

Chatting . . .

with M. H. B.

I SEE OUR NEIGHBOUR is getting his seeds planted out in his cold frames. No wonder. That beautiful Thursday was enough to stir the gardening instincts of even those lazy ones who were content to only bask a bit in the sun. With some of us it takes two or three lovely days like that to really get those yard-cleaning-up gardening instincts working. So let the days come . . . winter has lingered long enough.

LOCAL PEOPLE are still returning from Florida where I suspect they have been thoroughly spoiled as far as weather is concerned. From all reports it was ideal down there this winter. I was just talking with Mrs. R. B. Canham last week. They took their family, Susan, Peter and Chris, with them and motored down to Rivo Alto Island. The holiday lasted two weeks, so they didn't have so very long to enjoy the delights of Florida, but since it was a first time, they enjoyed every minute of it.

Even the trip down had its excitement . . . that is in addition to getting a bright and early start at five every morning. I had always wondered how one would manage a trip like that with a family. But Mrs. Canham says it was quite simple once they got started on their way. They carried grapefruit and oranges with them, and when they arose at that very early hour en route, they each had some fruit and a drink of water . . . piled into the car and drove a hundred miles before stopping for a good substantial breakfast . . . And another very important item that made their trip all the more enjoyable, lay in the fact that their children are good travelers. They are old enough to enjoy the different countryside they passed thru . . .

IN THE WAY OF excitement on the way down, the Canham boys particularly were thrilled to see a sheriff chase. Just like on T.V. The cars came roaring past, the sheriff hot on their trail. The sheriff headed the "bad guys" off, and when the Canhams passed the dramatic scene, the wanted men were emerging reluctantly from their car at gunpoint . . . But before they saw the sheriff chase, the Canhams saw a terrible tragedy on the highway where several huge transports and a car were involved in a collision, and one of the transports was in flames . . .

TO STRIKE a happier note, however, the Canham family found Florida delightful. Mrs. Canham says the air is so clear and clean—to say nothing of being warm. And on one's first arrival the very different trees and beautiful flowers constantly amazed them. The Canham's stayed with friends, and one of the nicest features of their stay was attending a girls' school graduation, which was held outdoors on a moonlit, balmy evening . . .

Incidental to our chat about her impressions of Florida, I was sorry to hear that the Canham's will be moving to Cobourg sometime this summer. Mr. Canham has a position with a firm there.

AND IT WAS while motoring home from Cobourg last Friday the thirteenth that Mr. Canham miraculously escaped injury in a freak accident which smashed his car to smithereens and practically buried him in two tons of bricks . . .

The fact that it was a Friday the 13th in the springtime was partly to blame too . . . because the young driver of the truckload of bricks claims he failed to notice the Canham car had come to a stop behind a school bus . . . He had been too busy watching a young girl on a bicycle approaching from the opposite direction . . .

THUS THE TRUCK had practically collided with the Canham car before the driver slammed on his brakes, and swerved, just catching the Canham car at one corner. The force of the impact rammed it into the back of the school bus, pushing it forward 15 feet, and completely smashing the front of the Canham car. At the same instant Mr. Canham felt a brick hit him on the back of his head . . . the immediate forerunner of a regular avalanche of bricks which poured thru the broken back window, completely swamping the car. Luckily the roof of the car didn't cave in or Mr. Canham's injuries might have been serious. As it was, the flying brick inflicted his only injury. It was almost miraculous when you consider that the only part of the car worth salvaging were the tires, it was so completely wrecked. The accident happened on the stretch of highway between Woodbridge and No. 27 Highway . . . It was a really lucky unlucky Friday the 13th for Mr. Canham!

ONE OF THE MOST thoughtful things, and one that added a note of poignancy to the wedding reception on Saturday, April 7th, following the marriage of Joyce Hembruff to Pte. Brian Sprack, was the playing of a recording. This particular recording had been sent from England where the bridegroom's English parents had had it made especially for the wedding. When the record was played, just before the toasts to

the wedding party were proposed, it took everyone completely by surprise, as Brian's mother, father, grandmother and little niece congratulated him and sent their love to the bride. On the recording, they said how sorry they were that they could not be present for the wedding, but that they are looking forward to seeing Brian and his bride in England this September, at their home in Dorking, Surrey . . .

PTE. SPRACK was born and raised in England, but at present is a member of the Army Paratroopers in Kingston. He is a nephew of Mrs. Ernie Barnes, and Mrs. Barnes and her daughter were the only ones who knew of the record before it was played. The bride and groom are planning to visit his parents in September, when they will be able to congratulate them in person . . .

ALWAYS INTERESTED in dramatics . . . and who can say she doesn't come by it honestly with both parents keenly interested as well . . . Sylvia Lambert has carried her interest in acting on into her post-graduate days. On Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and daughter Cynthia saw her enacting a role in "Ladies in Retirement", presented by the Grimsby Little Theatre group. Sylvia teaches Grade 5 at the Grimsby Park School.

