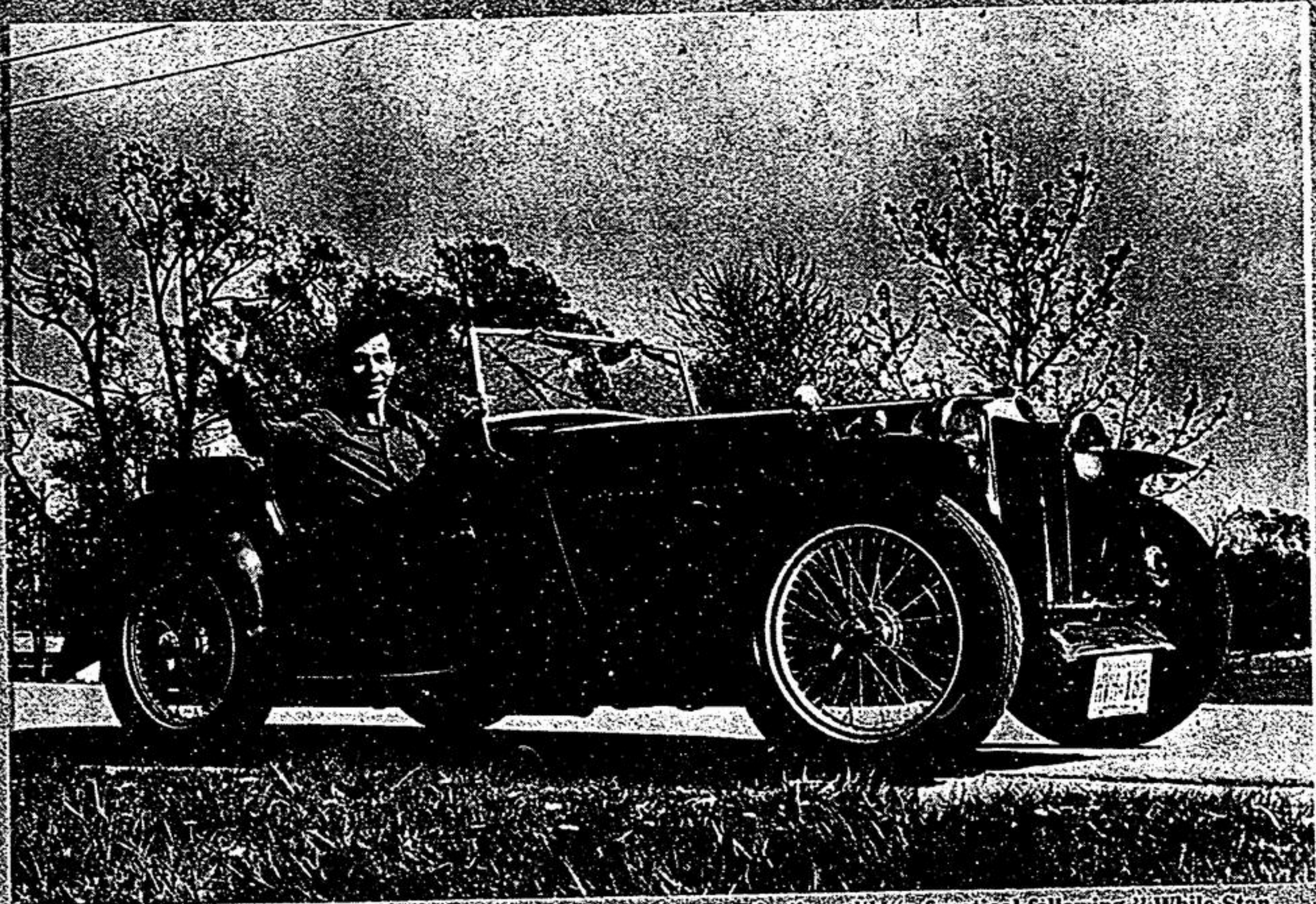


Stan built his own MG



Stan McMullen of Claremont has an original 1949 MG TC. He built it himself, a project that took eighteen months to complete. The parts came in four boxes. Looking back, he describes it as "a basket case." Stan, a teacher of Auto Mechanics on the staff of Uxbridge Secondary School, is a member of an MG Club, an

organization with a fanatical following. While Stan enjoys driving his street machine, most of the fun was in the building, he says. He places the car's value at between fifteen and twenty-five thousand dollars.

—Jim Thomas

CLAREMONT — When Stan and Mary McMullen drive through Claremont or anywhere else, for that matter, heads turn. And no wonder. Their mode of transportation is no ordinary car. It's an original 1949 MG TC, once common throughout the English countryside and cities, but now for most, only a memory.

Stan, a teacher of Auto Mechanics on the staff of Uxbridge Secondary School, commenced his auto-re-construction project eighteen months ago, starting with four boxes of parts.

"It was a basket case," he says with a smile. "Every nut and bolt is completely original and put together not once, but twice." Following the initial assembly, he took it all apart for cleaning and painting.

Stan values his street machine at between fifteen and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Most of the work was done in his own garage. He followed a manual closely, "but that didn't tell me much about how it was to go together."

He may place it in the car show at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Museum this summer.

"The MG still has a fanatical following," Stan says. He belongs to an MG car club and may participate in a rally at Ottawa in a few weeks' time. He knows of only two others in the area, one at Port Perry and another in Newmarket.

This particular model, considered a classic, is powered by a four-cylinder 1250 c.c. motor with a 4-speed synchromesh transmission. It has a top speed of 75 miles-per-hour.

Like all English cars, this one has right-hand drive. On Canadian roads, this takes a little getting used to. A lift-off top is on order from England.

While Stan enjoys driving his sporty MG, he admits "most of the fun was in the building."

Girls' club since 1957 still meets

By Evelyn Miltsted
GORMLEY — The Sunshine Girls have been meeting at least once a year since 1957. Friendships go back to public school and Sunday School days. The get-together, Wednesday, was held at the Deer Park Inn, Stouffville. The following attended: Beulah Jones, Gertie Baker, Gladys Allan, Audrey Leary, Dorothy Doust, Edna Houck, Marie Duncan, Cora Conner, Ann Dewsbury, Irene Timbers, Mae Spence and Vera Sprague.

Mr and Mrs Harold Wideman will be honored at an "open house", Monday, May 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at Heise Hill Church on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Jack Wright enjoyed the weekend up North.

Baby Andrew Foster of Newmarket spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Harold Wideman.

Brenda Mavor is a patient in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

New front doors have been installed at the Missionary Church. The south brick wall has also been repaired.

The annual Mennonite Central Relief Sale will be held at New Hamburg, Sat., May 25. The Ladies of Heise Hill Church have made several quilts for the auction.

The Gormley Men's Softball Team will play Springvale Baptist Men, Friday evening at the Victoria Square Park. Game time is 6:45 p.m.

Mr and Mrs Jim McDowell will participate in the 7:30 p.m. service at the Gormley Missionary Church, Sunday. Mr and Mrs McDowell will be returning to the mission field in Nigeria at the end of June. At 11 a.m. Sunday, special music will be provided by soloist Miriam Scott of Toronto.

The Linten Family of Collingwood, will present a musical service in Heise Hill Church, Sunday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

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