

# Minor hockey begins for boys at age five

By John McLean  
 Minor Hockey Week in Canada starts Jan. 24 but Milton Minor Hockey is holding their 'Week' on the 14, 16 and 17 of January.

The benefits in holding a Minor Hockey Week are threefold; (1) to direct the public's attention to the many advantages of boys playing hockey; (2) to encourage parents to attend games and take a more active part in their son's activities; (3) to honor the coaches, managers, referees and officials who as volunteer workers contribute to the advancement of minor hockey.

While Minor Hockey Week is supposed to be the time when we say 'Don't send - Take your boy to the arena', this line applies all during the season. Minor Hockey really is a family affair and because of this, we work together to interest more parents in the activities of their son by attending games during Minor Hockey Week.

Plan now to attend some or all of the games planned for this week and in this way join with us in saluting the boys, perhaps you will become interested enough to be a participant also by coaching, managing or refereeing in the very near future.

Minor Hockey Week is the only week in the season that there is a charge for House League games and for only 50 cents a night, you can enjoy a lot of action. The lineup looks interesting as there are two Bantam and two Midget games tonight (WEDNESDAY) starting

at 5:30; Friday evening the action starts at 6:30 p.m. when the first group of Monday Nighters take to the ice. They are followed by the second group of Monday Nighters at 7:15, a Novice game at 8:00, a Bantam game at 8:50 with a Midget game closing out the night at 9:40. Saturday morning, events get under way at 1:10 with a pair of Novice games followed by three Pee Wee games.

Keep a boy on the ice, and you will keep him out of hot water. Support Minor of Hockey Week and Milton Minor Hockey Association by attending and bringing the whole family to watch the five to 18 year old boys who will be the 'stars of the future'.



Milton Minor Hockey

## House league happenings

By John McLean

### NOVICE

Three was the magic number in all of the Novice games as Mowbray defeated Pontiacs 3-2; Beech downed Rebekahs by a like score and Crest dumped Firemen 3-0. Mike Shepherd, Joe Gaeton and Charles Kerr were the scorers in the Crest victory while assists went to Kerr, Brent Arpa, Steve Strath and Jay Norland and Steve Hatfield picked up another shutout.

Beech goal getters were Jeff Lyons, Lance Lyons and Brian Turner, canned on a penalty

shot. Jeff Lyons and Brian Turner drew assists. Rebekah goals were from John Loeprich and Robbie Champoux who also assisted on the goal by Loeprich.

In a very close fought game, Mowbray emerged the winner with a goal from Kevin Smith at 18.15 of the final frame to break a 2-2 deadlock. Smith also counted the first goal of the game and Richard Leslie added a single. Assists went to Norm Flemington, Richard Leslie and Brett Coates. Don Habbirk and Wally MacKay replied for Pontiacs with one assist going to Wayne Munday.

### PEE WEE

Hood's and McCuaig started off the morning with a 1-1 sawoff. Randy Claer scored from David Low to count the McCuaig goal while Tim Pearson scored the Hood goal from Allan Duncan.

Pharmacy took a 4-1 lead into the last two minutes of the game only to have Fay's tie them up 4-4. Single goals from Steve Hannon, Perry Caputo, Scott Early and Greg Rusk had given Pharmacy the lead while assists on the goals came from Robert Burke (3), Brad Tonelli, Greg Rusk, Scott Early and Perry Caputo. John Roskam opened up the scoring in the game for Fay's and also fired the tying goal to finish out the scoring and drew an assist to finish off his morning's work. David Scott and Danny Zanatta scored the other goals for Fay while Scott, Zanatta and Gary Dance assisted.

Canadian Tire took a 2-0 lead on Lumber which stood up until the last five minutes of the game when Kevin McCoy scored a pair of goals to tie the game at 2-2. Doug Strath assisted on the first McCoy goal while the marksmen for Canadian Tire were Terry Nova and Chris Orpen. Mike Stafford and Gary Love drew assists.

### BANTAM

Luckless Local 4970 went down to yet another defeat on Wednesday night as Department Store eked out a 1-0 win. Chris Neal was the marksman for the winners scoring at 19.55 of the final frame. Mark Hyatt set up the goal.

