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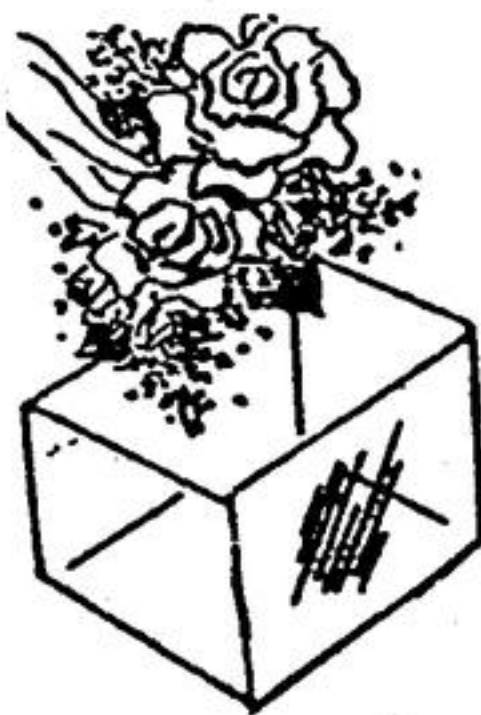
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Move to Change County "Home" Site Fails

After three council sessions and considerable discussion, the move to change the site of the new Ontario County Home from Whitby to Uxbridge has fallen through. Member of the building committee, W. H. Westney of Pickering Township: "We had no authority to stop the work or slow it down." He pointed out that the contract with the architect calls for equitable payment if delay or changes are encountered. "You are walking into difficulty and expense," Mr. Westney warned. "I see no way to make any

improvement by a change. I am definitely opposed to any change in plans." "It's nothing less than direct sabotage of the new County Home building program which has been delayed too long already," said a member of the Ontario County Council referring to the attempt now on foot to have location of the Home switched from Whitby to Uxbridge. Building plans have now been completed and it had been proposed to call for tenders next week. If a change of site is permitted, it would probably delay the start of building until spring of 1951.

Uxbridge's mayor, Robert J. Harris, has led the movement for change in site. He is enthusiastically in favor of a site just out of the Uxbridge town limits which is supposedly available at a price of \$100 an acre. The objectionable feature of the present situation to many observers is that apparently heavy "undercover" pressure has been brought to bear on the proposed change. Question of site was thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by all parties before employing an architect or making any expenditures. It is pointed out that there is nothing in the agreement between Oshawa and the county which specifies any site for the proposed \$650,000 home. It has always been clearly understood that it would be erected on the present County property immediately south of the old building. Members of the building committee are: Rae Ferguson, warden



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BASEBALL AND TAXES

(By R. J. Deachman)

Babe Ruth knowing something of baseball, received in 1931, \$80,000 for the season. The income tax took him for a loop. He netted only \$68,535—after taxes.

Ted Williams, in 1950, will receive \$125,000. Federal income tax will cut him down, he will end up the year with \$62,028.

Inflation, since 1931, has cut the purchasing power of the dollar, so Ted Williams' take home pay in 1950 is a little more than half that of Babe Ruth's in 1931—57% if you want to be exact about it.

Yes, these figures are American, it couldn't happen to us, or could it? The question is worth considering. Let us examine the facts: Here is a business executive who had, in 1939, an income of \$10,000. He also had something of more value, a wife and two children. His total income tax in that year was \$748.45, of which \$191.05 was provincial income tax—there is now no provincial income tax in Ontario. In 1949 he would pay, on the same income, \$1,582.00.

This chap was a bright lad. He rose rapidly in business. In 1949 his income was \$25,000, subject, of course, to income tax and touched by the higher cost of living. Let us see how he fared. On his \$25,000 income he now paid \$7,625.00. His take home pay was \$17,375.00. Lucky dog—but wait we are not yet through with this boy. The cost of living is up approximately 60%. In other words he must pay now \$1.60 for the goods which cost him \$1.00 in distant 1939. If we divide his take home pay by \$1.50, we will have his earning in terms of dollars of 1939 purchasing power. What is the answer? I have worked it out for you: It is \$10,858.00. He didn't get away with much on the \$15,000 salary increase, did he?

Let us see what happened to a smaller fish in the puddle. Assume that the man with \$5,000 in 1939 moved up to \$10,000 in 1949 and see what happened to him. In the earlier year he paid in taxes \$133.60 leaving him with \$4,866.40. When his income rose to \$10,000, his taxes amounted to \$1,582.00, leaving him with \$8,418.00. Now run it through the increased living costs—divide by 160—he has or had in his hands or in the bank \$5,261.00. I wonder if he thought much of his new found riches.

What happens to the fellow with an income of \$2,750 in 1939? He paid no Federal income tax. If his income is now \$5,000 he pays \$453.00 in income tax. He has \$4,547 dollars to spend equivalent to \$2,842 in terms of pre-war dollars. The income of each had increased slightly, the chap who held to his old earning was strictly out of luck. A farmer cannot get rich by burning his crops. The manufacturer gains nothing from smashing his machines. War is destruction, without reason or common sense. The only things it creates are poverty, hate, want and misery. The conquest of war is the greatest task of humanity. Will we ever be equal to it?

