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### Autolog expanding into Palm Beaches

It basically disappeared years ago but last week there was a revival in Fort Lauderdale when Autolog Corp. and the FEC railroad shipped a load of privately-owned automobiles into the Northeast by 'piggyback' service.

The inaugural run began at the FEC railyard when a tractor trailer full of cars was hoisted by a huge liftloader aboard a rail flatcar for the two-day trip north to Alexandria, Va.

Previously, cars were loaded one by one onto conventional tri-level carriers similar to the type Detroit used to ship new cars.

The revived piggyback service is expected to reduce Autolog's delivery time in half. In addition damage is lowered because cars are handled less often.

"We feel we are now pioneering the way of the future," said Myron Levine, Autolog president. "In 10 years the conventional carrier will be obsolete. All auto freight traffic will be handled in piggyback form."

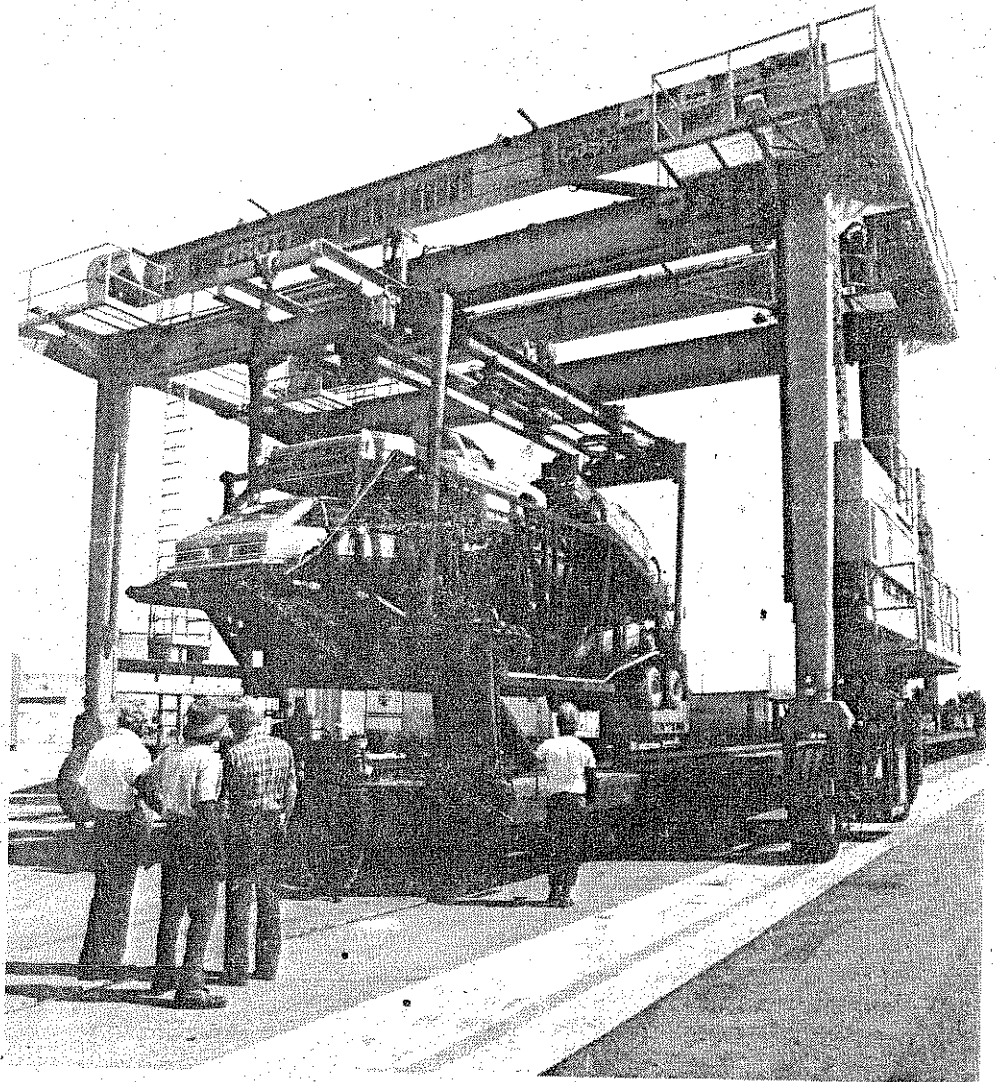
Levine said Autolog's piggyback service from south Florida into the Northeast will be fully operational by June.

"We plan to begin service from Miami and West Palm Beach by the beginning of May," Levine added.

At present Autolog has received commitments from six railroads — Seaboard, Florida East Coast, RF&P, Conrail, Santa Fe and Southern Railroad — to utilize piggyback service from Florida to all points in the Midwest and Northeast from Florida to the West and from the Northeast to the West by July 1.

"The railroads are very enthusiastic," Levine said. "They're hoping that piggyback will help them become more competitive nationwide in the auto-freight hauling market."

Presently Autolog services customers coast to coast by tri-level rail carriers and over-the-road trucking. Last year Autolog hauled 20,000 cars but Levine said he expects to quadruple that figure this year with the new piggyback service.



Liftloader hoists modified truck trailers full of cars onto railroad flatcars