

Old-timer Tells of Barn Raisings 40 Yrs. Ago

I have written several times about the little hamlet of Lemonville but will now start at Lot 1 on the seventh, on the east side. The McQuay family lived there and the property was later owned by John Smith whose wife was a daughter of George McKay, the blacksmith at Lemonville. One of the McKay boys kept goal for the Locust Hill Clippers when they won the championship for Ontario.

Lot 1 west belonged to the Cook family but was later owned by Will Law. The barn was moved from near the creek to its present location, by Frank Jordan but I have forgotten the exact year. Lot 2 on the west side was owned by the Barkey family and still is. The barn standing there was built in 1915. I will never forget the day it was raised. I rode down to it on a Silver Ribbon bicycle made by the Massey Harris people. Frank Rowbotham was agent for them when he was head miller at Carrick Mills. Frank sold several of those wheels.

It was good and wet that summer. Johnnie Nicely and Joseph Grove chose up sides that day. Joe's side beat, but the side that was defeated got a real good soaking in the rain shower.

The wall that supports the barn on Lot 1 on the old Law farm was built by Tom Medley of Goodwood and there was also another first-class mason at that little village—Peter Vanhorne. I don't know of any other place that turned out so many real good carpenters as the vil-

age of Goodwood, and some of them are still alive including F. A. Forsyth and John Ashenbush—no village of that size at least.

Lot 2 on the east side was farmed by the Kennedy family, but it was later owned by Herbert Foote and son, and is still owned by his son and daughter. The barn there was built by Frank Jordan, but I don't recall the year. Lot 3, west side, was owned by R. B. Hastings. He was a Justice of the Peace and had a brother Charlie who held the honor of being Medical Health Officer for the city of Toronto. This farm is still in the Hastings name. R. B. had three sons and a daughter. One son Elgin is now a doctor in Toronto. A fine boy, one of the cleverest boys who went to the Lemonville School when James Lawson taught there.

Lot 3, east south half, was owned by the Barkeys. They kept some prize hogs but no better than the hogs that were fed by Thomas Wright on the north half of that lot. I mentioned Tom in the last write-up. He was an expert when it came to hog raising. The one house that used to stand on the Barkey farm was bought by the late John Pipher and was moved to the north side of Maple Leaf Avenue where it now stands.

Lot 4, west side, was owned by the Burkholders. I mentioned his old upright sawmill in a previous issue. Lot 4 east was occupied by the Buttons but is now owned by Fred Timbers

and Sons. Fred is one of the best plowmen in the Dominion, that is with a tractor. Lot 5 was owned by Robert Lemon. Bob was a real all-around sport. Everything was lively when he came along. He was into all kinds—hunting, fishing, baseball, football. One of the best sports who ever lived around that vicinity to my knowledge. I well remember the farewell party and oyster supper we held there when Bob and his wife left and went to the west. His wife was a Bartholomew, raised on Lot 35, now owned by George Rodanz.

Robert had several girls and two boys. He also owned fifty acres on Lot 6 east. There was a house and lot on that corner owned by William Taylor and his good wife. Before he purchased that, she and Taylor were at the King George hotel in Newmarket when Joe Pipher owned that house. She was dining room lady and Will was bartender. Whenever Will came up to the store at Lemonville, if Thomas Wright happened to be there, there was always a race to see which one would have the floor. I used to think the truth was pretty badly stretched.

There was another house east of that one, owned by Paterson Bros. Henry was the grave digger at the cemetery at Lemonville. Lot 6 was owned by Andrew Henderson and I understand he planted those crab trees on the front of that farm. It is now owned by Charles Ratcliff. I mentioned helping with the threshing on the Lot 7 farm, but that was only one place. Starting at Vandorf and going south-east towards Stouffville and on to Whitevale, there are very few barns that I have not helped to thresh in or done some kind of work. And talk about the good meals that were put up by some of those elderly ladies at threshing time!—they were as good as any Christmas dinner or banquet, even the banquet put on for Robert Miller when he was elected President of the C.N.E.! Bring along any dietician or chef and I doubt if they could surpass those elderly cooks of fifty years ago. I would as soon shoulder my old pitchfork in the morning at that time and go to the threshing or attend a barn raising as to go to any picnic, even Herb Lennox's that was held at Jackson's Point and I was to the first one he held at Holland Landing Park at Ballantrae and played football against Snowball that afternoon. Some of the

CEDAR GROVE

July 12

It is a job to pick the best spot for the Cedar Grove Garden Party. Whether to be down front where the children are so quick to show their delight or disapproval of every act; to be up on the hill where the whole show looks its very best, or to pop back stage and get the impressions of the entertainers when they are faced with an unexpectedly large audience in such a beautiful setting. From any and all points of view this year's show was excellent, assisted as it was, by the amazing favour of the weatherman.

