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Two out of three below par

Ryoung men who offer their servfices to the army may be regarded as representative of the physical and mental standards of the male population, then Canada has something to wbrry about. Statistics concerning recruitment presented to the estimates committee of the House of Commons leave one wondering as to the value being received from the vast sums of money this country spends on health and education.

* Because of the demands made on mind and body by the highly specialized training for army service today, the army's requirements in intelligence and physique are much higher but they still are not so high as to exchide any young man of what may be called normal attainments. It is with a sense of shock, therefore, that one reads of two out of every three applicants for enlistment being rejected for medical reasons. Out of about 23,000 would-be soldiers, only 7,560 were deemed by the examiners to be fit for service.

More disturbing still is the discov-

ery that of those turned down, almost half failed to meet academic standards or to pass aptitude tests. In other words, one out of every three applicants was either mentally below average of lacked education—in a country where opportunities for education are unsurpassed. These young men were deemed to be of marginal intelligence, incapable of responding to basic training and performing menial tasks, better known in the army as fatigues. Any old soldier knows how little brain power those call for.

A comparison with rejection percentages in the United States makes the picture even worse. There in the than they were in grandfather's day; past year 37 per cent of potential recruits were turned down for much the same reasons that 67 per cent were rejected in Canada. This, unfortunately, isn't the first time that Canada has been confronted with grim facts about the health of its youth. With everything we have in this favored land we should be able to produce the fittest, brightest young men in the world. What has gone wrong?

-The Victoria Colonist.

Monumental rudeness

"Me First" season under way

CENATOR J. W. deB. Farris, a Vancouver Liberal who used to be British Columbia's Attorney General, is obviously capable of monumental rudeness.

He is angry with Douglas Jung, Chinese-Canadian Progressive-Conservative MP for Vancouver Centre, because of statements Mr. Jung is reported to have made in Paris, where he is talking politics with young people from other NATO nations.

"Just whom does he represent and what right has this Chinaman to make these statements in Paris on behalf of the Canadian people?" the senator asks.

The wording of this question is in- third-class manners. excusable.

THIS is the "ME-FIRST" season for a

great many automobile drivers.

He must be at the head of every line of

traffic. He gets there by weaving,

passing on curves and at all blind

places. He specially excells in show-

ing off by passing going up a hill. He

exceeds the speed limit at every pos-

sible opportunity under the crazy as-

sumption that the few seconds he

a gun and killing people—but it is his

right and duty to use a more lethal

weapon, his car, in any fashion he

He would never think of carrying

saves is worth a few lives.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

You know the "ME-FIRST" driver.

To call a Chinese a Chinaman is a studied insult.

Secondly, Mr. Jung is not a Chinese. He is Canadian, born in this country.

And, thirdly, a Canadian citizen of any ethnic origin belongs to the only class of citizenship that exists in Canada, first-class citizenship.

We note with satisfaction that the leader of Canada's Liberal Party, Lester B. Pearson, promptly took issue with the senator's words, branding them as "derogatory." Also the critical words of CCFer Harold Winch.

There are no second-class citizens in Canada, but Senator Farris has made it all too plain that there are

chooses. He wouldn't be careless with

a gun but watch out when he climbs be-

He will help old folks across the street.

open the door for a lady, and in gener-

al is a perfect gentleman. He is a nice

guy with a lovely family and a good

job. He is normally sensible and won't

cumstances. But put him behind a

wheel and he becomes a maniae! He

Watch out for the "ME-FIRST"

He is a very nice guy on the hoof.

hind the wheel of his car.

-The Toronto Telegram.

YOUTHFUL INGENUITY of 24-year-old project engineer, Thomas Lauriente, right, combined with mature experience of erection superintendent Victor Bratt, 66, in erection of 2,000 tons of steel by Dominion Bridge Company crews on Okanagan Lake bridge. Only floating bridge in Canada, the \$8,000,000 structure links Westbank and Kelowna with 2,885 feet of concrete pontoons and steel work. The bridge was officially opened Saturday by Princess Margaret.

