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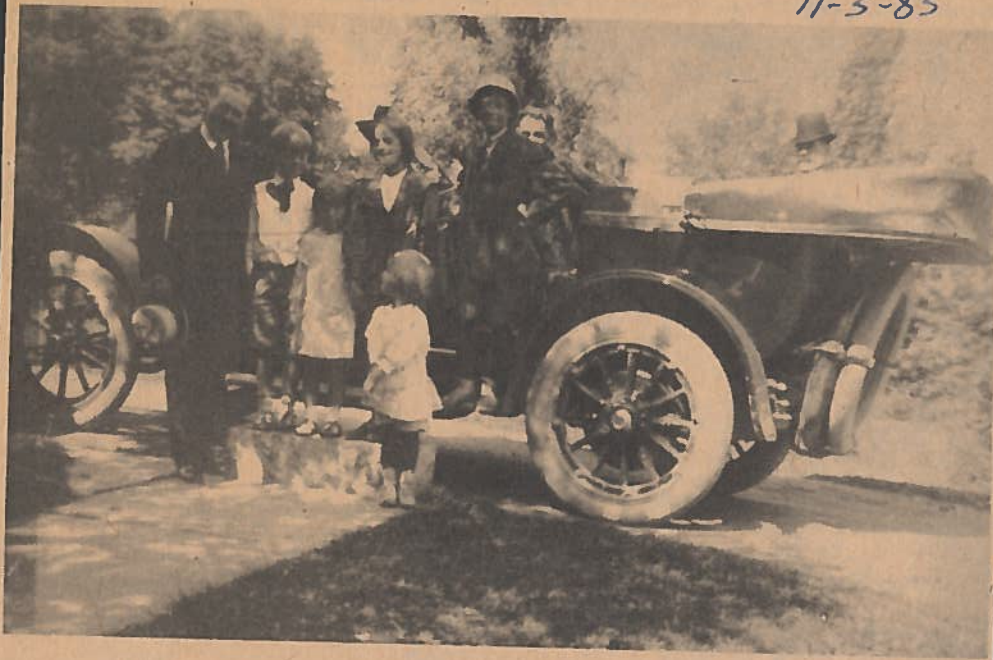


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There are some things which never change and politics is one. With political rallies and gatherings, visiting out-of-town politicians, campaign speeches, political signs along our highways, we are reminded that general election day is less than a week off. It's all happened before, only the names and election results are variables.

This photograph was taken at Eagle Harbor in 1914 during the political campaign season that year. From the left we see the Governor of New York State, Martin H. Glynn with the children of Assemblyman Marc W. Cole. They are: Marc Wheeler Cole, Fanny (Mrs. Wm. Crandall), Marcia (Mrs. Lee Skinner), Peter Cole and Ezra Cole standing on the running board. Leon Walters is in the driver's seat while his father W.H. Walters is in the rear seat. Martin H. Glynn was first elected Lieutenant Governor in 1912 but assumed the duties of Governor on Oct. 17, 1913 when Governor William Sulzer was impeached by the State Legislature. It was Marc W. Cole who helped rally forces against Sulzer for this impeachment. Great discrepancies were found in state funds at the time which when investigated showed that the governor and his wife were embezzling. In a word, it was scandalous. And, while Martin H. Glynn and Marc W. Cole were the "good guys", neither was ever returned to an elected office. The photo here was taken when Marc W. Cole was seeking election to the State Senate, but because of the scandal with Sulzer and being a Democrat in a county with a majority of Republicans, he lost. Governor Glynn was in the county at this time electioneering for Marc W. Cole who lived at the "Four Chimneys" in Eagle Harbor where this photo was taken. We know that the Governor gave a political speech at the Orleans County Fair Grounds in September of 1914. W.H. Walters who also lived in Eagle Harbor owned the Cadillac in the picture. We can assume that the Walters must have been asked to chauffeur the Governor because of their classy car. Certainly we would do the same thing now if the Governor came to visit and I can imagine that many children like the ones shown here would like their pictures taken with a noted dignitary. Indeed, some things never change.