

Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville

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'The way I see it'
by
Mayor Ken Laushway



WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE - Each week through The Tribune, Ken Laushway, Mayor, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, answers questions of local interest, posed by The Tribune editor or by ratepayers through The Tribune.

Question: Has an agreement for 1971 been finalized with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department?

Answer: Yes, satisfactory to both the Fire Department and Council. The call rate in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Area is now \$96 per hour. If the budget permits, the tank truck now in use should be replaced with a later model cab and chassis. The boundary limits of the Whitchurch-Stouffville fire area have been changed so that all residents are on the 640 telephone exchange. Cards are being sent out to each home-owner containing detailed instructions.

Question: When does the Council propose to finalize its 1971 budget?

Answer: Not before early or mid-May. Two interim tax payments are scheduled for April 30 and June 30.

Question: Whose responsibility is it to paint the crosswalk markings on Main Street?

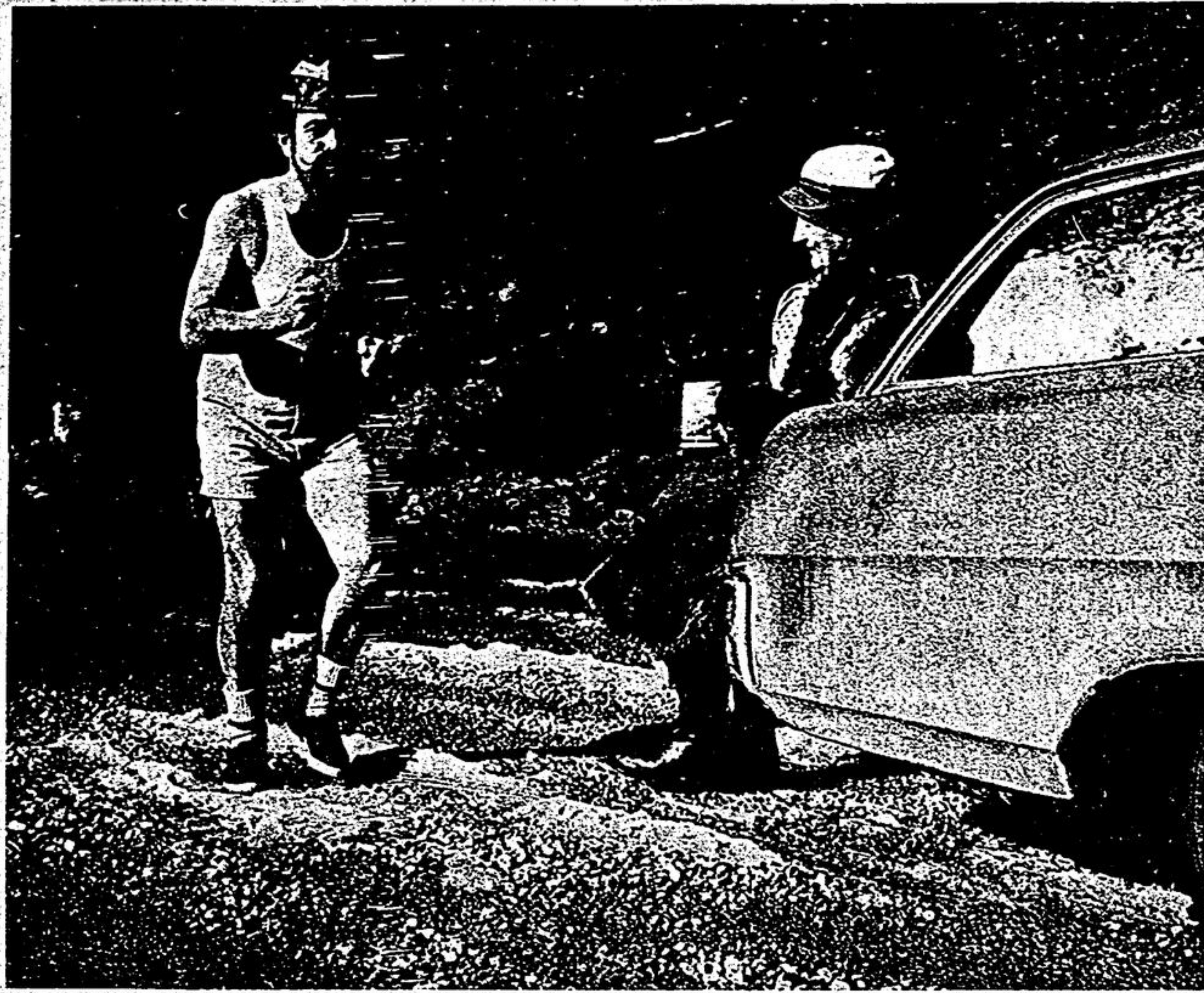
Answer: The responsibility belongs to the municipality but the work is carried out by the Dept. of Highways. The lines on Main Street will be repainted when weather and road conditions permit.