All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore.

Picking out a man's home town, or even his nationality, by the sound of his voice is a touchy job.

Recently I was standing on a balcony of the Empress Hotel in Victoria watching the crowd just after Princess Margaret had arrived and gone to the

The crowd was waiting for her to come out. Several reporters and came amen waited in hopes that she would appear. A Toronto newspaperman looked down on the crowd and said:—

"There's a good cross-section of Americans among 'em. but the loud voices are Victoria voices—more English than the English are."

porter nearby for confirmation. "Isn't that the way you find it?" he asked.

dressed, as though trying to say "Yes," and "No" at the same time.

rich baritone solo, followed by a chorus of yells and claps. Unlike the Toronto newspapermen, I couldn't pin a national origin on the voices,

to be in them. Testing the Toronto man's theory, I went below and found the owner of the loudest voice,

He turned out to be the Rev. Everett Johnson, 270-pound, 27-year-old evangelist from Sacramento, Calif., who gave the following reason why he had appointed himself cheerleader of the "We want Margaret" faction;

From The New Orleans Times-Picayune

Worthy of note, at a time when lagging company profits are causing the lay-off of many workers, is a proposal made by the executive committee of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers local in Monsanto, Ill. The union offered to take a 10-cent-anhour cut in production bonus to help keep the plant operating. The American Zinc Co. plant mad laid off about 125 take a chance or a risk under any cirworkers. Costs still were too high so the company announced the remaining 225 workers would be laid off and the plant shut down temporarily. Then came the union offer to take a cut in pay and the shutdriver. When you see him, give him a

By union co-operation, the jobs of at least 225 members word saved. Most will be making about \$4' a week less, but at least they will be getting a paycheck and the company will be keeping its production

Canada may be asked to be mediator. dnes golng. By CLYDE BLACKBURN Canadian Press Staff Writer

could be YOU!

Anglo-American intervention in Lebanon

and Jordan has raised the possibility that Canada, as an impartial middle power with no international axe to grind, may be called upon to play a part as mediator. That assignment no doubt would be welcome us a responsibility and a privilege. The fear

in Canada, as probably throughout the world, is that forces have been set in motion that may defy attempts at mediation, Meanwhile the Canadian government is studying and waiting to ascertain what shape

events will take, and official comment so far has been most careful. It would seem that Printo Minister Diefenbaker and External Affairs Minister Smith have wanted to indicate that the intervention

in Lebanon and Jordan should be accepted as an interim, omergency action that could not be avoided. The positive statements they have made

stress their determination that Canada do its ntmost within the United Nations framework to bring about a situation in the Middle East that would safely permit withdrawal of the British and American forces.

There is a possibility that in some quarters Canada's attitude will be reported as one of unreserved support of the policy of armed intorvention, because there has been no criticism of the action.

At the moment, however, there seems little sottled opinion in Ottawa pending some clarification as to the real objectives of the United States and United Kingdom in going into Lobanon and Jordan, and the real hopes those Middle East countries held when they invited

It is quite possible that Canada will not be given much choice of action except to use whatever influence it can sway in the United Nations and in NATO.

With the United States and United Kingdom united in an action that may abeldh the ponce of the world, with France and Turkey ready and anxious to join in the rest of the NATO allies may have little opportunity to db anything but use whatever weight they can in the UN and hope they will not have to make a moro desperate chelce.

"In the United States, the

president and heads of gov-

ernment walk among the or-

dinary people; they don't just

get out of a car and wave and

go up to a hotel . . . That was

mound and aimed a shattering

blast of sound toward the win-

dows of the Royal suite: "We

Then he looked around at

me accusingly. "You're Brit-

ish, aren't you?" he asked. I

had English parents—in Can-

was showing through. But did

I have to explain all this to a

visitor from another country?

Canada still was a nation of

So I didn't answer the

He cupped his hand toward

preacher's question. He must

the windows again and launch.

ed a trumpet-call that would

have brought a moose running,

if there had been a moose in

the British Commonwealth.

have thought me rude.

