

# Brougham Rural Bus Lines Limited Has Been Sold

## Twenty-eight Vehicles Carry 2000 Students To School Each Day

Rural Bus Lines Ltd. of Brougham, owned and operated by Mr. Donald Beer since its very beginning, fifteen years ago, has been sold. The huge fleet, one of the largest student transportation services in Ontario, has been purchased by Mr. Mel Brown of Scarborough. The multi-thousand dollar transaction has been finalized and the new owner will officially take over the business on Nov. 1st.

Mr. Beer started with only two busses in 1948. One went north to the Claremont Continuation School and the other served the high school at Whitby. To-day, twenty-eight vehicles pick-up and deliver 2,000 students daily to three high schools, seven public schools, four separate schools and one school for retarded children at

lished an enviable accident record with no serious personal injuries ever listed. One of the drivers is Mr. Jim Peddie of Claremont, who, in his own business had registered over one million accident-free miles. On one winter afternoon, three years ago, five busses never returned to the Brougham depot when they became bogged down in hood-high snow drifts. One driver, Jack Mitchell walked six miles to reach home. Unless otherwise directed by individual school boards, the fleet must leave Brougham every morning, regardless of weather and road conditions.

Window damage in the school busses amounts to about \$150 each year. Damage to the leather upholstered seats costs about \$25.00.

"The attitude of the students is often dependent on the driver," said Mr. Beer, "if they get to like an operator, they will do anything for him."

Mr. Beer, an ardent sports enthusiast and a promoter of many local softball and hockey teams, has contributed much over the years in transportation service to Brougham and district clubs. His wife, Leila has been the Secretary-Treasurer of the Company.



Every day, Rural Bus Lines Ltd. of Brougham transport 2,000 students to public, separate and high schools in a large area. A scene of much activity in the morning and afternoon occurs at the entrance to Pickering Dist. High School. here. The company with its fleet of 28 vehicles, one of the largest student transportation systems in the Province, has been sold. The new owner, Mr. Mel Brown of Scarborough will take over on Nov. 1st.



Mr. Donald Beer of Brougham, started out in 1948 with two busses. Fifteen years later, the operation has expanded to twenty-eight, including 24 full-size vehicles and 4 vans. They cover a distance of 1,250 miles daily and in 1962, gasoline consumption equalled 42,000 gallons. One new bus will cost from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

### Distinguished Pastor Called To Claremont

On Sunday, Oct. 6th, Rev. H. S. Hillyer will begin his pastoral duties at the Claremont Baptist Church. The call to the local charge was finalized at a joint meeting of the congregation and the church board on Thursday evening of last week. Rev. and Mrs. Hillyer will reside in the church manse.

Rev. Hillyer, a learned man and widely travelled, held the position of General Secretary of the Canadian Board of Baptist Foreign Missions and retired from this office in 1963. He has spent much time in overseas countries including an extended period in Bolivia. In 1948, he was honoured by McMaster University in Hamilton with an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity. Mrs. Hillyer is a graduate of McDonald College, Guelph.

The couple's experience in the foreign mission field goes back more than forty years to 1922. Visitations have taken them to such countries as Portugal, Japan, Africa, India and the Congo. The Claremont congregation feels honoured to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Hillyer to their church and to the community.

### Scenic Sub-Div. Attracts New Home Owners

In an effort to escape from the workaday world of big city life with all its problems of smoke, noise and traffic tensions, hundreds of people have set their sights on the scenic surroundings of a fresh-air country climate with its many related advantages. Such picturesque premises are taking shape on the Pickering side of the townline road, southeast of Stouffville. The property, 42 acres in all, is owned jointly by Clifford Dunkeld and Gordon Pearce. It was purchased from Mrs. Grace (Lehman) Beelby in 1958.

