

News and views

By LORRAINE

Something really great happened to me last Friday afternoon and I found myself part of a fun occasion.

One of the important things I have learned is that very little ever "just happens", the nice things that do. There usually has to be someone who initiates, a situation which presents itself, and circumstances where people are receptive enough to make it happen properly.

For me, everything worked out on Friday but it took a group of people called the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association to plan their yearly convention, the thoughtfulness of an editor who submitted my material, the continual alerting of story possibilities by local people, the mood and objectivity at a particular time of three unbiased judges, and the hospitality of the Acton Free Press staff and publisher to make it, for me, a perfect occasion.

It was terrific. I knew approximately a week before that I was going to win an award of sorts and, although I was pleased as punch I had horrendous mental envisions of falling flat on my face or pulling a goof such as one performed by me for television a few months ago. The remembrance of that experience has long been planted indelibly on my feeble little brain and I shall always be expecting a repeat performance.

Well, everything turned out quite differently. Denis Gibbons drove me down to the Holiday Inn where the weekend convention was being held. Hartley and Irma Coles and Kay Dills were there to greet us, there had been no mix-up of traffic, no hair-wrestling wind storm or pant spattering rain spells. Even my annual rudolph red nose infection was stayed and eye mascara didn't run, giving me free allowance and confidence to meet the difficult stuffy people I would probably encounter.

On arrival, room 400 was the key word and Hartley and I zipped into an elevator to arrive at a closed door with gold letters proclaiming the right door but an escalated hour. By this time I could see old television '71 all over again. You know, wrong arrival time, dead tired, and smiling faces.

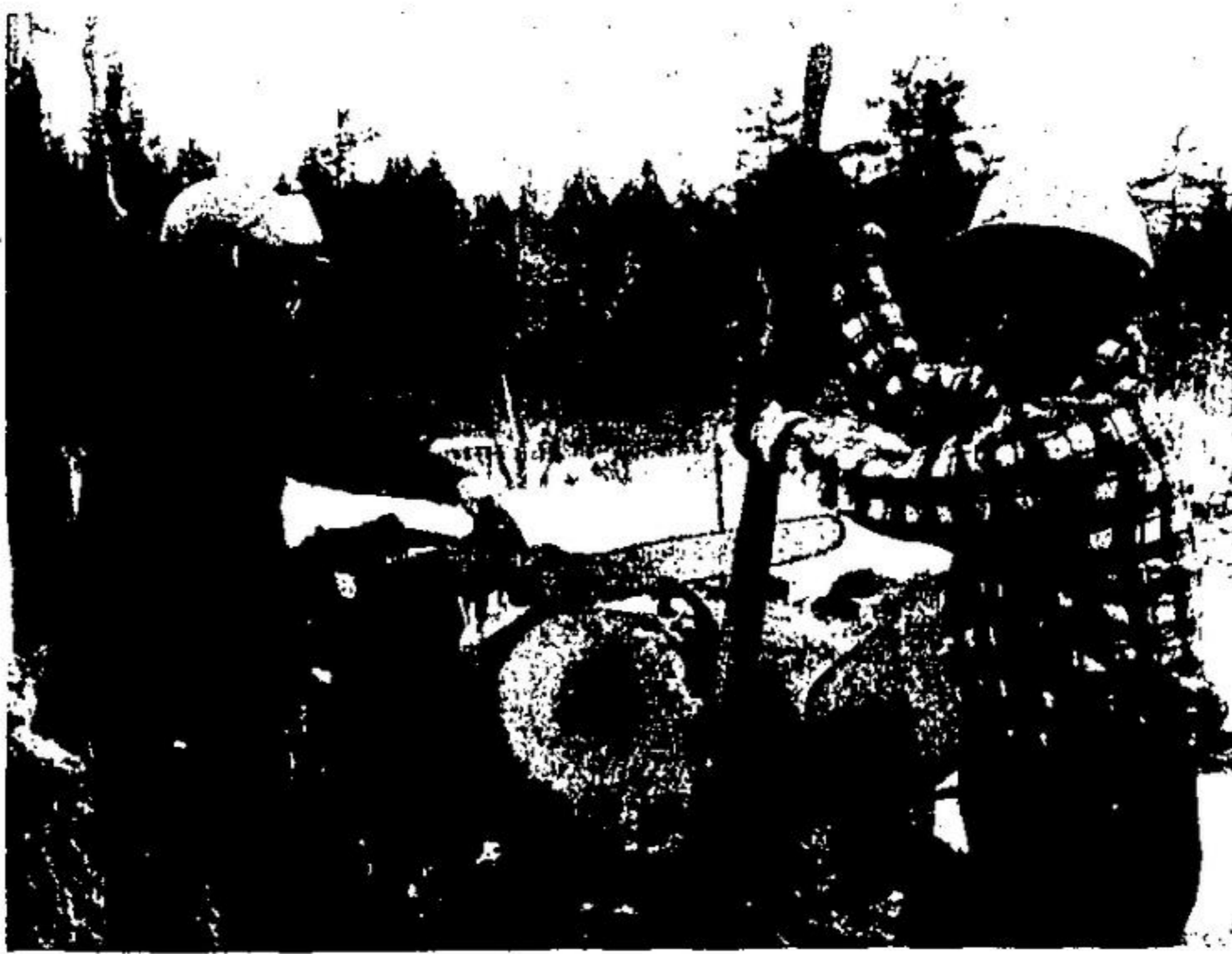
But it didn't turn out that way. Everything was delightful and everyone warm and friendly. We met up with gentlemen of