Maybe the old background

want Margaret."

ada most of my life,

He cupped his hands to his

what started me hollering."

Royal suite.

He turned to a London re-

"Mm-nn," said the man ad-

"We want Margaret," said a

let alone pick out the excess Englishness that was supposed

a round youthful-looking man in a striped shirt that was open at the neck.

Union co-operation

down plans were cancelled.

Canadian English

Frant The Peterborough Examiner

80 Canada is to have a dictionary of its own, containing. all the words we use which are not used elsewhere, and all the words we use in special senses? Well, so be it. We do not think there is much need for a dictionary of Canadian Biglish. yet, but when the compliation appears we shall buy it as a

Thata are oddillos of Canadinn appoint, of course. And here and thore in our spoken lan-Rulling, Mo muot, Mittle, old naunes donners bulling od trigitt figitiw Possils-obsolute forms which have become inhedded in our native Dorle,

Vicious boys

From The Windsor Star to Toronto. And by handing out suspended terms, the boys realize their rampage is more

When a Toronto school teach-

er confisented a book being

read by a pupil, two vicious

boys went out for revenge.

They daubed red paint and ob-

scene messages on the homes

of two collegiate masters. They

also splattered the car of the

wife of one teacher with paint.

given suspended sentence by

the courts. Light sentences

like that would only make

them laugh and be ready to do

it all over again.

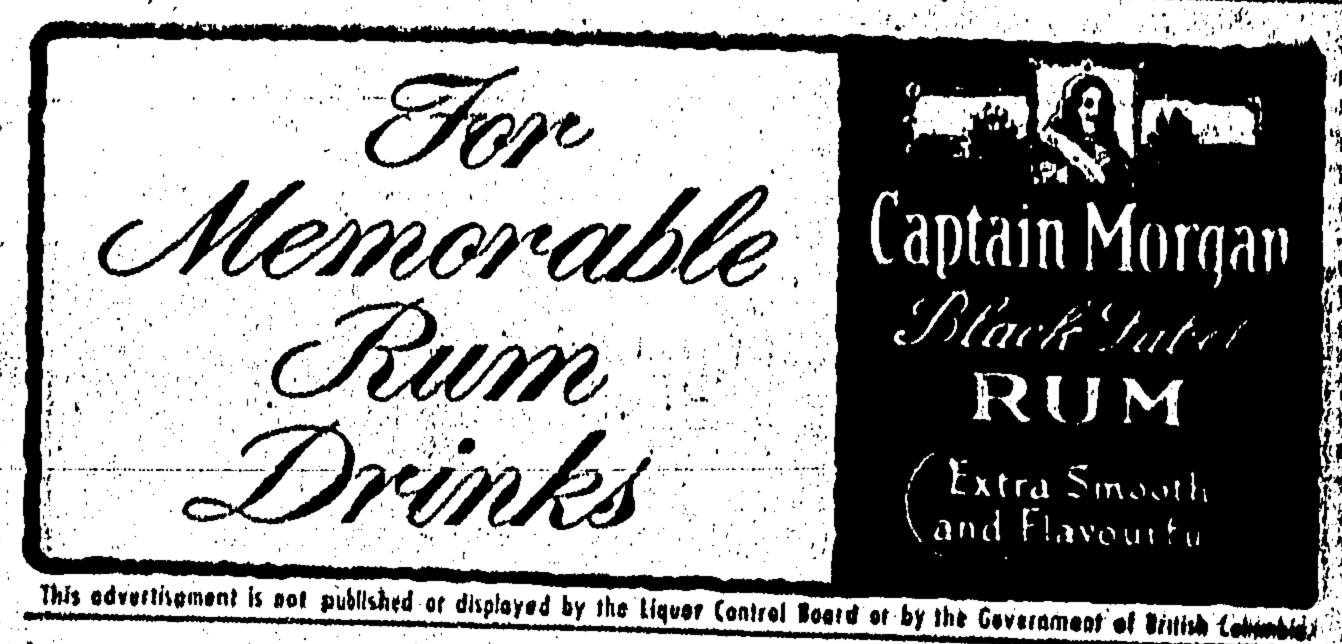
been notorious in schools of

New York. Now, it has spread

This vicious conduct has

The boys were caught and

or less condoned by the cour Canada should not tolera such viciousness for a moment





