



MRS. MABEL Feils of London demonstrates quilting in a new display room at Elm Tree Farm, 25 Sideroad, Nassagaweya. Open House and crafts display is an almost-annual event at the Hoey farm and hundreds attended. Quilts, woollen articles, pottery, ceramics, watercolors and silk screen fabrics were admired.

**Election expenses**

**Liberals top Tories by over \$10,000 in election**

Dr. Frank Philbrook beat incumbent Terry O'Connor by 1,911 votes in the Federal election held a few months ago but figures released recently show the Liberal standardbearer topped his Tory opponent convincingly in the money spent category.

The successful Liberal campaign used up \$11,327.44 more money than the unsuccessful Conservative re-election bid.

Philbrook spent \$40,461.23 to help convince voters he was the best man for the job while the incumbent O'Connor had campaigning bills totalling \$29,133.79.

Archie Brown of the NDP, placed third in the election race and also in the money spent category. He spent only \$5,181.59.

Other interesting data released by the Halton Returning Officer John Haight, showed the riding placing second in Canada in

the least number of spoiled ballots category. First place went to Ottawa Carleton with Halton having only 131 ballots ruined or 0.2 percent of the total cast.

This riding was also once again high on the voter turnout roles. Last time we

placed second in the country with 83.5 turnout but slipped to 76.8 this year.

Ottawa has not determined the turnout standings across the country but they did know last week that Ontario had the highest turnout and Halton was high among its rivals.



**Drug charge**

On Saturday morning Acton police charged two Georgetown men with possession of marijuana on Mill E. They will appear in court Oct. 23.

ACTON, ESQUESING and Georgetown crests are superceded by the new Halton Hills crest, in this display in the Halton tent at the International Plowing Match.

**Halton Board of Education**

**Student absentees concern**

Halton Board of Education will try to come to grips with attendance problems in the region's high schools. According to Superintendent of Academic Operations John Graham, the attendance in class is a significant problem in most schools in the region.

Graham noted that the problem wasn't in skipping entire days, but rather in having students sign in in the morning and then leaving partway through the day.

He told trustees the credit system had made it more difficult for teachers to check attendance because students don't rotate from class to class as a group.

"It is clear that absences from classes or from school are often symptomatic of deeper problems and not many problems can be overcome quickly or simply. An examination of records often indicates poor achievement, poor attitude or spotty attendance from early elementary grades," Graham said.

**Remedies are available**

He told trustees more use of the attendance counsellor, public health nurse and the psychological services could help the problem.

Trustees agreed to meet with principals and see what steps should be taken. Trustee Jim Culland argued that any meetings aimed at curing the attendance problem should

include students with a view to enjoying the student opinion. He felt too often the opinions of students were muted as trustees and administrators sought information about problems.

**Blame 10 per cent of students**

Graham told the board the problem was a province-wide one and was restricted to about 10 per cent of the student population.

The board was of mixed opinion concerning what action should be taken concerning students 16 years and over. Graham felt the students were the age of majority and shouldn't be required to bring notes to school explaining absences and there was no necessity for parents to be contacted in regard to absentee problems.

Trustee Fred Armstrong said he felt the system should accept part of the responsibility for poor attendance and perhaps if the attendance was particularly poor in one class, it might be an indication of weak teaching.

The board agreed to meet with students at possibly arrange trustee-student seminars and have attendance as a topic of discussion.

**10 collisions — three injured**

There were 10 vehicle collisions in town the past week, an unusually high number. Police investigated the collisions and recorded damage, injuries and charges.

There were four accidents on Monday.

At 1 p.m. two cars were in collision on Acton Blvd. Driver Stanley Haycock, Listowel, had estimated \$50 damage to his car; driver Maxine Hurst, 57 Young St., about \$40 to hers.

**Car-truck**

At 3:10 p.m. a truck driven by Laurence Richards, Mississauga received \$1000 estimated damage when in collision with a car driven by

Ricky Elliott, Georgetown. This accident happened on McDonald Blvd. in the new subdivision.

At 5:30 a.m. on Acton Blvd a car driven by Peter Van Dam received an estimated \$1000 damage when in collision with a road liner truck driven Wayne Sparks, St. Catharines. The truck came off best \$150 damage.

At 7:40 p.m. on Victoria Ave a van driven by Richard Keha, Oakville, knocked down hydro wires.

**Injuries**

On Saturday at 8:25 a.m. on Longfield Rd. a car driven by Donald Richard, Milton, lost control and struck a culvert. Passenger Sharon McQuade,

14, suffered cuts and was treated at Glenora medical centre.

**Damage to the car**

was estimated at \$900 by police.

