

Thornhill and District News

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"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest contributed by its readers in the Thornhill area. Our representative in Thornhill is Mrs. Margaret McLean, who may be reached by phoning AV. 5-2331.

At United Church

Report \$60,000 Raised During Past Year

At the annual congregational meeting of Thornhill United Church February 3, it was reported that the church had raised a general total of some \$60,000 during the past year.

During the past year, the congregation gave \$6,965 to the missionary and maintenance fund and reduced the church debt to \$94,000.

United Church Women raised \$4,389 and gave \$1,025 to the presbyterial mission fund and maintenance fund, \$2,195 to the local church fund, \$336 to Christian education and \$225 to community projects.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. A. I. Higgins and the various church bodies. It was agreed to purchase an additional piece of land for a parking lot and to proceed with the completion of the organ.

Two new elders were elected, Ed Windsor and C. G. Gibson. J. Elliott and W. Whalen were elected trustees.

A committee of stewards was also elected consisting of A. Agnew, N. Bracey, R. King, H. Martin, P. Meech, L. Morrison, N. Payne, J. Sedgewick, J. Corkhill and Dr. L. White.

Dr. Derek Kidd of Thornhill was speaking of his experiences in the Canadian Arctic, a portion of our Dominion which is claiming interest and attention because of its rich mineral resources.

In 1954 Dr. Kidd, whose full title is Surgeon Lieut. Commander D. Kidd, RCN, was appointed principal medical officer of HMCS Labrador. This newly commissioned Arctic patrol ice-breaker, built in Sorel, Que., for the Department of National Defense, was especially designed, equipped and staffed to make scientific surveys in hydrography and oceanography.

'Silence - Complete And Deep'

(By Doris M. Fitzgerald) "It gave one a wonderful feeling to step over that snow covered terrain where perhaps no white man had ever walked before. At first there was a crackling sensation in my ears, then I realized that they were adjusting to a silence so complete, and deep, that it was possible to hear the tinkling of a water-fall almost two miles away."

When the Labrador crossed the Arctic circle the long night of winter had already become the long day of summer, and while the average temperature for the summer was 34 degrees it sometimes rose as high as 70.

There were big patches of open water in the straits, and on the mainland the snow had melted in the valleys, and wildflowers, grasses and lichens were growing in the gravelly soil.

Many species of birds had arrived to breed on the rocky ledges, and the widely scattered Eskimos had left their igloos for skin and canvas tents.

In black and white photographs the treeless landscape looks bleak and forbidding, but colored slides taken by Dr. Kidd show to better advantage the beauty of this vast territory when the sun is shining on the ice-capped peaks, and the brilliant greens and blues of water and sky contrast with the lingering snow.

As in other remote regions no one ever passes another without speaking. In Alderman Jones Sound the Labrador was hailed by some Eskimos in an old petehad, who were astonished to see white men so early in the season.

Peterheads are whalers or longboats, much prized by the Eskimos because they are built of wood, unobtainable so far north of the tree line. Sometimes expeditions leaving the district give these boats to the Eskimos. Sometimes they get them through the Hudson's Bay Company post where they trade their fox, seal and bear pelts.

While exploring around Winter Harbour, on the northern shore of Viscount Melville Sound, a party from the Labrador discovered a very different cache. It consisted of tinned oat tallow, and Normandy Pippins, put up by Fortnum and Mason, London, England (now owned by Garfield Weston), and left there more than 100 years ago by McClintock, leader of one of the search parties sent from Great Britain to look for Sir John Franklin and his men. The contents of the cans were tested and found safely edible, but insipid.

Among the curios Dr. Kidd brought home are some excellent Eskimo carvings done by men he personally knew. An ivory bear was especially made for him as a token of appreciation, and there are interesting figures and animals cut from the rather soft soapstone found on the beaches.

Originally most of the soapstone carvings were made by aged Eskimos of the fishing tribe to amuse the children and no value was attached to them until they found favor in the outside world.

Now the beautifully embroidered parkas, fur mitts and caps made by Eskimo women are also in great demand.

Eskimos, it seems, are basically a happy and self-sufficient people who have survived by adapting themselves to their rigorous environment, and whose natural leaders are the hunters who have demonstrated the greatest resourcefulness and courage.

