



When Wilbur Irwin came unexpectedly upon this owl in his chicken pen at Island Lake north of Stouffville as reported in our last issue, the farmer

and the feathered creature did battle to the death. Mr. Irwin would have been severely scratched when the owl attacked had it not been for the fact

he wore heavy leather mitts. Mr. Irwin aided by Mrs. Ted Lenard here shows the 52 inch wing spread of the dead owl.

Deer Increasing in the Sunderland District

John McIlmurray, Joe and Norris Welsh, ardent sportsmen and enthusiastic members of the Quinn Corners Hunt Club at Sunderland, 25 miles north of Stouffville in the Township of Brock, were surprised recently when they spied a big fawn running down the 6th concession of Brock, toward the heart of the town. The boys then in front of Oldfield's Bakeshop, pulled over in front of Dr. Oliver's residence and jumping out of the car headed off the deer at Gordon's Garage.

The frightened animal which appeared nearly spent, headed north and disappeared between the New Curling Rink and the Skating Rink and to the north of Joe O'Leary's new home.

The presence of mind of these men in diverting the direction of the deer probably averted confusion on the main street and highway which were very busy at the

time. Jack Norris and Joe returning to their car and discussing the unique incident, saw a hound close of the scent of the deer tearing through the village. However the excitement of the day was not over for the boys, as after passing the home of Percy St. John on their journey home, another deer, a beautiful doe, crossed the path of the car and dashed with frightened speed west on the fourth. It was lost to view just past Jim Acton's place.

John McIlmurray says today there are many such deer about and they are multiplying rapidly in West Brock and especially back at the second concession, which is overgrown with brush and not used as a road. In the great swamp and wild tangled forest through which runs the Beaver River as it flows through marsh and brush from Blackwater Jct. to a point west of Cannington in North Brock and empties in Lake Simcoe, is the haunt of countless deer.

The members of the Quinn Corner Hunt Club have seen groups of seven and eight deer together not only in the dense swamp, which lines Beaver River, but in the more open woods at the

back of the Robert Hendry farm. Last week, Charles Thompson counted eight in the barnyard.

It is interesting to note that these deer are living and multiplying in these haunts just 50 miles north of the city of Toronto. As there is open season for hunting here, farmers are considering with some concern what a great number of these animals if left to multiply will do to their crops. But just now the residents are rather interested and pleased at the sight of these superb game animals.

WHITBY CHRONICLE TELLS OF PRICES 83 YEARS AGO

The cost of living in Whitby in 1867, just eighty-three years ago, was probably not the same problem as it is today, although wages were far below what they are today.

A copy of the Whitby Chronicle of Feb. 21, 1867, obtained by The Times-Gazette a few days ago, was published by W. H. Higgins. Here are some of the prices on the Whitby market: eggs, 15c dozen; fall wheat, \$1.00 and \$1.05; spring wheat, \$1.35 and \$1.42; barley, 45c; peas, 65c and 70c; oats, 25c and 30c;

J. R. Dixon of Barrie Ont. County Road Supt.

Twenty-eight year old J. R. Nixon of Barrie and London has been appointed Road Engineer for the County of Ontario. Members of the county council confirmed the appointment at a salary of \$3,600 per annum with yearly increments of \$150 up to the maximum salary of \$4,500. It was not decided whether the engineer will use his own car and receive allowance of seven cents per mile or whether the county will provide a new vehicle.

Council had considerable discussion over the following clause before adopting it: "that the engineer be allowed to work for the local municipalities and the Oshawa Suburban Road Commission with the approval of the Road Committee and the fee for such work be agreed upon by the contracting parties, and the engineer be permitted to retain such fees."

Mr. Nixon will take up his duties within two years. He will be assisted at first by David Kean, the former superintendent who has been retained for this year in a consultant capacity, and by L. M. Boucher, district road superintendent. Recommending the appointment, chairman of the road committee Thomas Harding, stressed the advantages of Mr. Nixon's



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by *Don Graham*

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youth, in his position.

