

Milton Town Council

Challinor calls for guidelines on giving charities breaks

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The Champion

Town Councillor John Challinor wants to know where to draw the line on providing charity at taxpayers' expense.

Council recently agreed to waive user fees for the Red Cross to conduct blood donor clinics at

the Milton Seniors' Center.

According to Milton's director of leisure services, Jennifer Reynolds, rent on the facility for the times required would normally be \$1,296 from May through December.

Susan Lynch, branch manager of the local Red Cross, said her organization can't pay that.

Mr. Challinor, who took great pains explaining

his support for the work of the Red Cross, said guidelines for future fee waivers should be determined.

"Where do you draw the line on charity?" asked Mr. Challinor. "What is a deserving charity?"

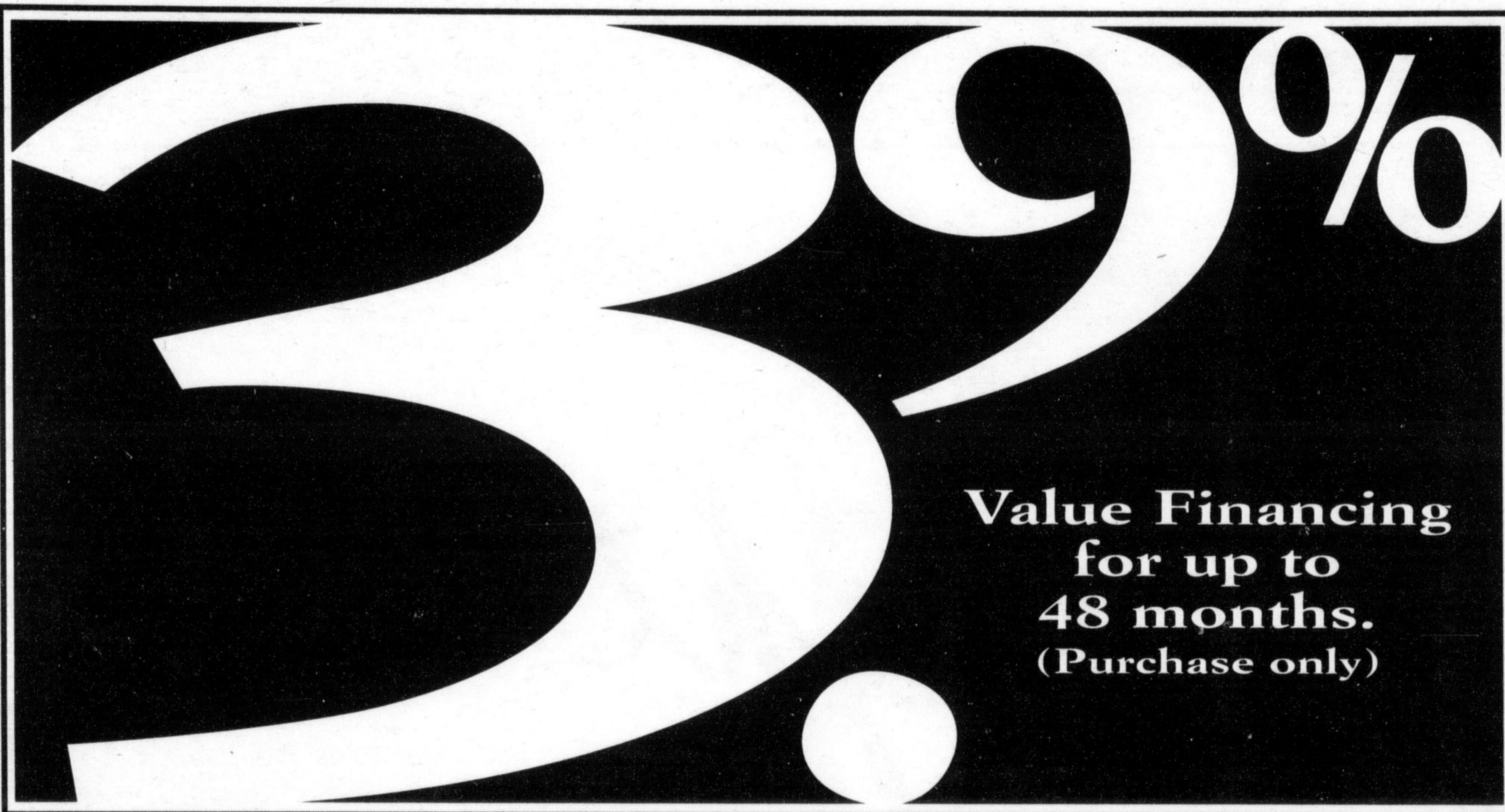
He said he could not support waiving the fee entirely and asked that leisure services and coun-

