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Subsidized inefficiency

THE Retail Merchants' Association gan knocking \$25, \$50, \$75 off the list dramatize its demand that the federal and stoves. Some cars came down too, government allow a return to the pre- and some drugs and clothing. 1952 policy of resale price mainten- Prices have gone up again since ance. Only it wasn't very convincing then, for inflation continued, but there to any but the merchants themselves, is no doubt they would have gone even most of whom were easily sold on the higher had manufacturers been allowidea that bigger mark-ups and elimin- ed to refuse supplies to merchants who ation of price competition would be a sold below a dictated price. splendid thing for them, however, un- Some retailers, and not all small fortunate it might be for the con- ones either, were driven to the wall by

erriment inserted a section in the ting." As individuals we sympathize Combines Investigation Act, forbid- with their misfortune. But as conding manufacturers to fix the retail sumers we benefit by the elimination price at which their product must be of uneconomic business. sold, associations of merchants, whole-Other retailers found in free comsalers and manufacturers have been petition an opportunity to serve the campaigning to have the ban lifted. public better, and to expand their But it will be a sorry day for the con-businesses. Free price competition sumer if it is repealed, for it gave him seldom hurts the efficiently run busithe biggest break in 12 years of price ness. Retail price maintenance is a

Lt came into effect in March, 1952, expense of the consumer. and immediately appliance dealers be-

put on a show in Massey Hall to price of TV sets, washing machines

price competition: Their association Ever since the former Liberal gov- refers to it as "predatory price cut-

finflation. device to subsidize inefficiency at the

-The Toronto Star.

Hewers of wood

It is quite true that a large amount of two things will have to happen. There will Canada's raw materials are shipped south of have to be more people in Canada to provide ionly 4.3 million tons of steel a year, compared with 85 million tons in the United States. But Canada exports nearly 20 million tons

of iron ore to the U.S. Why shouldn't a large part of this ore be smelted and fabricated right here in the Dominion? If this happy situation is to come to pass,

the line to be processed and fabricated. Canada a larger and more stable market for steel. with immense stocks of iron ore and vast. This means that Ottawa will have to revise energy resources to process this ore produces its timid immigration policies. It will also mean that the cost of production will have to be low enough to allow Canadian steel to compete with other steel in foreign markets.

It is rather futile to complain about being hewers of wood and drawers of water while neither of these prerequisites has been at--The Winnipeg Tribune.

Streets are passe

Whether we realize it or not, the "street" is passe. Finished. The good old Anglo-Saxon word is going down before "avenues," "drives," "roads," "crescents," "places," "fronts," "ter-'races"; everything, it seems, but plain old

Nobody of fashion or ambition wants to live on a street. Avenues are more grand, drives more distinguished, roads more romantic, crescents more picturesque and places more casual. But a street? Merely a paved road.

The evidence is incontrovertible and discouraging. In the newest list of changes in names of Ottawa streets (the word is still used in the general sense), only one lonely street is wanted. Streets become avenues and the rest, but not an avenue becomes a street.

What's in a name? Apparently a good deal. Streets are old and ordinary. Life is better on the avenues and crescents these days. —The Ottawa Journal.

A logical division

on whether the public should be allowed to read a particular book, see a particular movie, or wear a particular bathing suit. There are laws against obscenity and indecency to punish any who would take advantage of freedom from weensorship.

To oppose censorship, however, is not to sayawhat books are not printed and movies profitted which are not suitable for children. Any thoughtful person wishes to shield youngsters from lewdness, the glorification of vice, or unwholesome portrayal of violence.

Chicago has sought to meet this problem by empowering the censor-who, by ordinance,

On principle, we oppose censorship. By con- is the police commissioner—to permit the showsorship we mean somebody's advance judgment—ing of some movies to "adults only," meaning men and women over 21. This arbitrary age distinction has just been held to be unconstitutional by U.S. Judge Sullivan.