At 5:35 Saturday another passenger was injured when cars driven by Alice Crawford, Guelph and James Viscount, Brampton, were in collision on Queen E. Mary Elizabeth Viscount was injured in the incident that saw \$150 damage to the Crawford car.

**Bike rider**

On Friday Christopher Oakley, 9, 49 Kingham, suffered a fractured shoulder and bruises when his bicycle went off the sidewalk. Driver of the car involved was Bruce

Ray, 24 Hunsdon St. and the car had \$10 damage. The boy was treated at Acton Medical Centre.

**Three were three accidents**

last Wednesday.

In the first of them, drivers were Robert Adams, R.R. 1, Acton, with estimated \$200 damage to his car and Thomas Harris, 48 Victoria, with \$50. The cars were in collision on Main N.

At 1:55 p.m. on Mill St two cars collided again, drivers Elizabeth Jervis, R.R. 3, Acton and Lynn Pont, R.R. 2. Damage to the cars was \$100 each.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday in an accident on Main at Mill, drivers were Len Lovell, 32

**Good variety at region exhibit**

Hospitality was billed as the key feature at the Halton Region exhibit at the International Plowing Match. The people at the various booths in the regional tent excelled at carrying out that theme.

The walk through tents featured dozens of individual displays with many farm organizations on hand to help promote the story of Halton's agriculture, while other booths were manned and sponsored by Milton, Halton Hills and Oakville Councils.

Displays ranged from tempting arrays of fruit and vegetables to intriguing displays about watershed management. University of Guelph cooperated with the conservation authorities from Halton Region and the Credit River area to put on a display showing wildlife in the water shed.

**Post office**

A number of 4-H and Junior Farmer groups and Institute members were on hand to show what the groups actually did. An old post office that resembled a post office of 100 years ago was set up and operating. Halton PSM flags were sold there and copies of this newspaper's special plowing match edition were distributed free to visitors.

From the beginning of the match to the end, there appeared to be a constant line of people flowing through the regional tents. The tents were conveniently set up so that

Truck and Mario Goghelmin, Toronto. There was about \$100 damage to the Lovell car.

partway through the visitors had a chance to sit and have free coffee courtesy of Halton Hills and watch entertainment provided by Milton.

Much of that entertainment was provided by persons who happened by and took time to do a dance or sing a song.

Besides the tent area the Region used a steel frame building to display various types of livestock found on Halton farms.