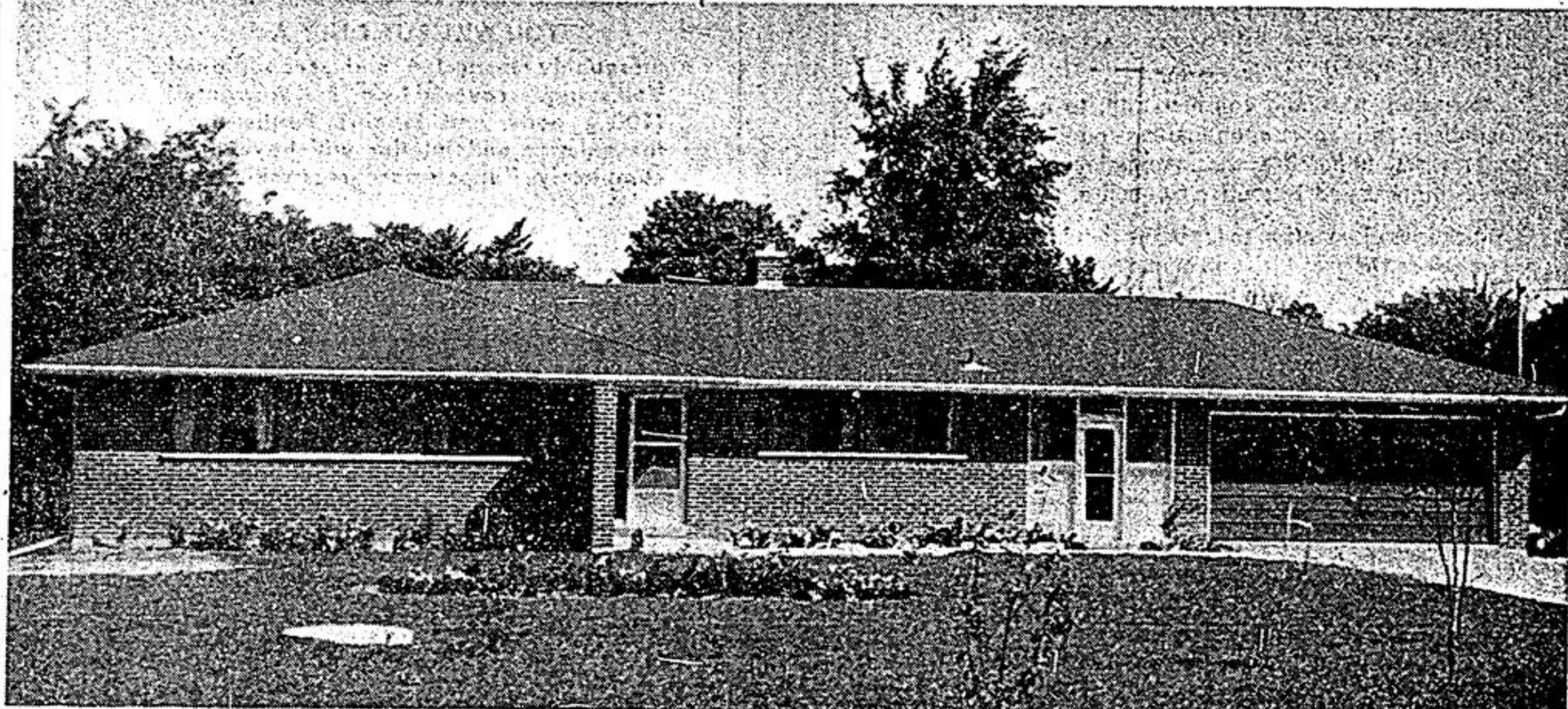
The subdivision plan contains 19 two-acre lots, eleven that front on the townline and 8 at the rear. The asking price is \$5,000 per lot. Each is enhanced by a stream and bush.

Four homes have been erected and two more are under construction. Each is 1,500 sq. feet or larger. Due to new regulations imposed by the Pickering Township Planning Board and Council, the eight lots at the rear must contain homes of 2,000 square feet. Consents have been received for two. The township is also asking a \$500 capital 'costs' fee per lot and \$400 per lot that will be used in the reconstruction of a 66 foot gravel road to serve the rear section of the subdivision.

To date, the rural build-up has imposed little or no hardship on the public school section of Atha.

### GAME HALTED BY INJURY

The semi-final playoff game in the park on Saturday night had to be called off in the 3rd inning when Stouffville catcher Jim Hall was accidentally spiked by base-runner Larry Vernon in a play at the plate. Six stitches were required to close the gash. Stouffville was leading 7-2 at the time and had no extra players available to field a 9-man club.