Swimming was out for the Sunday School picnic on Tuesday. The storm of the previous day had sent the river rushing and the dam was dangerously strained. It was cool enough for the races and the ball game and the swings and teeter totters were well overworked. Following supper there were prizes for the youngest member present (Karen Tapscott), the newest newlyweds (Mr. and Mrs. John Reesor), the longest married couple (Rev. and Mrs. McLaughlin) and the birthday celebrant (Carol Reesor). Following this a weight guessing contest drew a good male crowd but the women were noticeably absent. Both Cedar Grove and Locust Hill were well represented and all had a good time.

In a narrow and well defined area the hail caused a great deal of damage in Monday's freak storm. The hailstones, which resembled huge raspberries, were up to an inch thick and dug themselves into the ground with surprising force, ripping corn, beans, tomatoes and rhubarb to ribbons. It cut a path through McClennans, Crouchers, Lapps, Reesors and Taylors and stopped quite suddenly at Mrs. Housser's and Gib Whittamore's. What next?

Notes About Neighbours—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius have been spending a two week vacation with Don and Norma. Hardly summer weather for a holiday.

Many friends of the McCowan and Jo Reesor families gathered recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Harrington for a party to celebrate their change of address. It was not a farewell party because they will still remain a part of this community. The community presented Mr. and Mrs. McCowan with a pair of mahogany step-tables and a pair of colonial lamps. Mr. and Mrs. Jo Reesor received a garden table with a large and colourful umbrella.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McIntosh and family will be leaving Eden Mills this week to take up residence in Markham. At present they are staying in Woodland Park and will manage the store there for the summer.

Dates to Remember

There will be no Euchre in Cedar Grove next Monday, Friday the 13th is luckier than you think. This is the date for the Annual Square Dance on the lawn to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Little. Everyone is invited, especially the young people who like to dance or who would like to learn the dances. It will be held in the evening with a five piece orchestra and Roy Clifton calling. Water on the premises but bring your own lunch. A whole evening of square dancing.

July 15th, Sunday, at Woodland Park the Jr. Farmers Old Girls and Old Boys reunion from 4 until 7. Bring your lunch but dishes will be supplied.

July 18th at 6:30 sharp, a picnic supper will start the Community Club picnic. Games and races, fun for everyone at the Log Yard. Don't forget to bring your own forks, spoons and blankets. Everyone in the whole family will find something to do and enjoy at this family picnic.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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lions, from the destructive flame, from the pursuing sword. Some, by faith, have even wrested their loved ones from the greedy jaws of death, as did the widow of Zarephath, and the noble woman of Shunem (vs. 33-35).

But faith has other expressions. Frequently it calls for as much faith to stand in one's place and receive the ill-treatment meted out by the enemies of God, as to go out and accomplish great achievements. Among the heroes of faith, therefore, are those who endured the tortures, the mockings, the scourgings, the bonds, and even death itself by stoning or by other cruel means. It was the triumph of faith to endure the desolations of desert places, being hunted by the persecutor, rather than to compromise the testimony of God. In the eyes of the world they were unworthy, but the eternal verdict stands, "Of whom the world was not worthy" (vs. 35-38).

There is still another element in faith—the waiting element, common to the faith of all who have been thus mentioned. The promise of the better thing was ever before them; but it was not theirs to know that better thing in their lifetime. They lived and died, not having received the promise. That better thing awaited the fullness of time, and they had to be content to see it afar off. That is the patience of faith.

Now the better thing has come in the person of our Lord Jesus. The heres of faith bear witness to us of God's faithfulness in the shadows. Our race is being run in the full light of day. We have the "light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). With what force then, the exhortation comes to us to cast aside everything that would hinder us in our race of faith, and, with our eyes fixed upon Jesus, make for the goal!

