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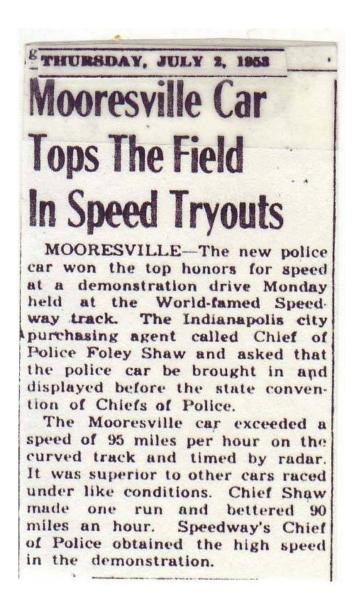**Historic Mooresville, IN Scenes and Places**

Taken from the Past and Brought into the Present

Mooresville's First Police Car

Figure 1: Harold Kenworthy, in a photo taken Easter Sunday, 1956, stands in his driveway with the Mooresville Police Department's first patrol car, purchased in 1953.

On May 22, 1953, the Town of Mooresville purchased its first police car. The 1953 Ford Mainline was specially built for the Mooresville Police Department at a cost of $1,800.00. The new patrol car exceeded 95 m.p.h. to take top honors at the Indiana Chiefs of Police State Convention held on June 29, 1953 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1953

Mooresville Car Tops The Field In Speed Tryouts

MOORESVILLE—The new police car won the top honors for speed at a demonstration drive Monday held at the World-famed Speedway track. The Indianapolis city purchasing agent called Chief of Police Foley Shaw and asked that the police car be brought in and displayed before the state convention of Chiefs of Police.

The Mooresville car exceeded a speed of 95 miles per hour on the curved track and timed by radar. It was superior to other cars raced under like conditions. Chief Shaw made one run and bettered 90 miles an hour. Speedway's Chief of Police obtained the high speed in the demonstration.

Figure 2. Mooresville's police car tops speed trials at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (*Mooresville Times,* July 2, 1953).