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County Council Clerk Follows Busy Routine

Mr. Jack L. Smith, clerk of the County of York, is completing his sixth year in this complex position as county clerk. Mr. Smith has been steering the business of the June session of council which will conclude the agenda before summer vacation period. Another session of council in the fall will conclude the year.

The county clerk sits in on all committee meetings, except that of agriculture, and compiles the numerous reports required by county council, with the exception of those for Children's Aid and the Health Unit.

Born in East Gwillimbury, he attended Newmarket High School before teaching school; then went on to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, where he graduated in Agricultural chemistry.

For some years after graduation Jack Smith went in for bee-keeping in a scientific way, running two apiaries, the largest having 80 colonies. He supplied buyers as far west as the prairie provinces, and it appears likely to us that his keen interest in the bee industry had contagious reception in the west, since prairie farmers began to look into the honey business for themselves in due time and now produce all their own honey for consumption, as well as exporting it back east throughout Canada and the United States.

In 1925 Mr. Smith became clerk of the township of East Gwillimbury and remained in this office until going to Newmarket and County Council to become County clerk in 1954.

Mr. Smith lives at Queen'sville with his wife, the former Elva Doane, and one of their sons, Rex. Two other sons, Clair and Douglas, are following different and interesting careers. Rex, who is married, is in the general insurance business; Clair, who is a graduate mechanical engi-

neer, and accountant, lives in Winnipeg and works for the Manitoba government on the budget. Clair was previously chairman of the budget committee for the Chrysler Corp. Douglas graduated as a chemical engineer from Queens, worked with Dupont of Canada for two years and is now back at Queens completing his third year in medicine.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Sharon Lodge 97, Sharon, and a member of the York Pioneers and Historical Society, and is an elder of the Queen'sville United Church, despite his many duties not only when in council, but throughout the rest of the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PRIEST AND KING IN JUDAH
2 Kings 11; 12
(Lesson for June 28)
GOLDEN TEXT — For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. — Mal. 2:7.
THE LESSON AS A WHOLE
Approach to the Lesson
These were tragic days in Judah's history. Uneasy lay the head that wore a crown. Woe to the children of royal blood, for their lives were in constant danger.

Jehoram, grandfather of Joash, had married the daughter of wicked Ahab, king of Israel (2 Kings 8:18). Fearful of his life, Jehoram slew all his brethren (2 Chron. 21:4). At his death he was succeeded by his youngest son Ahaziah — youngest because his older brothers had been brutally slain (2 Chron. 22:1).

Ahaziah's mother, Athaliah, was the daughter of Ahab, king of Israel. This wicked woman was the power behind Ahaziah's throne (2 Chron. 22:2, 3). When he was killed by the avenging Jehu (2 Kings 9:27), Athaliah had a cunning but sadistic idea. She was a woman of action.

What she planned she carried out! Coveting the throne of Judah for herself, she "destroyed all the seed royal" (2 Kings 11:1). Thus the series of gruesome butcheries continued! Athaliah mounted the throne (which she had really controlled during her son's lifetime). But her plans went awry. Ahaziah's sister had married Jehoiada the priest (2 Chron. 22:11). She had pity on her little nephew Joash, rescued him from his would-be destroyer, and concealed him for six years. The day of vengeance then dawned for the murderer Athaliah. The lad became king, and she received the bloody judgment which she had intended to perpetrate on him (2 Kings 11:16).

Verse by Verse
2 Kings 11:4 — "The seventh year Jehoiada . . . fetched the rulers . . . with the captains and the guard . . . into the house of the Lord . . . made a covenant . . . took an oath of them . . . and shewed them the king's son." At the end of Queen Athaliah's wicked six-year reign,

Ambulance Service Poor Pay

William Thompson of Aurora who operates an ambulance service for York County, spoke to county council last week, advising that his firm would be pleased to be relieved of the contract. He suggested that the ambulance service was inadequate and he considered that the County should have an ambulance for service at the Hospital. He also suggested that the police cars should carry some equipment.

Deputy-reeve Perkins stated that the contractor in Richmond Hill found he was operating at a loss. He said that in many instances it was very hard to collect accounts after the service had been rendered.

