

# CHANGING HANDS AFTER FORTYONE YEARS

The Singer in beautiful condition on a trailer is not on its way to a concours d'elegance as you might think, but is being collected by an enthusiast from the lady who has owned it for the past forty years.

When Miss E Coles left school at Margate in 1933 she looked around for a pretty car with feminine appeal and settled for a brand new Singer Le Mans four-seater. All through the thirties she competed in trials and concours on the South Coast - the period view shows her winning the £151-£250 Class at Ramsgate in 1935 - and grew so attached to the little car that after it had been laid up in the war she decided there were no others that she would prefer to have. All through the forties and fifties she used it, but some ten years ago decided that it was not up to the cut and thrust of

modern motoring so, with 60,000 miles on the clock, chocked it up in a barn on her farm in Huntingdonshire and left it. When she decided that it would have to go to make space, she could not bring herself to look at it in case she changed her mind, but now that it is leading a new and pampered life she takes a keen interest in its well-being and promises to drive it once or twice each year so that it does not pine for her!

The Singer's lucky new owner, Arthur Owens of Oxford, has given the car a thorough service and checkover, after which it sailed through the MOT, and plans to keep it absolutely as before. He is particularly pleased to have all of its original paperwork, including its highly ornate guarantee form, plus a log book containing only one other name - that of its devoted owner for forty years.