The court's opinion was that it is not reasonable to forbid, say, a 20-year-old married serviceman to see a film merely because it was not deemed suitable for a 12-year-old...

To us. Judge Sullivan's reasoning made good sense. We doubt that the cities without censorship would assay any more delinquency per head for the lack of it, but as long as Chicago is committed to designating some films for adults only, the age of 17 makes a logical and defensible division. —Chicago Daily News.

Report from Parliament Hill by Frank Howard The House of Commons is turning into a

battleground for the two provincial elections. that are now under way.

The two provinces are Ontario and Manitoba. On a number of occasions since the elections were called we have seen speeches and debates in the House which were obviously designed: to create support for one or the other of tho parties which are running in the provincial elections.

I suppose that this is part of our democratic process but it does clutter up the consideration of items before Parliament. One has to oftimes attempt to read between the lines to determine whether the points of view being expressed are portinent to the discussion under way or whichher they are designed to elect a particular party to office in Ontario or in Manitoba;

One thing that is missing in this Parliament that existed in others, and which to me is a shame, is the complete co-operation which used to exist among all B.C. members regardless of party. In previous Parliaments the B.C. members used to co-operate fully, especially onmatters affecting B.C. This arrangement was quite beneficial for B.C. and for Parliament too for that matter. It meant that a problem was considered on its merits and not on the basis of who proposed the particular idea. Practical considerations were the Rey-note, not political ones.

Some of us, Conservatives and COFfers, have been trying to revive this arrangement, so fur, because there are so many new members from B.C., we have not had much success. Poonle look with auspidion-upon the suggestion. Thoy, feel that we have some political axe to arind. However, I'm sure that if we keep trying wo will succeed and H.C. will get the fullest Mossible representation.

The last time that such unanimity operated was during the closure of Britannia Mines. At that time there was a concerted effort to keep the mine open. All members from

B.C. met and considered what could be done to keep Britannia open and keep the workmen there employed. There was an abandonment of party lines. Only one thought was in our minds. That was; how can we ensure that the mine stays open?

It will probably take something similar to the Britannia problem to act as a catalyst in bringing us to the spirit of co-operation that existed before. After that there should continue to be that spirit of mutual desire to find a common and acceptable solution to B.C.'s prob-

I am hopeful that we will be able to revive the feeling. I only hope that it does not take

