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Mt Eden Road took a step back in time yesterday as members of the North Island Model A Ford Club descended on "Oborn to be Worn", a vintage clothing, shoes and accessories shop. While the Fords were admired for their perfect grooming and character, their owners trawled through Mary Oborn's shop for complementary pieces that would sit well within the interiors of their grand, historic motor vehicles.

The club was formed in 1972 in Mt Roskill, Auckland and now has members throughout New Zealand who are all dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of this classic car. . In April 2009, the club will be hosting its 9th National Rally at the Great Lake Centre, Taupo. Their automobiles are showcased and judged on performance and presentation and to keep the authenticity of the era, their owners dress in period costume.

Mary Oborn has been collecting vintage clothing, hats, shoes, bags, jewelry and scarves for many years and her two storey shop is full of beautiful, timeless pieces from sequined evening dresses, 1940's print dresses and tailored suits through to vintage Versace, Christian Dior, Dolce & Gabbana and Chanel. Mary recognized that because some of the pieces she has collected over the years are so unique and priceless she needed to provide a service where the fabrics, detailing and designs were not lost. Mary works with local businesses to recreate these pieces including wedding dresses and hats, in authentic antique fabrics to suit your size and budget.

When two great passions meet, it is a sight that everyone can enjoy. As the Model Fords pulled out on to Mt Eden Road carrying precious silks, lace and bows, onlookers were delighted as one of the gentlemen tipped his Trilby hat in a gesture reminiscent of a time well remembered for its etiquette and style.

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