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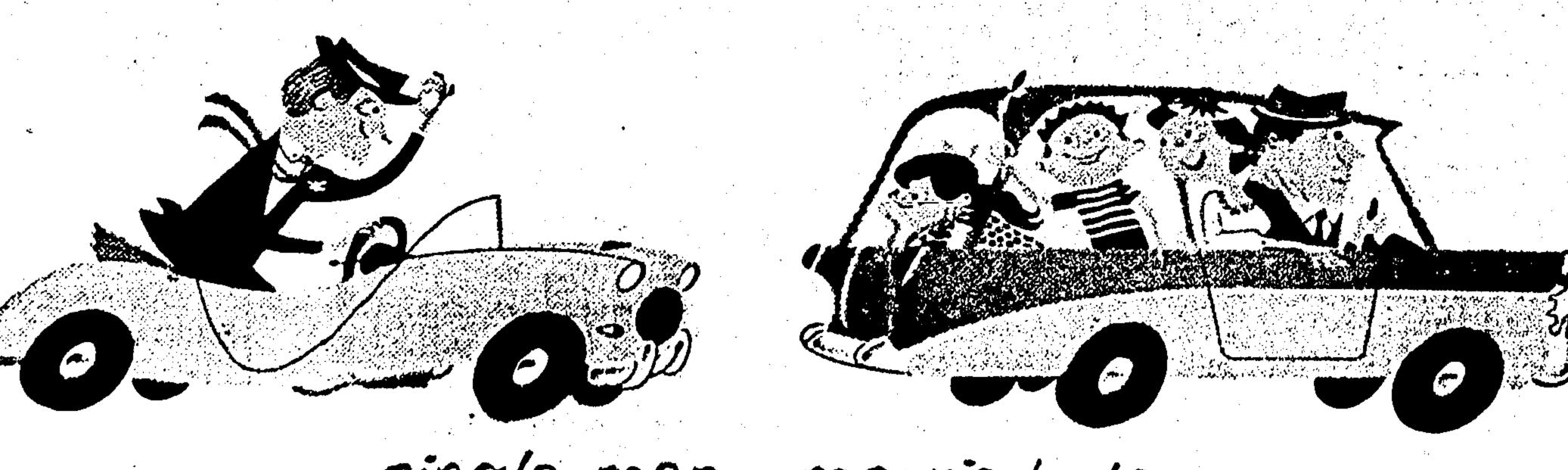
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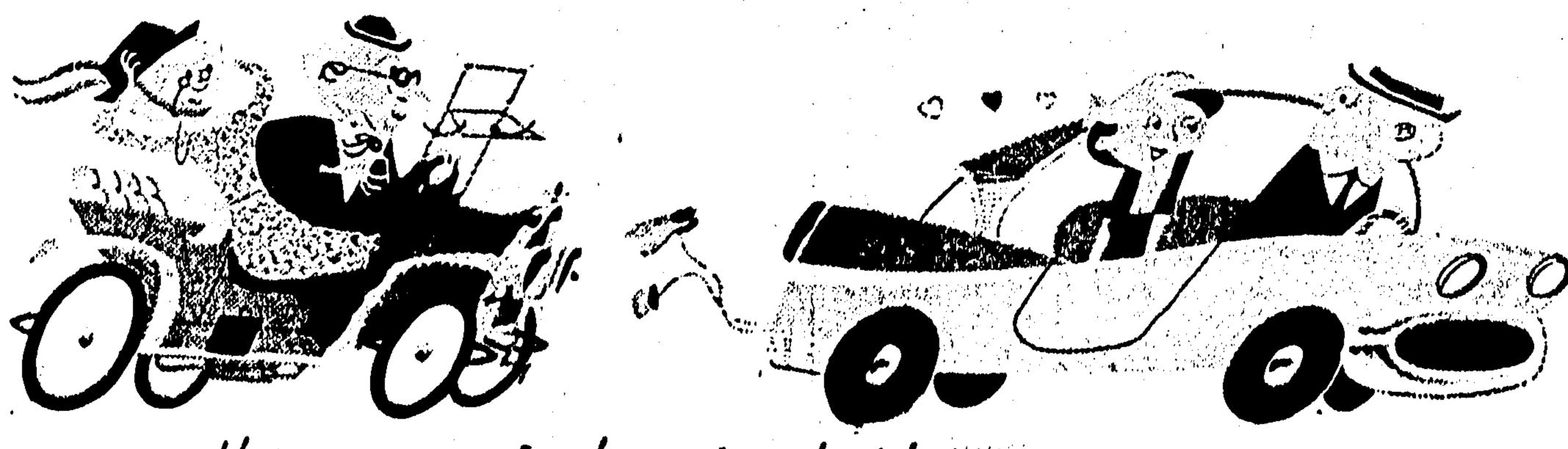
