



IN THIS CORNER

By GEOFF AYRES

An active summer of sports activities appears to be shaping up and the city's parks are getting a working over as three baseball leagues get ready to launch what could be a bigger and better season than ever.

One thing, the weatherman is either giving Prince Rupert district a good sample of what to expect this summer, or he's flipped his lid and shipped in the summer too early. Whatever the reason for the current fine spell it's a welcome change.

Prince Rupert's Little Leaguers have pretty well a clear field ahead of them now that the teams have been picked and schedules lined up until their opening date May 12. All that remains is to get officials assigned to their various duties and the season is launched. Greatest need we understand is for a scorekeeper, or scorekeepers, and anyone with talent along this line, or anyone who wishes to develop talent along this line should get in touch with the Little League executive.

Guess the sight of all that lumber standing up at Roosevelt Park, doing nothing except forming the framework of the outfield fence, was just too much for some house-builder. Iron bars do not a prison make, nor two pieces of plywood, some 2 to 6's and 1 by 10's a home, but they help.

Fred Christensen, we understand, will not be putting in an appearance at Acropolis this year. Fred has decided to try his luck down south and is reported to have taken a job at the Victoria shipyard's Hope. He gets the break he's looking for, if that is his intention.

See according to a UBC news release that Gordy Mundle, short stop with Esquire's last year year received his "big block" letter for hockey earlier this month. Gord was also elected secretary of the UBC Big Block Club. Some 129 athletes at varsity received their letters, and among them was Ed Richardson of Terrace who was awarded his small block for soccer.

UBC also advises us that the drive to send the UBC-Vancouver Rowing Club crew to the Henley Regatta in England has reached the \$15,000 mark in its campaign to raise the \$25,000 needed for the trip by the May 15 deadline.

Funds have been received from such widespread parts of the province as Salt Spring Island and Prince George. Anyone in Prince Rupert anxious to support a western bid to take yet another world title can send their contributions to "Henley Fund—University Development Fund, Alumni Office at UBC."

Baseballers aren't the only one to appreciate the sun. Members of the Prince Rupert Ski Club not only report a good weekend's skiing but are looking for another month of fine skiing weather, out Mount Hays way. So excellent were ski conditions over the weekend that the reflected rays of the old haymaker resulted in some club members getting sunburned more than somewhat.

To read the report of the ski club's activities, Mount Hays lacks little in the way of skiing enjoyment so highly recommended Sun Valley or the Laurentians.

And in true Sun Valley style, we understand Odd Elsvik took advantage of the sun to ski in only swim trunks. Sounds like those skiers have found a real warm spot.

Had a gentleman in the office the other day who is interested in organizing a softball league for the coming summer. Fella didn't want his name mentioned, but we informed him that an active softball league operated here, which more or less organized itself. However, if the softballers are getting up an organizational meeting, this anonymous gent is desirous of attending. Mike Kutzak please note.

Turning to the past for a moment, we'd like to congratulate Jim Platen and Jim Stewart for getting most valuable and most sportsmanlike trophies for their efforts during the 1954-55 basketball season. Congrats too, to teams who received their due rewards for league and playoff wins.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY, Rex Layne, 200, Salt Lake City, stopped Willy Jackson, 180, Edmonton, (2).

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Joe Lunday, 180½, Brooklyn, outpointed Bob Butterfield, 181, Chicago, (10).

CHICAGO—Dick Carr, 140½, Chicago, outpointed Frank Smith, 145, Chicago (8).

OCEAN PARK, Calif.—Irish Johnny McCrory, 130, Houston, outpointed Ray Castro, 130, Los Angeles, (10).

To Seek Return Of Grid Classic

TORONTO — The Toronto Junior Board of Trade said Tuesday night it will do everything in its power to bring back the Grey Cup game to Toronto. "It will be a tough job to get the Grey Cup back here on a permanent basis," said R. Bredin Stapells, board secretary. "You can bet your life Montreal will be after it now too."