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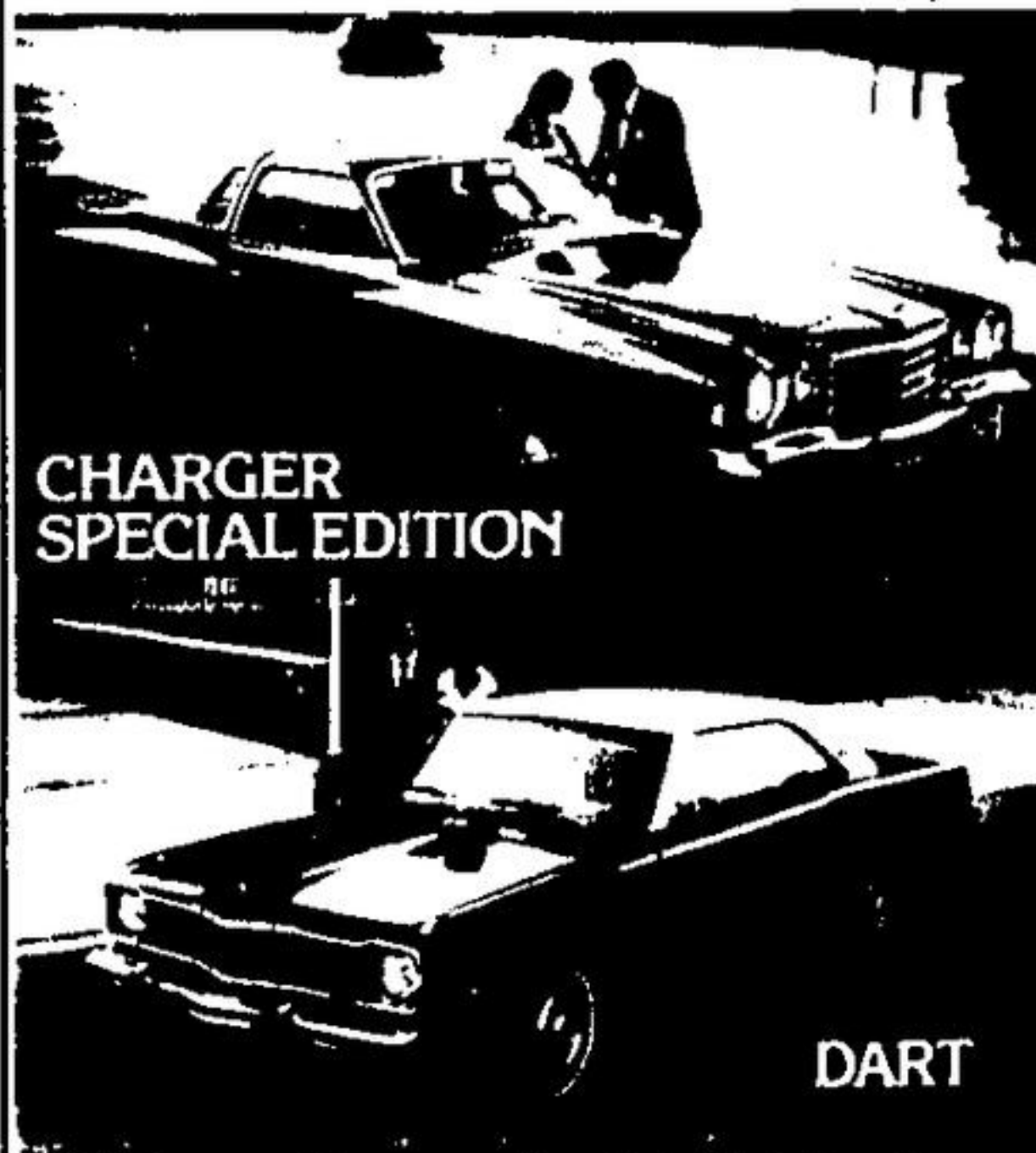
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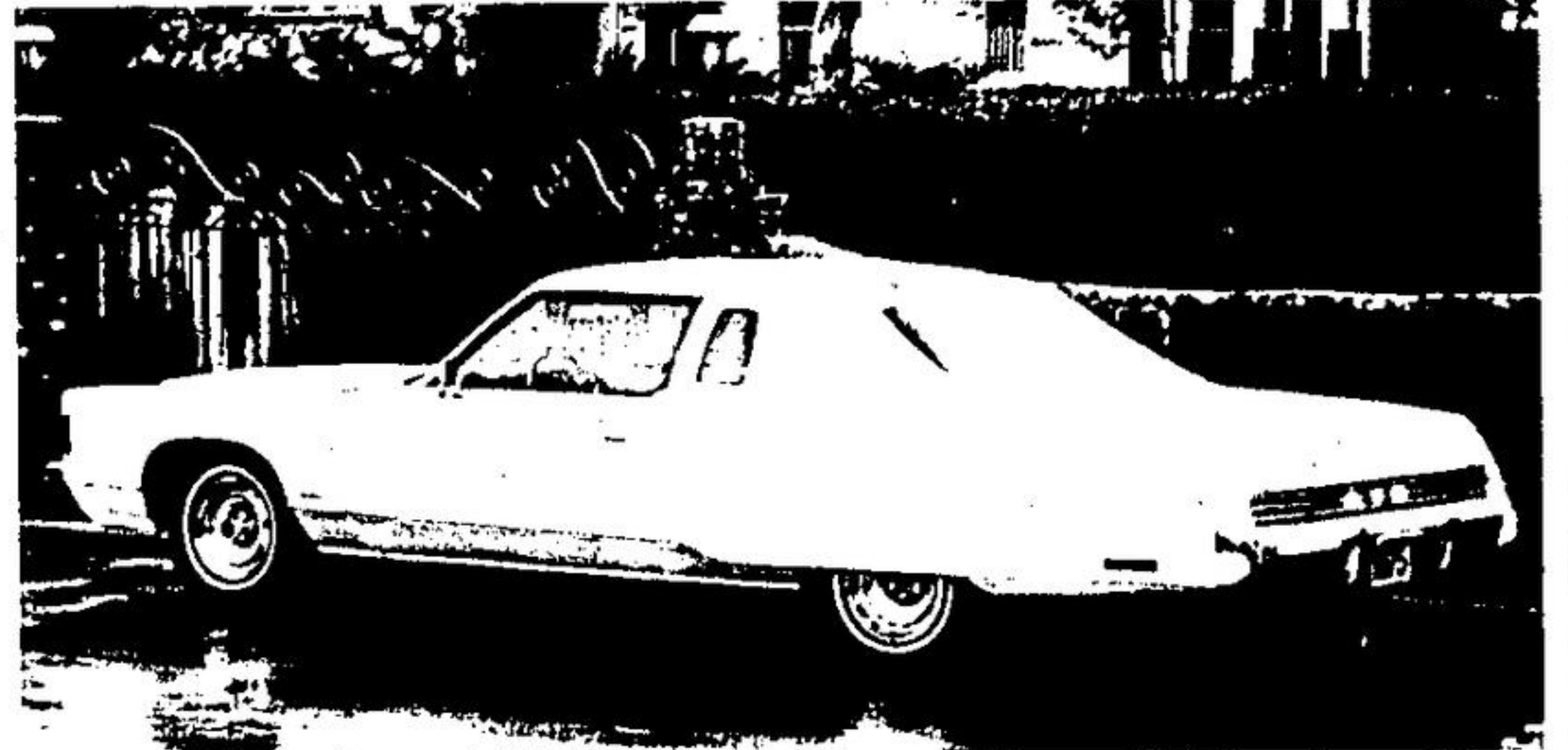