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Lesson are "Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him." Jehoiada had proved himself to be a man of vision, skill, wisdom, and courage. He had led a successful revolt against the idolatrous Queen Athaliah. He had rallied the nation Judah to the standard of little Joash and eliminated the political and religious opposition (2 Kings 11:15, 18). He was a man whose

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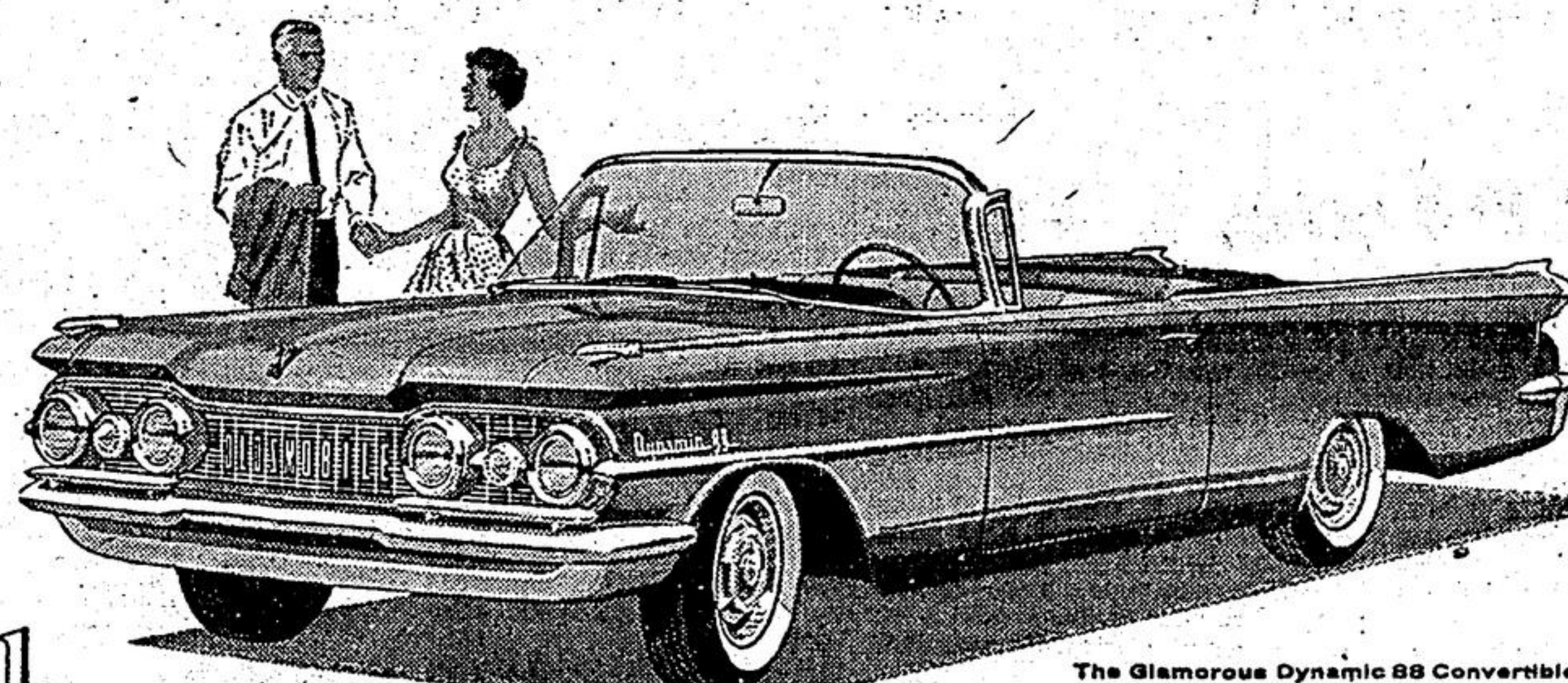
leadership could be trusted. With Jehoiada as his faithful adviser Joash ruled wisely, as well. A revival took place in Judah and King and people were joined together in a covenant of loyalty, and all were reconciled anew unto the Lord (2 Kings 11:17). The outward evidence of this new devotion was the destruction of the house of Baal and the reorganization of Temple worship (2 Kings 11:18).

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