you about & then havent begun  
but if I write more Ill have to tear leaves  
out of a note book so goodby to both  
and a hug & kiss for my dear old sister  
and a 'God bless you Hubert. it will do  
you both good to rest up a bit. Think it kind  
of you to call on Ollie. I told him he was a

lucky boy to get an English girl.