



### Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac

Fred Walker, general manager of Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac dealership, 1350 N. Woodward, Birmingham, poses with his sales manager, Ray West (left), outside the dealership office.

## 'Driving?—Nothing to It; She Knows—She Did It Once

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It started out to be a perfect day (I thought) . . . June 16, 1959, the first day I would be driving my "new-old-car," without my driving instructor.

The night before the dealer delivered my car, parking it in a tight space. I wouldn't admit I wasn't too sharp at backing out (a woman's pride was involved), so I smiled and thanked him.

NEXT MORNING, keys clutched in hand, driving permit in wallet and insurance card ready for immediate use, I was off to work.

Nothing to it, I kept telling myself. I got in the car, turned on the ignition, rolled down the windows, and sat . . . trying to remember everything I had learned in four weeks' instruction.

I finally decided I couldn't sit there all day, so with palpitation of the heart, I backed out slowly. With much struggling, I made it.

AFTER PUTTING the car into drive, I stepped on the gas and to my amazement . . . ABSOLUTELY NOTHING . . . it just made a horrible sound. And the first payment wasn't even due!

Out of the car, keys clutched in hand, permit in wallet and very disgusted, I was off again . . . not to work, but to call my friendly service station.

IN A MATTER of minutes the serviceman arrived, got in the car, released the emergency brake

### Less Tiring

Wind tunnel tests have proven that, at 20 miles per hour in a cross wind, the 1960 Plymouth's stabilizer design eliminates 24 per cent of the steering effort normally required to overcome cross winds in driving a car.

### Safety First

The heat-treated safety glass used in side windows of the 1960 Plymouth is the same glass used as the guard-shield to protect spectators at hockey games.

It has eight times the impact strength of laminated glass used in many other cars.

and left . . . leaving me standing there with a very stupid grin on my face.

Already 15 minutes late for work, I had to put the 'show on the road'.

Driving down Woodward with calypso music soothing my nerves, I approached a red light. To my amazement, my brakes weren't too good (and I wasn't the first car in line).

A YOUNG GIRL driving the car I rammed got out, strolled over and said very sarcastically, "Can't you see I'm a new driver?" I said sarcastically to her, "Well, just what do you think I am."

I made it to work without any other difficulties and settled down to a long day. At noon co-worker Deni Scanlon and I went out together for lunch.

AFTER DRIVING a few miles, I detected a terrible odor and turned to Deni.

"I wonder if it's anything serious?"

Her reply was "the last time my car smelled like that it cost me \$40!"

Over a very inexpensive lunch, our conversation centered around the problem of owning a car: how to make our car allowance stretch, my new dress, how to make our car allowance stretch and the price of gasoline.

DENI ALSO TOLD me about the time she took her car to the station for a check-up and was told she needed a voltage regulator, generator and battery. She immediately called her father, asking him if it was anything serious.

All was silence for a few minutes and then this message: "Miss Scanlon, my dear daughter, have it taken care of immediately!"

In the three months since I began driving, I have decided that my car doesn't run on gas but oil (approximately two quarts a week).

I HAVE REPLACED a new muffler, battery, four new tires and other small items.

Maybe this is why I find myself contemplating a new car.

## Residents

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ing through Cincinnati, Knoxville and Atlanta, it includes some mountain driving.

THE WESTERN route through Louisville and Nashville is flatter and, though 120 miles longer, requires only an additional half hour of driving time.

The eastern route, which uses the West Virginia Turnpike and

covers 1,516 miles, will be preferred by many motorists," Rogan said. "It passes through only one major city, Columbus; traffic is relatively light, only a short distance of mountain driving is required and accommodations along the route are very good."

In suggesting alternate routes for return trips, he said the majority of drivers use the flatter route in winter when roads may be slippery or snow-covered but prefer the hilly routes in fall, spring and summer because of their added scenic qualities.

## Unit Construction

The 1960 Plymouth features unit construction. Integrating body and frame into a single, unified structure, this design affords important inherent advantages in terms of both strength and space efficiency.

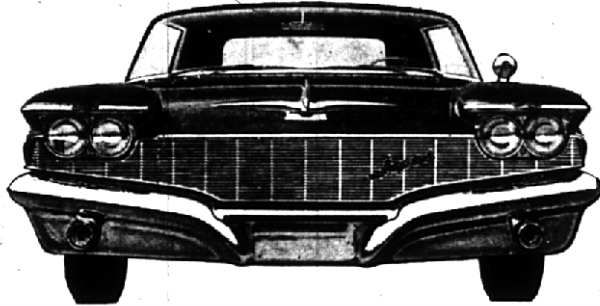
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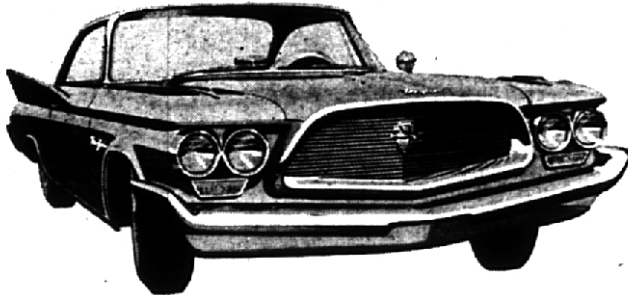
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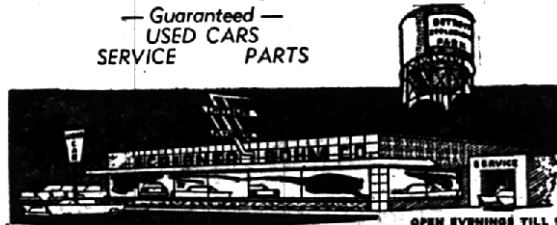
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