

# New Gymnasium Opens Today, Gives More Space to Rup Rec

Filling the need for more space to accommodate the rapidly expanding athletic activity in the community, the Civic Centre's new gymnasium opens this evening and will immediately begin to play an important part in the Rup Rec program.

The new addition to the Civic Centre building was constructed from materials salvaged from the old Roosevelt gym which was torn down last summer. While not nearly as large as the Roosevelt gym, it is of ideal size for apparatus work which last season was allotted only a portion of the time in the Civic Centre's main gymnasium.

The new gym, measuring 30 feet by 60 feet, is lined with maple flooring salvaged from the Roosevelt Park building. The heavy flooring on the four walls make it eminently suitable for such games as handball and squash and, in addition, there is one badminton court marked off on the floor.

Rup Rec director Neil Ross is highly pleased with the opportunities for the wider variety of recreational activity that the new gymnasium will make possible this season. With basketball and badminton filling a large part of the time in the main gym, the smaller one will provide a place for gymnastic classes and other less spectacular but equally vital parts of the Rup Rec program.

Gymnastic apparatus can be installed semi-permanently in the new gym and will thus be available when needed while in the main gym it has to be set up for gymnastic classes and taken down immediately so as not to obstruct other group activities.

The new gymnasium itself is only a part of the accommodation which the addition supplies. Beneath it, at semi-base level, is a boxing room in which there is a ring of almost regulation size, and fixtures for hanging a heavy punching bag and fast bag for boxing trainees.

The new addition was designed so that it would be an integral part of the main building as far as shower and other facilities are concerned. Doorways lead to showers and washrooms so that, even if mixed classes are held, showers for men and women are immediately available just outside the gym doors.

For the handball court at the back end of the gym, a set of folding doors which will come out from opposite walls and join in the centre will make a fourth

# Today in Sports

Here's a good-natured trans-Atlantic boo to Vince Lunny, sports writer of the Montreal Standard. It's passed on from sports editor Tony Thomas of London's Communist Daily Worker who takes exception to Lunny's views on "what is wrong with British sport."

Thomas quotes Vince as writing that: (1) Unless class distinction is erased from sport, Britain may withdraw from international competition; (2) Playing the game will have to be discarded in favor of winning the game; and (3) Even in cricket and soccer the British have yielded some supremacy.

Then Thomas gives his own views. He agrees there are "more than traces of class distinction" in some sports played in Britain, "but to say that, despite these handicaps, we are on the verge of giving up international sport is pure American propaganda."

"If anyone thinks our soccer is on the decline, tell that to Scotland. In fact, just say that to any of the 80,000 and more who crowd the terraces at Ibrox Park and they'll tell you with heat and plenty of detail that not one foreign (or English Club) side has ever beaten Glasgow Rangers on their own ground."

"And England holds a similar record as far as continental teams are concerned."

Of cricket, Thomas says: "Australia and England have always tussled for the balance of power in the field. . . It ebbs and it flows, and if any guess is worth anything it is beginning to flow back to these shores."

"The only sensible thing you've said, Lunny-boy, is about class-distinction, and the way things are moving in some factory circles nowadays we shall be seeing a new set-up in a few years. It is one where a local sports club has its foundation in a factory or mine or steelworks and outstanding members are coached by trained men to take part in regional and national competitions, receiving their normal pay (and expenses) for lost time."

Finally, a word from Thomas about playing the game: "This simple soul has all his life be-

lieved, and still does believe, that to pick up pedestrians. In fact it is becoming quite a matter of course to draw up to the curb and give a lift.

LONDON, (P)—The 22,000-ton aircraft carrier Furious, only ship of her class of three to survive the war, is to become a target ship for the navy.

