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## FIX OUR ROADS

THE CROP having slowly ground to a stop, we are once more in the periodic dull season even though Government had assured us that there would have been no such season this year. Once more we have the sad situation of unemployment despite the heavy exodus to St. Thomas and St. Croix. It is therefore the duty of Government to find work for willing hands to do if there is to be money earned to pay the accumulated debts of the past year and to allow some measure of enjoyment over the Christmas Season.

The island's main road is in a disgraceful state of disrepair. Every few yards along some stretches there are pot-holes which invite accidents and render driving hazardous. In the past our one road around the island was well maintained although Anguilla and Nevis suffered the terrible punishment of complete neglect of their road system. Today we are seeing roads strange to St. Kitts and after the coming rains they will become much worse. One would have thought that the Government would utilise the people who are unemployed to effect necessary road repairs. To say that there is no money is complete hypocrisy in the light of the heavy expenditure on trips abroad by Government ministers.

It is time that the Government forgot that it is a trade-union government and hence concerned basically with trying to obtain and hold power even if people starve. The objects of a trade union and those of a government are not always similar. A government should desire to keep its people employed and happy, not hungry and seeking for a revolution against those who are better paid. We are calling upon the Minister of Communications and Works to fix our roads. Car owners and bus drivers should take note and emphasise our reasonable demands.

### EXHIBITION AND SALE OF WORK

The P. A. M. sewing class for children will hold an Exhibition and Sale of Work at P. A. M. International on December 11, 1969 at 4 p. m.

## Sir Hugh to be Commission Chairman

Sir Hugh Wooding, 65, former Chief Justice of Trinidad and Tobago, will be Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry that is to be set up in December to make recommendations with a

view to finding a solution to the Anguilla problems.

According to a release over Radio ZIZ on Thursday morning the invitation was extended to Sir Hugh by Mr. Michael

Stewart, Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Premier Bradshaw.

It is understood that the names of the other members will be announced later.

## Factory Workers Strike

**A NUMBER of apprentices together with some Tradesmen and other workers, went on strike and walked off their jobs at the St. Kitts (Basse-terre) Sugar Factory Ltd. about 9.15 Wednesday morning.**

It appears that the strike was triggered off by an incident involving the suspension of an apprentice, Vernon Williams, by the Superintendent of the welding shop.

We understand that neither the Sugar Producers' Association nor the Factory Management had received notification of the strike from the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union before the walkout took place.

The Sugar Association, of which the Factory is a member, took up the matter with

the Union with a view to finding out whether it authorised or supported the strike (which came three days after a meeting especially for Factory workers, was held at Masses House).

On Thursday afternoon the Sugar Association received the following reply from the Union:

"Please be advised that the walkout of the Factory workers yesterday in support of their Union's demands to represent all their workers and in particular Mr. Vernon Williams, was yesterday translated into an official strike."

The Union officials said

the Association had informed them that the Union was not recognised as a representative for apprentices.

### Bradshaw: "I have no quarrel with Parris"

Speaking at Warner Park Thursday night, Premier Bradshaw charged that Mr. Fred Parris, Chairman of the Nevis Local Council, "made a fool of himself in front of Lord Shepherd by insulting a lady, Mrs. France, for no reason whatever."

He said Mr. Parris's contention is "that Mr. France, a man who has done a great deal for the island of Nevis and who is a naturalised British Subject has no right to be on the Local Council."

He said when introducing the Council members, Mr. Parris turned his back upon Mrs. France. "Lord Shepherd asked him who was the lady and he said 'she is not a member of my party.' So I said to Lord Shepherd this is Mrs. France, wife of a nominated member and this is Mr. France."

Mr. Bradshaw concluded that "Mr. Parris is apparently looking for something to quarrel about. I have no quarrel with him."

### Joseph Kennedy Dies

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, 81, head of the history making America family, died Tuesday morning at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

A funeral service was held Thursday at St. Francis Cathedral Roman Catholic Church in Hyannisport, by Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston, a longtime friend of the Kennedy family.

