

HERE'S NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

ENGLISH YOUNG FARMERS VISIT ONTARIO

Again this year the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario and the Ontario Department of Agriculture are acting as joint hosts to a delegation of two boys and two girls representing the Young Farmers Club of England.

Miss Christine Playle, Manor Farm, Littleton, Cambridge-shire, visited Ontario County where she stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ball, Uxbridge RR2, and was entertained by Alan and Elsie Ball. Alan is president of the Uxbridge Jr. Farmers and his sister Elsie is a member of the Uxbridge Jr. Institute.

Miss Playle is 21 years of age and at the present time is secretary of the Haslingbourne Young Farmers Club. She has also held the office of treasurer. She works on her father's farm, feeding stock, pigs, cattle for stock shows, and rearing turkeys and poultry in general. She has been a member of her club Public Speaking Team for five years.

She is particularly interested in Girls Project work in Young Farmers Clubs such as cooking, dressmaking and basket-making. She is a member of the Women's Institute and Produce Guild and also a member of the Girl Guides Association.

After her visit in Ontario County, Miss Playle will be entertained by the Frontenac Jr. Farmers at Kingston.

ONTARIO FARM REVOLUTION

Two characteristic features demonstrate the expansion of farming in Ontario. During the past quarter-century the labor force employed on farms fell by about one-third, but aggregate production increased. And since the Junior Farmer Establishment Loan Corporation was formed in 1952, a total of 1,066 loans have been issued, involving payments of \$1 million to assist qualified young farmers to get into business.

Electrical power on farms and new mechanical equipment plus more attention to scientific agricultural methods, have effected this revolution. A single machine now cuts and bales fodder crops for winter use. Combines cut, thresh and bag cereal crops in a single operation. Electrical equipment in barns and stables takes the back-breaking labor out of winter chores.

The farmer still puts in a long day. But he covers more ground and grows a wider variety of produce. And while he still must contend with the weather, the rapidity of harvesting cuts down former losses from untimely rains falling on cut grain. New soil treatments permit later seeding, thereby minimizing losses from late frosts. And where mechanization leaves off, science takes over to bring most destructive plant diseases and pests under effective control.

Marketing operations also have lost many of their former hazards. Co-operatives for collecting, sorting, grading, storing and finally for distributing an ever-widening range of farm products avoid time lags. Insure grade quality to consumers and, within limits, stabilize prices for both producer and consumer.

City dwellers without country connections see the evidences of this quietly achieved revolution in Ontario agriculture without being conscious of its detail. They see the results in neatly and attractively packaged produce, and in the regularity of deliveries to retail outlets. They also see the result in a narrower seasonal fluctuation in prices.

From the economic point of view it is that stability of prices which is significant. For it has removed former wide ups and downs in the annual for-

tures of most Ontario farmers. They gain more from this form of stability, on account of their mixed farming operations, than in other parts of the Dominion, where farm producers are specialists, standing or falling by the success of a narrow range of products.

It is highly significant that agriculture has been able to keep pace with the terrific expansion of industry in Ontario—the comparison in some instances being in its favor.

From 1942 through 1954 the aggregate value of farm products in the Province has risen from \$573.4 million to about \$1,055 million—almost double in twelve years. Cash crop acreages have been increased as a result of new varieties and new techniques. And during last year Ontario farmers bought \$2.5 million of fertilizer—more than half the total for all Canada.

Behind these advances is a growing volume of stable capital plant, with proportionate income gains—a farm record matching point by point the Province's record of industrial growth.

BEWARE THE BUST ANT

The hard-working little ant, often admired for his industry, is generally up to no good.

This time of year, especially, his busy trips back and forth to the anthill are a warning to gardeners that their carefully nurtured plants are in danger.

Ants are much more destructive than they appear. Some species sting and others have even been known to bite! However, most ants confine their activity to attacking the roots and stems of flowers, fruits and vegetables.

The familiar band of little black insects threading their way across the lawn is the army of workers on a food foraging expedition. They carry food back to the colony to feed the queens and the young ants.

A house where food is left lying about is an irresistible attraction to the ant. Since he feeds mainly on sweets and fats, food of either type should be kept in closed containers. Little traps containing ant poisons will do away with some of the pests, but this merely weakens the colony and before long new workers will be beating a path to the door.