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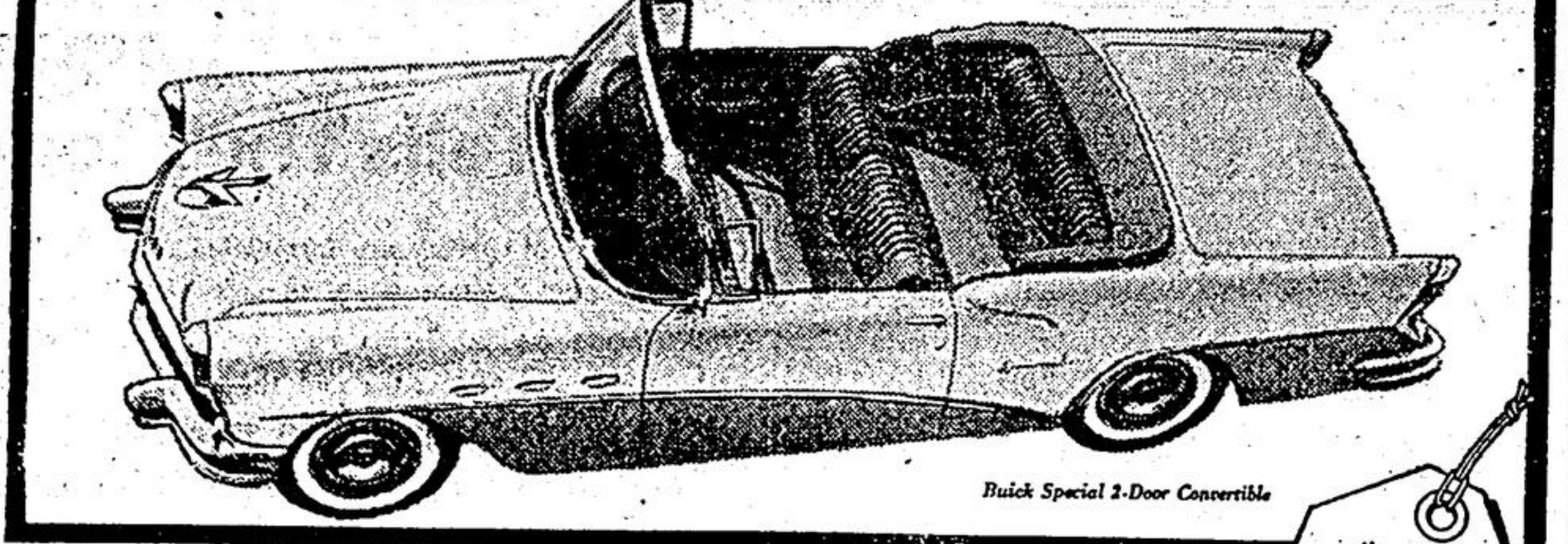
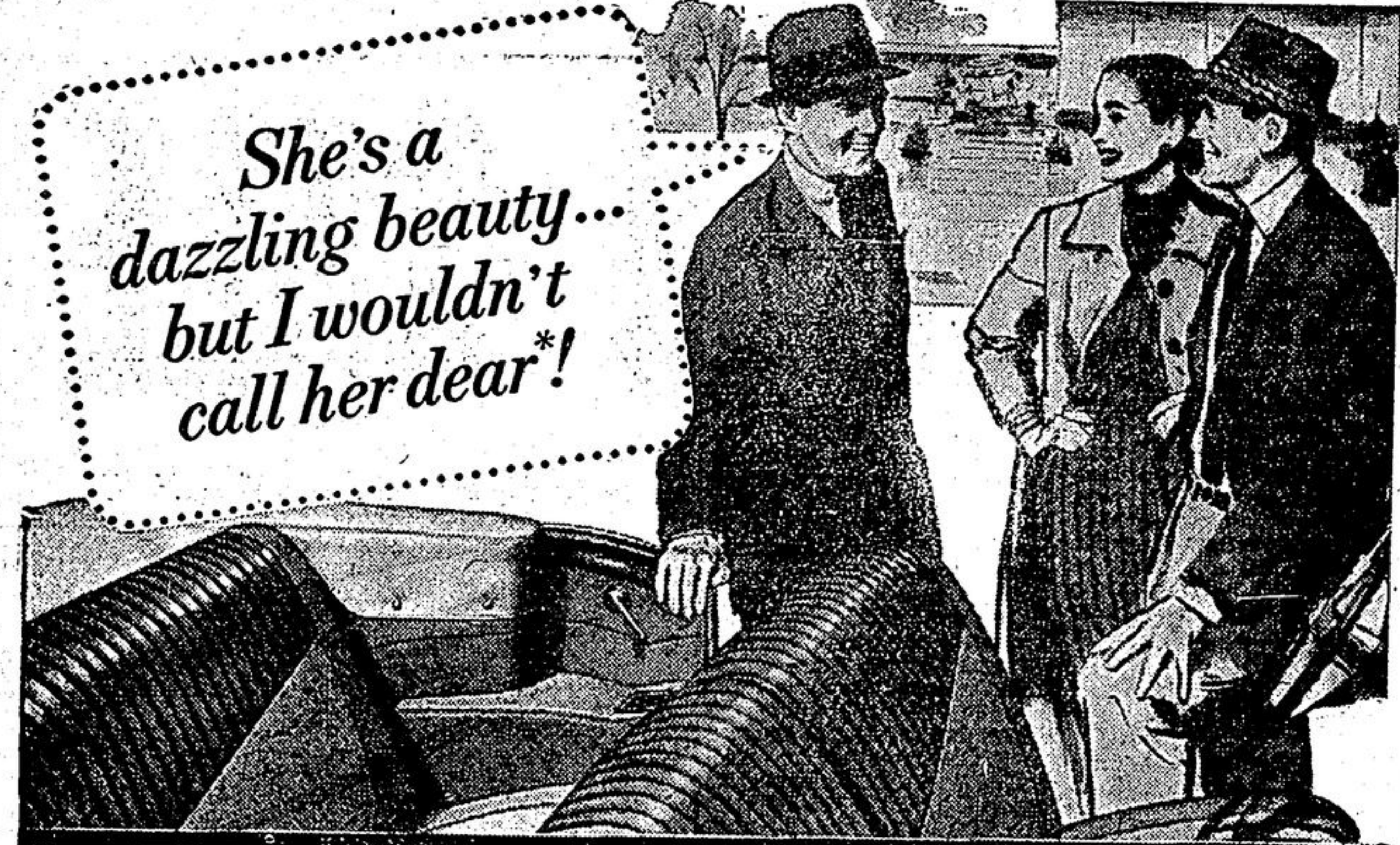
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