

HIKERS ENJOY WALK ON BRUCE TRAIL

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"Some people, if they had their way, would be born with wheels instead of legs."

The quote is one of a dozen similar outbursts from George Rimmer of Burlington, a member of the Bruce Trail Club—a man who loves his hiking, and a man dedicated to enjoy the outdoors himself, even if the rest of the world wants to ride by on wheels.

George and 16 others took up their favorite sport just recently on an organized spring hike along a four-mile stretch of the Bruce Trail in the Limehouse area. The Toronto Bruce Trail club organized the event and decided to explore a little-used section of their trail between the Fourth and Seventh Lines of Esqueving Township.

Twice Four Miles
Because it was only a four-mile stretch and the normal organized hike is around eight miles in length, they retraced their steps and walked it both ways—probably the first time in club history a group has hiked twice over the same terrain in the same day.

Landowner problems west of the Fourth Line and east of the Seventh Line (Highway 7 at this point) caused the only breaks in the 20.7 mile section of the Bruce Trail for which the Toronto Club is responsible. Anyone using the trail between the Third and Four-

th Lines and between the Seventh and Eighth Lines must walk on the roads because landowners have not granted permission for the trail to cross their farms. East of the Seventh Line a quarry has purchased rock rights and hikers are asked to stay off the property, because the firm cannot be responsible for injuries caused hikers by blasting.

The Toronto Club maintains the trail between Five Sideroad at Kelso and the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. Except for these two portions, it's all bush and field walking.

Latest Gear
The recent hike began at the Georgetown Plaza at 10 a.m., where carloads of hikers assembled, ready to start the trek through the open land. Most wore special hiking boots, heavy jackets and warm clothing, and carried such paraphernalia as knapsacks full of lunch and a hot beverage, knives, binoculars and Bruce Trail guidebooks and maps. But organizers point out you don't need all that special equipment to walk the trail.

The cars drove to the Fourth Line and the 17 hikers spilled out into the crisp, fresh air. They ranged in age from four to about 74—and included four women, 12 men and a child. Some brought

specially-carved "walking sticks" and one man carried a light aluminum cane.

It was 10:45 when they left the embarkation point, and at precisely noon they stumbled into a lovely clearing to find an ideal spot to sit for lunch... midway between the Fifth and Sixth Lines. Following a half-hour lunch break they were off again, and the Seventh Line destination was reached about 1:30 p.m.

Back to Cars
Four who wanted to be home early had parked their cars at the Seventh Line and they departed for home from there—the others turned around and walked down the same trail, arriving back to their cars at 3:15 p.m.

Sights along the trail included a maple sugar shack where experts in the crowd explained the syrup boiling process, a pretty waterfall on a creek that flows beside the trail near the Seventh Line, and the spotting of several colorful birds which the bird-walkers immediately identified.

The hikers were mostly members of the Toronto club and well known to one another, but they quickly made friends with visitors and guests, some of whom were making their first distance hike and thoroughly enjoyed it. One member was Milton's only



—Staff Photo

CONVENIENT "STILES" have been erected at all farmers' fences along the Bruce Trail to protect the private property from damage. Hikers are shown climbing over one stile along the route.

Bruce Trail addict, John Beverley of the Base Line Road. John was encouraged to try hiking one fine spring day two years ago when he joined a Toronto Club hike from Spyside to Kelso. He loved it, joined the club, and has been hiking nearly every weekend since, either in organized parties or by himself.

The Kelso to Terra Cotta section of the trail is one of the most scenic and most popular, but the trail has many other beautiful sections. It stretches approximately 350 miles between Niagara and Tobermory and most sections have been completed by the local clubs who are responsible for the various sections, such as the Caledon, Toronto, Sydenham, Hamilton, Niagara, Hockley Valley, Blue Mountains, Beaver Valley, Sydenham or Lower Bruce Trail Clubs.

The trail is cleared and the marked footpath that passes through relatively wild land along Niagara Escarpment, to provide a cross-country trail for hikers, snowshoers, skiers, naturalists, geologists, artists and photographers, and to focus attention on the unique natural phenomenon of the escarpment with its flora and fauna. Bruce Trail members hope to preserve the escarpment's essential recreational and aesthetic qualities for future generations.