TON OF GOLD
Avonlea Record's Suzanna, 178920, a Jersey cow owned by Featherstone Bros. of Oakville, has just been awarded her second Ton of Gold certificate. In 3 lactations (1140 days) she produced 2,294 lbs. of fat. Susanna, a daughter of the Superior Sire Brampton World's Records, 101251, has won before 3 Silver Medals, 6 Gold Medals and 2 Medal of Merit. She also won in 6 lactations a 4,000 lb. certificate. Her classification is Excellent. To qualify for this award a cow must produce at least 2,000 lbs. of fat in 4 consecutive years.

FARM NEWS

Halton Wins Inter-County Drama Festival

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"Sugar and Spice" presented by Norval Junior Farmers, representing Halton County, took the top award in the Drama Festival at the Ontario Agricultural College on Tuesday evening of last week. Jean Peterson, president of the Halton Juniors, was the able chairman of the festival in which five counties, namely Halton, Huron, Peel, Waterloo, and Wellington participated.

Not only did the Halton entry win the Osburn Shield, but Mildred Johnson received the award for the best actress, and Ross Austin that for the best actor.

The Belwood Junior Farmers representing Wellington county presented "The Monkey's Paw", a drama in three scenes. The second drama of the evening, namely "Moon Up" was the presentation of the Caledon Junior Farmers of Peel County. Following this came the presentation of "Sugar and Spice", by the Norval Junior Farmers. This was a comedy directed by Howson Ruddell, assisted by Mrs. Graydon Chester. The members of the cast were: Thelma Brown; Fraser McNabb, Evelyn Bird, Ross Austin, and Mildred Johnson; with Elmer Bird and Ralph Cunningham as the production staff. All players gave a finished performance—and received much commendation from the adjudicator, John R. Binks, of Hamilton.

The fourth play of the evening, "The Perfect Gentleman", was presented by the Woolwich Township Junior Farmers of Waterloo county. "Bobby Pulls Up Her Socks", was the final presentation of the evening by the Clinton Junior Farmers of Huron county. It would be unfortunate if we left the impression that the other four counties were outclass-

ed. They weren't by any means. It was a fine evening's entertainment and a real credit to all five groups. Naturally the Haltonites present were very proud of their representatives from Norval. Other young people from the county who participated in the program were Doris and Betty Anderson and Mr. Baker those violin selections were a source of delight to all music lovers; and John W. Pickett, past president of the Halton Juniors, who extended the thanks of the large audience to John R. Binks for his very helpful, kindly and yet constructive adjudication.

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handling facilities.

Eight additional modern wood grinders and expanded screening facilities will be required to supply the groundwood pulp. There will also be an increase in the capacity of high-yield sulphite, refining and screening systems.

