

One year old, 20,000 books on shelves

# Co-operation builds Campbellville library

Twelve months have passed since a small village library first opened its doors to the public. Started from scratch and willpower, this library now has more than 20,000 books and magazines available to the public.

The 20,000 figure may seem very small, especially to people from the city where libraries stock three times this number of books, but to villagers of Campbellville, the library is a happy meeting place and a place of solitude from the regular daily routine.

The library, which started on the whim of several residents in the village, has grown to what it is today on the co-operation and interest of both young and old in the community. People of the community teamed together to paint and redecorate the interior of one of the older buildings in the village and turn it into a library, a little over a year ago.

**Run for funds**  
Grade one to five students at Campbellville library helped by conducting a "Blisters for Books" campaign at their school last year to raise over \$500 for the library fund. The youngsters obtained their own sponsors and ran around their school yard for the money donations. More than 80 children participated in the program.

A wooden sign painted in black, red, white and gold is also clearly recognizable outside the building.

The sign was made and presented to members of the committee by resident Gordon Agnew, at the official opening of the library last year. The sign still hangs above the library door.

At Christmas time last year library members and volunteers baked cookies and sold them for money for the library. The committee supplied the museum with 61 dozen cookies and made \$32 while two bake sales held in the village netted another \$62 for the cause.

#### Sell hot dogs

A hot dog day at the local school was another way of raising money and mothers supplied wieners and buns to the kiddies and just kept dishing them out. The profit of the day was \$26.

A space heater, shelving, tables and books were just a few of the donations made to the library. A spokesman for the committee noted "everything inside the library has been donated".

A financial statement reviewing the first year's activities appears inside the door of the library and anyone wishing to see where the first year's money was spent, is welcome to view the statement at the library any day.

Mrs. Thore Robinson, a member of the library committee, noted "we made a few mistakes during our first year of operation and ran into a few snags, for which we sincerely apologize. We also learned a few

new things which we hope to do better next year," she explained.

#### Closed sometimes

The mistakes encountered by the board included replacement problems on evenings the library was to be open. Mrs. Robinson explained the problem by noting when volunteers were to be on hand to open the library or act as librarians and ran into problems with not being able to be on hand, they neglected to notify her in time to obtain replacements for the evenings. "Thus, on several occasions the library had to remain closed for an evening," she said.

But good outweighs the bad and Mrs. Robinson noted that Campbellville library hoped to join the South Central Regional Library System in the near future. "If we do, we will have extended hours, a paid staff, and the benefit of rotating books and children's movies and perhaps a better organized library on all counts."

#### 50 books a week

Children's books are popular at the village library and the turnover of books per week is more than 50, she noted, most of them in the children's book section. "We also have several adult members of the library." Hours are Tuesday from 7 to 8.30 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Robinson expressed her thanks to young and old residents of the village who helped make the library a success. "We are grateful for all of the donations we have received, books,

furniture and money," she said. "We hope to improve our services to all in the future as well, she concluded."

Committee members responsible for the library include Mrs. Thore Robinson, Mrs. Audrey Gadd, Mrs. Lee Wood, Mrs. Sarah Jennings, Mrs. Mae Dennis, Mrs. Shirley Smith

and George Goldstraw.