List Fees

The whole project is voluntary and depends on its membership for financial support. Anyone can join and fees are \$2 for students, \$5 for a family or single adult, \$5 for a youth organization, \$10 for adult organizations or commercial organizations. Applicants may become members-at-large of The Bruce Trail Association or be as-

sociated with any of the clubs listed above.

Here are some points to note if you are considering any hiking:

- The trail passes almost entirely through private land, and it has been made possible only through the enthusiasm and trust of the landowners, without cost. Please treat the property as though it were your own. Do not litter, light fires, pick flowers or hack bark off trees.
- Water is often scarce so you should carry a beverage with you.
- Don't hike the trail alone. If you sprain an ankle it could mean a long, painful wait. It's better to hike in a party, with cars located at each end of the section you want to walk. That way you can drive to your departure point, walk to the destination, and drive back to pick up your car.
- Don't smoke while walking. Sit down while you smoke, and make sure your ashes are dead out before proceeding.
- Stiles have been erected for

crossing fences. Use them. Don't open gates or climb under fences.

- No hunting on the trail.
- Please keep dogs on a leash when in farmland.
- Do not obstruct driveways or roadways when parking your car.
- Trail markers constitute white "blazes" about two inches wide by six inches deep, spaced at frequent intervals on trees at the right side of the trail (both ways). Where two blazes appear, one on top of the other, a change in direction is indicated. Diamond-shaped metal Bruce Trail markers are posted on stiles and along the trail.

Yours to Enjoy
Remember, the Bruce Trail is yours to enjoy, but it depends on your care and thoughtfulness for its survival.

If you want more information or a membership contact Toronto Bruce Trail Club, Mrs. H. Currell, 15 Conifer Dr., Etobicoke.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS

One of the kindest things you can do for your dog and incidentally, your family, especially if you take the dog on long trips or to the cottage, is to have him inoculated against rabies and to keep him under control at all times. In many parts of Canada, rabies is still affecting wild animals and, since the dog tribes are most susceptible to this disease, your pet could contract the disease from some encounter with a rabid animal. He could, in turn, spread the disease to his human family.

LIMEHOUSE

Newcomers, Open House, Injury Highlight Community News

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Keller and children to the village. They moved from Toronto to one of the Brooks' houses on Monday.

The John Bakelaars of Guelph visited the Homans recently.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Kirkpatrick on Tuesday evening last week.

We wish better health to several recently taken ill: Mr. Joe Ross in Georgetown hospital on April 24; Mr. Charles Merdith, in hospital in Georgetown since Wednesday; Mr. Sidney Kirkpatrick at home with pleural pneumonia.

Open House
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and sons held open house at their newest structure on the fifth line on Sunday. A large number of friends and neighbors were shown through the very nice, new stone home. It is now occupied by their niece and her husband Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Scott in the passing of her brother James Anderson at hospital in Guelph on Monday following a long illness.

Miss Arlene Whalen, a nurse from Kingston, visited with the Glynn's last weekend.