Jansen Shows Major-League Form For Seattle

By The Canadian Press
Topflight pitching by a veteran down from the National League and a rookie up from the old Western International League high-lighted Seattle's 1955 Pacific Coast League baseball opener Tuesday. Larry Jansen, ex-New York Giant great showed his oldtime

form as the Rainiers turned back league-leading Sacramento, 14-3, in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

At night, Johnny Briggs, 21-year-old rookie who pitched for Salem in the WIL last season, allowed seven hits and struck out four as the Solons shut out the Rainiers 1-0 to remain at

the top of the pack.

A day-night home opener at Portland was rained out in the first inning. The Beavers and San Diego rescheduled opening day ceremonies for today.

Elsewhere, Los Angeles whiplashed the Angels 10-0 in San Francisco and Hollywood were rained out at San Francisco.

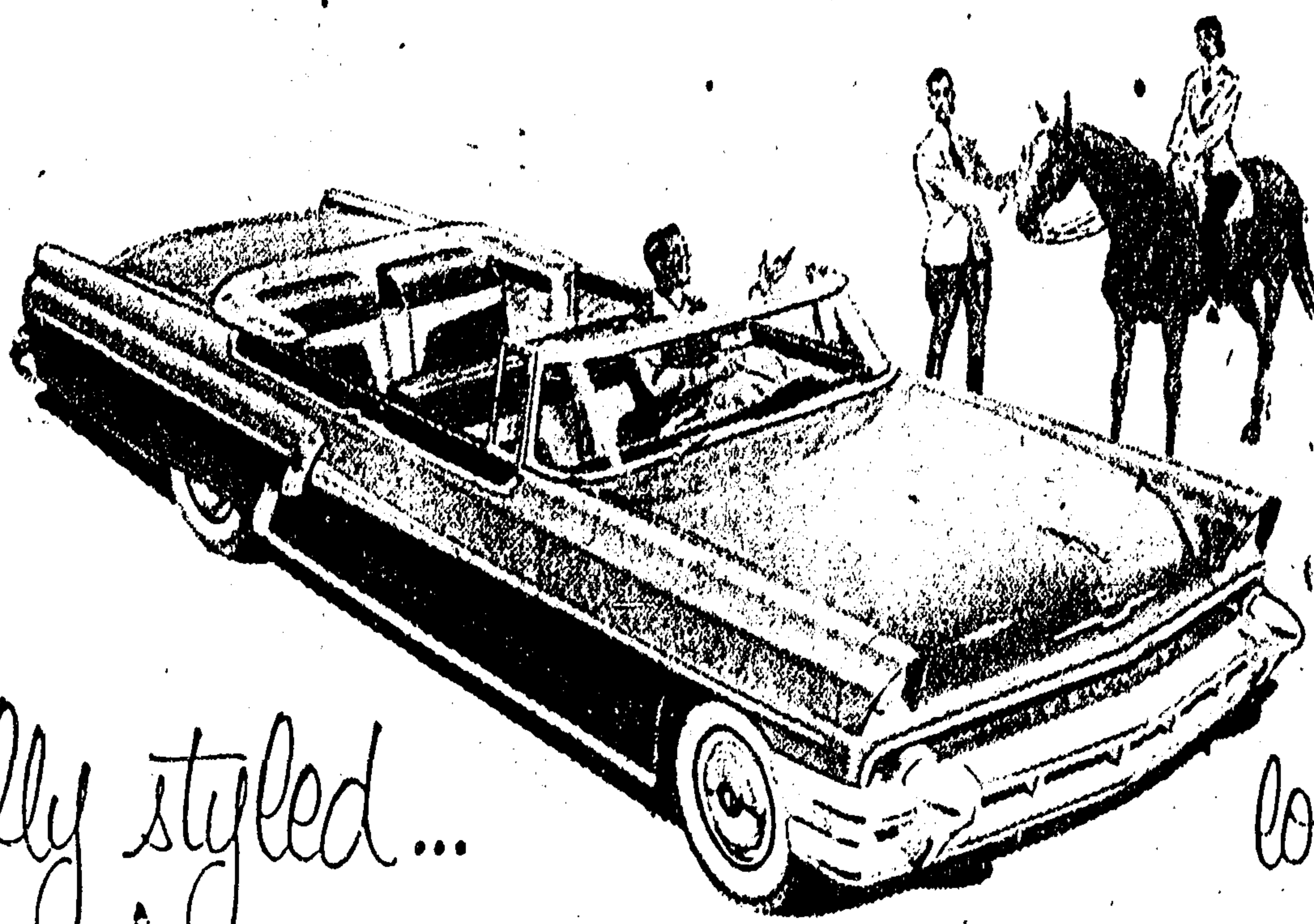
Japanese Wins Marathon

BOSTON — Powerful little Hideo Hamamura of Japan conquered the hills in a stirring late rush Tuesday to establish a record of two hours, 18 minutes, 22 seconds in the 59th and perhaps greatest Boston AA marathon. Canada's George Hillier and former BAA champion Gerard Cote finished 19th and 23rd respectively.

Remember Wilby

Col. Tommy Hitchcock, the United States' greatest plane crash in England today. Hitchcock, a pilot in the First War, left his post as commander of the U.S. embassy in London in the Second World War shortly before his death.

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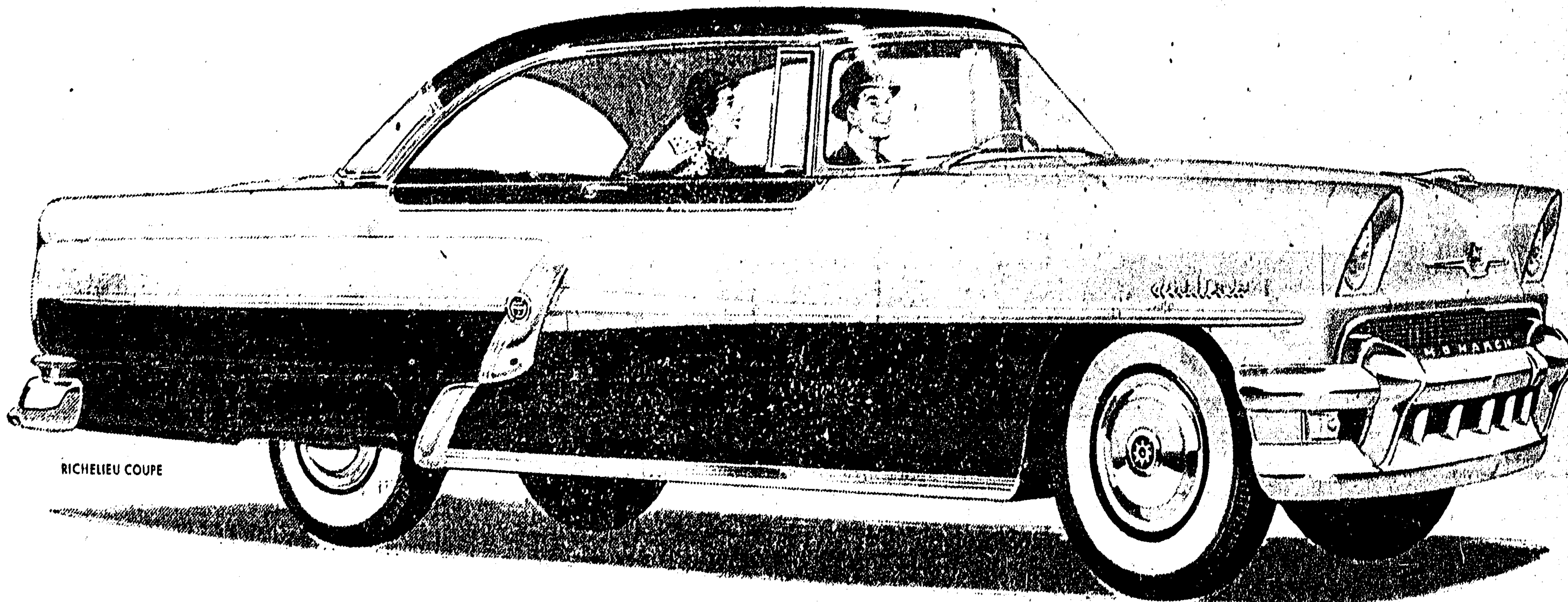