cil take the opportunity to consider his questions.

Mr. Challinor suggested charities be charged a predetermined percentage less for municipal facilities than other groups.

"If every non-profit group came before us then we'd have a problem covering the costs of our facilities," he said. "I want staff to develop a policy. Waiving the fee is dangerous precedent.

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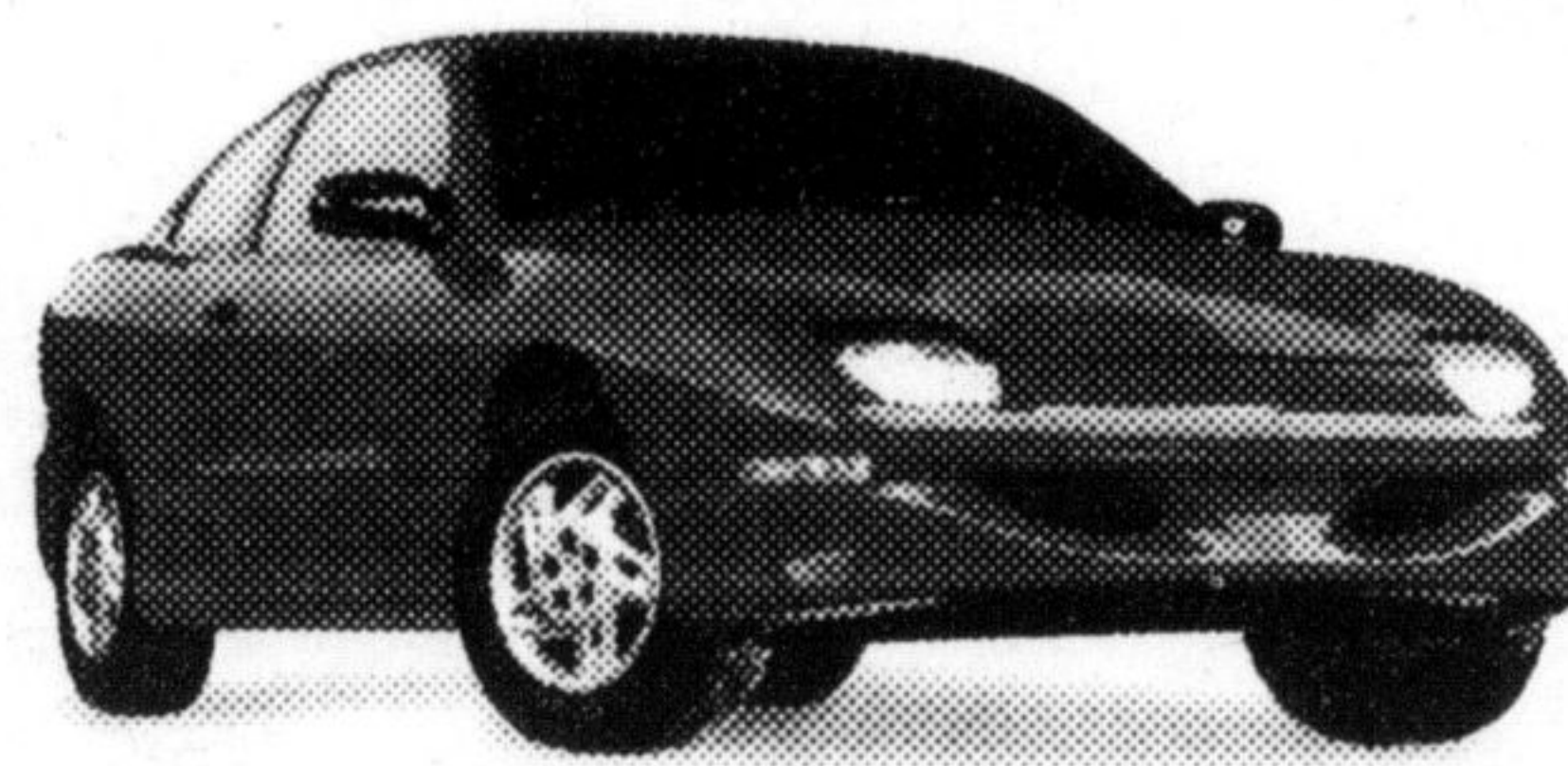
