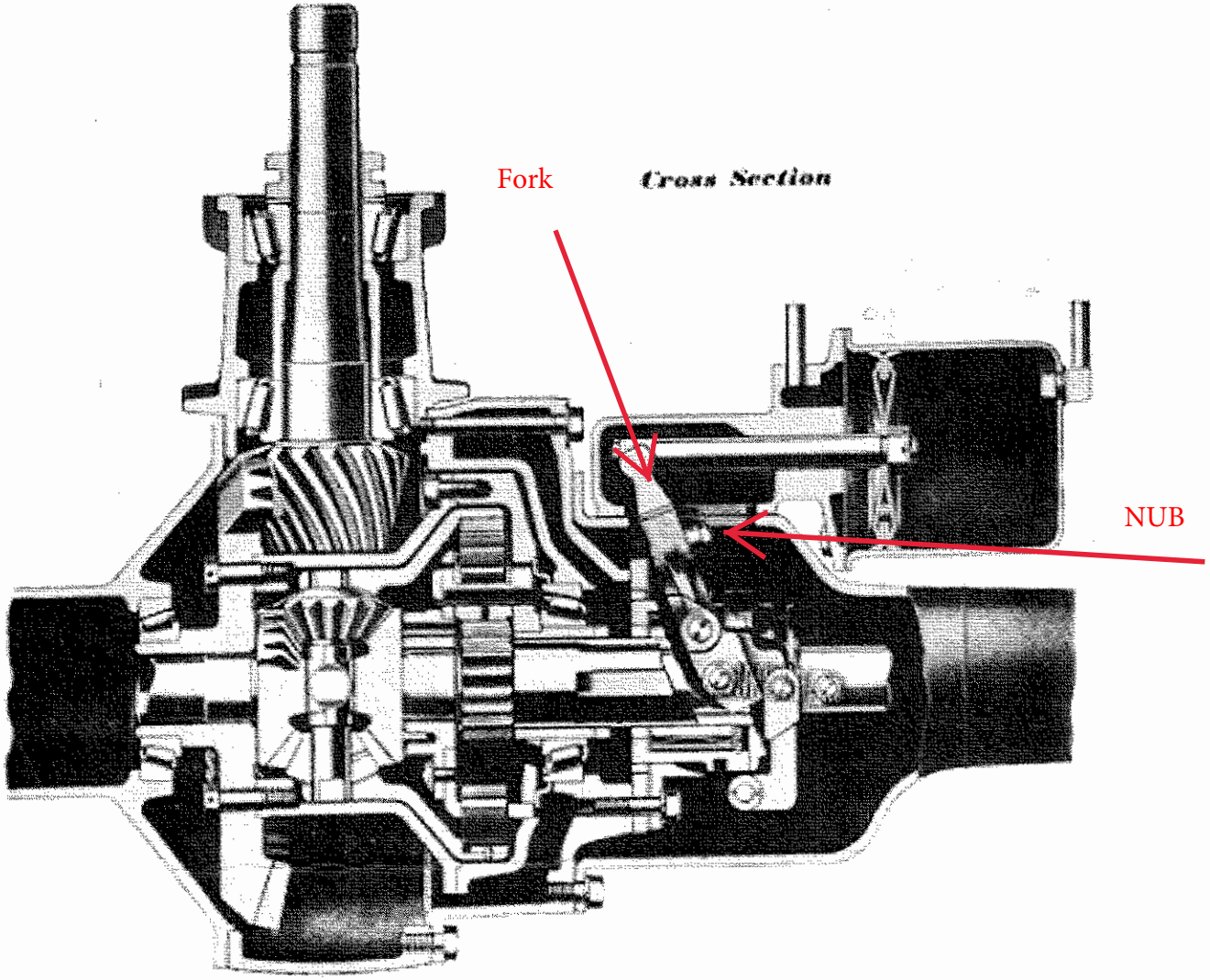


The 1949 introduction of the new all electric shift Borg-Warner overdrive transmission option by Ford, made the Columbia overdrive obsolete, which spelled the doom of the
and complete axles for pre-1949 cars remained available for a few years after. In late 1948, the Kaplan Auto Parts Distribution Co. of Cleveland Ohio purchased the Columbia
distribution of axles and spare parts. Kaplan did an active business through out the '50's and into the mid '60's when the supply of key components (new and used) had dwin
was depleted. In 1968, Kaplan scrapped the last of its inventory) and the company closed.