Mr. Kennedy had been an invalid since December 19, 1961, when he suffered a major stroke. A heart attack last week Saturday brought

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## Americans land on Moon again

American Astronauts Charles Conrad and Allan Bean, landed safely on the eastern side of the Moon in the area called the Ocean of Storms early Wednesday morning, and about 200 yards from Surveyor 3 — a spacecraft that was sent up two-and-a-half years ago.

The Astronauts took two walks which together, covered a mile and a half: one on the day they landed and the other on

Thursday. They set up experimental equipment and collected between 80-90 pounds of rock samples and parts of the Surveyor craft on their final walk.

After staying on the Moon for 31½ hours, the Astronauts blasted off in the lunar module and re-joined the command ship "Yankee Clipper" which orbited 69 miles above with Astronaut Keith Gordon at the controls.

The Astronauts began their homeward journey yesterday (Friday) and will splash-down in the Pacific Ocean on Monday.

This second voyage to the Moon began last Friday, when the Apollo 12 spacecraft was launched from Cape Kennedy.





# Webster's Statement to Lord Shepherd

The following is the statement presented to Lord Shepherd by Mr. Ronald Webster at the conclusion of a Council meeting with the British Minister on Monday November 10, and which was broadcast over Radio Anguilla:

Dear Lord Shepherd,

On behalf of the Council and the people of Anguilla, we would like to thank you for your visit and for the discussions we have had today, and for your promise to assist us as much as possible through the Foreign Office in London,

and for giving us here the strong ray of hope for the Caribbean Commission's recommendations. We welcome the fact that you will visit other heads of Governments in the Caribbean and return back to London's Foreign Office. We asked you to report the true situation as you have found it exists on Anguilla. We humbly ask that no stumbling block be placed in Anguilla's political future for freedom.

We only hope that you may strongly recommend our solution.

We appreciate the statement made by Mr. Michael Stewart on the 18th March. "That there is no part of our purpose to put Anguilla under an Administration to which she does not want to live" although that is a political matter which we will handle. We appreciate each word and are looking forward for the harvesting of said proposal. We again wish to thank you for your patience and guidance during our discussions. We invite you personally to return to Anguilla whenever you are able for a more extended visit. How happy we are at

this time to have Lady Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Roberts, Mr. Hankey, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Bell, Mr. Godden and Mr. MacCoun and last but not least H. M. Commissioner, Mr. Thompson.

Finally, I wish you all God's speed and safety to your various departments. May the Lord bless you all.

On behalf of the Council and people of Anguilla, I thank you.

Lord Shepherd's Reply

Prior to his departure from

Anguilla on Tuesday morning November 11, Lord Shepherd left this recorded message to the people of Anguilla in reply to Mr. Webster's Statement:

Good Evening :

Some eight weeks ago, the British Prime Minister asked me to take over overall responsibility in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for Caribbean Affairs. I therefore took the opportunity when I attended the St. Vincent Statehood ceremonies to visit ten countries, nine of them in the Caribbean. And therefore it is natural that I should pay a call to Anguilla—a country which is very much in our minds at home.

My real regret is that my visit is so short; but already I have seen enough of the lively beaches—the best in the world, I am told,—to feel that this is an island to which I should like to return. But when I return to London and see the dark wet days, I will remember particularly, the happy faces of the people of Anguilla and perhaps most of all, the very warm welcome that the people of Anguilla have extended to me and to my wife.

