

# Two Polio Shots Now Given 5,200 Children

Two doses of polio vaccine have been administered to 5,200 children in grades 1, 2 and 3 in elementary schools in the County of York. No cases of poliomyelitis have occurred in the County this year, but as the polio season rapidly approaches considerable interest will be focused on the situation.

Plans for giving polio vaccine to the remaining school children and other age groups will be developed as more vaccine becomes available. The third dose of vaccine, recommended for seven months after the second dose, is expected to be available during the late fall or early winter.

The residents of the County owe great gratitude to the School Board, and volunteer organizations who uncomplainingly assisted in the unusual arrangements necessary to administer the two doses of vaccine in the short space of time available this spring before the onset of the polio season.

**Food Sanitation** — In order to protect the health of the patrons of one restaurant in the County during the last few days, it was necessary to order the closure of the restaurant until complete fulfillment of minimum standards of equipment and operation are met by the restaurant management. Re-opening of the restaurant is expected shortly when the necessary alterations are completed.

**General Sanitation** — Community planning of waste disposal facilities in all built-up areas, villages and towns in the County is essential, and in many of these communities is completely lacking. In the subdivision of land close to or next to built-up areas, the installation of dozens of septic tanks and tile beds in such closely built-up areas is to be deplored. The septic tank and tile bed disposal system is not nearly so flexible as many builders and real estate agents lead their customers to believe. The septic tank and tile bed has limited abilities which can be safely used only in definite locations. Where municipal sewers are close or nearby, they must be used. Otherwise our "dream houses" will be less than dreamboats floating in seas of sewage threatening the health of the children and the

residents probably within 12 to eighteen months of occupation. The \$500 approximate investment in a septic tank installation would, on a community basis, almost completely pay for the installation of sewers and sewage disposal facilities in most situations.

Plans were approved for the installation of 166 septic tanks during the month of May which is the beginning of the season, and this figure will increase by leaps and bounds throughout June, July, August and the fall months.

## Final Chapter B & S Telephone History

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a laborious and sometimes a very uncomfortable undertaking. I recall a bitterly cold afternoon. The thermometer was away below zero, and Mr. Scott and I were hitching our horses for our homeward journeys. The sun had set but it was not dark. Mr. Scott had a lantern in his cutter and was preparing to light it, explaining that a lighted lantern placed under the robe was his device for keeping warm.

Previous to 1908, with the exception of the \$50 voted to Mr. Heise for service rendered in 1904, no provision was made for payment of Directors or officers of the Company. At the close of 1908 we were able to pay a dividend of 6% to our shareholders. Having achieved this, the Directors requested that the sum of \$150.00 be voted to them for their service during 1908, and that \$200 be voted for the Directors during 1909. The shareholders agreed. For 1910 the sum was increased to \$350, and in addition, the sum of \$100 was voted as a bonus to the President and Manager. For the year 1911 more generous provision was made: a minute records that Directors were to be paid \$3 for each meeting, plus 10 cents mileage. In a previous article we made reference to the fact that the Directors did much of the financing by borrowing money,

for which they pledged their personal security. We will now take a look behind the scenes and obtain a clearer picture of this service, which was rendered chiefly during two separate periods. The first period was during the years 1908 and continuing until the early months of 1911. The second period was in full force from 1917 until 1923.

In the fall of 1913, one of the Directors informed our Board that the local bank manager had called him into his office and suggested to him that he take an indicated line of action in connection with his own business. He cited, as a reason for his request, the liability that was being carried by the Directors of our Company.

There and then the Board decided to declare an emergency in connection with our finances. It was decided to call a special meeting of shareholders to inform them, in no uncertain terms, that we had reached a crisis. The meeting was called for Nov. 22nd. For years the Directors had been urging the shareholders to buy more stock, and to try to sell stock to non-shareholders. This had become so much a matter of routine that it no longer attracted attention. It was imperative that the complacency of the shareholders be disturbed. We drafted a special report, which contained three alternatives for the consideration of the shareholders. These were:

- (1) Sell more stock.
- (2) Sell the plant and wind up the Company.
- (3) Accept the resignation of the Directors.

The third alternative provoked considerable debate. S. P. Foote started it by asking a question. He wanted to know whether we really wished to resign, and declared that, in view of the liabilities for which the Directors had made themselves personally responsible, he was unwilling to incur the risk that would be involved in handing the management to inexperienced men.

