

## Sod is Turned for New Wing at County Hospital

Dr. W. B. Phair, deputy minister of Health for Ontario and York County Warden Ralph Corner, using silver spades, turned the first sods for the new 32-bed wing for York County Hospital at Newmarket Wednesday afternoon. Mr. K. Stiver, chairman of the board and Dr. C. R. Williams, Aurora, president of the staff Association, spoke briefly and Rev. M. J. Aiken of Newmarket led in prayer. York County Council and Municipal representatives and members of the medical profession and Women's Auxiliary of the hospital were among those present.

It is just a year ago that the campaign to raise money for the new wing got under way with Mr. C. A. Cathers as chairman. Funds available now amount to \$681,703. Dominion and Provincial grants make up \$165,000. York County will give \$300,000 over a five-year period.

Ontario County will give \$15,000, Simcoe \$10,000 and Bradford \$5,000. \$130,000 has been raised by public subscription. The new addition will bring the hospital up to 110 beds and into a class "B" category.

The Piggott Construction Co. of Hamilton, are the Contractors for the addition to cost, without equipment, \$500,000.

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## France - Great Mixture of Poverty and Beauty

(Continued from page 3) great heater, heals all wounds—in time.

We had to climb 116 steps out of the subway station at Notre Dame. The subway is cheap, about six cents, but oh, so dirty, so crowded and so uncomfortable. There is a nice new elevator but it was not working today. We ran into such a pretty bird market—canaries and every kind of caged bird, even cardinals. Some \$6 and some \$20. The subway was a great disappointment to me. The maps are old and dirty. The signs are printed small. It seems nearly as far down into a subway station and up again as to walk the street between the stations. The Champs Elysees is better than a dozen University Avenues. The traffic is marvellous—so fast and not a horn blowing.

The French lads and girls stand in a bus or train, with their noses about four inches apart. Some of them keep kissing as they go along. I've seen them holding hands and then get off at two different places. At night quite a number of girls seem to have nowhere to go and all night to get there. They dawdle along in ones and twos. At night our street is quieter than a cemetery. Paris is going modern. We found a lovely little cafeteria, where we had afternoon tea. The people seem to be very well dressed, well fed and apparently happy. Just how they do it, with wages \$100 a month and butter \$1 a lb, is too much for me.

Well, we left Paris and went to Amiens. What a horrid place, the sanitation is not up to much. We finally found one old chap who spoke a little English. Horse-meat for sale. Rows of houses about 12 feet apart. The road was a ditch of stagnant water. Bombing in the last war had done a lot of damage, but better buildings may eventually arise. The Cathedral has gone sadly downhill. Pigeon dirt is all over the stone floors. It badly needs renovation but I guess the poor souls can't find the money.

We got to Arras, but could not get out of the station and nobody understood where we wanted to go. We finally got to the War Graves Commission. The registrar and his secretary spoke English and were a great help to us. We hired a taxi and drove around for four hours to see the British and Canadian War Cemeteries. I cannot find words to express my admiration for the splendid way in which the Commission takes care of the British and Canadian cemeteries. It is simply grand. The first one we went to had 250 known and 800 unknown dead. The stones are 3 inches thick, 15 inches wide and 33 inches high. They are portland stone and very porous, so they look very old. I reckon they will be readable for 15 or 20 years more and by that time everybody contemporary with the boys will have passed on anyway. A firm in Paris has taken a contract to polish up the stones by an emery process which makes them look like new. The stones do not face the East, they face every way of the compass. I hope to be excused for the extra length of this letter, be-

## UNIONVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Couperthwaite and Mr. and Mrs. George Couperthwaite left on Saturday for a holiday in Florida.

At the United Church Parsonage on Saturday, the marriage of Miss Norma Adele Maxwell, daughter of Mrs. S. Maxwell and the late Alexander Maxwell of Feversham to Mr. Chester Hall Weir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Weir, Unionville, was solemnized by the Pastor, Rev. W. Butt. The bride was becomingly dressed in a suit of powder blue shade with accessories of pink and navy blue and a matching corsage. The bridesmaid, Miss Marjorie Gordon of Toronto wore a blue wool suit with matching accessories and corsage. Mr. Dean Findlay was best man for the groom. Following a wedding supper at the Old Mill, the happy couple left for a honeymoon trip by motor and on their return they will reside in their new home on Pomanda Drive.

