

Man Is Director Of San Diego Zoo

(CP)—Mrs. Belle of San Diego, Calif., recently visited Montreal, members in her family like the gorillas ("if I see three days in a row

without waving, they feel hurt"), but she loathes the chimpanzees.

As director of San Diego's zoo, however, she can't afford any prejudices. During the annual convention of the American Institute of Park Executives she took time out to describe her life among the wild beasts.

"I'm director, zoo keeper, animals' godmother and housekeeper," she says. "Each morning they greet me with squeals and even when I pass by in a car they squeal for attention."

The Koala bears in her zoo need a special kind of mothering. Mrs. Benchley says. They eat new leaves from old Eucalyptus trees. A special Eucalyptus grove had to be set up to feed them. And to top it all off, to get the rare animals out of Australia a special act of parliament was passed.

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More Salesmen Needed Since Revival of Brisk Retail Trade

MONTREAL (CP)—The Bank of Montreal suggests in its September business review that the arts of the salesmen will likely be used more extensively in the years ahead because of the current revival of retail trade.

Historic Canal Drains Big Area

OTTAWA (CP)—More than 120 years ago Royal engineers built a 131-mile-long waterway from the Ottawa River to Lake Ontario. It provided a line of communication between Montreal and Toronto that was safe from raids from the United States.

Today, the Rideau Canal as a defence work rates zero. Rail and air communications have robbed it of its significance and provided better commercial transport. Furthermore, the canal costs thousands of dollars to keep up. It lost a net \$394,400 in the 1951-52 fiscal year alone.

Despite the heavy loss, the government maintains that the canal still serves a useful purpose never foreseen by its builders.

It is the key to control of the watersheds of the Rideau and Cataraqui River basins. Government experts say that without this control spring run-off waters would wreck havoc in eastern Ontario towns and farmlands.

BIG STORAGE BASIN

The canal impounds 235,000 acre-feet of water from the Rideau watershed, one of the main drainage areas of eastern Ontario. This compares with the storage basin of 46,000 acre-feet at the head waters of the Grand River which flows through the Paris-Brantford area of western Ontario.

It cost \$2,350,000 to build the Shand dam at the Grand's source for storage facilities less than one-fifth the size of those in the Rideau which had a capital investment of \$4,200,000 at March 31, 1951.

Aside from its flood-control job, the Rideau canal provides one of Ottawa's most beautiful scenic features. It wanders through the city, flanked on each side by spacious lawns, parks and residences.

Although cargo boats have disappeared, pleasure crafts are on the increase. Last year 19,716 small pleasure boats and 1,638 craft more than 40 feet in length passed through the 47 locks between Ottawa and Kingston. Revenue declined from \$19,716 in 1950 to \$17,464 last year.

The canal is ideal for a summer trip. Hotels, tourist cabins and camping grounds are scattered along its banks.

FAMOUS ROUTE

The Pony Express between California and Missouri, 1,980 miles, operated in 1860 and 1861.

The bank said some pick-up in consumer demand was apparent in April, but in May Canadians seemed to loosen their purse strings suddenly, spending \$1,053,000 on consumer goods, more than in any previous month on record.

Retail trade was less spectacular in June, but picked up sharply in July and first reports show sustained buying in August.

The bank said that from the summer of 1951 until March last, the sale of durable goods slumped, although more perishable, less expensive commodities went well. But, since March, durables have led the pick-up, while sales of perishables have been "less buoyant."

Demand rose with the post-Korean expectation of shortages, price and tax increases and with the actual tightening of credit controls, the boosting of excise taxes and the curbing of house-building.

Demand lessened when the fear of shortages proved groundless, the number of new houses declined, and the public decided to concentrate on paying off its earlier heavy credit buying.

The bank said the higher standard of living, the greater are the choice of goods and the possibility of deferring less essential items, which would force the salesman to sell again to move his particular wares.