Question: Has the Public Utilities a policy with regard to overdue hydro accounts?

Answer: Following the receipt of an account, the net bill is due on the 15th of the month. If no payment is received, a 5 percent surcharge is added. If no payment is forthcoming by the end of the month, a follow-up notice is sent with the risk of cutoff to follow. Each case is judged on its own merit before electric power is refused to a customer.

Question: Are new signs to be erected indicating the boundaries of Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville?

Answer: The Council has asked that appropriate signs be erected on provincial highways entering the new Area and I have requested similar signs be posted on regional roads. There is no indication that the present Stouffville signs will be removed but the population figures should be changed.



Lion members in training for May 1st. bike-a-thon meet

Some chaps accept a challenge in earnest while others - well, it doesn't pay to overdo it. John Foulds (left) and Frank Brock have filed a dual entry in the Stouffville Lions-

sponsored Bike-a-thon, May 1. But John's the first to admit he's badly out of shape so, encouraged by Frank, he sprints around the block every morning before breakfast.

Donald Dunkeld

Grand champion at seed show

ONT. CTY. Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R.2, was the recipient of the Grand

Championship Award at the annual Ontario County Seed Fair and Feed Show held at Port Perry, March 23.

Forty exhibitors submitted a total of 105 entries.

Mr. Dunkeld won the highest number of points in classes for wheat, oats, barley and corn. The prize was donated by Milton Parkin of Kinsale.

Individual class awards went to the following: Hay championship - Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R.2; Fall wheat championship - Heber Down, Brooklin, R.R.1; Oat championship - Heber Down, Brooklin, R.R.1; Barley championship -

Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R.2; Potato championship - Albert Hockley, Claremont, R.R.1; Ear corn championship - Don Dunkeld, Claremont, R.R.2.

In the Junior Section, Douglas Dunkeld scored 4 firsts in classes for barley, ear corn, shelled corn and 1st cut hay. Peter Pearce, Uxbridge, R.R.2, placed first with oats (any variety) and Bruce Smith, R.R.2, Port Perry was first in the class for 2nd cut hay.

Application refused

MARKHAM - Red

denied by Markham Planning Director, Kunio Hidaka.

Deer Construction Co., will not be permitted to proceed with plans to build a 25 unit town house development at Church and Elm Streets, contrary to a report in The Tribune last week.

A council resolution, March 25, rejected the firm's application.

It was The Tribune's understanding that the request had been granted, pending approval of the Ontario Municipal Board. This was subsequently

Unemployment insurance

'Unnecessary evil' teachers complain

YORK-SIMCOE - Many school teachers, says Liberal M.P., John Roberts (York-Simcoe) are complaining over a proposal to include them in the Unemployment Insurance program. Their argument is, according to Mr. Roberts, that they will receive few benefits, since they believe they are unlikely to be unemployed.

Under the plan, explains the Member, a teacher earning \$10,000 a year, would contribute \$25 annually, tax deductible, or a net sum of \$17.

Mr. Roberts puts it this way: "Unemployment insurance is a social insurance scheme founded on the principle of universality so that as many people as possible can benefit from the provisions of the program.

The risk of unemployment is no longer restricted to a particular segment of the labor force. There are teacher surpluses in many of the major centres in both Ontario and Quebec and the individuals affected

surely need some form of income protection during that time when they are looking for alternate employment opportunities.

All employees, points out the Member, will contribute, regardless of their income, and will be eligible for benefits should the need arise. The only ones excluded for the present will be self-employed.