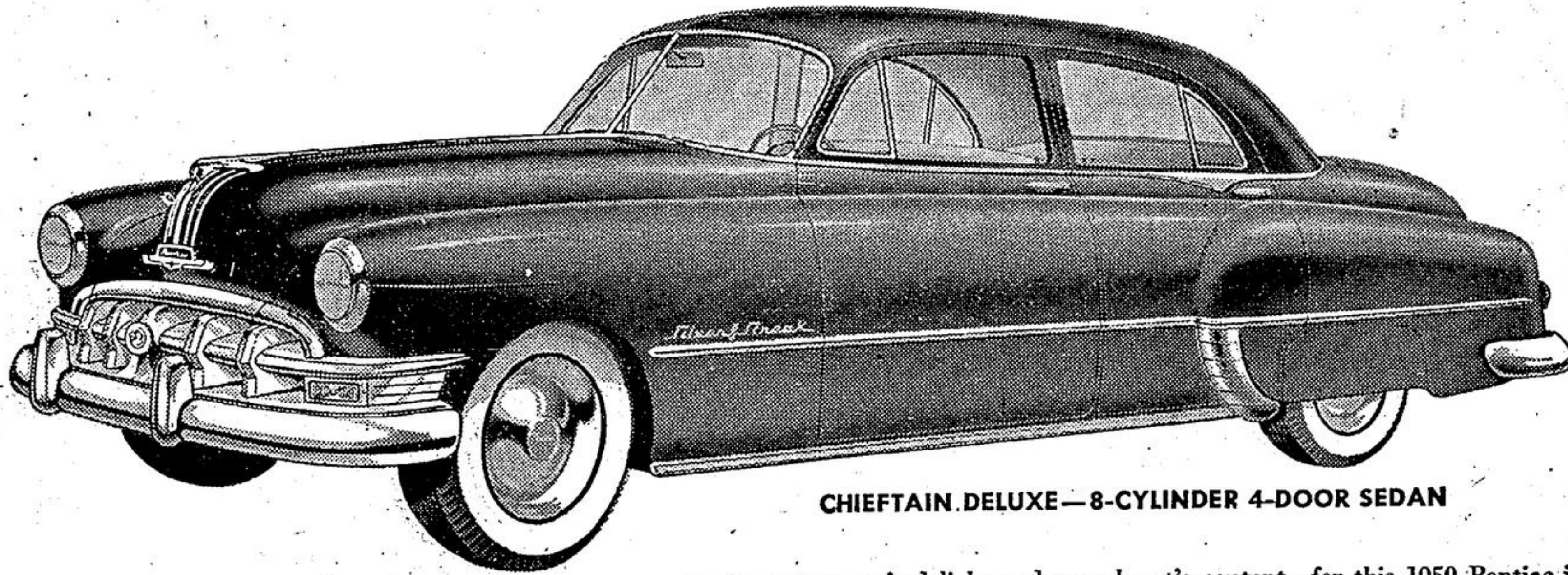
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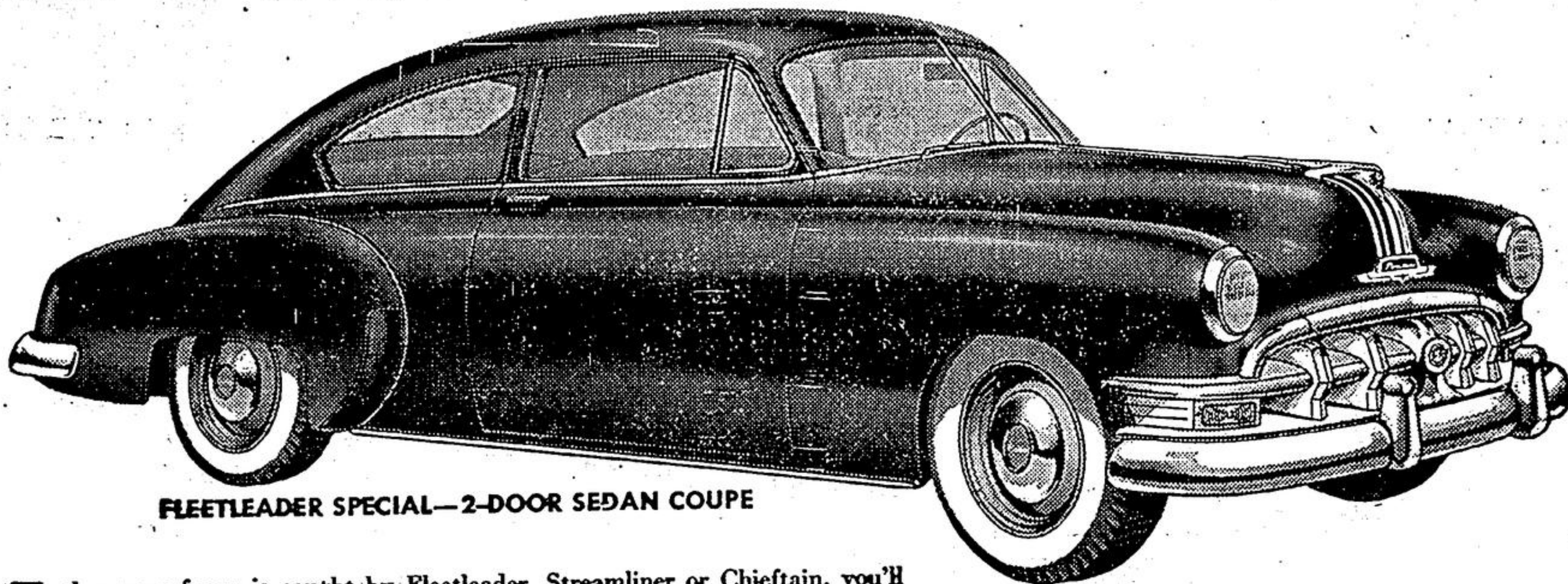
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