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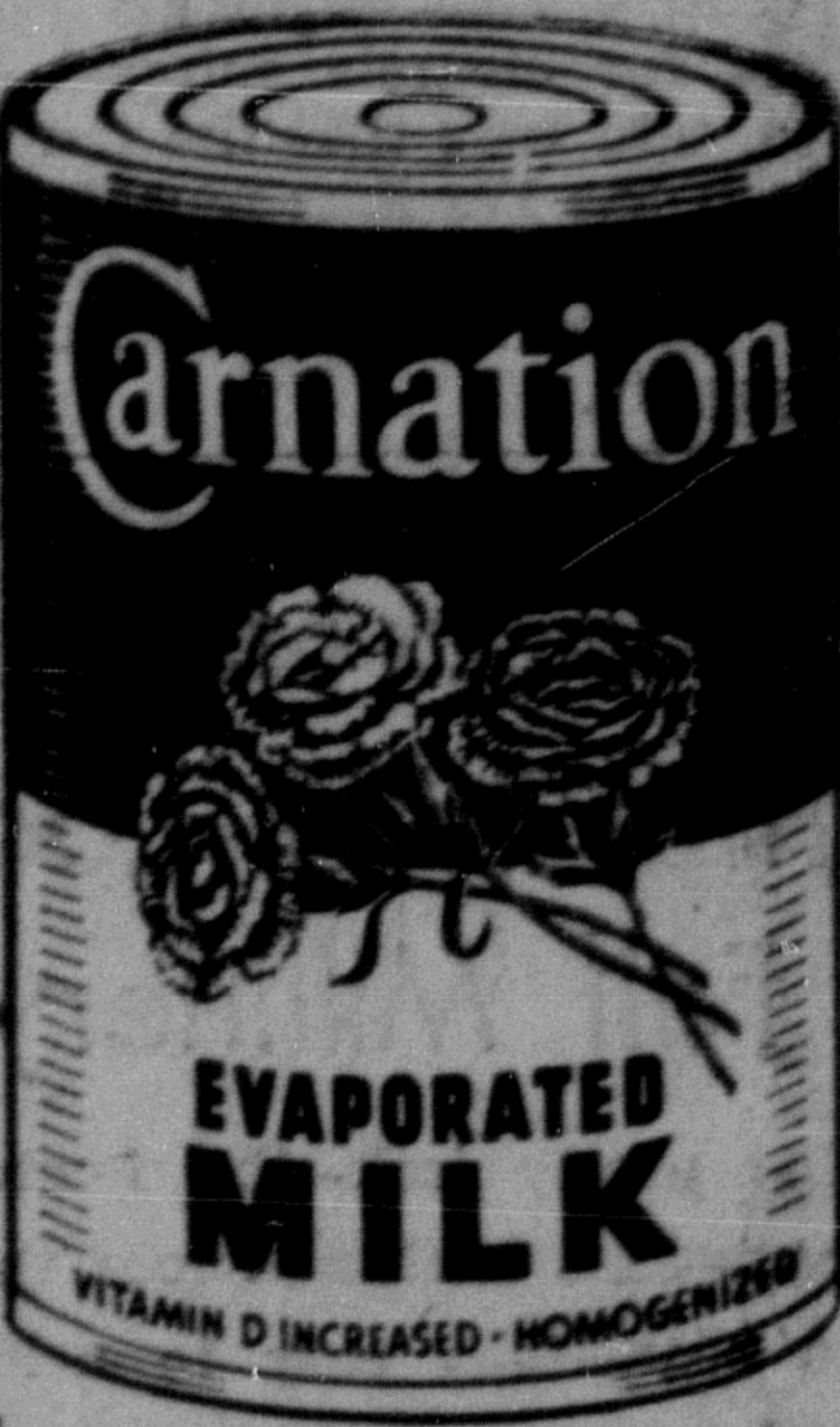