The best way to control ants is to go right to the source—the anthill. Once the queens and the young ants are destroyed, the workers usually disappear. A granular type of ant-killer, available in shaker-top cans, will make quick work of the whole colony when sprinkled directly on the ant-hill. In areas with many ant-hills, the killer can be applied lightly over the whole area. One pound of the chemical will cover an area of 800 square feet.

Next time you see a file of ants marching across your lawn, don't admire their diligence. Reach for the ant-killer!

Of the national income of Canadians in 1954 more than 63.5 percent was accounted for by salaries, wages and supplementary labor income. 1954 was the third successive year in which the proportion of national income accruing to labour showed a substantial increase.

Present Catastrophe Cheques at Co-op Annual Meeting

More than 85 members attended the seventh meeting of Ontario (County) Co-operative Medical Services, held at the Beaverton United Church last week. Seven cheques were presented to members who have had "catastrophic" illness costs during the past year. One of the cheques was for \$1,022.

The Medical Co-op's Catastrophe Plan provides a special fund which is used to assist members and their dependents whose gross medical costs are excessive. The fund was inaugurated a year ago when the members, in Annual Meeting, voted to assess each family \$2 and each single member \$1.

Walter Beath, President of the County Medical Co-op, outlined the good work made possible by this fund and gave facts and figures on those who received benefits this year. The success of pioneering in the Catastrophe field of protection has exceeded the expectations of the Board.

The seven claimants were paid 75 percent of the costs in excess of \$300. Cheques were paid to Mrs. Dewey Graham, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Nelson Westlake, Mrs. Jessie McKenzie, Wallace MacLean, Bruce Mundle, and Mark Hancock.

Guest Speaker Paul Meehan, provincial fieldman for Medical Co-operatives, was guest speaker. Mr. Meehan first congratulated the members of the Ont. County Medical Co-op on the good work being done by their organization. He then spoke of the progress made by Medical Co-ops throughout the province in the past ten years. Medical Co-ops now cover over 125 thousand people. A National Federation of Medical Co-operatives is being organized.

During the Secretary's report Mrs. I. L. McLean of Greenwood mentioned that there are now 1,300 Hospitalization members in the 43 groups in Ontario (County) Co-op Medical Services, covering more than 3,300 persons. Forty-three percent of the members also have the Co-op Surgical coverage. The increase in membership during the year has been gratifying and indicates what can be accomplished by working "co-operatively" toward a common goal.

Hospitalization and Surgical claims amounting to over \$25,000 were paid during the past fiscal year. Patronage Returns of more than \$1,400 were paid back to the members during the year. The members voted to put this year's savings into the General Reserve.

Executive Elected Russell Morrison was elected President, and John A. Ball Vice-President. Mrs. I. L. McLean was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors elected for a three-year term were: John A. Ball, Uxbridge Township; Ernest Camick, Rama; Mrs. W. Caruthers, Scott; and Mrs. I. L. McLean, Pickering Township. Mrs. R. Stiver was elected to the Audit Committee.

Walter Beath and Gordon Rynd retired after seven years as Directors, and Arthur O'Connor after a two-year term.

Clifford Ross of Beaverton provided entertainment at intervals during the evening. Visitors at the Annual Meeting included officers of the Durham County Co-op Medical Services: G. S. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wade, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moffat.

Relief for Hay Fever

The season dreaded by hay fever sufferers will soon be with us again. In Ontario this usually commences about the third week in August and terminates at the first frost, probably about the third week in September. Pollen surveys in old Ontario indicate that the number of hay fever days averages about twenty-four for the London-Windsor area, twenty-one for Toronto and nineteen for the Peterborough-Ottawa area.

For those who are allergic to Ragweed Pollen the only way of obtaining relief is to go to an area where there is little or no Ragweed. The Field Crops Branch of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture advises that almost all districts of Northern Ontario, including Muskoka and Parry Sound are safe havens from hay fever.

By careful planning of the summer vacation most of the hay fever days can be avoided. Those with severe cases of hay fever, perhaps accompanied by asthma, should go as far north as possible and select resorts isolated as much as possible from highways, railroads and extensive agricultural areas.

For the person unable to arrange a vacation during the hay fever season, a considerable measure of relief can be obtained during the sleeping hours by specially fitting one room in the house. All dust, feather pillows, etc. should be removed. The room should be kept completely closed and quiet during the day to allow all pollen in the room to settle to the floor. This provides reasonable relief for the patient during most of the night. A forced ventilating device with air filter attachment will provide further protection.

The use of drugs to relieve hay fever symptoms should be practised only on the advice of and under the direction of the family physician.