Though unlettered by our standards, they possess a prodigious knowledge of every phase of nature important to their way of life. They do need assistance however in adjusting to closer contact with white men and their bewildering different set of values.

Missionaries and the Canadian Government are trying to help them readjust. Dr. Kidd described the Eskimos he met as friendly and very intelligent. He spoke of seeing a seven-year-old boy handling the tiller and main sail of his father's petehad with great skill and responsibility.

ved a replica in ivory, and got it going again. When the new part broke after a time they made a number of 'spares' to keep on hand for this emergency. The motor was working when the officials returned the following year.

Born in England, Derek Kidd joined the Royal Navy in 1940 as a young rating. He served on destroyers, was commissioned, won the Distinguished Service Cross and was mentioned in despatches.

At war's end he entered the University of London, England, and studied medicine at Charing Cross Medical School. But the sea was in his blood and after two years as house surgeon in Charing Cross Hospital he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and was appointed to the Naval Hospital in Halifax.

Next came a two year stint on HMCS Labrador where close association with scientists aroused a deep interest in research. He went back to England to do post graduate work in physiology, and since his return to Canada has been engaged in further research in the field of underwater physiology — submarines and diving — at the Defense Research Medical Laboratory, Downsview.

And that is how he and his English born wife, Vera, happen to be living in Thornhill, far from ships and the sea.

Thornhill Notes

On February 24 Guides and Brownies of Thornhill will hold a church parade and special service to which all members of the public are invited. This is an annual service in commemoration of "Thinking Day". District Commissioner Mrs. D. R. Moore is in charge of arrangements for the service.

Thornhill United Church choir sponsored a very successful musical evening recently when the University of Rochester Men's Glee Club gave a concert.

Set February 17 As Parade Date At Holy Trinity

The Scouts and Guides of Holy Trinity will hold a church parade at Holy Trinity evening service February 17.

On February 19, the parish guild will hold their annual card party in the parish hall. Tickets are \$1, each and ticket convener is Mrs. W. A. Trow. Convener is Mrs. Sue Robson.

Prizes will be in abundance and refreshments will be served. The Trinity Teens and Twenties are looking forward to their annual pancake supper February 26, starting at 6 p.m. and going on as long as it takes them to scrape the last of the pancakes off the ceiling.

Beginning of a parish-wide fellowship program will be initiated February 24 when couples of the church will visit other Anglican families in their neighborhood, taking copies of the Lenten calendar and inviting them to fellowship with the church.

On the morning of February 17, a young people's corporate communion will be held.

Following the evening service February 17, Rev. and Mrs. Howden will attend a special service at St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Toronto, in honor of Archdeacon G. A. Andrew.

Rev. Andrew worked with Rev. Howden for several years at St. Michael's and All Angels. This will be his 80th birthday, the 55th anniversary of his ordination and his 40th wedding anniversary.

cert at Northview Heights High School. The concert was well attended and highly successful from both a musical and monetary point of view. Proceeds of the concert are for the organ fund, to be used to complete the organ installation.

Presbyterian Church News The February meeting of the WMS of Thornhill Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. E. Cummings, 43 Meadowview Road, Willowdale, February 5, with 13 members present.

The meeting opened with a hymn and a prayer offered by the president, Mrs. A. McClumpha. Devotional was taken by Mrs. P. Williamson. Mrs. I. Goodenough led in the discussion of the study book, the

Home and school held their monthly meeting last Monday with a good attendance. It was Powell Road's 12th birthday. Cakes were made for sale by members to represent each month, with proceeds going to the home and school treasury.

Oral French meetings are being held in various schools, at which the president would like representatives from our school to attend.

If anyone is interested please contact Mr. Brown at AV. 5-1984 and he will give you the dates and places of these meetings.

A skating party is being held February 15 on the St. John Webster Rink. Everyone is welcome.

Save all your bottles as the local boys will be picking them up every second Saturday of the month. Mr. Royce is in charge of the project.

"The Professor" has been invited to our fun fair scheduled for May 4. He will be there from 2 to 4 p.m. His fee is \$50 and money is being raised by teas and in bottle drives.

The association purchased 500 letterheads with their own plate for future use of both the school and the home and school.

The big attraction of the evening was the presentation of a television set to the school. Mr. Brown, president, on behalf of the home and school presented the TV to Principal McRoberts.

