



AND FOUNDER of the Seeing Eye... Morris S. Spaldon...

Waynesville Lions Club Thursday night... Fred Vaughn...

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Frank, vice president of the Seeing Eye, Inc., discussed the dog movement at a meeting of the Waynesville Lions Club...

Mr. Frank wrote a letter to the author of the article—the late Mrs. Dorothy H. Eustis, asking how he could obtain such a dog.

Mrs. Eustis, an American woman, replied to Mr. Frank's letter from her estate, "Fortunate Fields," in Vevey, Switzerland, where she was conducting a breeding experiment to determine the intelligence of dogs in relation to their service to mankind.

the result that in the spring of 1928, he arrived in New York harbor aboard the S. S. "Tuscania," and was guided down the gangplank by Buddy Fortunate Fields...

To dispel the skepticism of the use of such a dog as a guide to a blind person, particularly in busy American cities, Mr. Frank traveled many thousand miles, testing Buddy's efficiency. When thoroughly convinced of the use and practicability of such a guide, he cabled Mrs. Eustis of his success.

Mrs. Eustis subsequently made arrangements to settle her affairs abroad and returned to the United States, where in 1929, she founded The Seeing Eye, the school now located in Morristown, New Jersey. Since his first experimental use of Buddy, Mr. Frank has worked actively with The Seeing Eye. He has traveled thousands of miles about the country lecturing on the work of the school and interviewing blind applicants for Seeing Eye dogs.

Buddy Fortunate Fields died in 1938 at the age of twelve and was succeeded by Buddy II. Buddy II also died at the age of twelve in October, 1948, and Mr. Frank is now being guided about his work by his third dog guide — another Buddy.

Because of the study and work of a now famous woman and the courage and belief of a man, Seeing Eye dogs have been trained for more than 2000 blind men and women who have come to The Seeing Eye school from every state of the Union and the territories of Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Mr. Frank emphasized that Seeing Eye dogs are the masters of people and not the other way



THE SUBJECT—POLITICS—that is what former Comptroller General Lindsey Warren, center, and State Senator William Medford were discussing...

The State Magazine, Raleigh. Next to Mr. Warren (left) is Mrs. Warren. Not shown are Mrs. Goerch, and Sheriff Rumley...

around. He illustrated the point by telling the hostess at a Greensboro restaurant who told him: "You can't bring that dog in here!"

"You're right, lady," Mr. Frank replied, "he's bringing me in." Three months are required to train a Seeing Eye dog and another month is necessary to train a blind person to follow the dog, he said.

Dogs are bred at Seeing Eye headquarters in New Jersey, but are then "farmed out" to 4-H Club members who raise them until they're old enough to be trained to assist the blind, Mr. Frank explained.

Female dogs are used because blind women have difficulty handling male dogs and because male dogs tend to grow irritable as they grow older, he said.

Mr. Frank asserted that no one can buy a dog for a blind person. Instead, the blind are given the opportunity to getting jobs and

paying for their own dogs on the installment plan.

Blind persons pay \$150 for their first Seeing Eye dog—which includes room and board at Morristown for one month—and \$50 for their second dog. Dogs live for 10 to 12 years on the average.

A number of different breeds of dogs are used as Seeing Eye guides, but German shepherds are most popular, the speaker pointed out.

The Seeing Eye program is financed by individual and organizational donations, Mr. Frank said.

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"Blind people are unfortunate, but they aren't dead," he remarked.

North Carolina Commission for the Blind, called the organization one of the best in the country.

While in Waynesville on his tour of the United States and Canada, Mr. Frank visited with two blind Waynesville men — Roy Moseman and Fred Vaughn, both of whom were guests at the Lions meeting.

Bridges To Retirement

WARE, Mass. (AP) — Frank H. Cheever, 69, a contractor who retired to run a filling station, hopes to get somebody to take over his gas station some day — so he can make a tour of all the covered bridges in New England.

There's a special reason, he says, why New Englanders developed the idea of leaving openings on the sides. In winter, snow was needed on the bridges to enable horses to pull sleighs through. The openings allowed snow to drift in during snowstorms.

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The Seeing Eye official said that 40 per cent of adults or young people who become blind can be trained to do some useful job.

Loss of their sight usually sharpens their other senses of the blind, he added.

Mr. Frank, who helped found the

White Day

LAS CRUCES, N. M. (AP) — At New Mexico A&M College, they believe in the whitewash system. It took 700 freshmen students all day to whitewash the college symbol, the "A" high on the nearby Organ Mountains.