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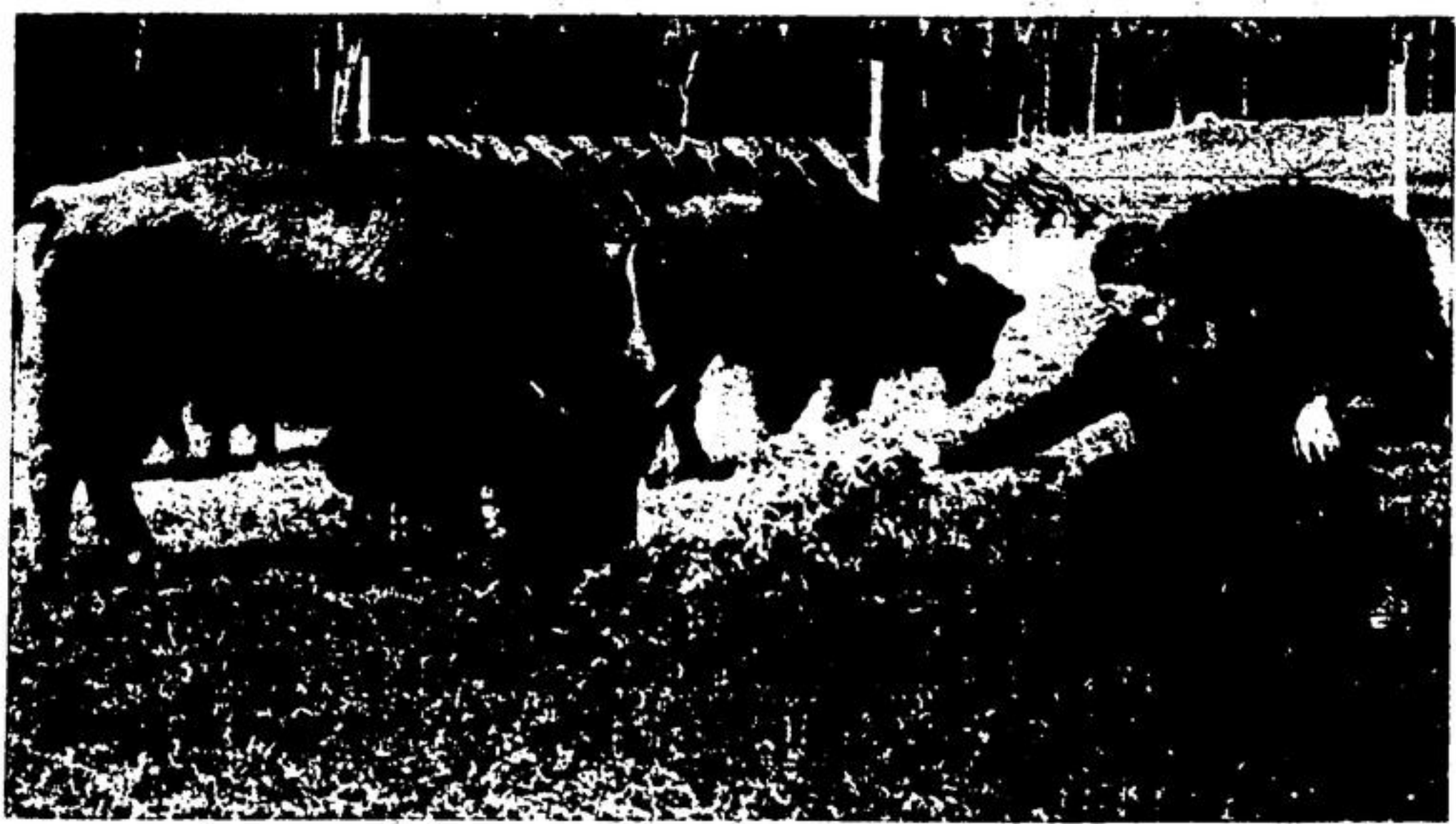
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THE BUFFALO at the Mountsberg workshop have been attracting a large number of visitors on the weekends. The five animals are readily visible as they roam about a four-acre enclosure. Eddie Zurcher, Conservation Authority Employee, is shown here feeding Bobby the bull.

Mountsberg Attraction

The Buffalo Love Their Keeper

The keeper of the buffalo likes his job, and the friendly four-legged beasts like him.

It's an ideal situation. Since last October five shaggy, brown buffalo (four females and a bull) have been residing in a four acre, fenced-in area at the Mountsberg Workshop of the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

To Move to Rattlesnake
When they arrived at the workshop they weighed about 300 pounds each and were extremely timid. Now they've changed their personalities—they're actually friendly and have gained weight besides.

Conservation Authority employee Eddie Zurcher lives on the workshop property and for the past seven months he's been in charge of the animals. He feeds them twice a day (oats and hay) and takes quite an interest in them.

"We'll miss them when they take them away," he said. The animals are scheduled to stay in Mountsberg another two months or so, and then move to their permanent 75-acre home at the Rattlesnake Conservation area near the escarpment.

The four females have changed color slightly—now they're a lighter brown and have gained about 150-200 pounds since moving from their home on the Elk Island Game preserve in Alberta.

The bull—the personal favorite of Eddie and his three children, has been tabbed with the nick name of "Bobby" and it seems to suit him. Bobby at 600 pounds is the biggest and most lovable of the small herd, but as Eddie says,

"the bull is the boss". To prove his superiority, Bobby eats nearly twice as much as the females and generally rules the roost (or if you like—the range).