Department Store scored a 4-2 victory over Hillmer on Saturday as four players scored singles. Gord Meechan, Mark Hyatt, Dave Anderson and Sergio Mazzorato were the twinebenders while assists went to Anderson twice, Allan MacKinnon and Gord Meechan. Replying for Hillmer with one each were Bob Rogers and Mike Ford. Bruce Bailey picked up one assist for the losers.

Steve McCann fired a pair of goals and added a pair of assists to lead Bell Brother's to a 7-4 win over Local 4970. Single goals for the winners came from Doug Hamilton, Bryan Holmes, Randy Hamilton, Bob Boughton and Mike Arnold, while Bob Boughton and Doug Anderson helped out once apiece. Ed Ford was the leader for the losers as he counted a pair of goals while Mike Nevins and Andre Wymann added singletons. David Coulter, Les Brown and Gordon Thompson drew one assist each.

### MIDGET

Knight's ended up on top of a 6-5 score as Doug Mahon scored a pair of goals including the winner with just over a minute remaining. Other goal getters for the winners were Bill Dennis, Steve Clarke, Jim Dance and Jack Robertson while assists went to Bryan Lyons, Doug Mahon, Joe McCarthy, Doug Mahon and Bill Dennis. Park Farm replies came from Allan Ayre and Marty Cairns twice each and one goal from Randy Howden. Assists for the losing team came from Ken Austin with a pair, Steve Brancier, and Duncan Craig.

Pigment upset Bill's by a 3-1 margin after Bill's had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Glen Gibson from Andy Trenc. Steve Smith was the leader for Pigment in the win as he counted a pair of goals and added an assist on George Presniak's goal. He assisted on both of Steve's goals while Brent Dance picked up a pair of assists.

Harris moved ahead of Ledwith's even further by downing them 3-2. Bob Ferrier led the stationer's with a two

goal output while Lloyd Rhynold added a singleton. Assists for the winners came from Gene Holdridge, Don Fay, Rick Mitchell and Keith Chamberlain. Maurice Curtis replied twice for Ledwith's while Ray Evans picked up a pair of assists.

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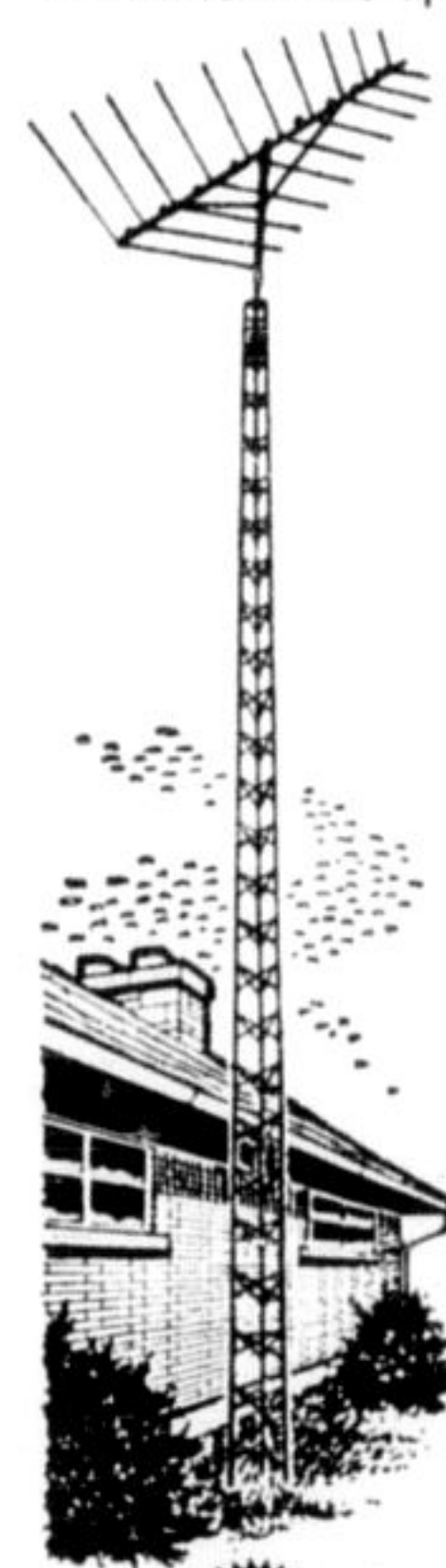
**BUSH TRAVEL**  
 To be lost in the woods is dangerous, particularly in cold weather. Hunters are advised to study the map before entering a strange area, to travel by compass, to carry a survival kit, and to turn towards home well before sunset.

