

SEES 1955 BETTER YEAR THAN 1954 FOR EMPLOYMENT DESPITE LAY-OFFS

While unemployment continued to climb throughout January in the Brampton district the Unemployment Insurance Commission reflected more optimism that it has for the past two months. Cliff Nelson, manager of the local office, feels that if the rise in unemployment continues it will not do so for any more than two weeks, at which time he expects the peak to be reached. The same situation exists here in Halton county.

The two most important developments in local industry during the past months, the strike at Ford and the layoffs at A. V. Roe, did not affect the unemployment situation locally as much as might have been expected. However, the settlement of the Ford dispute brings hope of supplying directly and indirectly some relief for the jobless of the area.

Georgetown P. S. Have 20 Teachers

Increasing enrolment in the two public schools at Georgetown has led to engaging another full-time teacher at Wrigglesworth school, and the probability that another teacher at Chapel Street school before the end of this term.

New Town Hall For Burlington?

Burlington's growing pains are being felt more and more and town council asked its property committee, headed by Cr. John Richardson, to bring in a report on whether to build a new town hall or renovate the old library building now being used to house the municipal offices, council chamber and the Water Board's offices.

Change in Zoning Made for New Firm

Faced with the possibility that the overseas oil firm seeking to locate in Burlington might pass up the town should there be any delays, Burlington council Thursday night voted 6 to 1 in favor of changing the zoning of six and a half acres of land south of the C.N.R. and between Brant St. and the C.N.R. line across the Beach. Council's action now makes it possible for Canadian Petrofina Ltd. to take up an option on the land.

Finishing Kitchen Project for Guild

The February meeting of the St. Stephen's Guild was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunter. The meeting opened with prayer. The work committee distributed wool and flannel to be made up for the bazaar. The next roll call is a pair of fancy pot holders.

Esquing Clerk Has Broken Arm

Falling on an icy street a few days ago, K. C. Lindsay, who is clerk-treasurer of Esquing Township, is carrying a broken arm in a cast.

Fertilizer Test

Regina (CP)—A 22-year-test at the Regina experimental substation indicates ammonium sulphate fertilizer increases wheat crops on summer-fallow test plot, but doesn't pay when used on stubble land. Increases ranged up to four bushels an acre.

Bronte Cemetery Is Now Part of Village

The ancient Bronte Cemetery, until recently located in the township of Trafalgar, now belongs to the village of Bronte. A by-law for the acquiring of the cemetery by the village was given three readings and passed at a recent meeting of Bronte council. Frank Gallagher village solicitor, explained that a by-law deciding the burial ground to the township council, and that to make the transaction complete the village would have to pass a by-law.

Town Again Eyeing Big Slice of Nelson

Burlington town fathers again are casting long eyes at that large slice of Nelson township between the town's eastern boundary and the Guelph line and south of the Q.E. Way. At a regular council meeting, the town assessor was instructed to bring in a report.

Expanded System For Water Problem

On Georgetown council's request, Mr. Roberts of the engineering firm of Phillips and Roberts met with them Monday to discuss rate structure in connection with the current expansion of the waterworks system. The new water set-up outlined in the engineer's report to meet the town's expansion will cost the town an additional \$35,000 yearly and to meet Municipal Board requirements so that debentures can be issued, must be paid out of water revenue. In order to meet these debenture payments water rates will either have to be doubled or council will have to revert to the meter system.

"Suburban Page"

The Champion is continuing this week its new feature—a district page filled with news from nearby towns. Many of these towns have the same problems and decisions to make as Milton; many of us have friends and relatives in other centres in Halton and Peel counties.

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JOB SEEKERS PACK FORD OFFICE AS PRODUCTION LINE WARMS UP

Smiles broadened among labor, industry and business alike last week in Oakville as the big Ford assembly machine re-gearred to produce its first 1955 models after 112 days of strike-bound idleness. The reopening of the plant had two immediate results:

High School Safe Cracked Again

For the second time within a few weeks, thieves broke into the Oakville - Trafalgar High School recently and stole cash from the office of George C. Atkins, business administrator. This time, however, their haul was considerably less than the four hundred dollars taken on the first occasion. It amounted to \$1.77 in school funds, and \$2 belonging to the Student Council.

