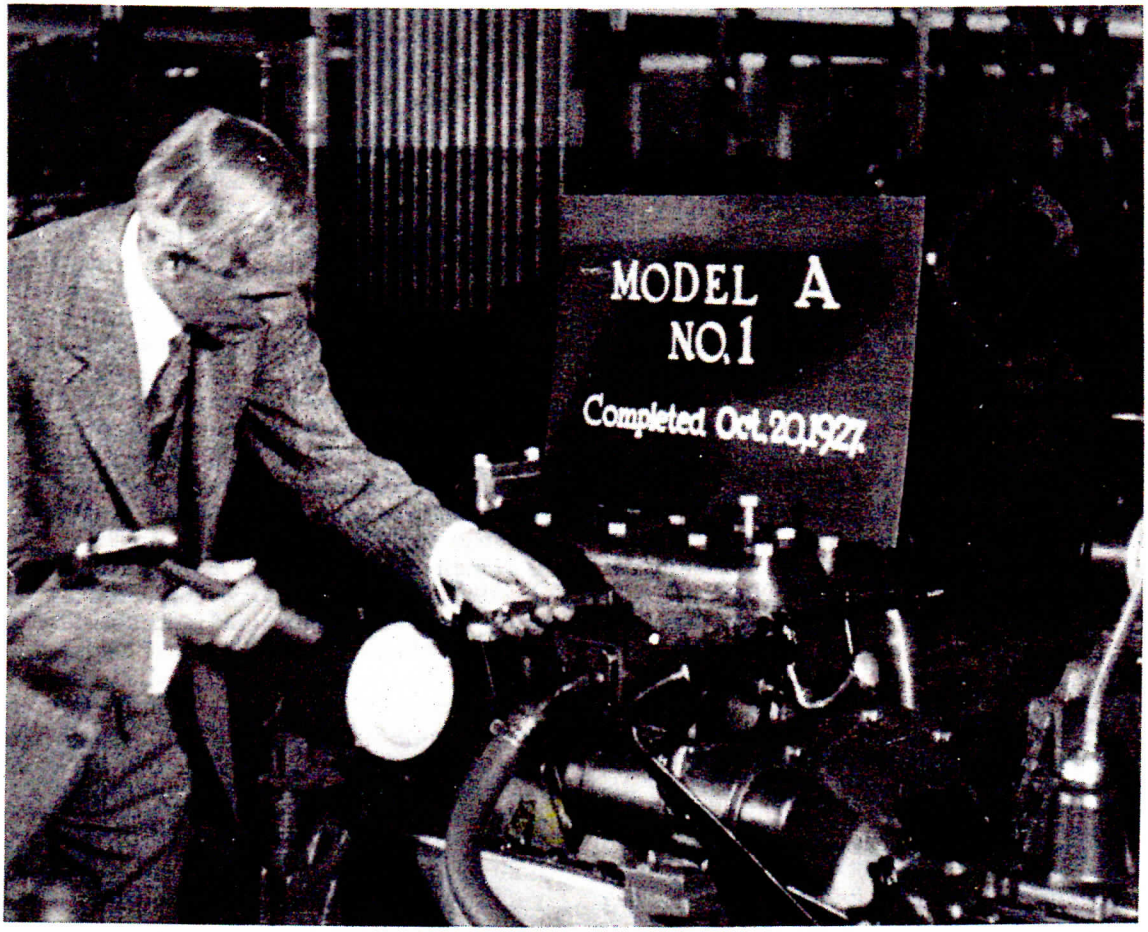


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FIGURE 26. MODEL A IS BORN.

Henry Ford stamped number A1 on the first MODEL A engine off the Rouge plant asembly line Thursday, October 20, 1927. The next day this engine went into a Tudor Sedan *(see Fig. 27)* which Henry Ford used personally for testing and inspection before giving his final approval of the new car. Actual production began November 1 and continued at a rate of only about 20 cars per day while orders for half a million Fords—sight unseen—continued to pile up!

Some time later, Henry Ford ordered this engine installed in a Phaeton (dated 5-31-28) reserved for Edison's use at Dearborn and later used for publicity purposes; the A1 engine now exists, still in the Phaeton, in the Armington & Sims Machine Shop at Greenfield Village.



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FIGURE 27. FIVE FORDS IN 1928.

Posed with MODEL A Tudor Sedan No. A1 are Edsel Ford, president of the company,