One of four new homes erected recently in a rural subdivision on the Pickering side of the Markham-Pickering townline, south-east of Stouffville, is shown here. It is the property of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Forsyth. Two more equally fine residences are under construction. The rear lots, eight in number, must accommodate homes of 2,000 square feet according to township regulations.

### Death Car Skidded 130 Ft. Before Impact Inquest Jury is Told

An officer of the Whitby Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police said that a car that carried 34 year old Bruce Stewart Logie to his death on July 15th at a level crossing on the Audley Road, Pickering Twp., skidded a distance of 130 feet prior to impact with an 11-car, C.P.R. passenger train. Constable G. Douglas Robinson reported his findings before an inquest jury headed by Coroner W. W. Tomlinson of Pickering, last week. P.C. Robinson said he found the body of the deceased 275 feet west of the tracks.

It marked the second motorist to die at the crossing site within ten months. A five-man jury of James Rapsey (foreman), J. R. Davidson, Kenneth Pratt, John Faltize and Lorne Tran recommended that an engineering survey should be conducted and if necessary, automatic warning signals should be installed. At the present time, the crossing is protected only by the standard white

post and cross-arms. 60 Miles Per Hour Engineer, Gordon Anderson of Islington said that his Toronto-bound train was travelling at approximately 60 miles per hour along the line. He said that he sounded the whistle and rang the bell as he approached the crossing. He said that the engine headlight was on. He described how the train rounded a curve and he saw the car moving towards the track. "I thought it was going to stop, but when I realized it would not, I pulled on the emergency brake," he said. He noted that the car rammed into the side of the train.

Dr. Tomlinson said that following the first fatal accident at the crossing site, it had been recommended that warning signals should be installed. He said that no action had been taken. "The Audley Road may not be a busy highway, but it is busy enough that two lives have been lost within ten months," he said.

### "TOMMY" THOMAS DEFEATED BY PC CANDIDATE

Mr. T. D. "Tommy" Thomas, a New Democratic Party candidate in the Oshawa Riding and a long-time representative of the area at Queen's Park went down to defeat last week in an upset victory for his Progressive Conservative opponent, Albert Walker. Mr. Walker polled 12,126 votes to 11,442 for Mr. Thomas. Frances Jones, Liberal trailed far back with 5,680.



Mr. Thomas held a 291 vote edge in the city of Oshawa but Mr. Walker gained valuable ground in Pickering Twp., Pickering Village, Ajax and Whitby Town. In the Twp. of Pickering he held a 416 vote advantage. Only in Pickering Village did Mrs. Jones show a gain on either man. She collected 156 votes there to 130 for Mr. Thomas.

### WILLIAM PEGG FARM IS SOLD

The well-known Wm. Pegg farm, east of Claremont between concessions 8 and 9 has been sold. The new owner is Mr. Ralph Hyatt of Agincourt. The 90-acre farm was purchased by Mr. Pegg twenty-five years ago from the estate of the late Wm. Crohane. Mr. Hyatt, an electrical contractor with the I.B.M. Firm will retain his position with that company and raise beef cattle on the premises. He will take possession this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Pegg have purchased a new home in Stouffville and the bungalow, now under construction is located on Baker Avenue near Manitoba Street. They will hold an auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain and furniture on Saturday, Oct. 26th.

### Dr. M. B. Dymond Re-elected in Landslide Victory for PC's

Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, 49-year-old Progressive Conservative, Minister of Health in the