All grades have seen a program except grade 1, so far. Your children should be coming home from time to time telling you about the lessons they have seen. They can also be seen on your TV at home.

Door prize was won by Mr. Kremm. Other prizes for various games were won by Ron Miller, Mr. Greenlees, Mr. McRoberts, Mrs. King and Mr. Vanbemm.

Grade prize was won by Mrs. Snary's room, grade 4 and 5. If you have any rummage or saleable articles you want to dispose of for the fun fair, they can be picked up anytime by contacting Mrs. Olive St. John, AV. 5-3794 or Mrs. Webster, AV. 5-3342.

Neighborhood Notes Mrs. Iris McEwen, 133 Crestwood Road, is holding a coffee and tea party at her home February 20.

Birthday congratulations to Peter Webster who celebrated his 16th birthday 4, and to Leonard St. John who was eight February 7.

Mrs. Marj. Fitchett celebrated her birthday February 7. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hayes of Crestwood Road on the death of Mrs. Hayes' mother February 2, after a lengthy illness.

The late Mrs. Edith Hayes rested at Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, where service took place in Grace Anglican Church February 6 at 2 p.m. Burial was in Highland Memorial Gardens.

theme of which was "On the Rim of Asia" and dealt with Korea and the Koreans in Japan. Tea was served by the hostesses for the day, Mrs. Cammell and Mrs. Williamson. The meeting closed with prayer offered by the president.

Horticultural Society The care and feeding of lawns will be the subject under discussion at the February 19 meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society in Thornhill United Church at 8 p.m.

J. A. Janzen, deputy-commissioner of the Metropolitan Toronto parks department, will be the speaker for the evening.

T. Stothers will show slides he has taken at the pond beside his home on Centre Street and at other gardens in the Thornhill area.

CWL News Notes A fancy Valentine dance has been arranged by the ladies of the C.W.L. of St. Lukes for February 16. M. C. for the evening will be a disc jockey from the Jack Merryfield Co.

The evening will provide dancing, refreshments and fun for all. Tickets are \$2 per couple. The dance will be held in St. Lukes School auditorium.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated by Unit 3 of the U.C.W. February 15 when they will hold a Valentine coffee party and bake sale at the church from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

So get there early girls if you want to get any of those goodies. They're sure to be all bought up in the first few minutes of the sale.

The general body of U.C.W. is planning a snack luncheon for March 11 at 1 p.m. which is also sure to be popular. Tickets for this are available from unit leaders.

A communication class for adults will be held at 8 p.m. February 24 following the meeting with the Sunday evening study and prayer group.

This class will be taken by Rev. A. Veals. The young people's class will be held the same evening at 6:30 and will meet with Rev. A. I. Higgins.

Rev. A. I. Higgins will be heard over CFGM every Sunday evening in March from 9 to 9:30. He will give a series of Lenten sermons on the general

topic "some people who participated in the crucifixion". The Boy Scouts will hold a church parade at Thornhill United Church February 17.

Seventy Attend Training Session Held By Guiders The York Central Division of the Girl Guides held a most successful Guiders training session at Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill, January 30. Approximately 70 Guiders from the division were present.

The evening began with coffee and donuts served by the members of the Thornhill Local Association followed by the training sessions which went on from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The Guiders were divided into the Brown and Blue groups. Mrs. H. Currie, deputy area commissioner, took the session on badge standards with the badge secretaries, Mrs. R. Fleming, division brown-trainer, arranged the training for the Brown Guiders, assisted by Mrs. O'Rourke and Mrs. Israel of Richmond Hill.

At the same time, Mrs. P. Rummy, new captain of the 2nd York Central Rangers, was in charge of the Blue Guiders training. She was assisted by Mrs. R. Staton, the new Ranger captain of the 1st York Central Rangers, and by Mrs. F. Ford, former division trainer.

Miss Cheryl Leonard, a prospective Gold Cord Guide, was doing one of her commissioner's jobs by looking after the registration of the Blue Guiders and being on hand all evening for additional jobs.

It was felt the York Central Division was fortunate in having so many leaders capable of planning and assisting in such a worthwhile evening.

SUTTON. A new \$900,000 two-wing addition to Sutton High School was officially opened recently.