A native of Barrie, Mr. Nixon attended the Prince of Wales Public School there and Barrie Collegiate Institute. Upon graduation,

like this being given the storekeeper: "1 lb. butter, 2 lbs. sugar; 3 lbs. roast pork, a bag of potatoes, 12 lbs. sugar and one crock of liquor, for the store offered the products of old John Barleycorn at these prices: Pure old malt whiskey, \$1.10 gallon; pure old rye whiskey, \$1.10 gallon; choice Irish whiskey, 12 years old, \$3.00 a gallon; choice brandy, 1860 vintage, \$4.00 per gallon.

It costs twice as much to haul wheat from the centre of the U.S. wheat belt at Minot, North Dakota, to Duluth as it does to freight it twice the distance from the centre of the Canadian wheat belt to Fort William.

tion he took a course in the Radio College of Canada and then joined the Royal Air Force as navigator and radio operator in the Ferry Command. From June, 1942, until September, 1945, Mr. Nixon saw active service. His airforce training was taken at Dorval.

Continuing his education, he entered Queen's University at Kingston from which he graduated last June, with honors, and with the degree of Bachelor of Science. During college, he won the W.W. Neer scholarship in civil engineering and other scholastic honors.

Already experienced in his field through summer work on the new Toronto-Barrie four lane highway, Mr. Nixon has been employed in London with the Bell Telephone Company of Canada as an engineering assistant to the toll engineer.

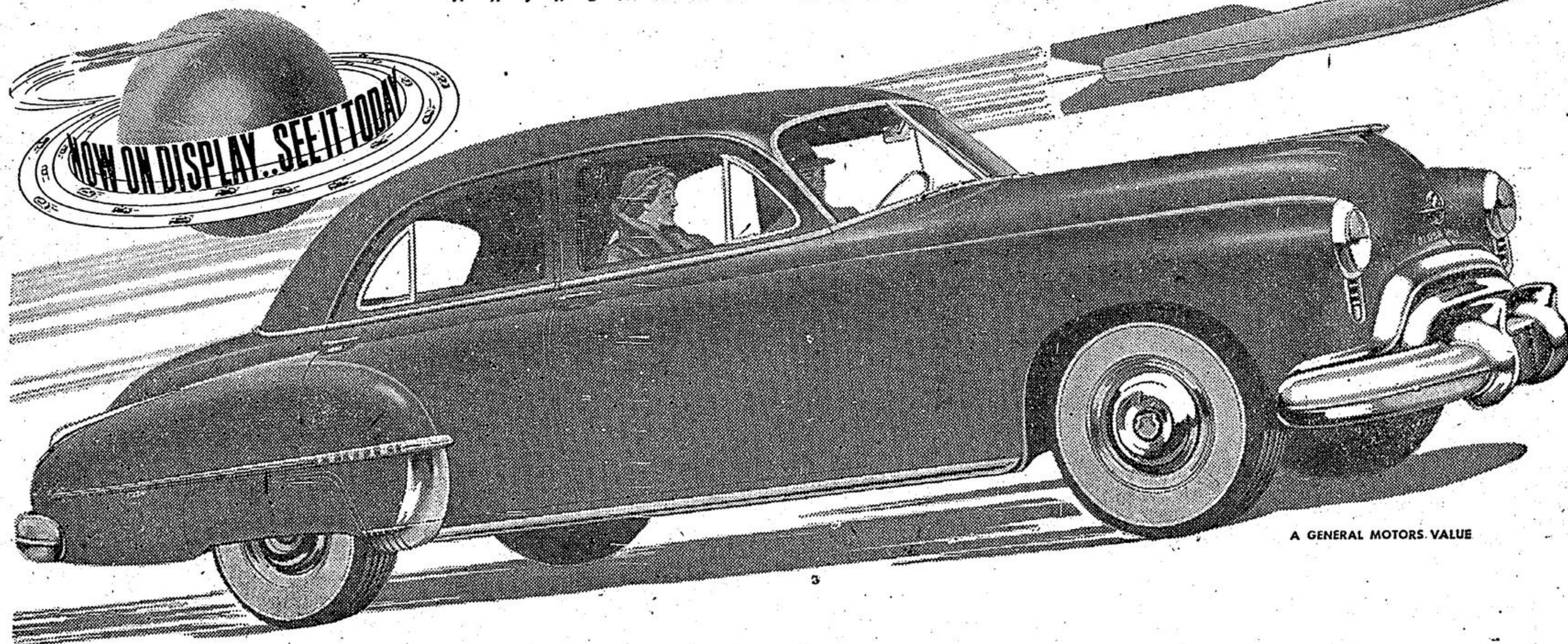
Of sturdy build, he stands nearly six feet tall and weighs 175. He is single, a member of the Baptist Church and interested in various community enterprises.