publishing renown who were enjoying a pre-luncheon warm up before being ushered into Room 400 by the OWNA President who was cajoled about being late. Good humour ran high as drinks and efficiency were combined to organize impressive head table eligibles composed of newspaper publishers, an editor, and me.

Again I say it was fun. My planned speech which I felt I should make went dead blank. My funny microphone story went astray as I realized that the one being used was a portable type and not one to trip over at all and my witty innuendos to be slanted at the Ontario Hydro had to be curtailed after I had met their Mr. Jim Durrand and accepted the \$100 award cheque which they had so generously given me. I couldn't believe all the nice things they said about correspondents and had conceptions when I recognized that they were all part of a written brief on what I had said about myself.

But do you know? No one cared. The luncheon host was delightful, the two weekly newspaper publishers between whom I was sandwiched were charming and certainly I learned from the humorous and outgoing Harry Stemp of the Sutton West Advocate that he has a high regard for the super intelligence of the newspaper publishers in his district.

It's two days later now. After the luncheon I had hoisted around or some kind person had, my two framed awards while we visited at the Holiday Inn until it was time to leave. I had pretended I wasn't pleased with them but I was. It had been a once in a lifetime happening brought about by nice people who know what human relationships are about. I'm not sure what I'll do with the plaques, of course, some lifetime suggestions are that the bathroom or the attic would be fine. But it won't be the shekelle cheque, or even the luncheon, I will remember. It will be the thoughtfulness of those who put me there, the graciousness of those I met, and, although Denis Gibbons' chariot did not turn into a pumpkin upon arrival at my front door in Rockwood, I had had an opportunity to feel just a little like a Cinderella for at least once all during Friday's 12:30 p.m. luncheon hour and it was marvellous.



CUTTING DOWN mammoth dead elms in the vicinity of the Eramosa River are Dennis Transom of Grange Street and Angus Pine of Woolwich Street, both of Guelph. Working from Stratford the crew started at Guelph and are working towards Rockwood, covering 1/4 mile on either side of 7 Highway.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Saturday evening Masses

Based on an Indult dated January 1, 1970, presented to the University Church by Pope Paul 6th, Bishop Ryan of the Diocese of Hamilton, has inaugurated the Saturday evening Mass which fulfills the Sunday obligation for parishioners of Sacred Heart, Rockwood, and St. Peters in Oustic.

Although the 7:30 p.m. evening mass is a replacement for the 11 a.m. Sunday mass, the regular 9 a.m. service will continue as usual for those who wish to attend.

The innovation is, reportedly, a forward thinking, up-dated step for the convenience of today's modern society.

Cub, Scout banquet awards

At a banquet held by the First Cub Pack and the First Scout Troop of Barrie Hill at the Barrie Hill United Church, recognition of leadership was given to Ron Crabtree, Anne Parkinson, John McCutcheon, and Lloyd Place. Prizes were presented to Scott Bruce, Cliff Parkinson and Robbie Place and guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Ralph Dent of the College of Education, Toronto and, speaking on Making the Best of Life, he gave those present much to think about. Included as guests at the head table were Alan Card, master of ceremonies, scoutmaster Roy Fletcher and his assistants Andre Carre, Ron Bruce and Gary Martin, and cubmaster Dick Carrick and assistants Yvonne Card, Bob Shaw, and Harry Barber.

Eden Mills

Church women plan events

By Mrs. R. Wright
Mrs. William McLean took the devotional at the Eden Mills Presbyterian Church meeting hosted at Mrs. Beryl Wright's home. Mrs. Garnet McDougall presided over the W.M.S. meeting and reminded the ladies of the World Day of Prayer to be held in the United Church March 3 in the evening. Mrs. D. R. Sinclair gave a talk on the mental health association with which she is involved.