Other people's property

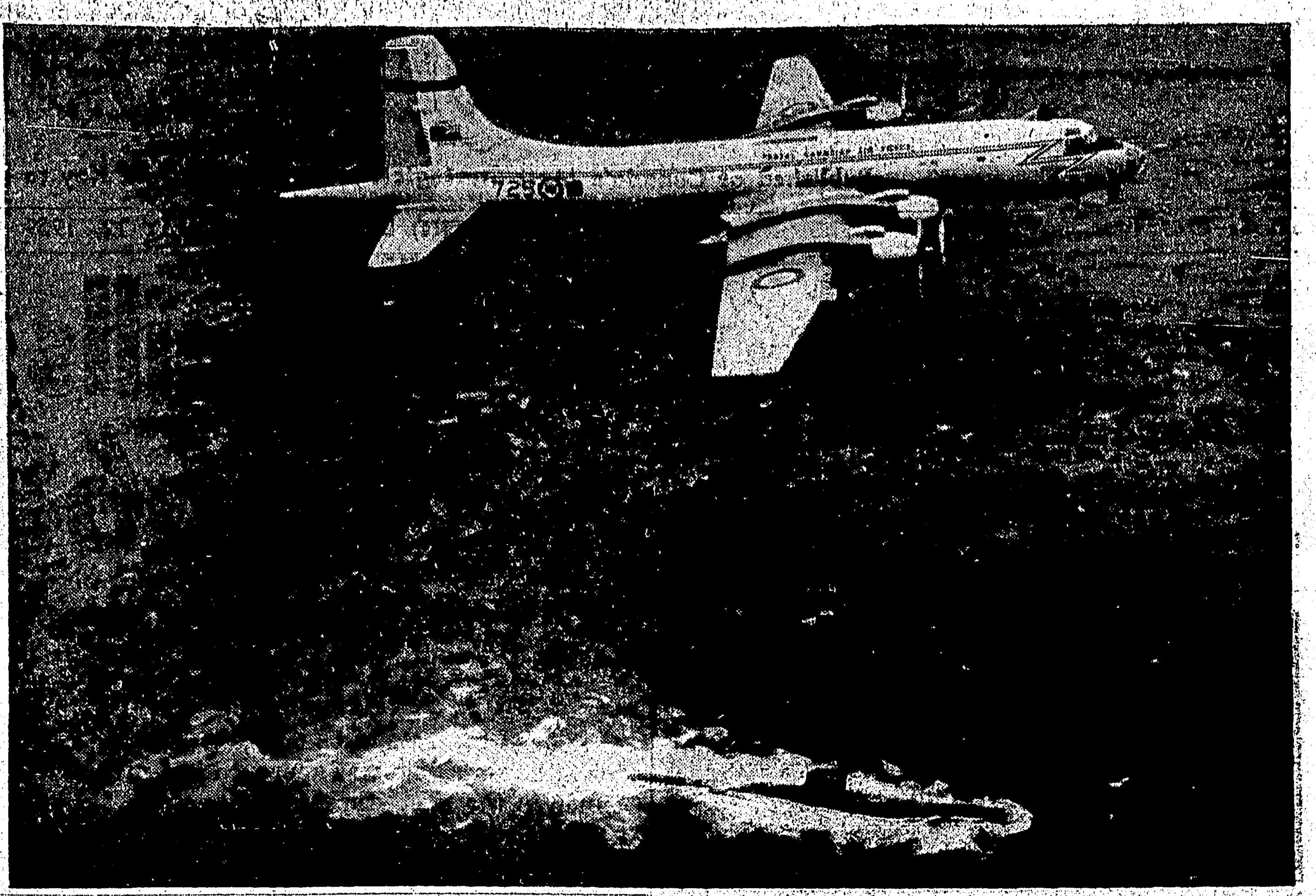
Parents of all mischief-aged children should take up in family concluve the whole subject of vandalism. Ideas need not be put into young heads if the matter is treated with wisdom. On the other hand, a lesson in respect for others' property is never amiss.

Mach purent should impress on his young hopeful that flowers in the neighbor's garden are the result of hours of hard work, that they are highly valued by the person who has spent his time on them;

Those who linve been the victims of the gardon raids would like to think that some aution is being taken to conserve their flowers, -Twin Cities Times.

Remember the days of old. Consider. Dou-

teronomy 32:7. Paychologials and theologians agree that momory is oternal. The greatest fool is the man who does a dishonest or unworthy dead and then earries the memory to eternity.



All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Fifty-one per cent of Canada's industry is owned by Americans. This shocking fact was made publicly recently by the Financial Post.

But Canada needs the inflow of American capital to balance her \$1,000,000,000-a-year trade deficit with the U.S., William H. Hessler pointed out in the Reporter magazine.

American ownership of Canadian industry is exercised manly through 3,750 subsidiary plants and companies. For the following reasons many Canadians are disturbed about this creeping penetration:

1. Canadian subsidiaries (reports Hessler) are sometimes discouraged from entering the export trade. "We'll handle this order from the head office," says the parent firm. 2. U.S. corporations prefer

to do their own research and development work, and hold-Canadian subsidiaries to straight production work. Pressure is on technicallytrained young Canadians to migrate to the U.S.

3. Canadian subsidiaries are often told to buy parts or raw materials in the United States. rather than in Canada or the Commonwealth. 4. Many Canadian subsidiar-

ies of United States corporations are set up merely to extract raw materials—ore, timber, asbestos. Some of these materials receive only the most elementary processing, and then are shipped to the U.S., where most of the manufacturing takes place and most of the labor is employed.

