

1963 Buick Riviera.

"The Buick Riviera is a very special car," says Steve. "It was the first to have angular shaping, not fins, which set it apart from everything. It was intended to be like a Ferrari and a Rolls Royce and to go round bends really well - not many American cars are known for that."

The car was not only a design classic, it's high-performance too.

"Even now, compared to modern cars, it handles really well. It's very quick too," says Steve.

The Riviera was built to go from nought to sixty in 8.1 seconds, and it was a luxury car, a fact reflected in the price. Even in 1963, it cost around \$5,000.

Steve's is an upmarket version. On the dashboard, between the powder-blue velour and leather seats, is an engraved plate that reads 'Expressly built for George W Cue'.

"They put those plates in for the car's first owner - won-

Chevrolet Impala



Joy: Steve Wright at the wheel of his Chevrolet Impala

mechanic for £10,000 - then I took my young son, Marcus, out in it and he was getting sleepy, so I said, 'Lie down and go to sleep if you want'. And I wondered how many

dads have said that to their sons in this car."

It's proved very special in other ways too.

"I had to have it reupholstered in Rotherham, and I got a call from the upholsterer who said, 'Did you know there is a book in the car? We've found a copy of Time magazine from 1959, and a book on how to teach

derful isn't it?' says Steve. "I love thinking about all the different people who have been in these cars."

It was that same sentimentality that made him decide against selling his 1959 Dodge Coronet.

"I had arranged to sell it to a

yourself rock drums!"

The books had got trapped in the car's interior, untouched for years.

"It's amazing," says Steve - who gets excited about all his cars.

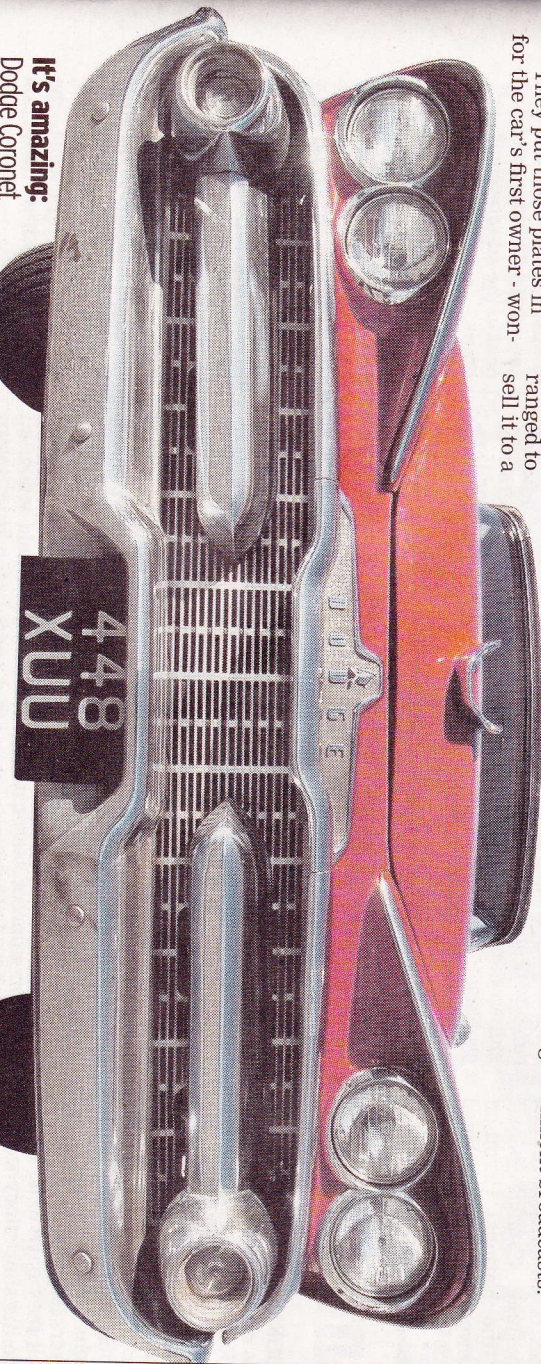
"The Buick Electra 225 for example got its name because it's exactly 225 inches long," he says. "The interior is full of gems. On the passenger seat mirror in italic font are the words, 'Buick is a beauty too'."

And on the radio there are small triangles dotted across the frequency band.

"Those were in all cars of the era, in case of nuclear attack," he says. "If there was a nuclear attack you had to tune into those points for government broadcasts!"



Buick Electra 225



It's amazing: Dodge Coronet

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Houses burgled

A POLICE probe is under way into burglaries of two homes on the same Sheffield street between 9am and 11am last Wednesday. The homes on Oldfield Road, Stannington, had locks on their back doors forced open.

on Bevan Way, Chapelton, where a Kia car was burnt out at 8.10pm on Saturday.