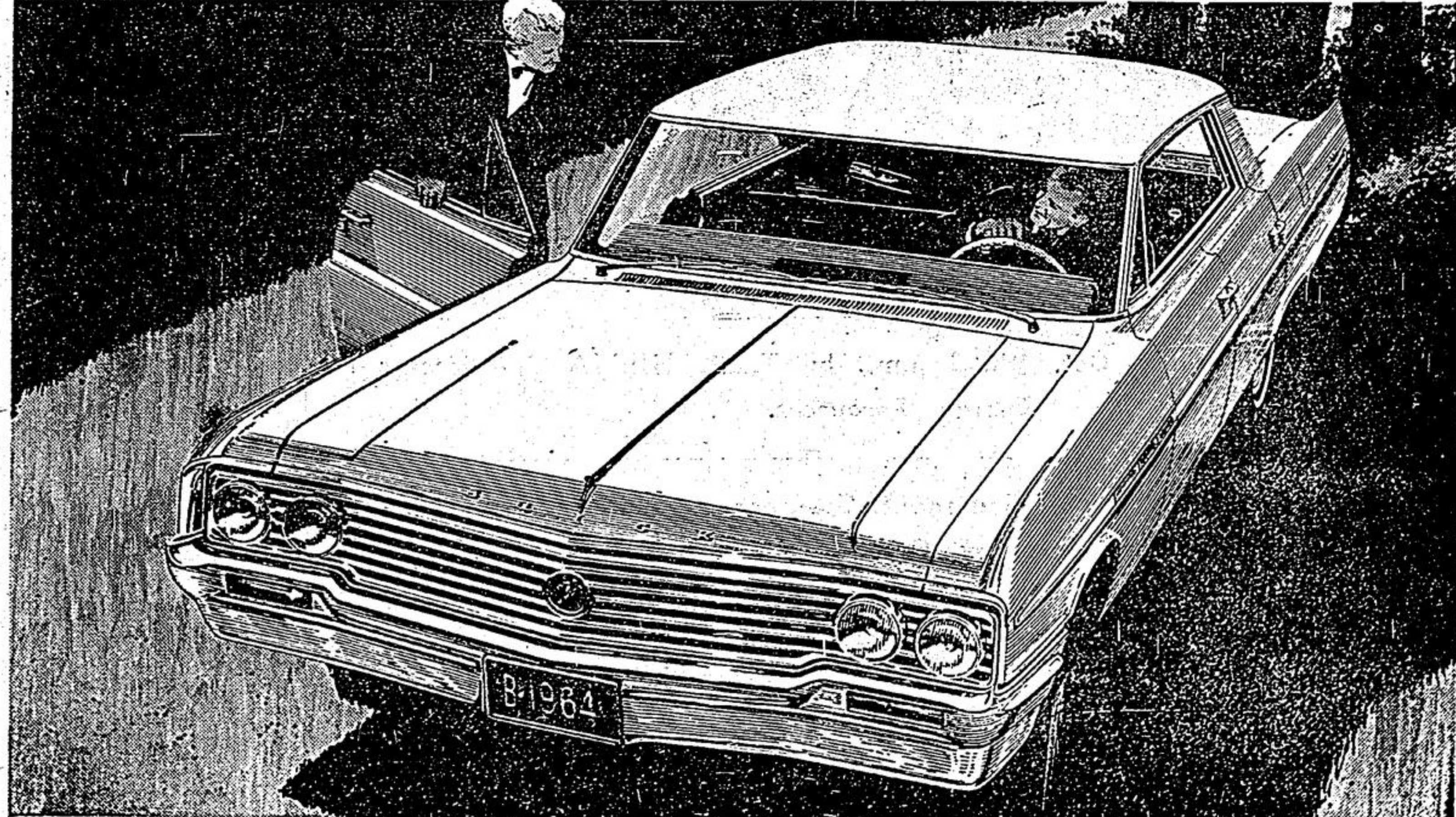
Dr. M. B. Dymond

last provincial parliament, chalked up a landslide victory Wednesday to once again carry the PC banner in Ontario Riding of Queen's Park.

The Minister of Health, who makes his home in Port Perry, was an obvious winner from the minute early returns started pouring in at Ontario Riding's returning office in Broochin.

Before final returns were made public, Dr. Dymond and his loyal supporters were touring the riding in a victory cavalcade while hundreds of loyal supporters awaited his arrival back in the beautiful Dymond Port Perry residence.

In the entire riding, which consisted of 123 polls and seven split polls, the Health Minister dropped only four polls, three of which were in Whitby. Liberal Samuel Hollingworth, running second polled 4,297 votes, less than half of the health minister's 9,864 vote total and in third spot with 2,218 was New Democratic



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