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HONEY BEES INCREASE RED CLOVER YIELD

Seed yield of red clover definitely increases up to a certain point as the numbers of honey bees working the field for pollen and nectar increases. A report from the Bee Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa substantiates this relationship between seed yield and honey bee populations. It is emphasized, however, that recommendations cannot as yet be made as to how many bees are needed to produce the largest possible seed set.

Observations have been made on honey bee activity in red clover over the past few years, and although some satisfactory results have developed, complications due to external factors which are impossible to control have also developed. For example, in one particular instance, four fields of red clover were laid out and varying numbers of honey bee colonies were introduced to them. One colony was placed in one field, two in another, three in another and five colonies in the fourth field. In the first field the harvested seed yield was 115 pounds per acre, and in the second field the red clover produced a yield of 226 pounds per acre. In the field where three colonies had been added the yield dropped off to 195 pounds per acre and in the five-colony field the yield was 186 pounds per acre. A check field where no honey bees had been introduced produced a yield of 69 pounds per acre.

At first glance these figures appeared to indicate no advantage in adding more than two colonies of honey bees to this



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The pictures must be of local interest and the two adjudged most newsworthy will receive the cash prizes. Human interest snaps of people, particularly children, activity and spectacular scenes and animals will be considered most noteworthy.

PICTURES TO BE PUBLISHED

The two prize winning snaps submitted each week during August will be published in the current issue of the newspaper.

MONDAY NIGHT DEADLINE

Photos for each week must be submitted not later than Monday night of each week. Both the finished print and negative must be sent in. They cannot be returned by mail but may be picked up at the newspaper office.

Be sure the information pertaining to your photo is submitted along with the print, names (consent must be provided) and local connection.

Your Summer Snaps May Win You Cash

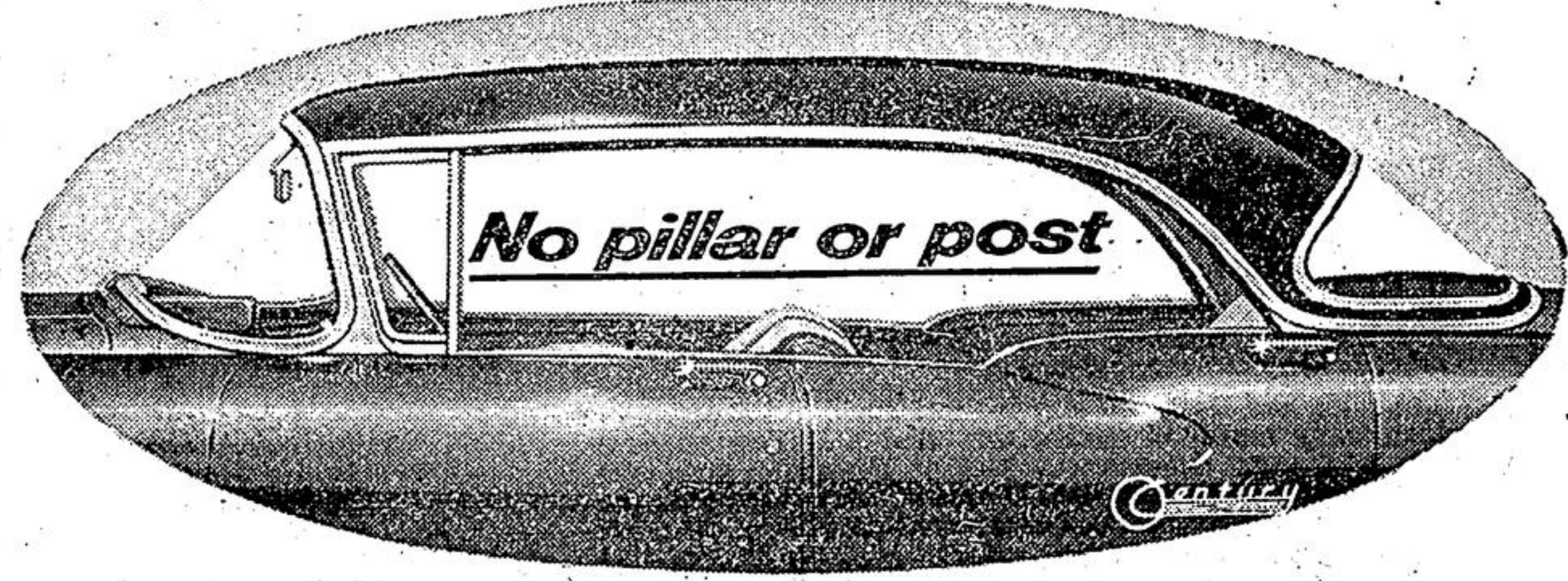
At the time of the most recent census there were 6,709,685 Canadians of British Isles origin and 4,319,167 Canadians of French origin. Other principal groups were German (619,995), Ukrainian (395,043), Scandinavian (283,024), Netherlands (264,267), Polish (219,545).