Depends on Mood
The four females wander aimlessly about the enclosure (about two and one-half acres of which is a clearing) but Bobby seems to know where he's going and he never follows the females; they follow him. While the ladies remain docile most of the time, he can be either extremely friendly or quite mean—"It all depends on the mood he's in". When the bull is in a good mood Eddie can get close enough to feed him straw by hand, but when he's in a bad mood he's liable to chase you.

Eddie recalls that one day an over-zealous photographer scaled the fence and tried to get closer to the animals to take a picture. Suddenly Bobby turned on him and chased him and the poor fellow had to take refuge behind a shack in the enclosure.

During the winter months the buffalo lingered about the enclosure, and only in extremely wet weather did they bother to move inside the small three-sided hut inside the enclosure.

Fun for Children
In recent weeks there have been quite a few visitors to the workshop, and the children especially seemed to enjoy looking at the buffalo. Eddie recalls on one Sunday afternoon cars were parked all the way up the laneway and spectators lined the fenced-in area to watch the live animals frolic about.

If you want to see the buffalo, drive to Campbellville and turn

west at Coulter's Store onto Five Sideroad. Go past Guelph Junction signs to the Puslinch-Nasagaweya Town Line. You'll see a large sign on the right side of the road telling you to turn right. Drive north about a mile and a half to a sign on the left side of the road marking the entrance to the Mountsberg Workshop.

HEY POP!
Did it Ever Occur to YOU, MOTHERS MAY HAVE CHANGED, TOO!

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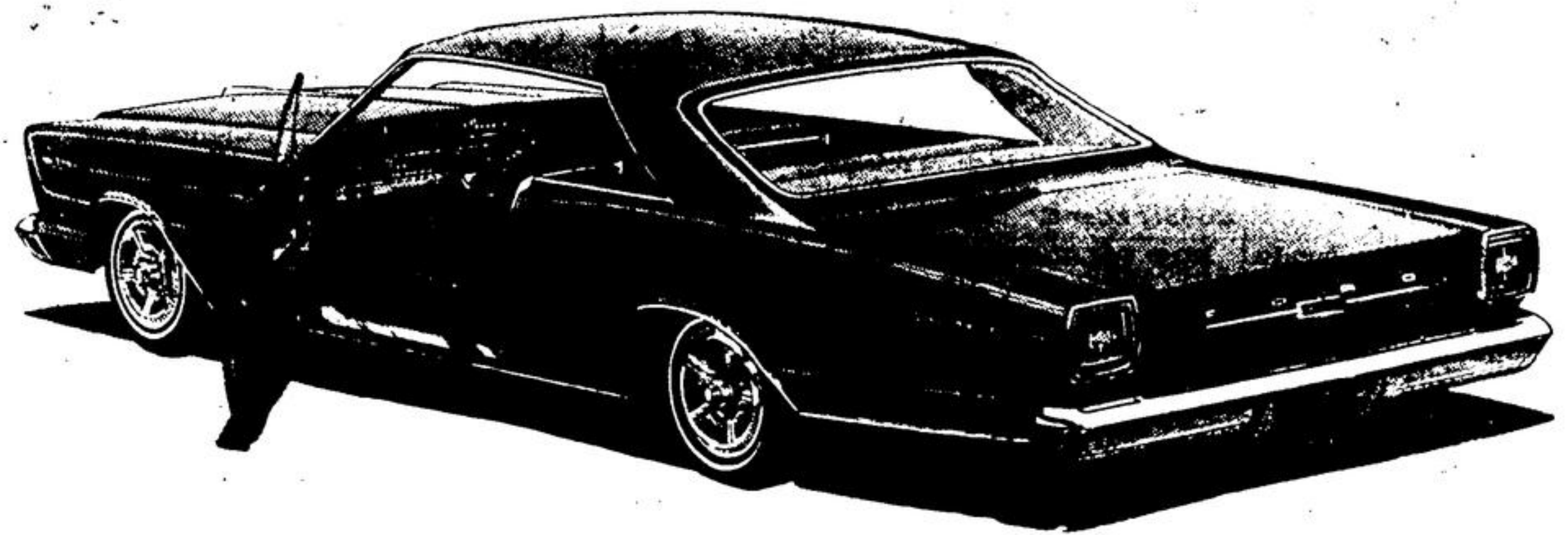


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