It soon became evident that every member of the Board felt exactly the same as did

Mr. Foote: on the other hand it was agreed that the suggested resignation of the Directors was the most potent part of our report, and after a prolonged discussion it was unanimously agreed to retain the clause.

When the shareholders met, there was very full discussion, after which a large committee was appointed to act along with the Directors, in a campaign to sell stock. As was recorded in a previous article, this campaign succeeded—far beyond expectations—and the crisis passed into history.

By the year 1917 the Directors were again pledging their personal security for loans. This time the risk was not so great. During the intervening years our total invested capital had greatly increased.

However, we did drift into heavy obligations, and did borrow money in a wholesale way as gleanings from the minutes of meetings in 1921 and 1922 will show. In 1921, July 21st, we borrowed \$3,000; Sept. 30th \$1,000. In 1922 we borrowed: Feb. 3rd, \$1,000 for 3 months; \$2,000 for 12 months; Feb. 24th, two loans, one for \$1,000 and one for \$2,000, each to run for 12 months. In 1923 a Bond Issue for \$40,000 was successful. This success provided us with ample capital for the time being, and established our credit at the bank for temporary loans. What was the largest total at one time, of the liabilities, thus incurred by the Directors, the writer cannot say; but in January 1921, the total stood at more than \$20,000.

An incident that occurred in February, 1921, may amuse the readers. We had just emerged from the agitation that had been raised, in opposition to the increase in telephone rates, which agitation had died, when we held our Annual Meeting in Ratcliff's Hall, and advertised it as a meeting open to the public. A few days after the public meeting James Ratcliff while conversing with a man who had been moderately active in promoting the agitation, discovered that the man believed that the writer was receiving \$3,000 per year as salary, as President and Man-

ager of the Company Concealing his astonishment, James Ratcliff continued the conversation and soon discovered that the man thought that \$3,000 was much more than my services were worth. Finally he drew from the man the opinion that I should be satisfied if I received \$1,000 per year. Having obtained this opinion, James Ratcliff said: "Listen to me: our shareholders at the Annual Meeting vote \$700 for payment of the Directors. Bruce is paid out of that fund; the Secretary is paid out of that fund; the Treasurer is paid out of that fund, and so are the other Directors. The man was incredulous, and after being convinced, was dumfounded.

With the exception of problems raised by the Great Depression, no disturbing problems confronted the long-time Directors during the closing years of their tenure. When Dr. Dale's health broke, he was unable to attend Board meetings for some months. Recovering somewhat, he resumed attendance and when he went to live in Toronto he continued to be a regular attendant. On May 9, 1932, he attended a meeting of the Directors for the last time, and in mid-July passed away and was buried in Stouffville Cemetery on July 19th. The Directors went directly from the cemetery to our Board room and passed a resolution expressing appreciation of the service that had been rendered by Dr. Dale — also expressing sympathy with the bereaved family. No other business was transacted.

As we sat around the table, we were not merely a group of men mourning the loss of a comrade and friend. We knew that we had arrived at the close of an era.

As the years passed, they have taken their toll, and now the writer is the sole survivor of that group of long-service Directors. Since 1932, changes in the personnel of our Directors have taken place again and again. In recent years very important decisions have been made — decisions involving expenditures that are greater than was our entire investment prior to 1910 or 1912. Long, long ago, a very wise man cautioned against despising "the day of small things," and I believe that the readers — and my fellow Directors of today — will not misunderstand me when I declare that, to me, the period from 1904 to the death of Dr. Dale in 1932 constitutes the era of our greatest achievements. Am I correct in this, or does my conviction rest upon nothing more substantial than the pensive musings of an old man? (The End)

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## Centennial

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had remained under the jurisdiction of the Athol Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland decided to become identified with the new Grand Lodge of Canada. As a result of Athol (Ancients) lodges alone affiliated with the 63 Canadian lodges. In the case of two lodges, which had been warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, an agreement was reached whereby they were permitted to continue conferring degrees under the Irish ritual, a practice which is still in effect.

With the passing of the years membership in the Masonic Order in other parts of Canada steadily increased and these members felt they should have their own grand lodges. This led to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec followed by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but Ontario Masons retained the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada for sentimental reasons. However, out of respect for the feelings of their Brethren outside their jurisdiction, Ontario, while retaining the name the Grand Lodge of Canada, added the words "In the Province of Ontario."