While the White Paper proposals have not yet been translated into legislation, Mr. Roberts said that the Canadian Teachers' Federation had been consulted concerning the concept of universal coverage and had registered no opposition to it.

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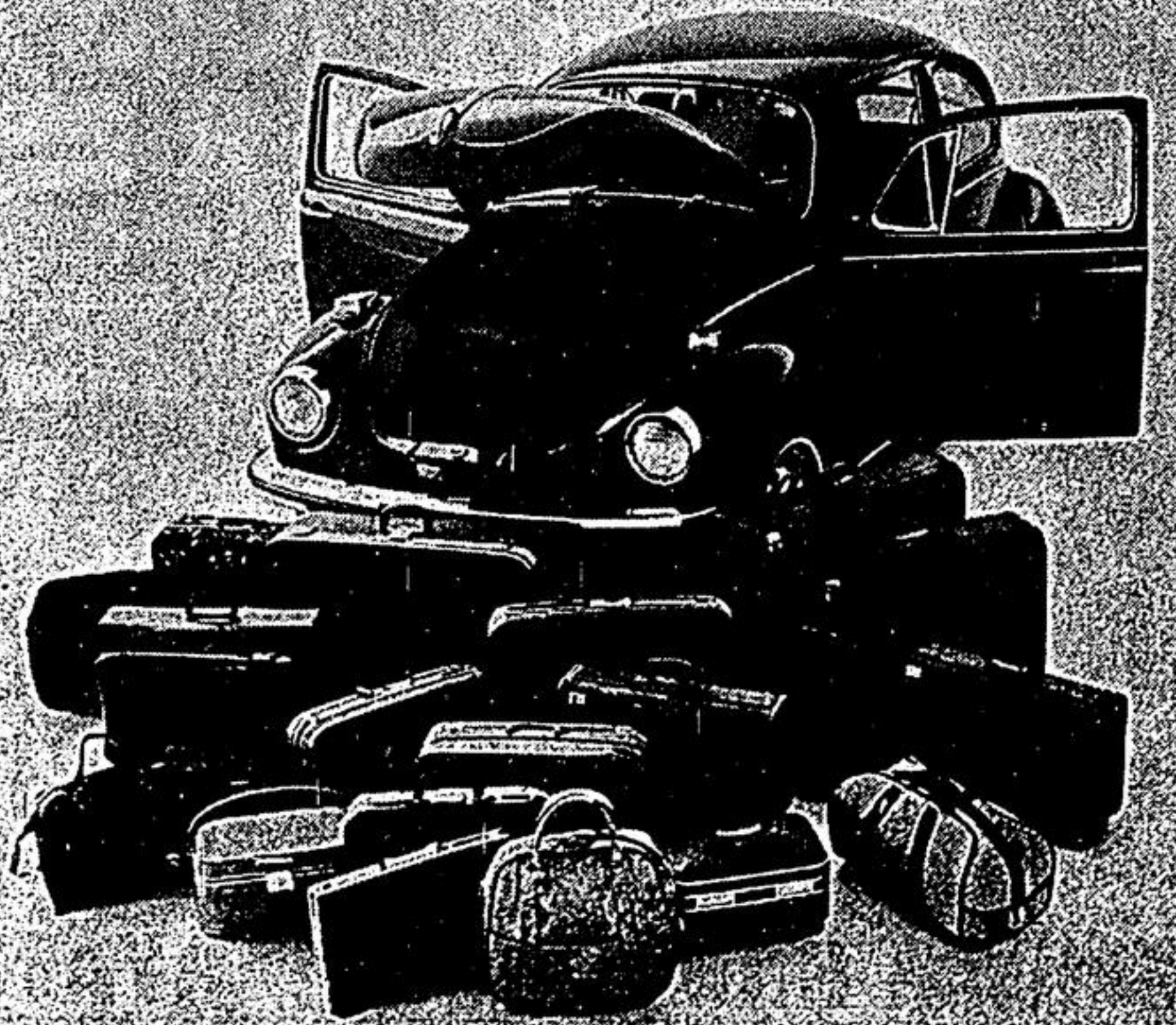
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