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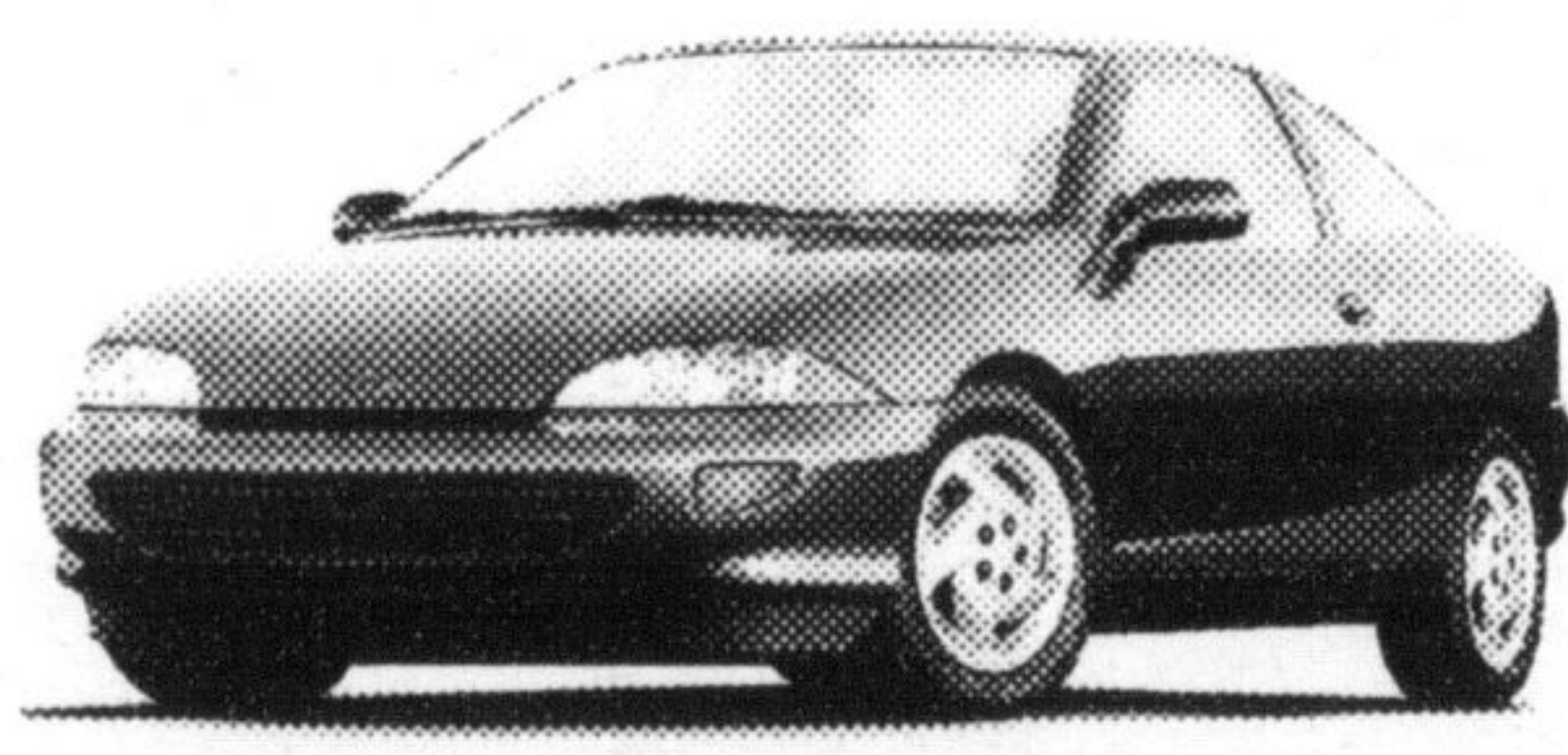
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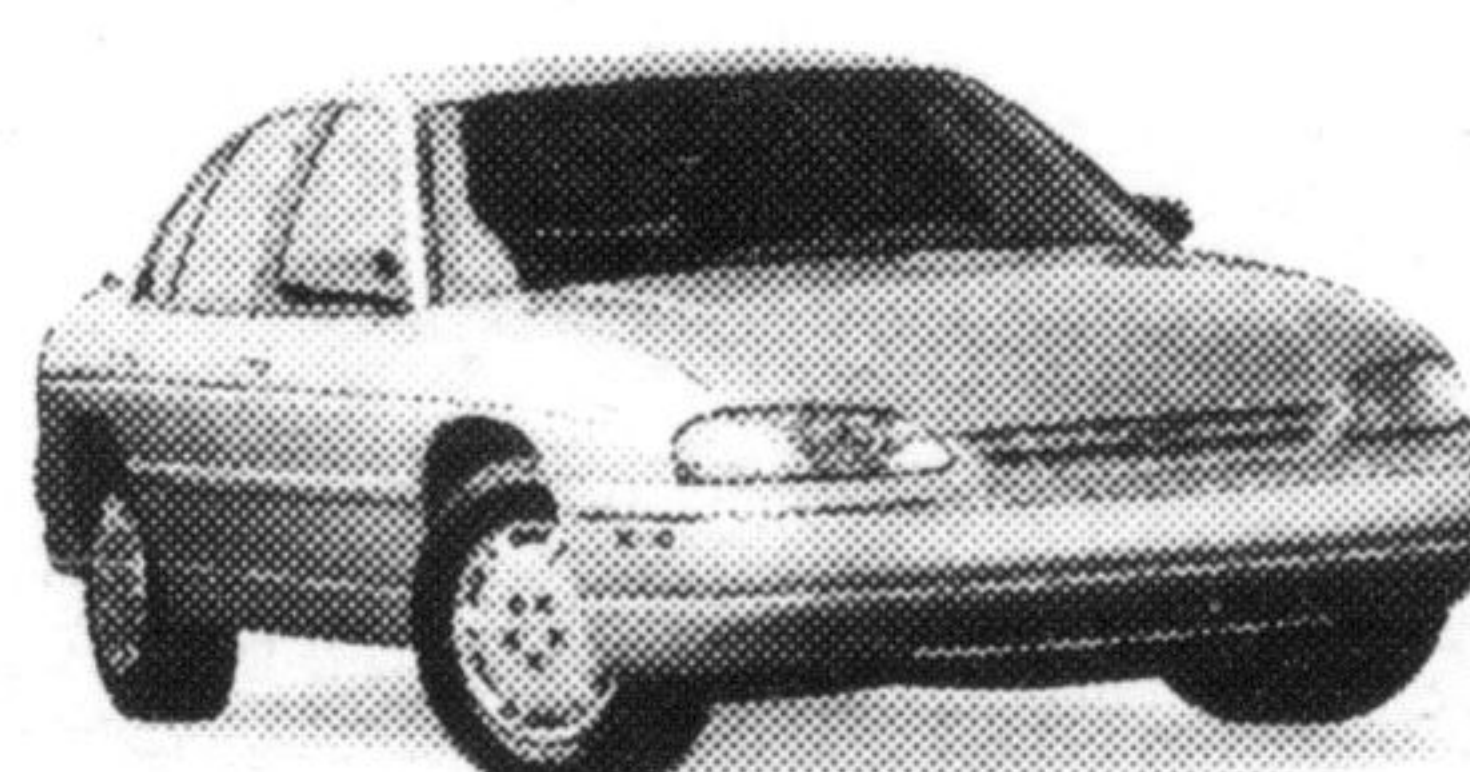
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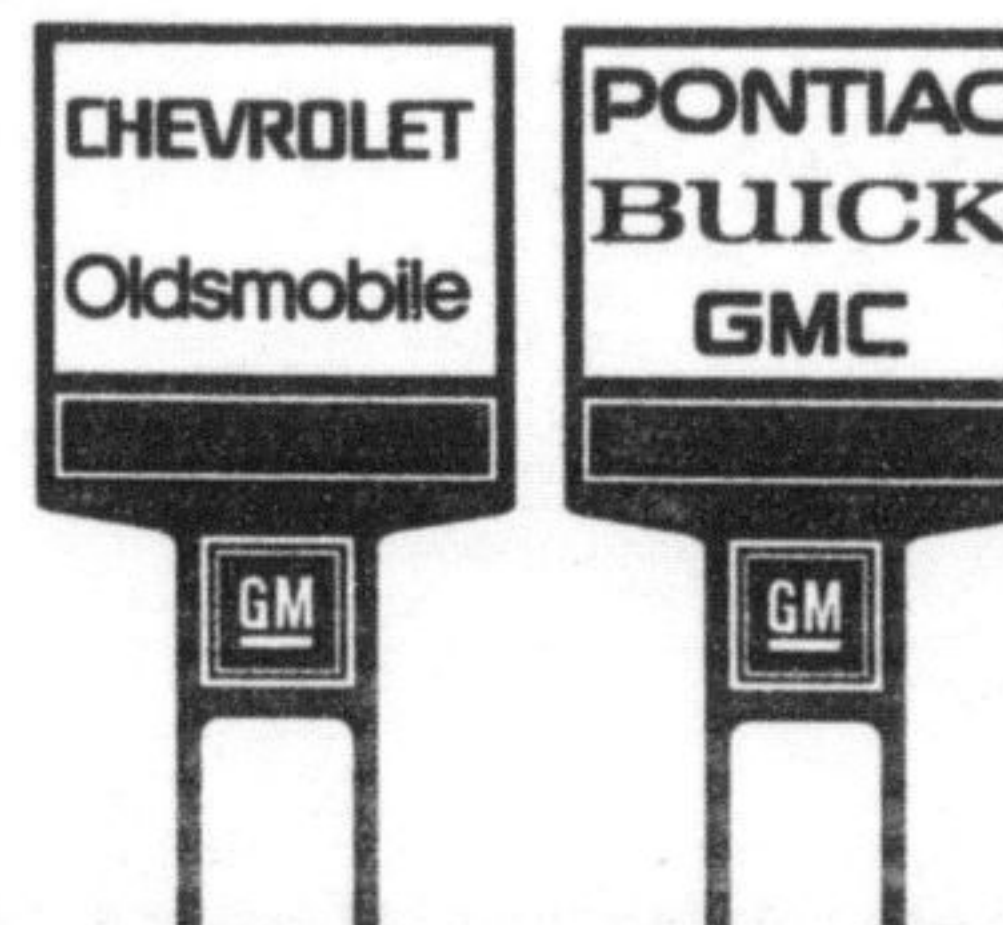
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Sheridan, but most of these students are getting jobs in the United States or overseas. We're training these young people to leave this tax base," Mr. Jackson stressed.

Taking shots from all side for his government's cuts to health care, Mr. Reed said all Canadians have had to make sacrifices in the Liberals' recent fight to pay down the deficit.

"There've been sacrifices everywhere but in Ottawa," Mr. Scholtens responded.

The Tory candidate said his party would cut \$12 billion from the budget "almost immediately" and implement a 10 per cent income tax cut to stimulate the economy.

Mr. Jackson focused on his party's successes, stating that although the NDP has never formed a federal government, they have always made a difference. "I believe in a future that is better than what we have now," he said.

Touching on Tee-Comm's current financial crisis, Mr. Malbouef said bankruptcy rates are at a record high — which again goes back to alarmingly high taxes.

"We are the highest taxed people in the world, due to the Liberal and Tory governments' mismanagement and incompetence," Mr. Malbouef said.

Mr. Champ did not attend the meeting.

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