Of every 100 Canadian households 55 owned cars at September, 1954.

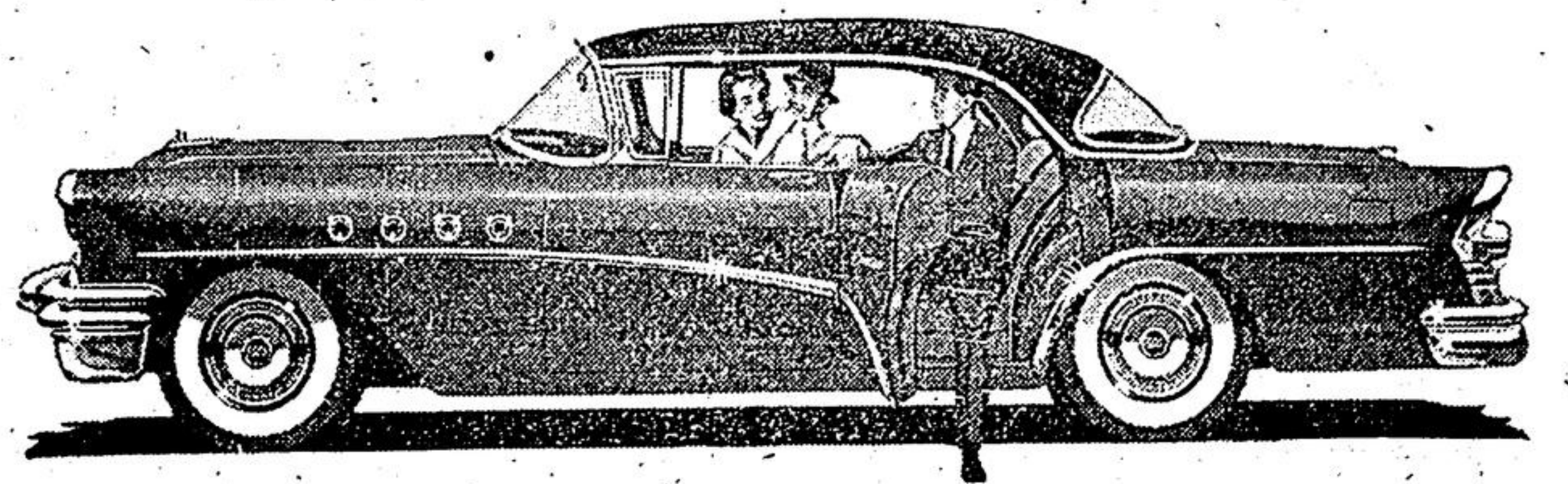
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THERE seems to be some confusion about what a hardtop really is, and we'd like to set the matter straight. A hardtop is a car that looks like a Convertible with the top up—but has a solid steel roof overhead—and no centre posts in the side window areas. Up until just recently, it could be built in volume only with two doors—not more—because it would take wholly another set of doors without floor-to-roof centre posts. But Buick came up with those new structural principles and is now building—in volume—hardtops with four doors. You see one pictured here. It's the 4-Door Riviera. And it's taking the country by storm. . . . Because here, at long last, is an automobile with the sleek and sporty styling of a true hardtop—but with separate doors for rear-seat passengers, plus the added room of a full-size Buick Sedan. On top of that, this Buick is all Buick—with the buoyant ride of Buick's all-coil springing—the wallowing might of Buick's record-high V8 power—the whip-quick getaway and sizeable gas savings of Buick's spectacular Variable Pitch Dynaflo™ automatic transmission. And it's available in Buick's two lowest priced Series—the budget-tagged 188 hp SPECIAL, and the high-performance 236 hp CENTURY, illustrated here. Come visit us for a first-hand meeting with the 4-Door Riviera—and see how quickly and how easily the last word in automobiles can be yours. *Dynaflo Drive automatic transmission is standard on Roadmaster, optional at extra cost on other Series. A GENERAL MOTORS VALUE

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