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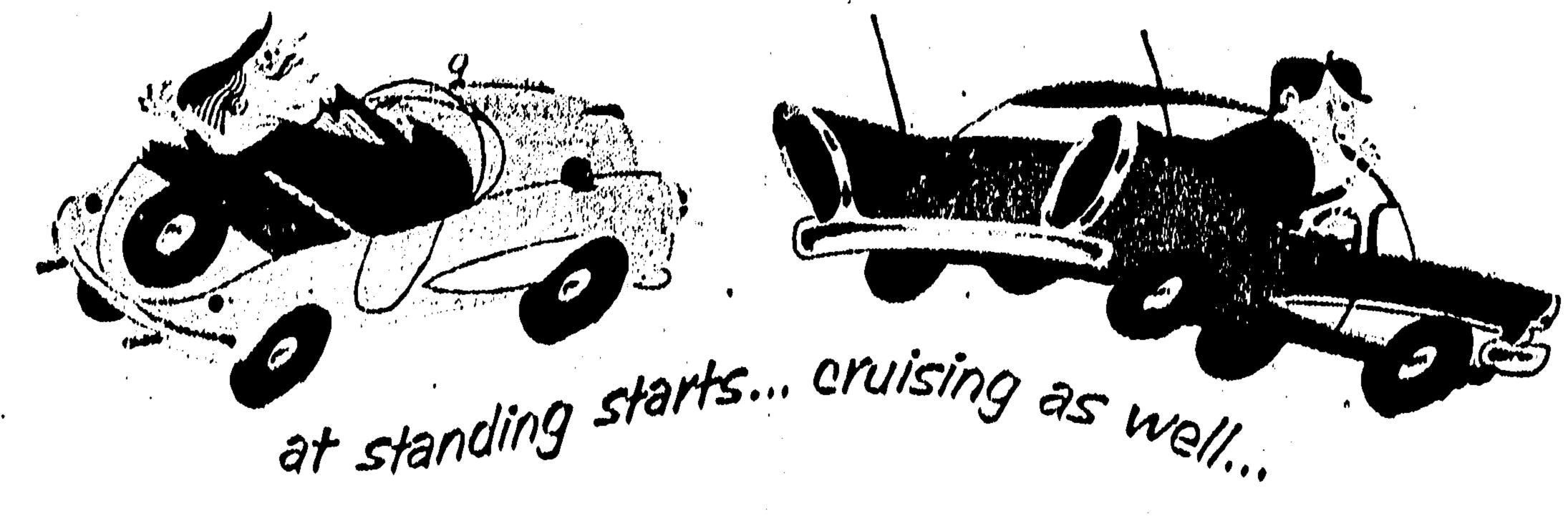
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