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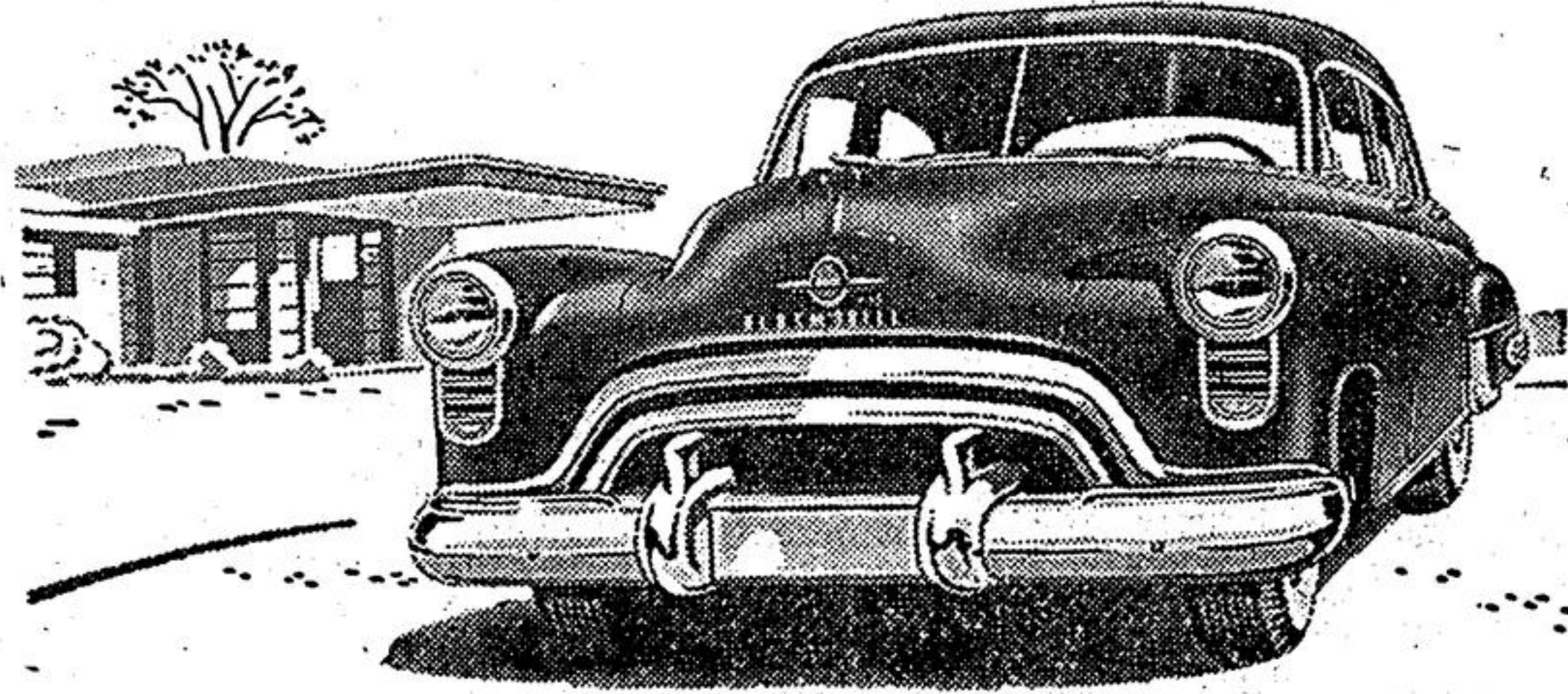
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