Mrs. Beryl Wright took the chair for the Ladies' Aid meeting. Plans for a Good Friday morning breakfast were arranged, also to cater to a wedding in April. Mrs. Wilma Gilbertson and Mrs. Anna Wilson were appointed to look after SPIN this month. A spring bazaar has been postponed to October. Two readings by Mrs. Wallace Lasby and Mrs. Anna Wilson brought the afternoon to a close. A social cup of tea followed.

FEBRUARY always seems a long month and this year it was even longer, with an extra day. But it's over now.



FOREMAN JIM COULSON of Crewson Corners is seen repairing the chain saw for his 12 men crew working the vicinity of the Rockwood Conservation Park near the 4th line. Deep snow curtails easy tramping but heavy bark tree siding is used for surface flooring. All dead trees are cut down as the crew moves along and not just the elms fall under the block.—(Photo by Lorraine)

Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Have you ever played a hand where the lead to the first two tricks were aces and both were ruffed. The contract was a result of a misunderstanding but that didn't take away from the surprise element of the hand.

West dealt with neither side vulnerable.

NORTH	SOUTH
S-4	S-9 6 5 2
H-J 10 6 5 4	H-8 3
D-A K 8 7 5 3 2	D-VOID
C-VOID	C-K Q 10 9 8 6 4

WEST: S-Q J 7, H-A Q 8 7 2, D-J 8 4, C-A 2
EAST: S-9 6 5 2, H-8 3, D-VOID, C-K Q 10 9 8 6 4

SOUTH: S-A K 10 8 3, H-K, D-Q 10 8, C-J 7 5 3

The bidding:
WEST: 1H, 2D, 3H, 4H, 5H, 6H, 7H, 8H, 9H, 10H, 11H, 12H, 13H, 14H, 15H, 16H, 17H, 18H, 19H, 20H, 21H, 22H, 23H, 24H, 25H
NORTH: 2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D, 8D, 9D, 10D, 11D, 12D, 13D, 14D, 15D, 16D, 17D, 18D, 19D, 20D, 21D, 22D, 23D, 24D, 25D
EAST: 3H, 4H, 5H, 6H, 7H, 8H, 9H, 10H, 11H, 12H, 13H, 14H, 15H, 16H, 17H, 18H, 19H, 20H, 21H, 22H, 23H, 24H, 25H
SOUTH: 2D, 3D, 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D, 8D, 9D, 10D, 11D, 12D, 13D, 14D, 15D, 16D, 17D, 18D, 19D, 20D, 21D, 22D, 23D, 24D, 25D

Opening lead — Ace of clubs

That's the way the bidding went. West has a normal opening bid but I feel that North should jump in diamonds to show his long suit. East showed excellent restraint in not mentioning clubs. South bid spades but he expected North to bid again. When North passed so did East who decided that defending spades might not be too bad an idea.

Very surprised
West led the club ace and he was very surprised to see it get ruffed in dummy. After all, no one has bid clubs and he only had two of them. Declarer now led the diamond ace and it was ruffed by East. I hope declarer wasn't too surprised since he was looking at ten diamonds.

East continued with the king and queen of clubs. A small club was led and West ruffed. West returned the diamond jack and East ruffed. The jack indicated that it was safe to lead hearts which East did. West won and gave his partner a third diamond ruff.

Iced the cake
East now put the icing on the cake by leading a club. No matter what declarer did, he could not stop West from scoring another

Father, son banquet at Ballinafad church

A very successful Father and Son banquet was held Friday evening in Ballinafad United church, attended by a happy group of over 60. The event was held during Scout and Guide week.

Mothers prepared the delicious roast beef dinner and a varied program followed the meal. Chairman of the scout and cub committee Mrs. Lillian Curtis introduced the head table guests, Rev. Kelvin Johnston of Ballinafad church said Grace.

Speak to group
District commissioner Gord Douglas of Georgetown spoke to the group on reforestation. Assistant district scouter Murray Harrison of Acton gave an enthusiastic talk on scouting and cubbing.

The cubs were encouraged by assistant district Cubber Terry Colter of Georgetown to make little cars for a soap box derby in Georgetown in June.

Scouter Paul Wilson spoke especially to the parents attending.

He was enrolled as head scouter of the Ballinafad scouts while Paul Metcalfe was officially enrolled as assistant scouter and Peter Snow enrolled as a permanent scout.

A trophy was given to Paul

Wilson by scout Mike Sojka and cub Jeff Goble for seven years' service. Rev. Johnston received a tie clip and cuff links, presented by Clay Curtis, in appreciation of his help.

Scout Mike Sojka, who assists

with the cubs, introduced the boys who were speaking during the evening.

Two movies were shown by Ralph McKeown, principal of Limehouse school, one on the Bell Telephone and another on time.