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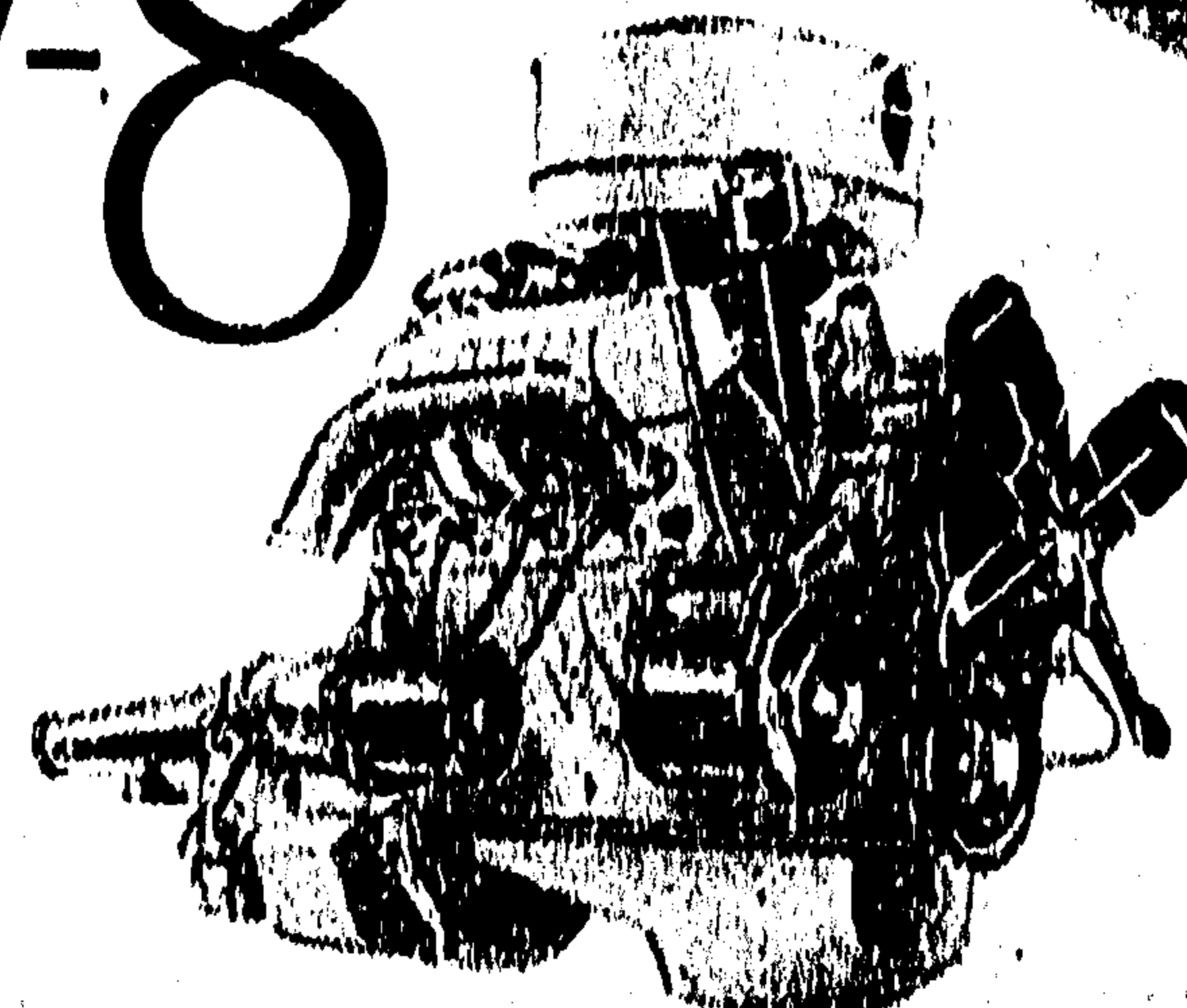