## BETHESDA

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Edna Allan who passed away last Saturday evening in the Brierbush Hospital. The W.M.S. will be on July

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The Sunday School picnic will be on Saturday at Woodland Park, Cedar Grove, Dinner at 12 o'clock. Anyone desiring transportation please be at the church corner shortly after 11 a.m.

## VIVIAN CHURCH

Invites you to hear the following preachers during the month of July, each Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

July 3, Rev. Elton Britton of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

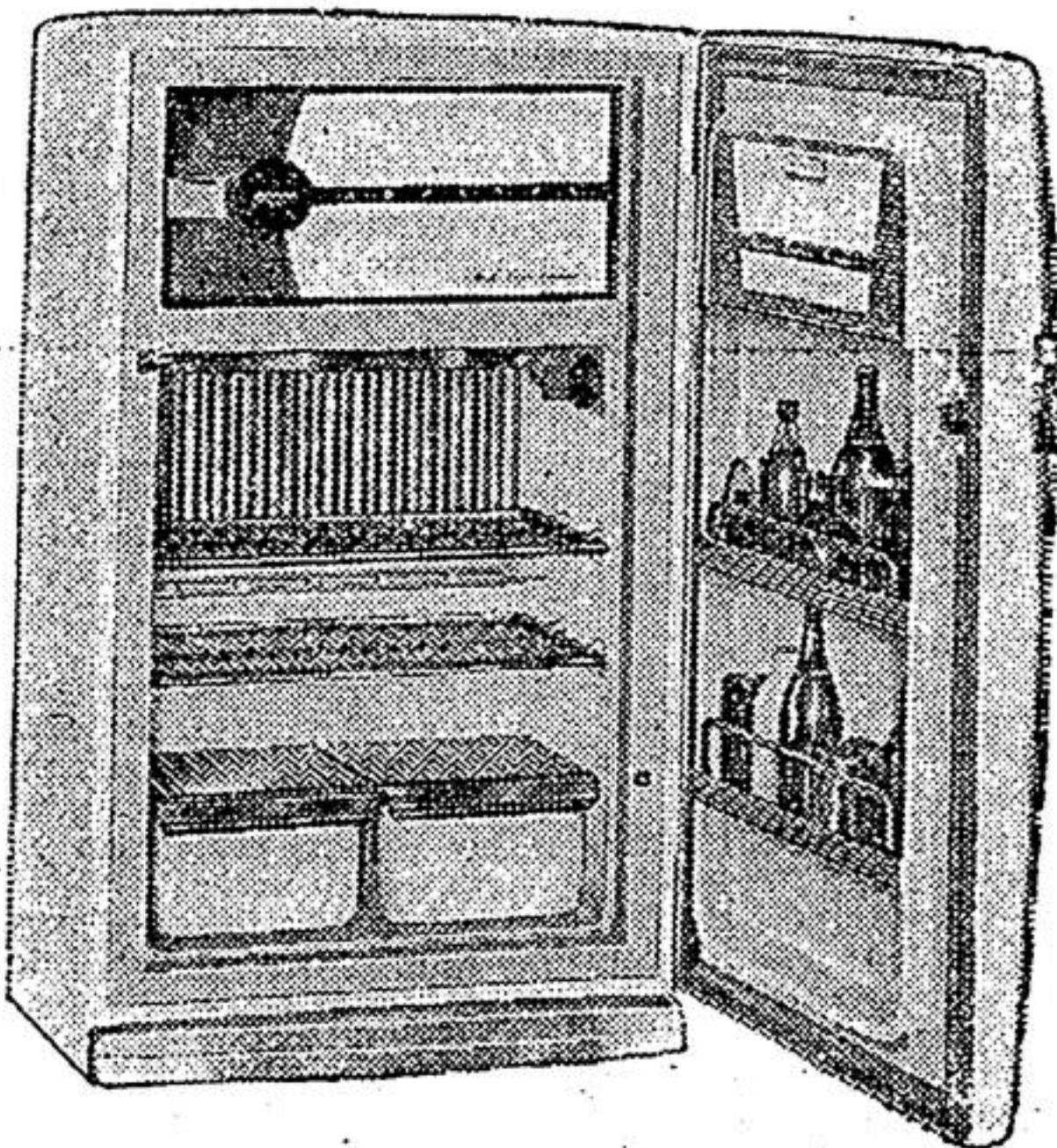
July 10, Rev. Yvon Hurlbise of Valleyfield, Quebec. A converted Roman Catholic now preaching to French Canadians.