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# Minor hockey provides fun for over 500 boys

By John McLean  
 After keeping up (or trying to) with the House League action and enjoying many games from early Saturday morning until the Wednesday night Midget matches, I decided that it was time to have a look at how the Monday Nighters, our youngest members of Milton Minor Hockey Association are progressing. They range from five to seven years of age.

The Monday nighters are split into two groups with approximately 35 boys to a group. Then once they have been split this way, they are then broken into smaller more

workable groups. The key word for the instructors I sensed was patience. An instructor at this age level must make skating interesting so that the boys do not become bored and also to let them feel that they are learning hockey.

So after patience, repetition is next as the number of drills can not be too many and yet have to be of enough variety to hold the boys' concentration and effort. The manner of presenting what one is trying to get across has to be simple. Demonstration is a necessity, so if one's self does not know skating too well but is willing to study, this may be merely an assuming of the positions.

Watching the proceedings one can see that it would be a great temptation for the instructors to let the boys scrimmage but no, they persevere a bit longer. Apparently the idea is that the students will be helped more by working on the fundamentals than by scrimmage.

There are a multitude of colors on the ice as every boy has on the sweater of his favorite hockey team, N.H.L. that is. Also it is good to see that all the boys are wearing helmets, not that they engage in any rabble

rousing but a fall backwards and bumping the back of the head is the biggest danger with little players.

The coaches who give so freely of their time, have a tremendous responsibility with these youngsters and to an interested onlooker one gets the idea that they must feel very proud at the end of the season as they can look at these same boys who came to them without anything much but desire, and who now can hold their own with 'any kid on the block' as far as skating etc. goes.

To sum up how the boys feel about this after school education course, the conversation overheard between a father who had just come in from work to pick up his future hockey star might serve to explain. Pop asked "Well how is your slap shot today?" Junior excitedly replied "great, it only bounces four times before it hits the net."

—Soon the Suburban Junior C hockey league will be in the playoffs for the coming year. Only eight games remain in the schedule for the Milton Merchants.



## Game & Fish News

by arn coulson

Horns blew! Bells rang! Noise makers rattled, balloons burst, happy people yelled, and George Presniak and his committee beamed, as a large crowd of Halton Sportsmen their wives and friends ushered in the new year at a Gala Dance and social evening at the club house New Year's Eve. All in all it was one of the nicest New Year's Eve parties I have had the pleasure to attend. No phoney large cover charge here, no phoney bite size sandwiches and colored bread, just plain good outdoorsman's food, good companionship, good music and a good time.

Ice fishing is now in full swing right across the province and as far north as you want to go. We have had no reports of catches yet, but we do have the operators and numbers of a few operators in the Simcoe District. First if you are a male and over the age of 19 you must renew your fishing licence for 1970. At Keswick Keffer's Marine 416-476-4161 everything supplied, on the other side at Oro Station Oro-Reef fish huts 705-487-5083, Gear and salted bait supplied, room for 75, at Shanty Bay no one listed yet, at Sutton West on Highway 48, 416-722-5630 three units and room for 35, everything supplied. At Beaverton, Gordon Bronte, Box 217, 705-426-9831, at the larger fish hut suppliers at Jackson's Point, Crittendon Bros., 416-722-5172, everything supplied, also Kar Palmer at Jackson's Point, 416-722-5533, there are many more at Jackson's Point. At Pefferlaw phone Cal's Fish Huts, Pefferlaw 164, you must ask operator for all fish hut operators numbers at Pefferlaw. At all these places salted bait is supplied but live bait is extra.

Sometimes I wonder if we know much about the game we hunt, its origin, sizes, etc. This week we are going to start off with one of the largest animals hunted in North America the Moose. The Moose is the largest member of the deer family. It is larger than any deer that lived in past ages. The largest kind of moose live in Alaska. Sometimes they grow seven and one half feet high at the shoulder and weigh 1500 to 1800 lbs.