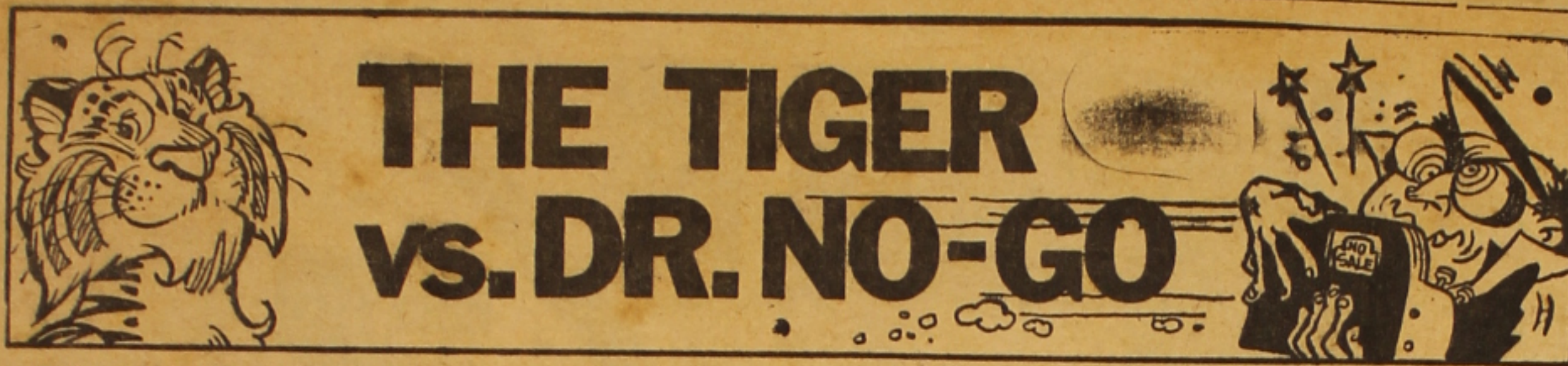
I have seen too, something of the economic development. I am very conscious that much still needs to be done but a start has been made and already we can see the results of some of our early work.

Yesterday I was able to have friendly and frank exchanges with Mr. Webster and later with his colleagues on the Anguilla Council. We discussed in great detail much that concerns the