July 17, Rev. Sydney Lawrence, M.A.

July 24, Rev. Frank Wellington begins a week of meetings, continuing throughout the following week each morning.

July 31, The Pastor, Rev. W. S. Whitcombe.

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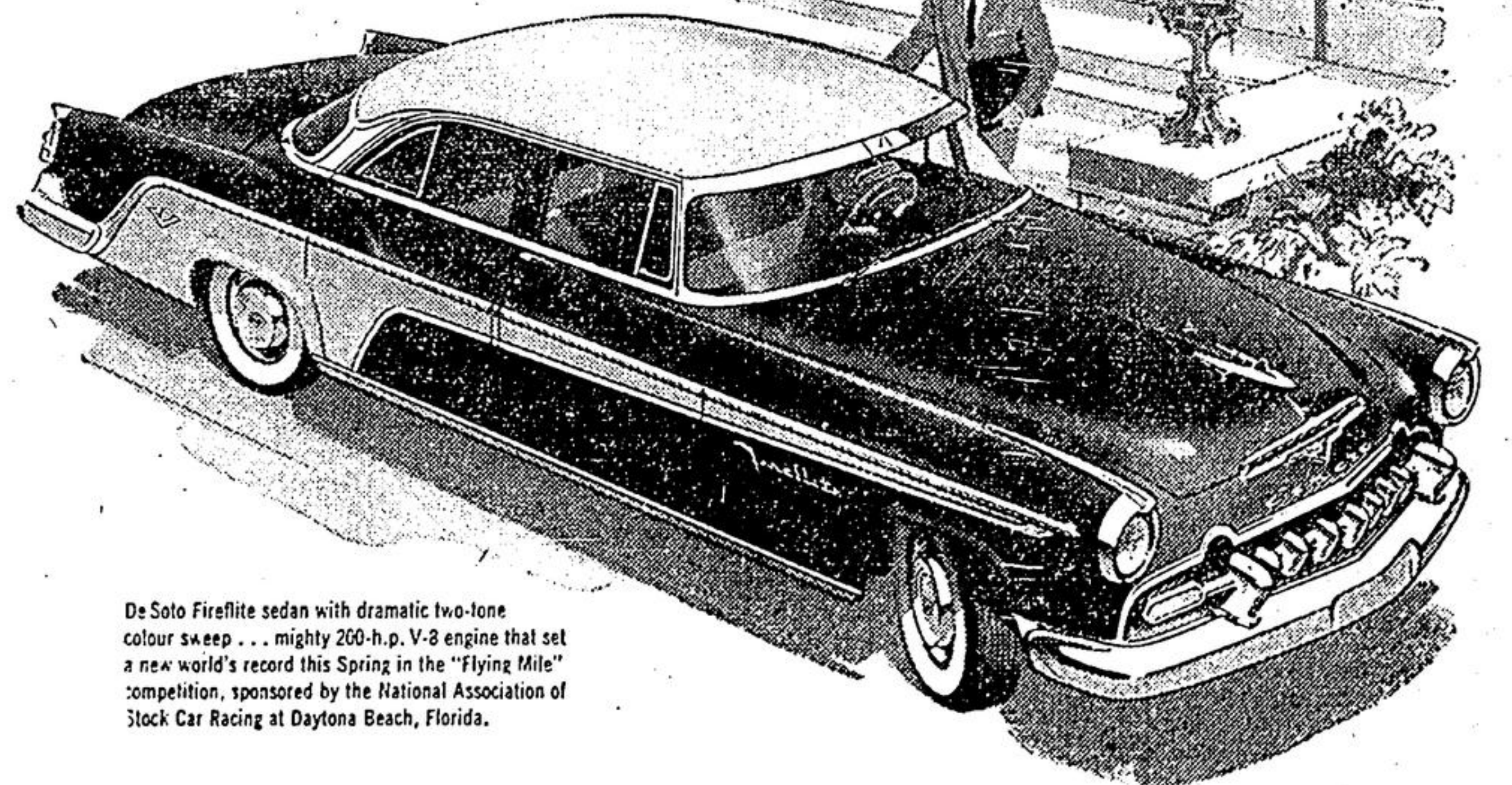
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