5. Most U.S. corporations have done nothing to enable Canadians to invest directly, by stock purchase, in Canadian subsidiaries.

6. Key executive and technical men for branch plants are often brought in from the United States.

7. Some American concerns refuse to support Canadian community fund drives.

8. Many Canadians fear that if a serious depression strikes, the Canadian subsidiaries will be the first ones to close down, as the big American firms cut back their operations.

9. Attempts have been made to enforce United States laws and policies within Canada, as applied to Canadian branch plants. Ford wouldn't allow the sale of 1,000 trucks to Red China from Ford of Canada, 🔻

Some other factors: Controlof defence is largely concentrated in the United States; international labor unions have their headquarters and main membership in the U.S.:

There is a fear that most economic policy

will soon be made in the U.S. What can be done about it? That is something we must think about.

Gone in a flash From The Toronto Telegram

Accustomed as they are to public speaking, officials are requested to curb their eloquence before the Queen. official suggestion that they restrain themselves and limi their addresses of welcome no longer than three minutes is hard on our public orators but easy on the Queen. who will be subjected to addresses of welcome from one end of the country to the other.

Lt. Gen. Howard Graham, in charge of planning the Royal Tour, will succeed. with the co-operation of officials, in minimizing the strain upon Her Majesty. Another objective however—to allow the greatest possible number of Canadians to see the Queen under the best and most pleasant conditions—does not seem to be in sight, not when it is planned to race the Royal car along the streets at 30 miles an hour.

This is a thoughtless plan. People by the thousands, and thousands of children, will be standing for hours waiting to see the Queen, and the car will come and be gone in a flash.

"Shortage of time" is given as the reason for this high speed, but it is unconvincing when so much time, comparatively, is allotted to a visit to a sugar refinery (25 minutes) and to other functions where the Queen will be isolated from the public. Apart from necessary formal occasions where the prerogative of officials is not questioned, the public, especially children, veterans and elderly people, have a prior claim upon time.

Need newcomers From The Edmonton Journal

Canada needs immigrants as badly as Australia does. It is short-sighted and unwise for this vast empty country of great resources to gear immigration to economic conditions. Immigration promotes employment and wealth by speeding up national growth.

Infuriating

From The Calgary Albertan To Canadians the most infuriating aspect of Canadian-U.S. relations, is the bland assumption on the part of Americans that what is good for their country is necessarily good for Canada.

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ON SUB: PATROE Canada in wartime would contribute more land-based anti-submarine planes to NATO defence than any other country except the United States. This country has earmarked for the NATO task force 40 of 58 planned sub-killers. The RCAF has 25 Neptunes now and will have 33 Argus aircraft by next summer. Above, an Argus of the RCAF's Maritime Air Command makes contact with a submarine during exercises off the Atlantic Coast: —CP photo from National Defence.

Film showing Thursday

A premiere showing of the colored film entitled "The Leaves of the Tree," will be given in the Salvation Army Hall, May 14 at 8 p.m., it was announced here

Rev. J. A. Raymond Tingley, provincial secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will preside at the showing.

From The Wingham

If Canadians suffer from any which has been brought about exercise and fresh air.

Common fault

one common ailment, it is the soft and flabby condition by away too much application of the seat of the pants to the nearest chair or car seat. We all need a great deal more

The Canada Council which now has almost two years of experience in distributing (Ont.) Advance-Times

funds to Canadans of talent. The government has not yet decided what Canada's gift to the Queen will be. It could do worse than to adopt Miss

Francis' suggestion.

Modern irrigation schemes in Ceylon make use of water systems first built up about 2,000 years ago.

Excellent idea

From the Financial Post

journalist, Anne Francis, sug-

gested in a signed newspaper

column that the government's

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visit, take the form of scholar!

ships for women along the

lines of the Rhodes scholar,

ships for men. "After alk"

said Miss Francis. "Her Mai.

esty has a mink fur coat or two and diamonds a-plenty.

