

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

The last Franklin

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

80 years ago: In early April 1934, the last Franklin automobile was produced in Syracuse.

The Franklin Automobile Company was known for making vehicles with air-cooled engines from their plant on Geddes Street, where Fowler High School is today.

The company was hit hard by the Great Depression and, despite massive cutbacks and reorganization, could not hold off the inevitable collapse and filed for bankruptcy.

The first Franklin automobile sold, and the third ever made, is currently on display in the Onondaga Historical Association.

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*