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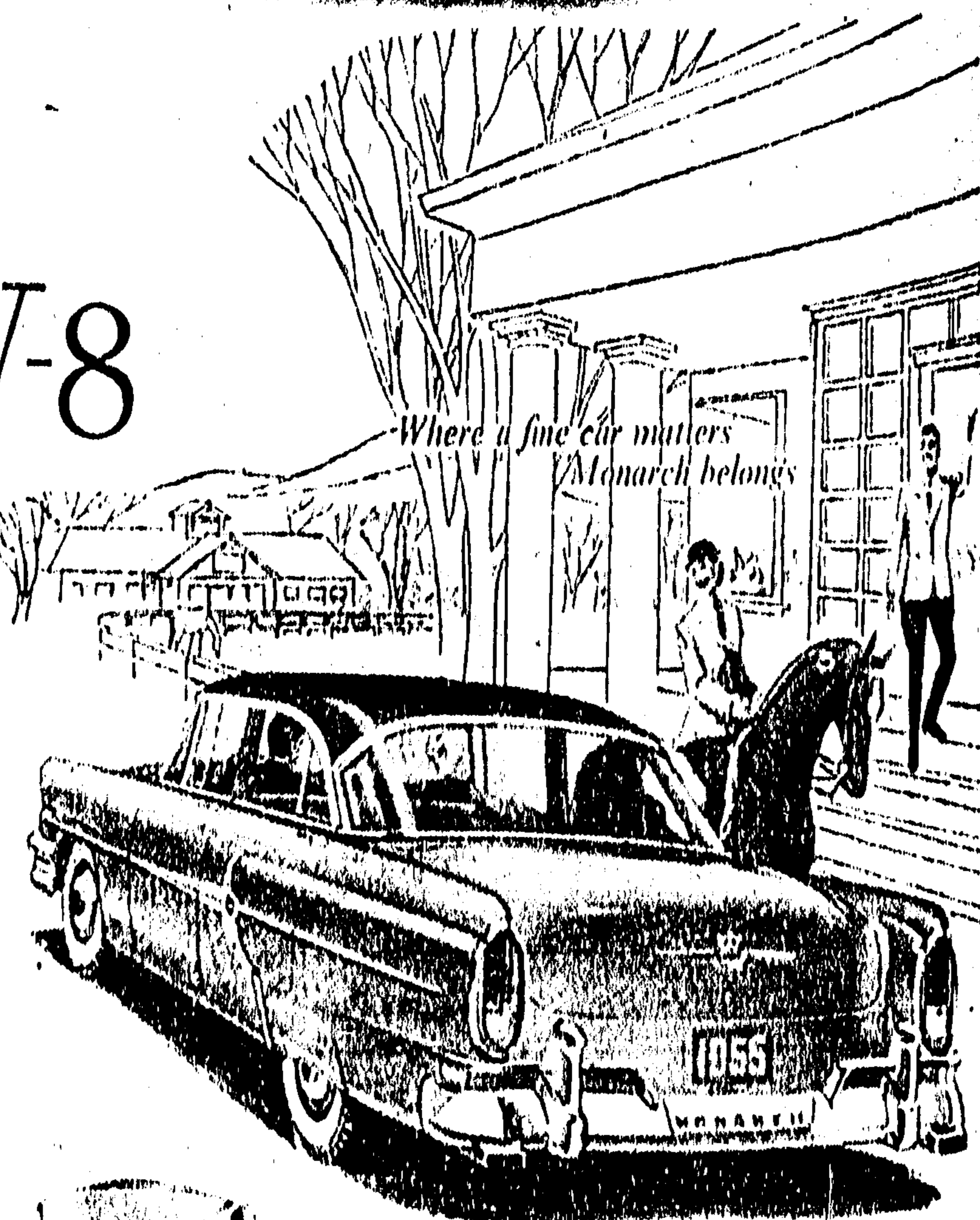
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