Mr. Owen Trunk of Toronto visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Trunk on Tuesday afternoon. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Murdock, Victoria Street in the sudden passing of his brother in Toronto last week.

Mrs. E. Gelletti of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Powers, East Drive on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Johnson of Glen Major spent the weekend at the home of Miss Margaret Rainey.

The March meeting of the Unionville Horticultural Society was held at the home of the president, Mr. J. Weir, on Friday night, March 4th, with sixteen present. The new seed and shrub catalogues were on exhibit. Mrs. Freeman Barker and Mr. James Weir were appointed as delegates to attend the Ontario Horticultural Association Convention being held this year at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Thursday and Friday, March 10th and 11th. A committee of two, Mr. J. Jarvis and Mr. G. Ogden was named as program committee for March 21st. For the April meeting, Miss M. Coulson and Mrs. Temple were appointed. For the following months the conveners appointed were: May Tulip Show, Mrs. G. Ogden; June, Iris and Peony Show, Mrs. Frank Warner; July, Joint Show, Mr. J. MacLaren and Mr. A. Dyke; August, Gladiolus Show, Mrs. G. Barker; September, Autumn Show, Mrs. F. Barker. Mrs. A. Fleming and Mrs. A. E. Milner for October meeting. Mr. A. Dyke was appointed Sec.-Treas. Public grounds committee appointed were Mr. B. Hurrell, Mr. G. Ogden and Mr. Don Allison. Conveners for show dates are Mrs. G. Ogden, Mrs. F. Warner, Mrs. F. Barker.

Hope Mrs. P. Holdsworth, Mr. G. Warner and Mr. G. Barker who all suffered broken arms, will soon be better.

Master Allen Weir had the misfortune to fall on a broken bottle on the road. He suffered a cut on the knee which required a number of stitches. The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday, March 3rd at the home of Mrs. Clark Young. A letter was read from Miss B. Davies in connection with our

cause I am trying to finish the French part of our trip. The French cemeteries are kept up nearly as well as the British. But class distinction shows up in the French graveyards and not in the British. Every stone is the same for Officers and Privates.

A huge German Cemetery just outside Arras covers about 115 acres. It is an awful sight. But for the big trees in it, it would be a lot worse. No grass, no stones, just dirty chalk and wooden crosses, some upright and some lying sideways. They are only 7 inches in the ground. Anyone could pull them all up with one hand. Small galvanized tablets about 3" by 4" have the unreadable names. Each cross is for two men buried head to head. The French Govt. has the responsibility of caring for it, but they don't seem to take their job very seriously. I met an old disabled French veteran who has the job of caring for a small German Cemetery at Tilloy, near Arras. His job is done much better. He has allowed grass to grow and it will eventually become sodded of its own accord.

I found only one stone to a veteran of World War II. The next day I went down to the area around Cambrai, looking for a Woodbridge boy, killed there, on Sept. 25, 1918. Nobody spoke a word of English and I had an awful job finding him, but I did eventually, or rather, my wife did. The little cemetery contained 107 graves and every one of them fell between Sept. 25 and Oct. 8th, 1918, nearly all of them on Oct. 1st. It must have been an awful black day for the Princess Pats.

We went to Vimy. We were conducted down into the dugouts, which are well preserved, about forty feet down. Incidentally, the German dugouts which I visited 18 years ago have now been closed to the public. Probably unsafe.

My next subject will be "London".