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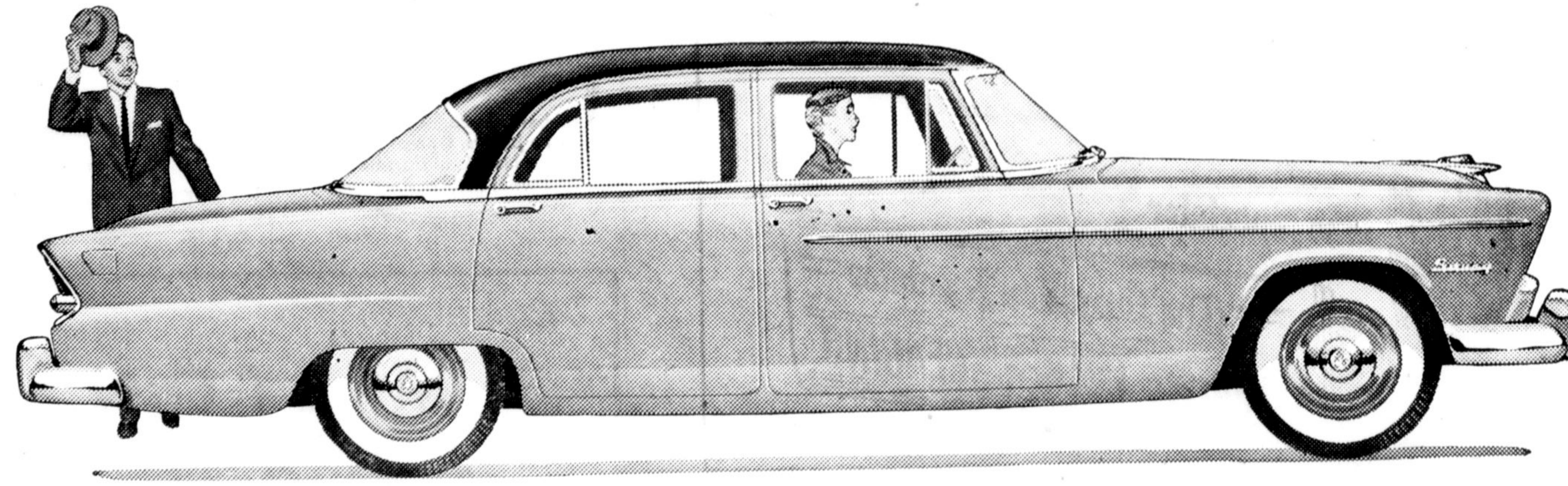
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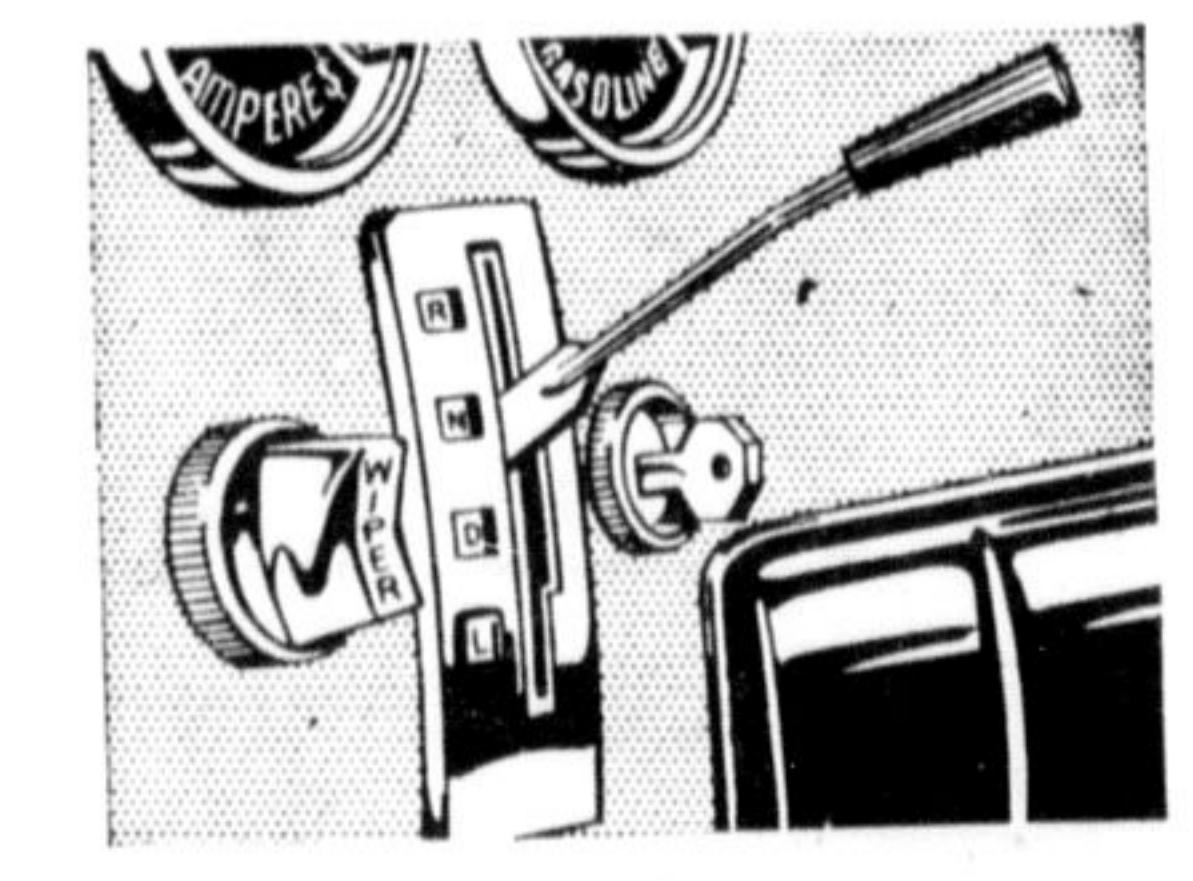


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