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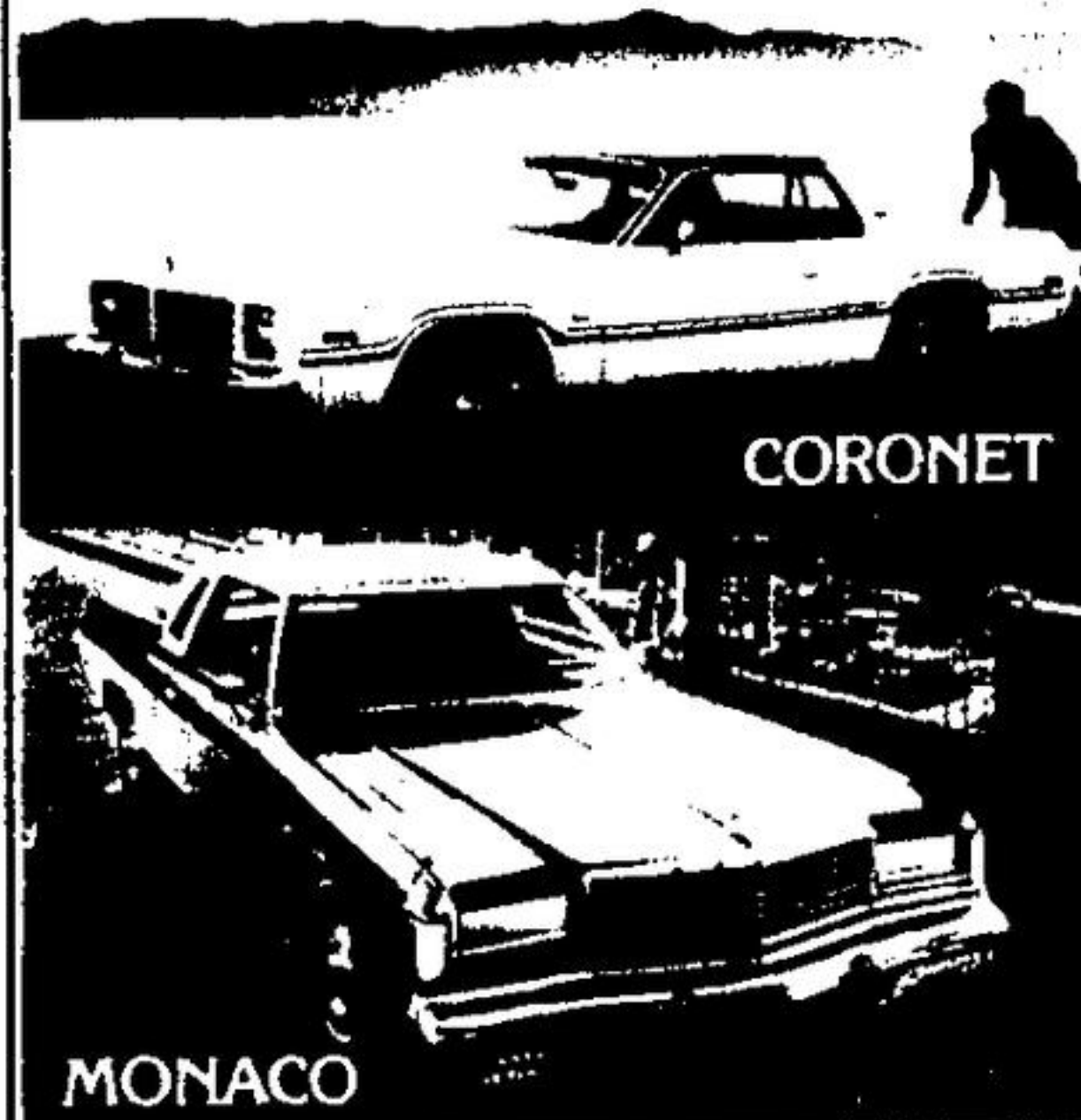
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