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Drop in finals wrestling meet

Two local Eramosa boys represented their districts at the recent All-Ontario high school wrestling meet held at the University of Guelph last Friday and Saturday.

Tops in their own weight classes they had won out in previous Central Ontario Secondary School matches and had moved into the finals representing their individual high schools of John F. Ross Collegiate and GCVI.

John Parkinson, of J.F. Ross, won his first round match and had to his credit a score of 27 wins and 0 losses. He was phased out in the final competition by a young wrestler from Rainy River who had an advantaged background

of 35 win no loss experience.

Rough going
Brian Hindley found the going rough and wasn't as lucky as his township contemporary, dropping his first round matches. Athletic achievements however can never be measured by the wins and losses but rather by the attainment of accomplishment and self discipline and both boys have benefitted with the rigidity of training they have received and, in applying same to their grades have kept up their academic studies as well as their physical activities.

The weekend's competitions embraced 100 provincial high schools in which approximately 600 athletes participated.

Mrs. Marie Kelly long time resident

Funeral services for Mary Frances (Marie) Kelly of Main Street, Rockwood, who died after a brief illness on Monday, February 21 at Guelph General Hospital, were conducted Thursday morning.

Father Elliott celebrated requiem mass and held committal services at Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood. Burial will take place at Oustic Cemetery in the spring.

Mrs. Kelly was born at Oustic, the daughter of Eliza Coulson and Fred Hanson, and attended school at S.S. 4 1/2, Eramosa. She had lived in Rockwood for the past 55 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Francis Kelly, and is survived by two sons, Ivan at home and Frank of Guelph, two daughters, Vera (Mrs. George Benham) of Elora, and Teresa (Mrs. Peter Zukwisch) of Edmonton, Alberta; 17 grandchildren, two brothers, John and Fred both of Guelph, one sister, Eileen (Mrs. Ambrose Whalen) of London.

She was an active member of the Altar Society of Rockwood and was organist for several years.

Pallbearers were Pat Kelly, Ross Benham, Pat Schmidt, Cal Muma, Fred Hanson Jr., and John Lynch.

8 hurt in 14 accidents

Fourteen collisions occurred in the North Halton area patrolled by the Milton OPP from Sunday, Feb. 20 to Sunday, Feb. 27, report police. Eight persons were injured, and there was a total property damage of \$5,800.

In one of the accidents, an Acton woman received minor injuries, after being involved in a single car collision on Monday, Feb. 21. The injured woman was Christine Stevenson. The scene of the accident was Highway 401,

east of Highway 25. Estimated damage to her car was \$350.

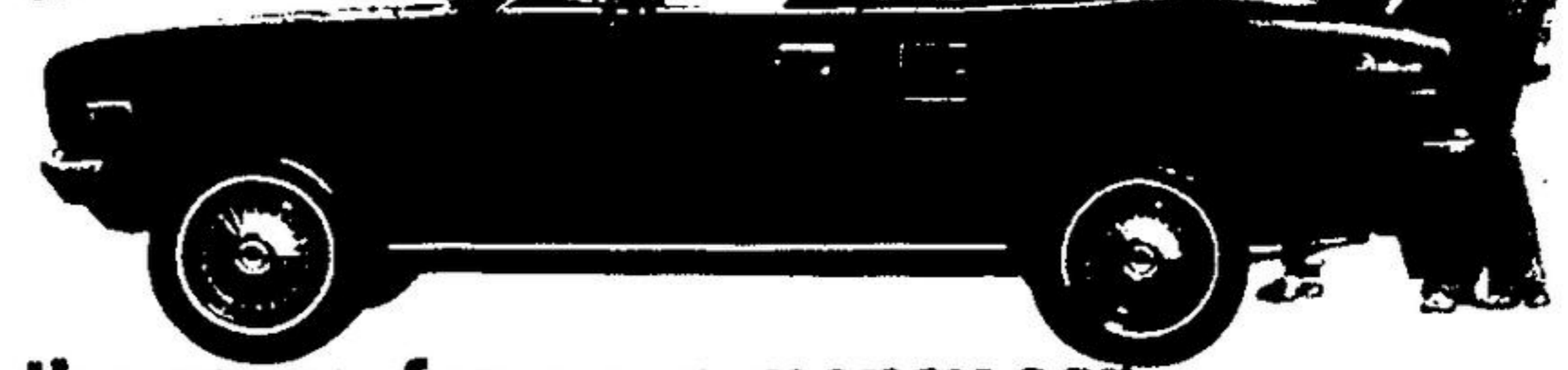
Pattern talk

Ashgrove 4-H homemaking club members held their second meeting at Hillcrest United Church on Saturday morning.

Leaders offered suggestions on types of fabrics for members' patterns, and a discussion on altering patterns was held.

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