Thornhill Woman Joins Ontario Teachers' Group

Mrs. Edith Butlin of 57 Thornridge Dr., Thornhill, has been appointed executive assistant of the Federation of Women Teachers' Association of Ontario, it was announced this week by Miss Ola Reith of St. Thomas, association president.

a valuable addition to the staff of the federation. Mrs. Butlin is married and has two children.



MRS. EDE BUTLIN

A graduate of the University of Toronto in Arts, Mrs. Butlin was a supply teacher in home economics at Richmond Hill and Thornhill district secondary schools for several years. In 1953 she was appointed an underwriter for the Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto, and for three successive years she achieved top position in the company among all women underwriters in the British Commonwealth.

Mrs. Butlin joined the staff of the Junior Red Cross as assistant supervisor, Toronto branch, in August 1961.

In this capacity she worked very closely with students and staffs of elementary and secondary schools throughout Metropolitan Toronto.

Miss Reith told "The Liberal" that Mrs. Butlin's wide experience in the professional and business world will prove to be

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WELCOME WAGON

Travel Agency Locates On Yonge St. In Village

(By Margaret McLean) Travel - happy Thornhillers will be pleased to know the village now boasts its own travel agency. Maria's Travel Agency opened last week in the Blackburn Block, just north of the Bank of Nova Scotia and certainly lends the place a cosmopolitan air.

Proprietress is Mrs. Maria Malinsky, a native of Munich, who has been in the travel agency business in Toronto for the past seven years.

In answering the question of why she located her agency in Thornhill, Mrs. Malinsky said, "Because this place will grow. It is a coming community." She was happy also to be able to locate in the centre of the village.

Mrs. Malinsky has travelled in all parts of Europe and is well equipped to give help and advice to travellers.

She offers a complete service and will take care of such things as passport forms, visas and photo-copies.

As well, she will provide a translation service for those in need of it and will even help foreign-born citizens with their income tax forms.

Even for much shorter trips, such a service will make things much easier for Thornhill district people.

When requiring train tickets to Chicago or New York, for instance, they can be obtained from Mrs. Malinsky without the necessity of a long trip downtown.

Mrs. Malinsky said she has found the people in the area very warm and friendly. I am sure this is just the bread of her own generous personality

which she has cast upon the waters and is coming back to her as cake!

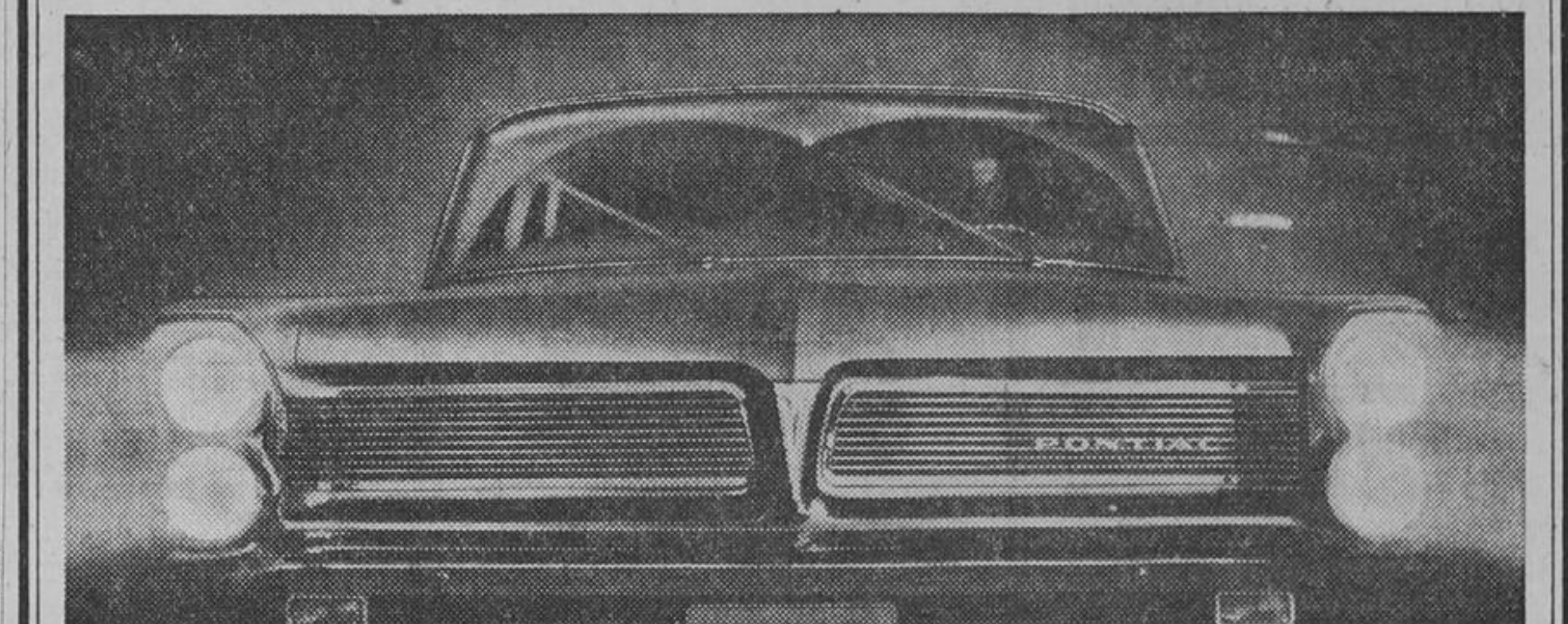
Best wishes to Maria's Travel Agency. I'll be in to pick up some of those gorgeous travel folders soon. After all, even while I am frozen to this type-writer, I can dream, can't I?