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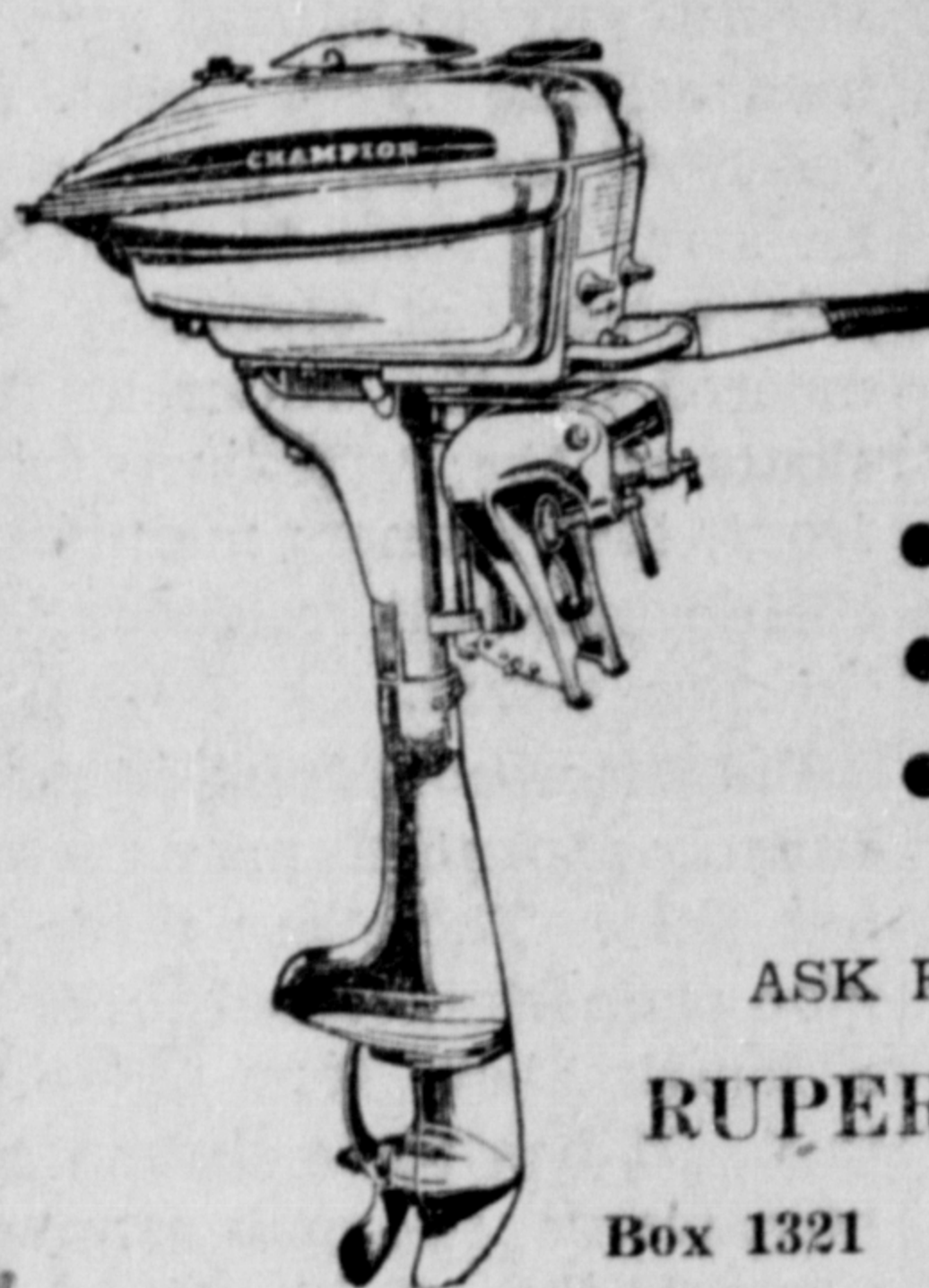
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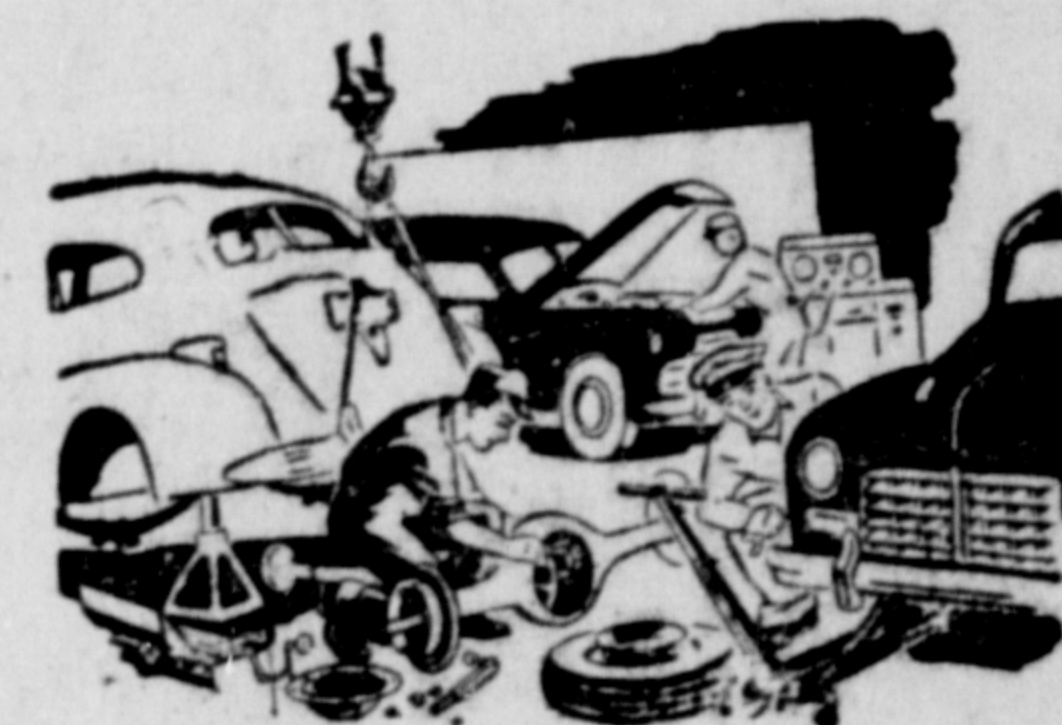
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