Council and the people of Anguilla. I take away with me a full understanding of your views and I hope that before the Commission, which will shortly be appointed, you will have an opportunity to make your views and aspirations clear.

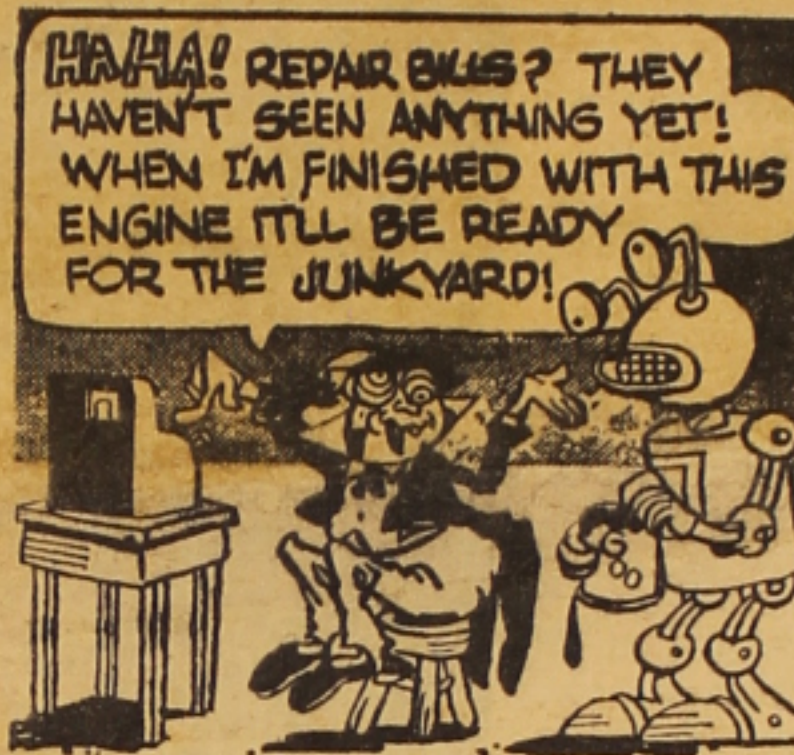
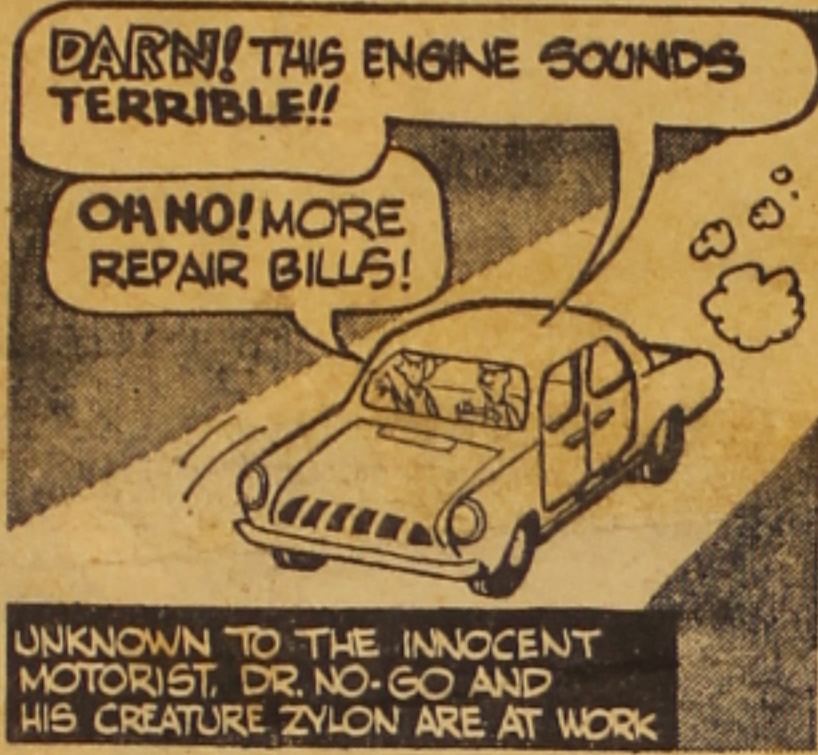
I hope that the Commission will be able to produce recommendations from which a solution can be found.