Even a cake

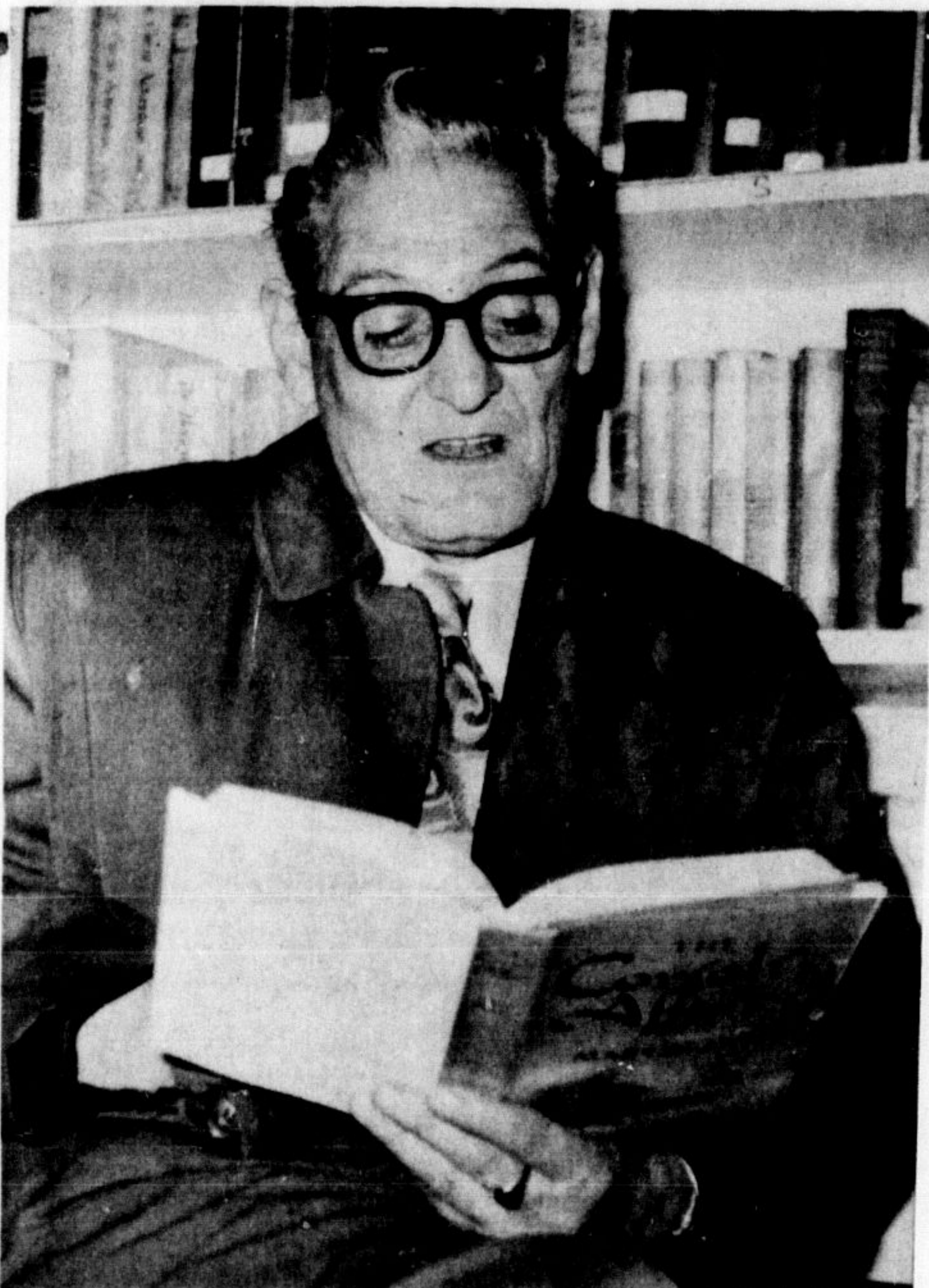
A first birthday for the library was celebrated by residents of the village at an informal gathering in the building on Tuesday evening. An anniversary cake donated by Canada Trust in Milton, accompanied by a cup of coffee awaited guests. Members of the committee were on hand to greet residents and sit and chat.

A beautiful fall arrangement of dried flowers in an authentic container was on display at the gathering. Tickets on the arrangement are being sold by committee members and a draw for the centrepiece will be held this Saturday. "The money raised will be used to the remainder of this year's rent," said Mrs. Robinson. Tickets were selling fast.

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ANNIVERSARY CAKE signifying the first anniversary of the official opening of Campbellville Library was enjoyed by everyone who attended the anniversary celebration at the library Tuesday. The cake, donated by Canada Trust in Milton is held by Mrs. Thore Robinson and Mrs. Audrey Gadd. —(Staff Photo)



A CUP OF COFFEE, a slice of anniversary cake and a good book are all this man needs. He is George Goldstraw, a member of Campbellville Library committee, who attended the anniversary of the library's first year of operation on Tuesday evening. —(Staff photo).

## Nassagaweya tax billing problems under study

Township auditor S. Skinner tabled five pages of recommendations that are expected to alleviate problems experienced in Nassagaweya Township this year with tax billings. It was the first year the tax bills had been calculated by the computer.

Mr. Skinner explained the problem seems to have been compounded by the different rate codes used in the township. He said some of his recommendations went beyond the scope of council and would involve the regional assessment department.

#### Not out much

He indicated time had been wasted by the barrel at the

township office, trying to straighten out errors that had crept into the system along the line. He said no tax bills were out by more than a dollar or two.

"The system ought to work but the people involved weren't properly prepared for it when it came in," he told council at their meeting Tuesday.