Moose make their homes in the northern Hemisphere around the world. In the old world they live from the northern Scandinavia and Northern Germany through Siberia. The American moose have range taken in from Alaska down to the state of Maine. The moose have long legs and a hump over its shoulder. The upper part of the moose's muzzle hangs three or four inches over its chin. An unusual growth of skin covered with hair, called the "bell" hangs underneath its throat. The bull moose has heavy, flattened antlers or horns. The antlers on a large moose will sometimes grow to a spread of over 6 feet. A moose sheds these large antlers every year and grows a new set, a remarkable feat for such large and heavy antlers. The mating season lasts from four to eight weeks in the fall. The bull at this time of year wanders around looking for cows which call to any bull within hearing. Hunters imitate the hoarse grunts of the bull or the love call of the cow through a horn or cupped hands, many Indians and French Canadians are very good at this. Moose are fine swimmers and do not hesitate to cross small lakes and rivers. The meat from the moose is excellent for eating and these fine beasts are much sought after all over the world. They are very closely protected in the U.S.A. and Canada.

At this time of the year our own native deer in Halton County are heavy with fawn, so please keep your hounds and dogs in when not using them. Also please do not chase deer or wild game from snowmobiles it can kill them and it is forbidden by law.

The hunter-farmer relation survey which is now going on in Nassagaweya and Esquesing is coming along fine with many good reports coming in. Our sportsmen clubs have not been idle. We certainly are trying to do our part to overcome a nasty situation which is arising all over the country.

There is a serious rise in the number of rabid foxes in Halton County. Eighteen cases have been reported over the last year. Without being biased we feel the lack of hunting in Burlington and Oakville has contributed to the increase.

This leads to an increase in rabies and should be considered before further banning of hunting in the county.