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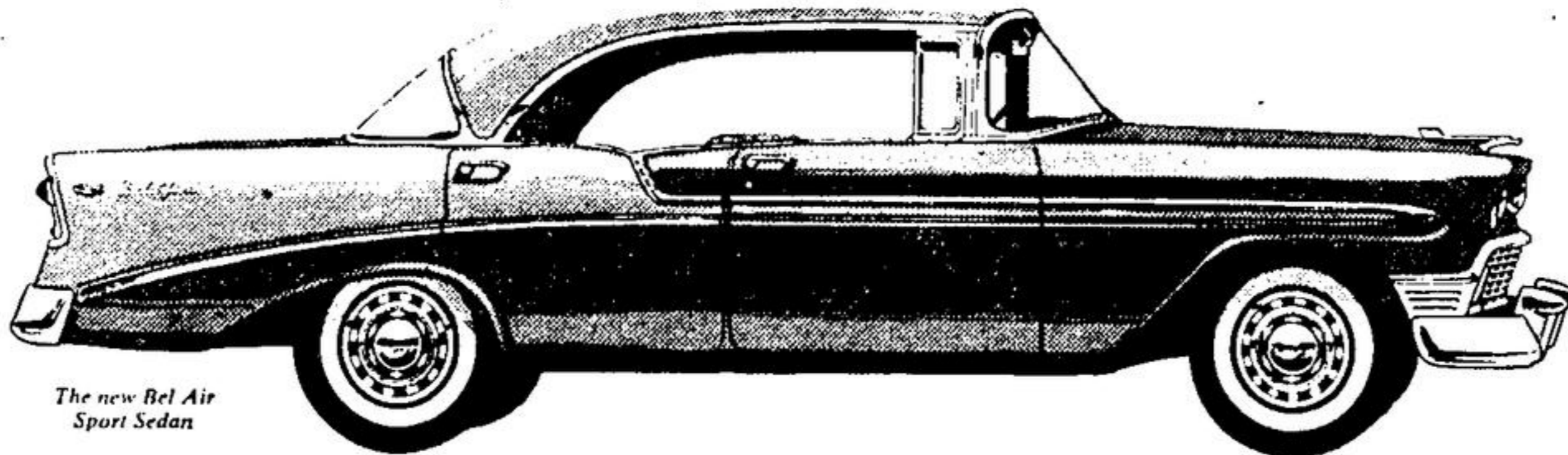
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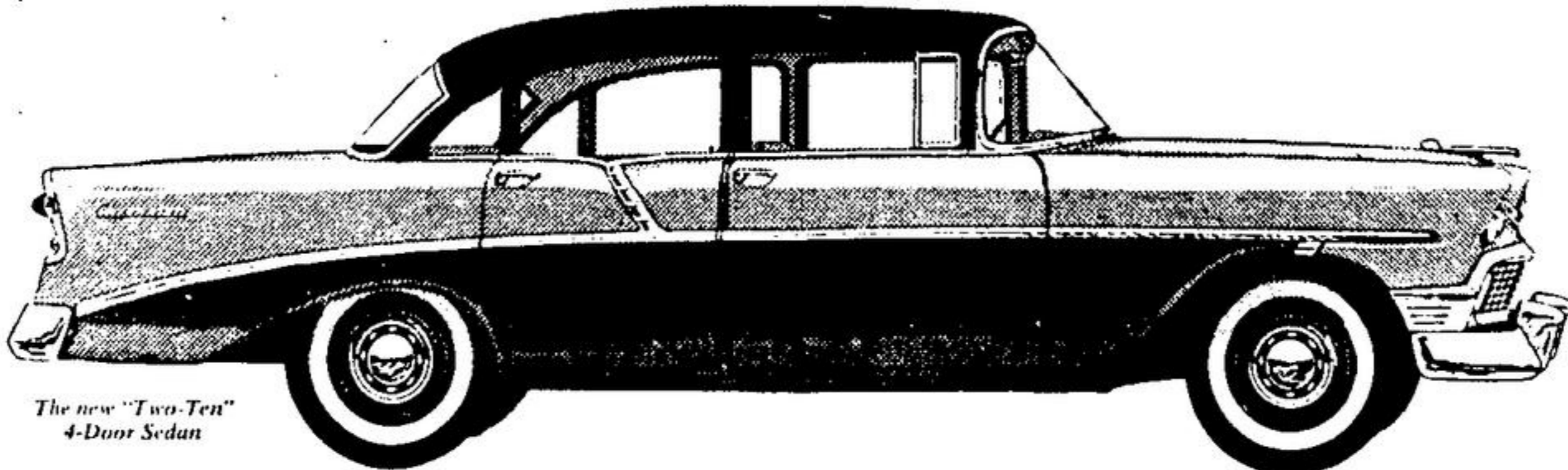
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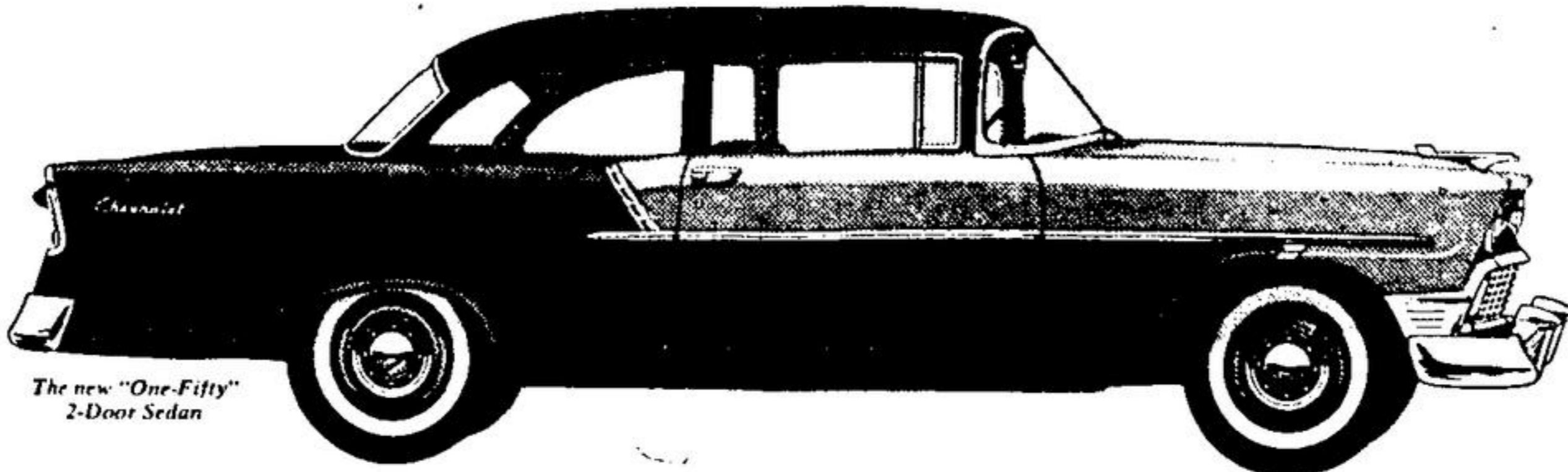
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