#### Poor example?

Councillor Jim Watson suggested the mixup in the tax bills was a result of the regional assessment department being brought into being and it is an example of what regional government will be like when they bring that in.

"Yes, it is so efficient it will

only take twice as long to do it," Mr. Skinner joked.

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### HALTON County Council HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of Halton County Council last week council:

—Passed a resolution urging the provincial government to partake in a winter works program on the widest scale possible.

—Agreed to delay action on a resolution from Leeds and Grenville Counties asking that soft drugs not be legalized in Canada. Council is awaiting a recommendation from MOH Dr. J. Chamberlain on that count.

—Learned the Halton Museum Board had set their objective for next year's project as the "Year of the Terrace". Reeve Ron Harris gave a progress report on the raising of the log cabin this year.

—Learned the personnel committee was investigating the feasibility of leasing a car for the construction safety officer.

—Met in closed session to discuss salary adjustments for supervisory personnel.

—Learned the roads committee was considering building a new county garage and that Duncan Hopper and Associates are to be engaged to prepare a site plan and preliminary plans.

—Learned a petition had been received requesting the lowering of the speed limit to 30 miles per hour on the Guelph line from 10 Sideroad north to Leaver's Mushroom Farm.

—Learned the county economic development committee has some ideas for improvements for their county industrial directory.



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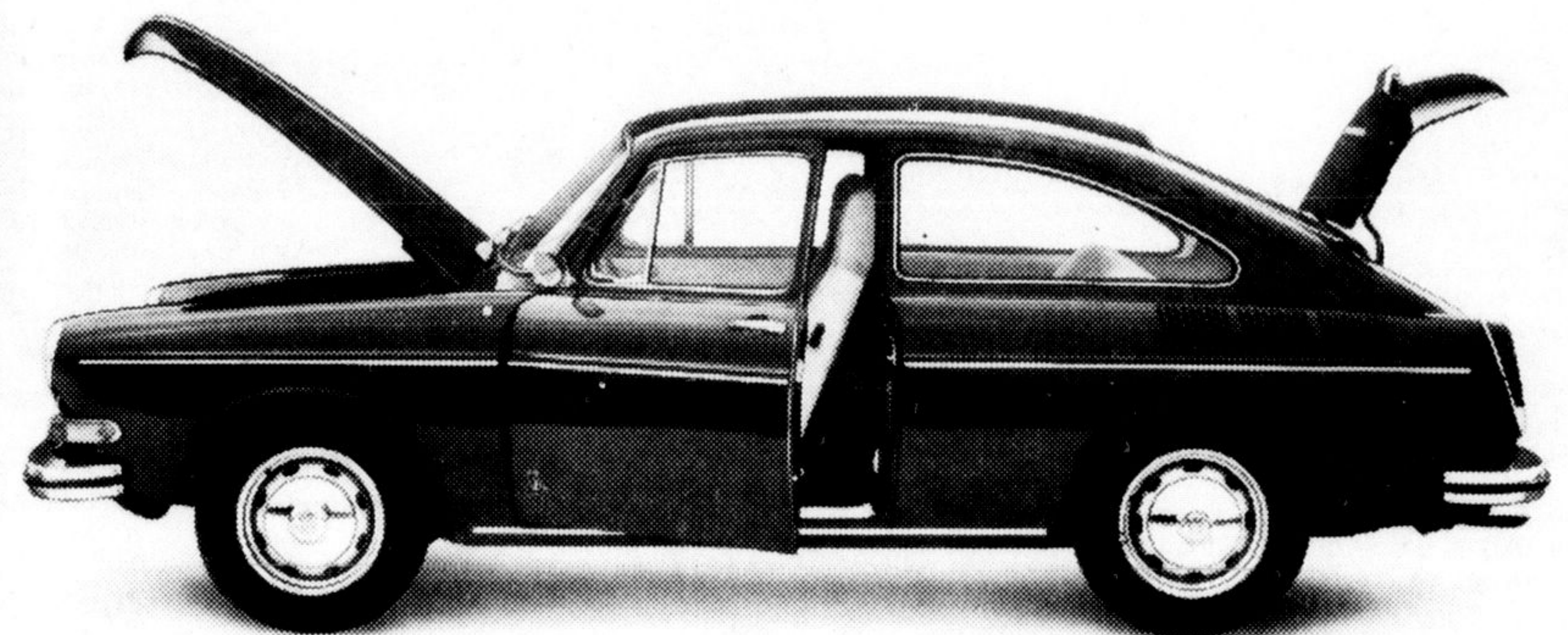
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