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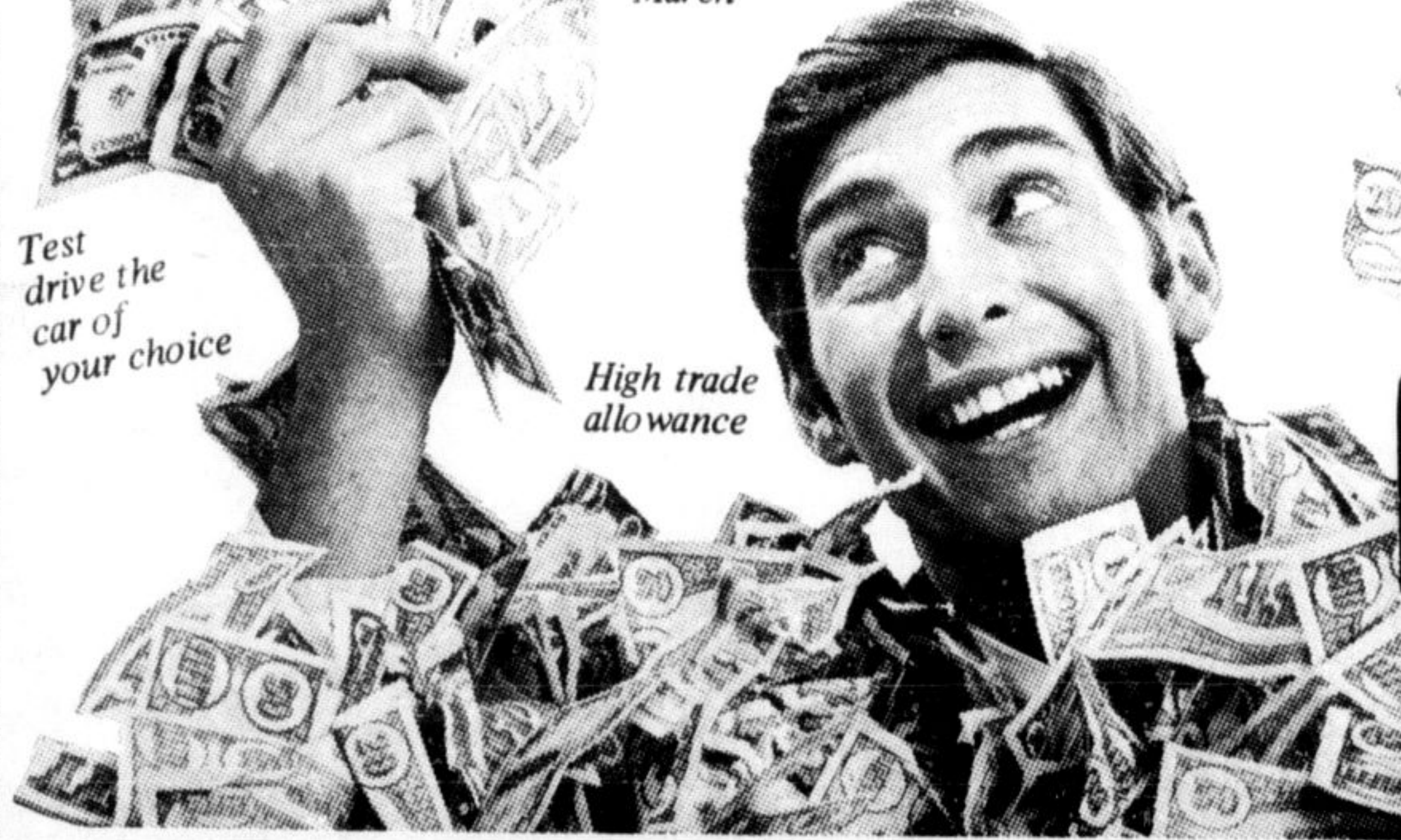
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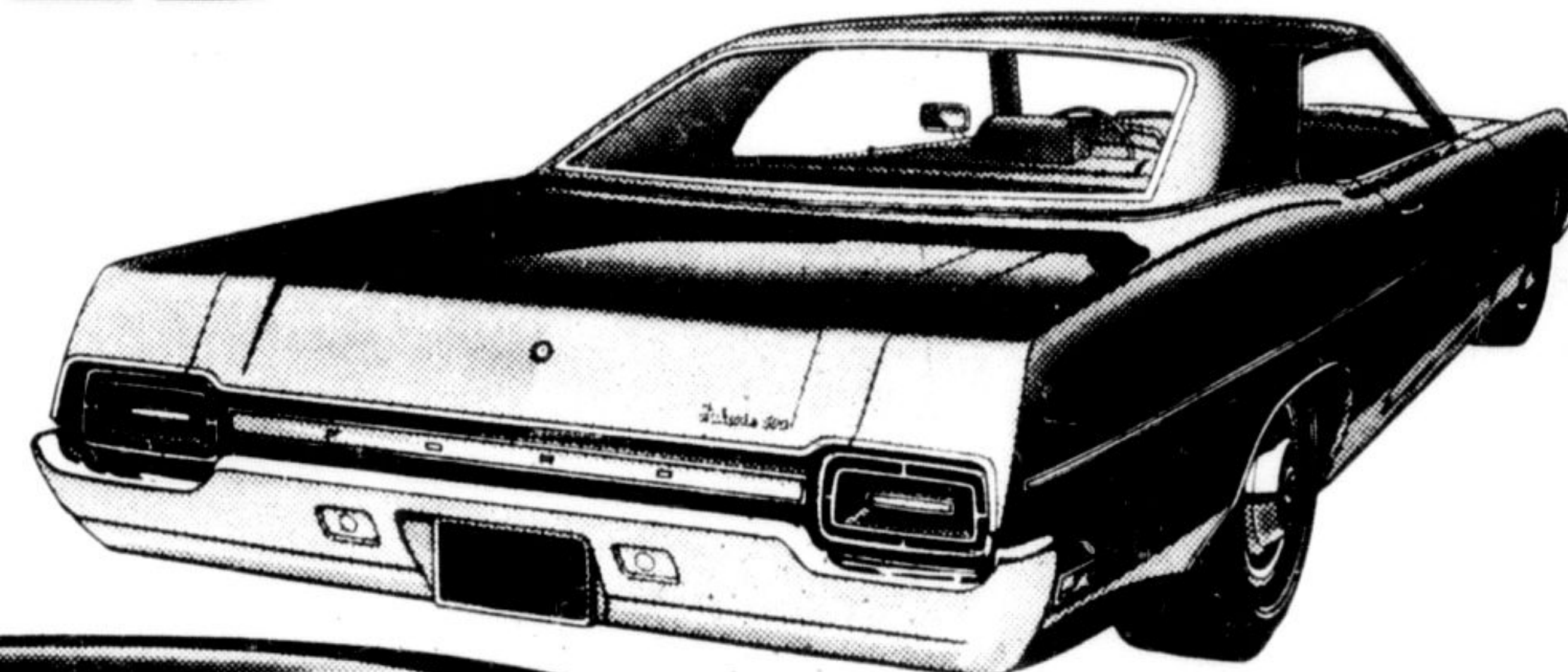
