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(Shirley's note: Gertrude was Marcia Eggers' grandmother. I had not remembered that Bone and Gertrude had the Kaiser-Frasier dealership. I'm well acquainted with both cars as the folks owned a Kaiser and "Uncle Dudley", the Mahlow boys' step grandfather (Leon Cammack), owned a Frasier.)