She is a young woman much

dedicated to her arduous job

and so would welcome a gift

something."

from Canada which means:

We assume that this sugges-

tion played a part in the Oli-

tario government's decision to

establish a \$500,000 scholar-

This s an idea which is

Such a fund could take sev-

eral forms. It could be a closed

endowment fund which would

send a group of Canadian wo-

men students to U.K. univer-

sities every year, along the

Rhodes model. Or it could be

an open-end, fund, to which

the government could add

from time to time, perhaps to

commemorate future royal

visits. It could be used to es:

tablish Queen Elizabeth schol-

irships for women in the first

instance; perhaps, later, for

other educational purposes.

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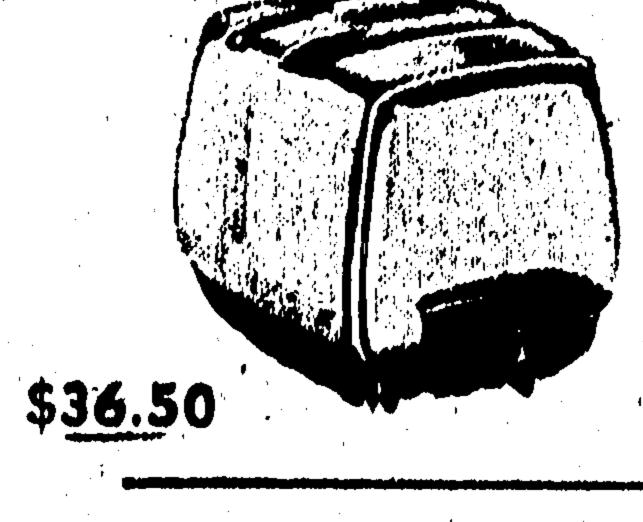
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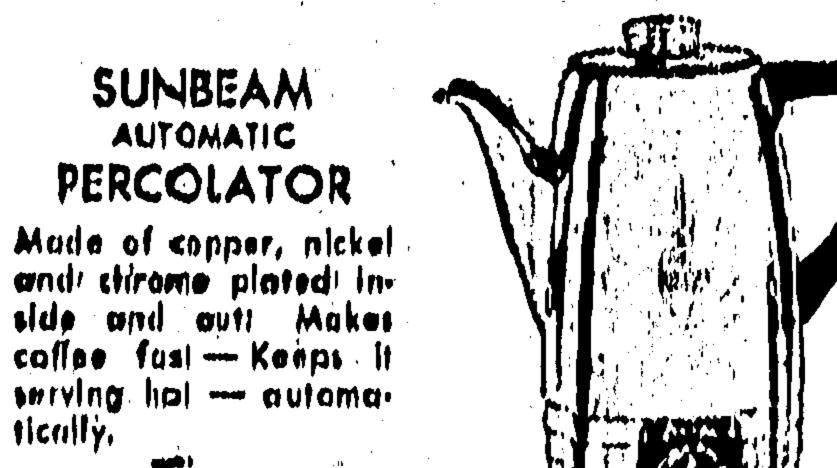
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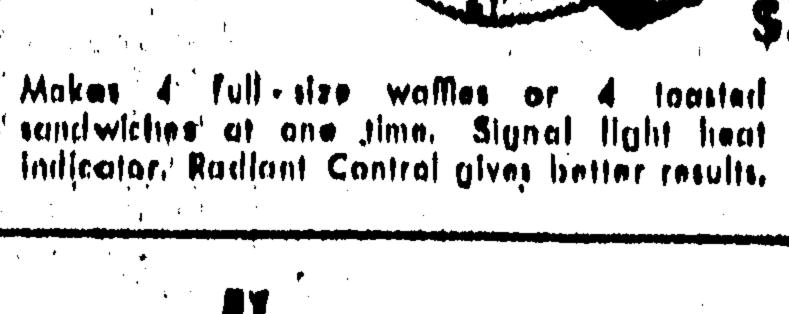
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