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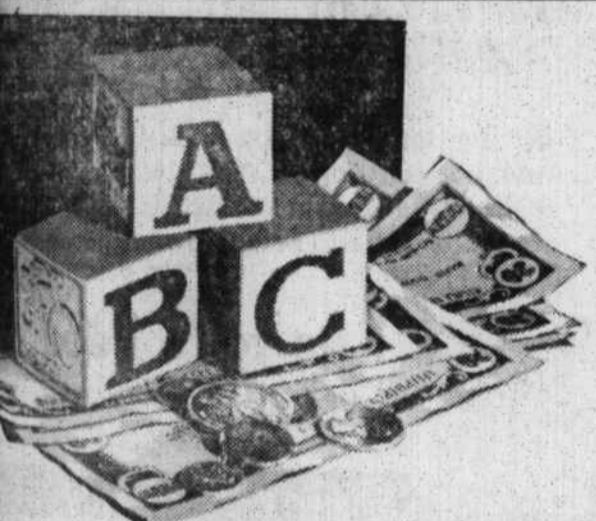
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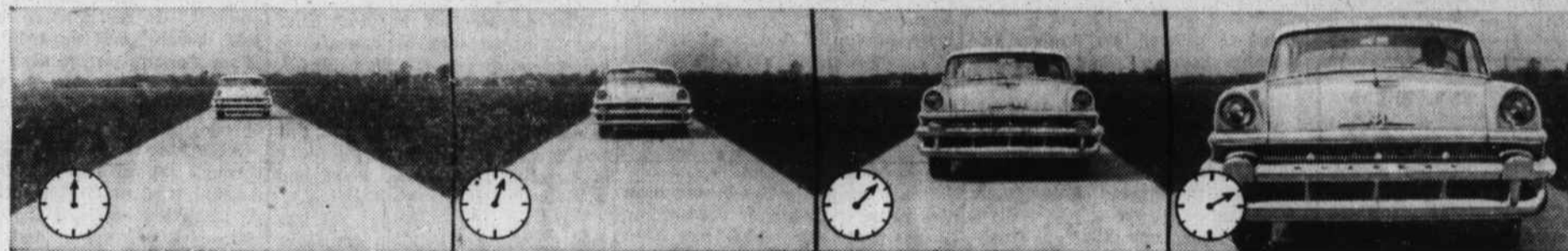
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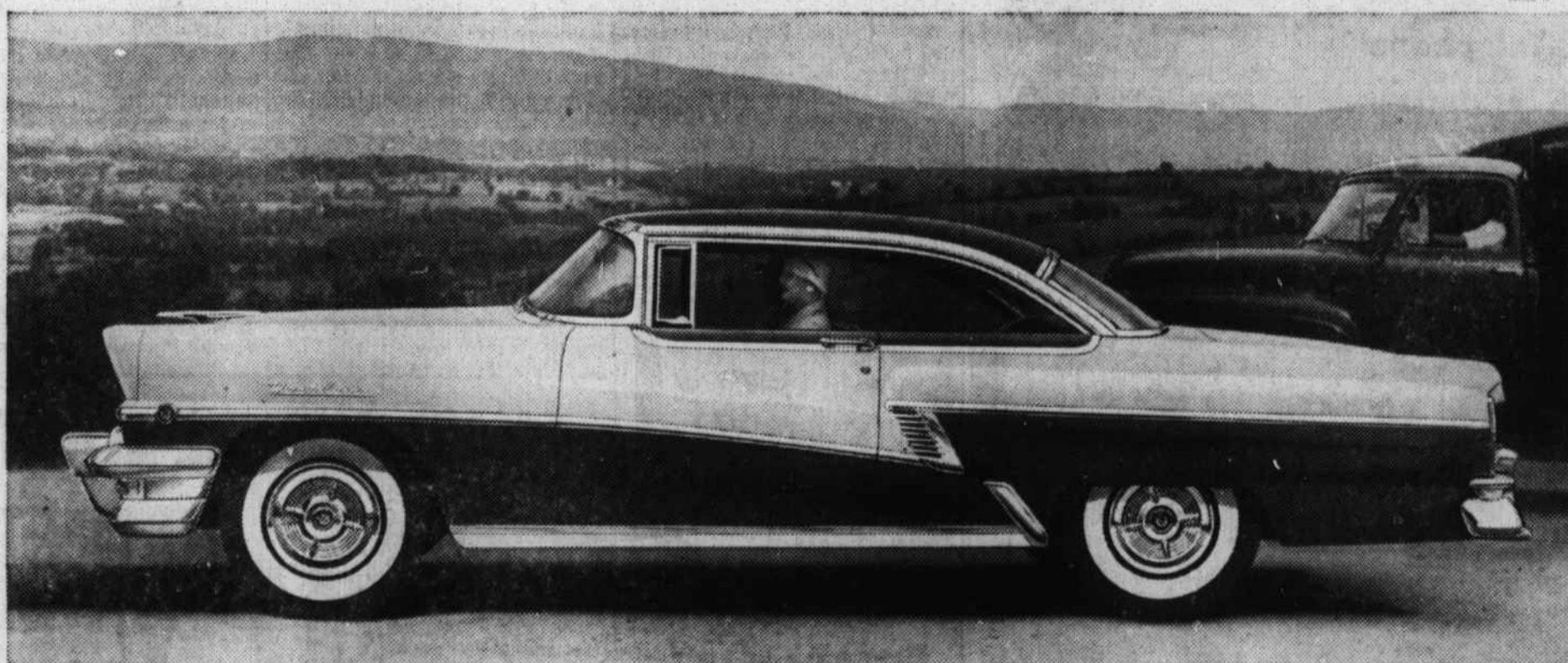
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