I am leaving to return home. I will accept that invitation that has been given to me to return to Anguilla. But in the meantime, I would like to express a real word of thanks and gratitude to you and the people of Anguilla for their warm welcome. Good night.

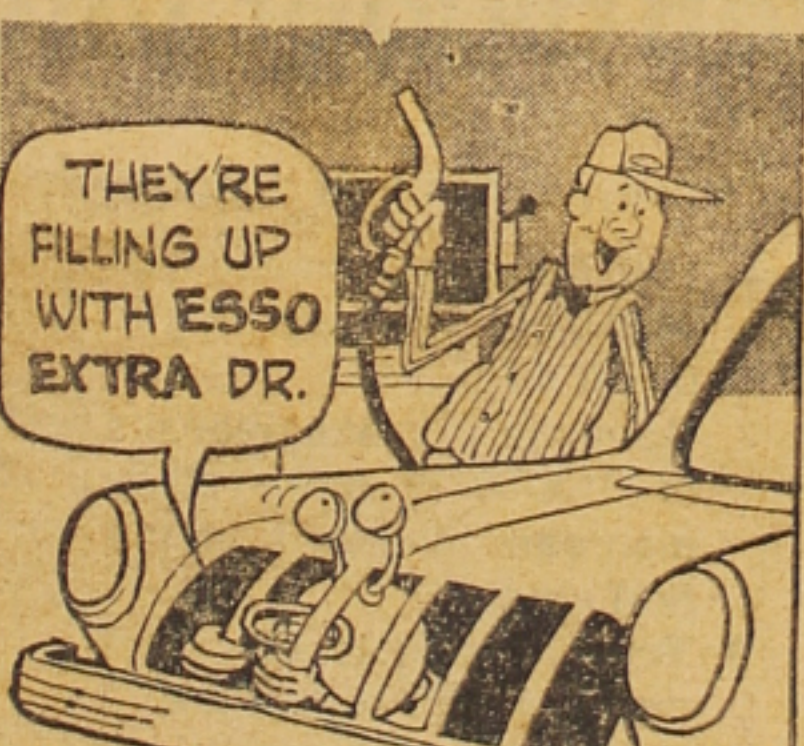
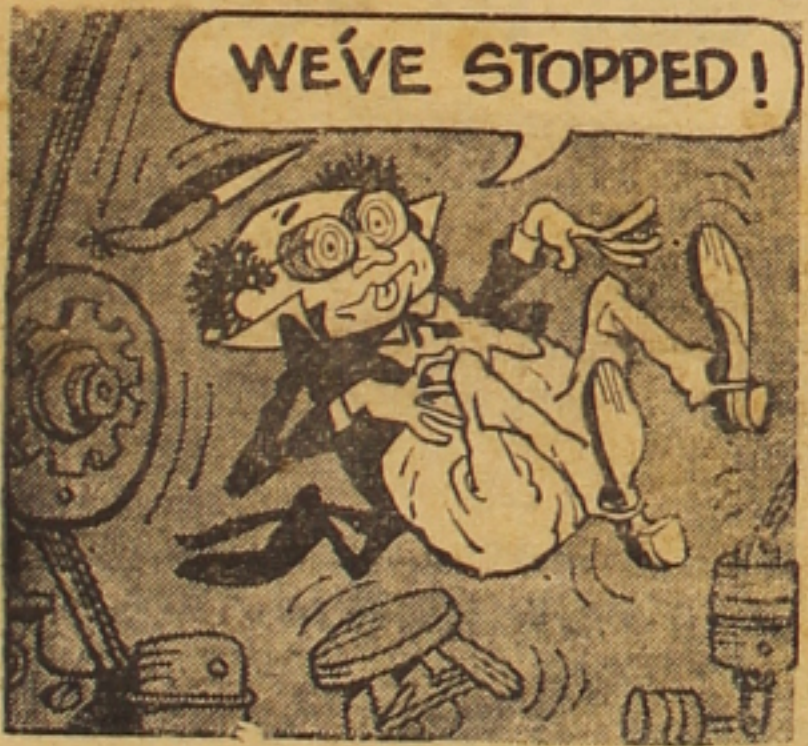
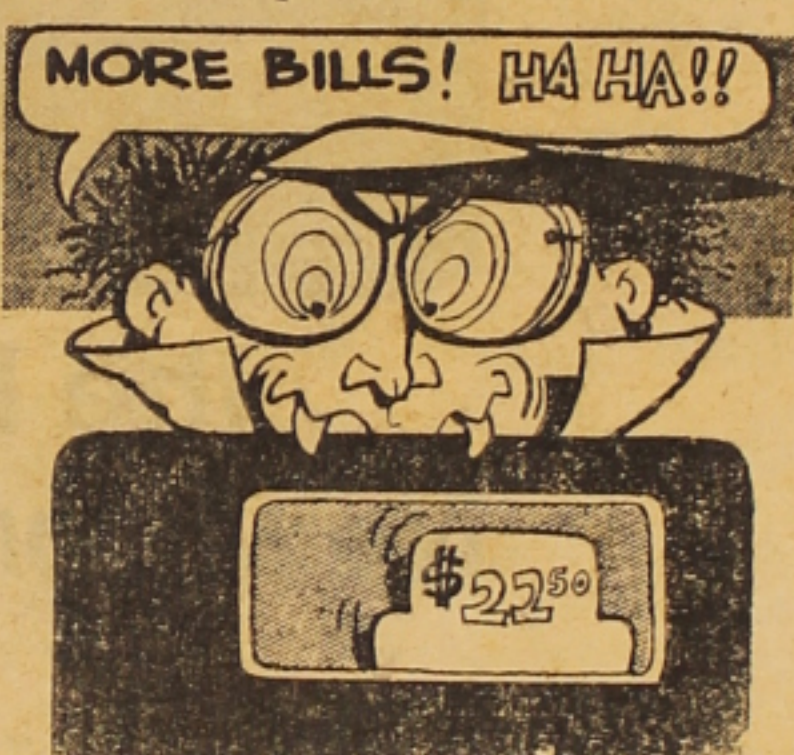
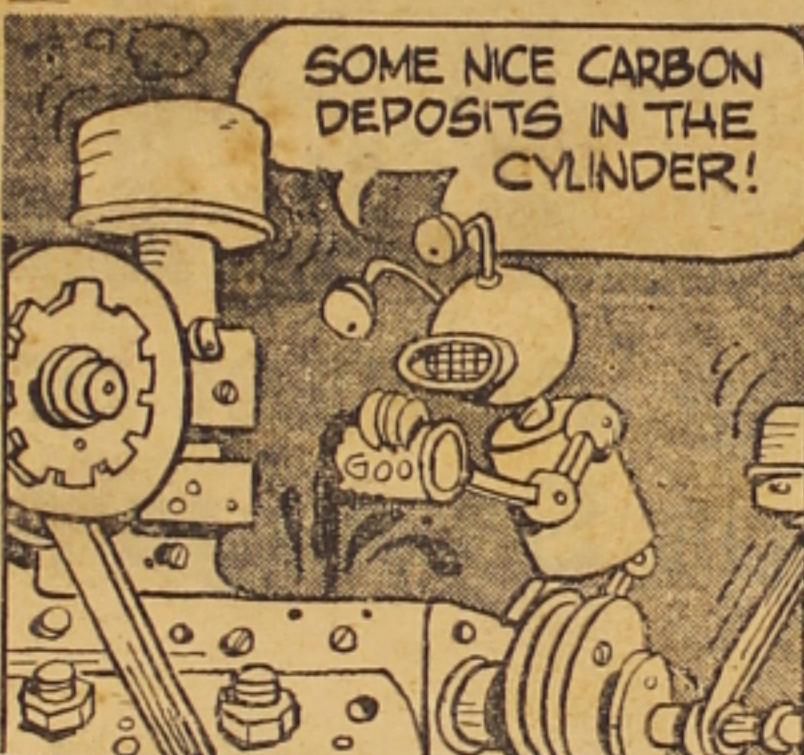
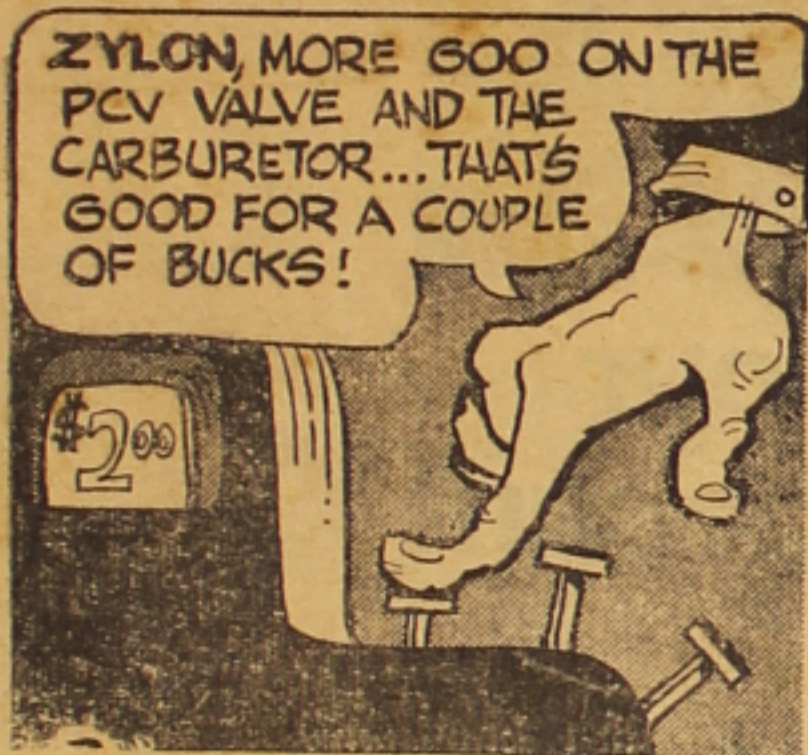
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