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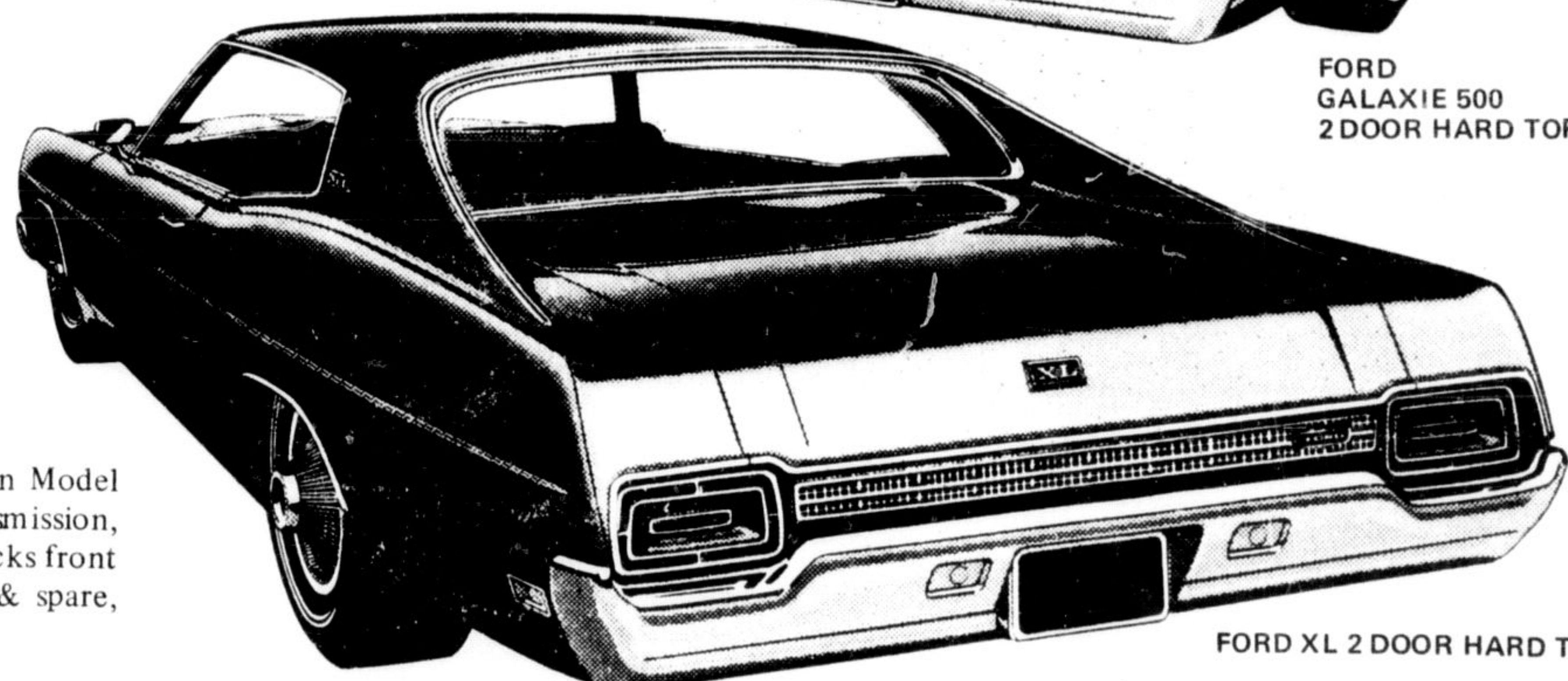


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