NEED BRASS BED At last report, the cast of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Thornhill Secondary School was still short one brass bed for their production. Anyone who can help out please call Mrs. M. McLean at AV. 5-2331.

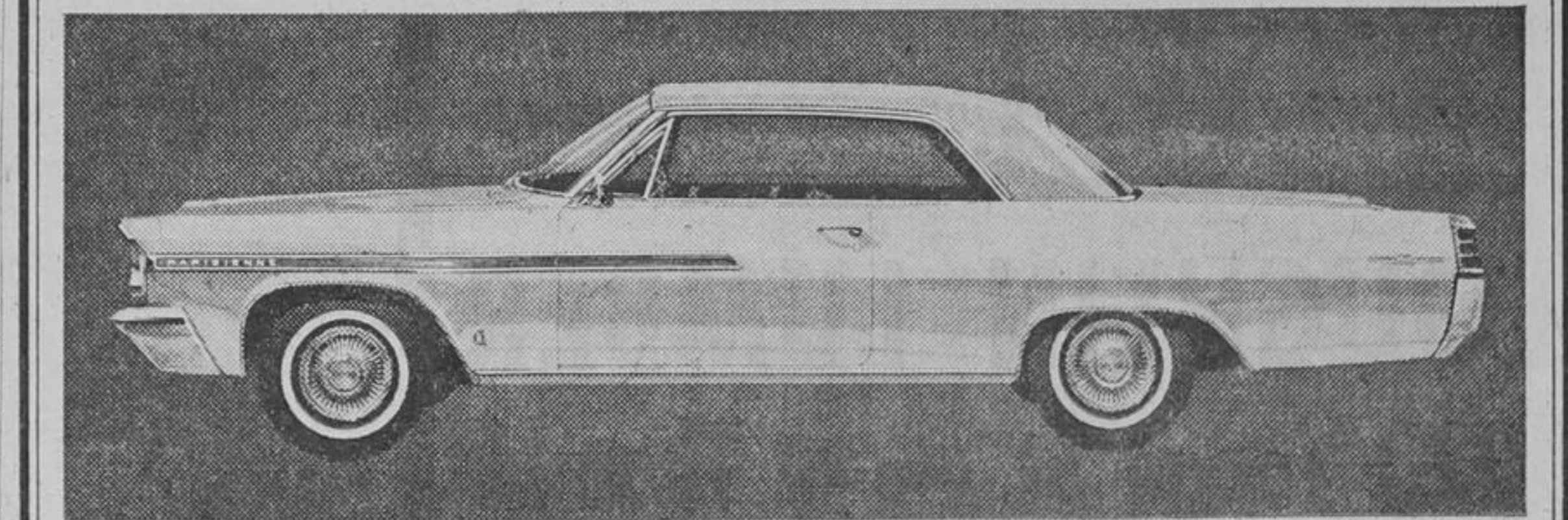
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