Yours very truly,  
—F. J. Vacher

institute recommending the use of luminous paint as safety devices on our highways and in school grounds. It was moved by Mrs. Toogood and Mrs. Temple that the executive prepare a program of safety resolutions and present same for approval at the next meeting. The president, Mrs. Brown, who expects to leave for England before the next meeting, expressed her gratitude to the committees and members for the co-operation received during her three years as president. While in England she expects to visit the Eversley Institute. The vice-president, Mrs. Gresham, called on Mrs. Edwards, who spoke a few words of appreciation to Mrs. Russell Brown and presented her with a gift from the Institute. The following nominating committee was appointed: Mrs. L. Rainey, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. W. Champion. Our speaker, Mrs. P. Tanner of the Canadian Save The Children Fund, was unable to be present. Mrs. W. Champion kindly took her place by reading a letter-clipping from a newspaper on institute work. Mrs. Mason read a letter from Mrs. Tanner, with an appeal for children's clothing for Save the Children Fund. The request is to be sent to the Public Schools. Mrs. Temple and others volunteered to assist in packing. Mrs. D. Kennedy offered her store for packing of same.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Coathup and Mr. and Mrs. Green attended the Eastern Star Banquet in the Royal York Hotel last Wednesday evening. There were 800 present at the banquet.

Mrs. G. Macklem, Pomanda Road, entertained the Ladies Euchebe Club this Tuesday night. Prizes were won by Mrs. McLaren, Velma Findlay and Mrs. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. David MacKinlay and children Lynda and David of Ajax spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. L. Rainey.

Mr. George Bond who has been a resident of Unionville all his life passed away at his home on Thursday, March 3rd. He had been in failing health for some time. The funeral service was conducted by his rector, Rev. J. D. Tiller, from the Ogden Fun-

## Guernsey Breeders Production Awards

Crossland Farms, owned by Ernest Crossland, R.R. 2, Newmarket, Ont., received 2 Gold Medal awards for the Lifetime Production credits of his cows. The first goes to Crossland Royal Lady, a "Very Good" cow, who on the completion of her 8-year-old record of 13834M-690F made in the 865 day division on 3x milking has brought her total production in six lactations to \$2,265M-4153F for an average of 13,711M-682F.

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eral Parlors on Saturday afternoon to St. Phillip's Cemetery, Unionville. The late Mr. Bond was a member of St. Phillip's Anglican Church. He farmed north of Unionville for many years until he retired and has since lived in the village. Left to mourn his passing are his two sisters, Nellie at home and Sadie (Mrs. H. Summerfeldt) of Unionville.

Mrs. Hills and children, Dorothy and Irene, of Bradford, visited on Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Tom Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kelly of Pomanda Drive were visitors in Oshawa last Monday.

Mr. Ed. Wynn has purchased the Bruce Pellatt property on Pomanda Road where he expects to build.

Mr. Edgar Northcott of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, visited last week with his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walker. Baby John Robert Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and James Ian Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Perkins, were received into the church by baptism at the morning service at Central United Church on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Kennedy gave an illustrated talk on their trip through Alaska at Young Peoples on Sunday night. The pictures were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Penny and Jimmy had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Errol Gould and family of Newmarket on Sunday evening.

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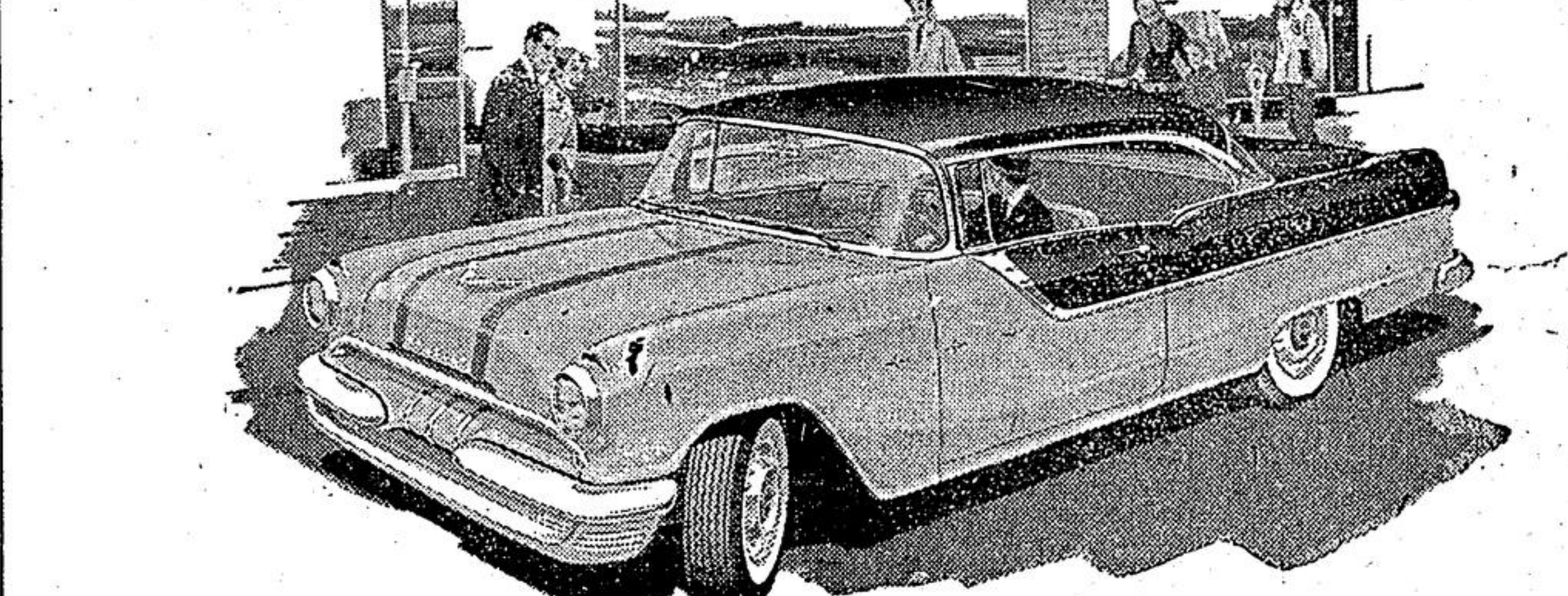
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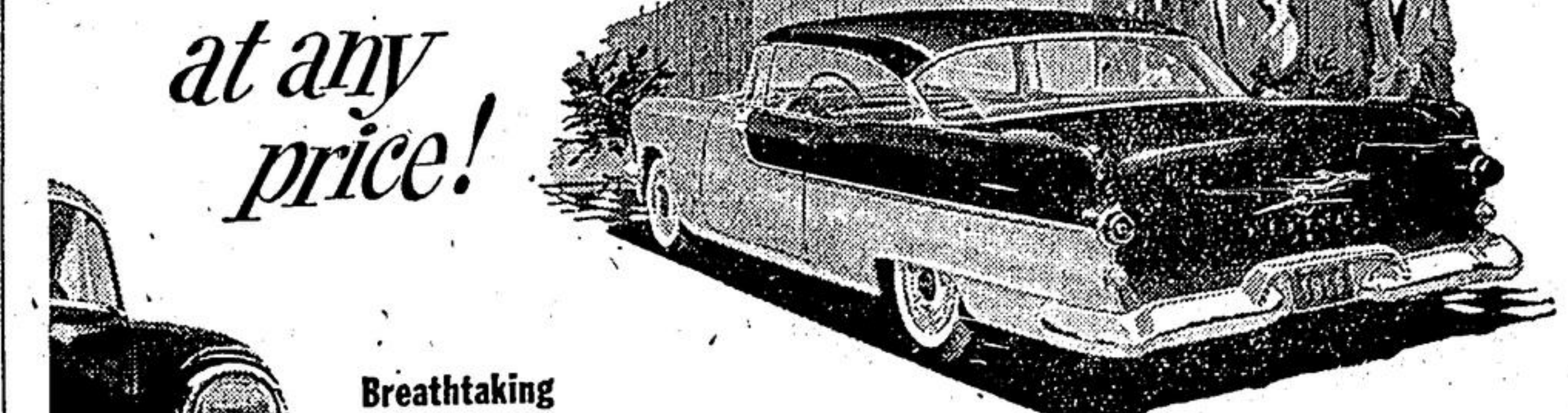
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