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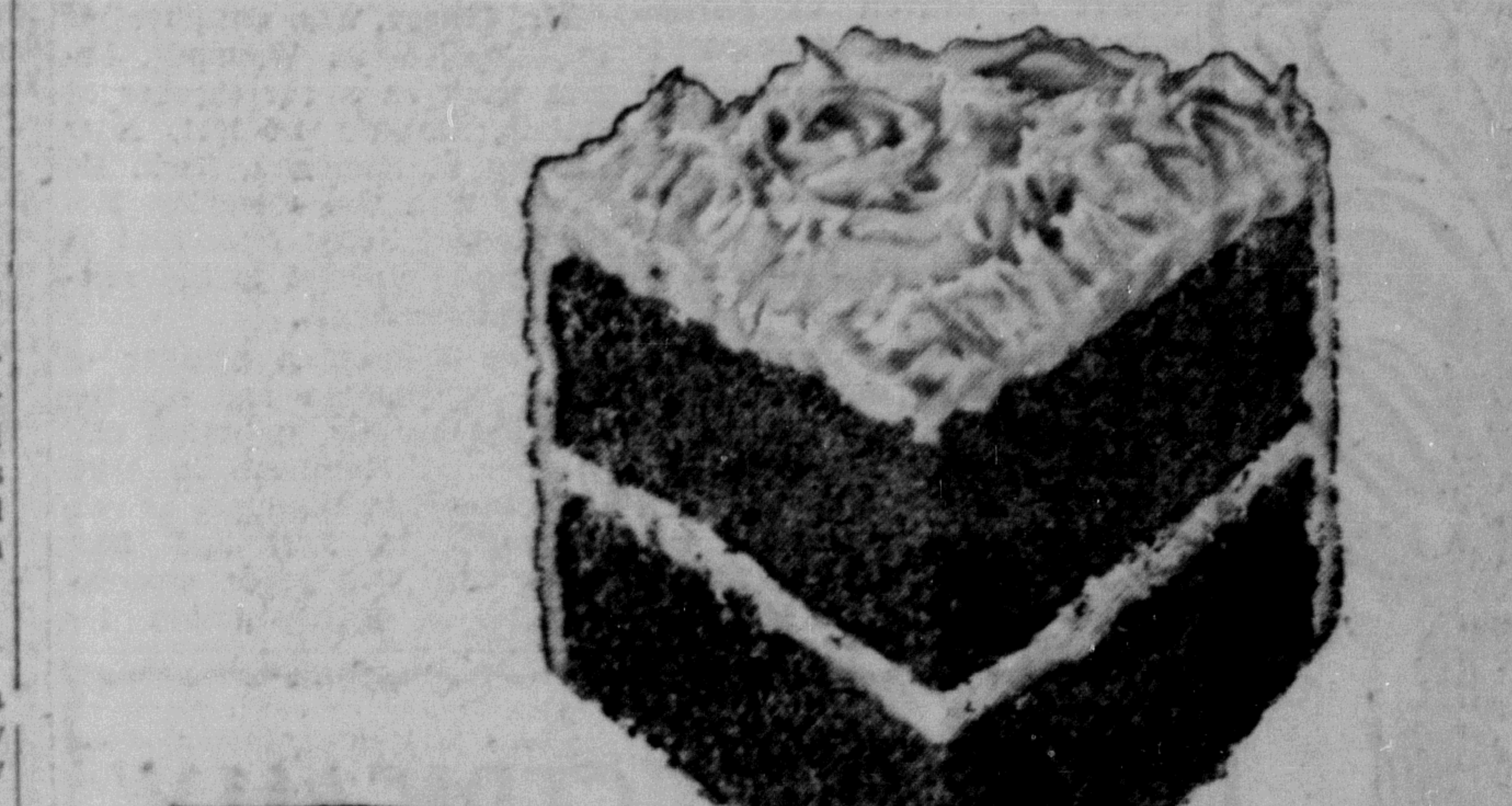
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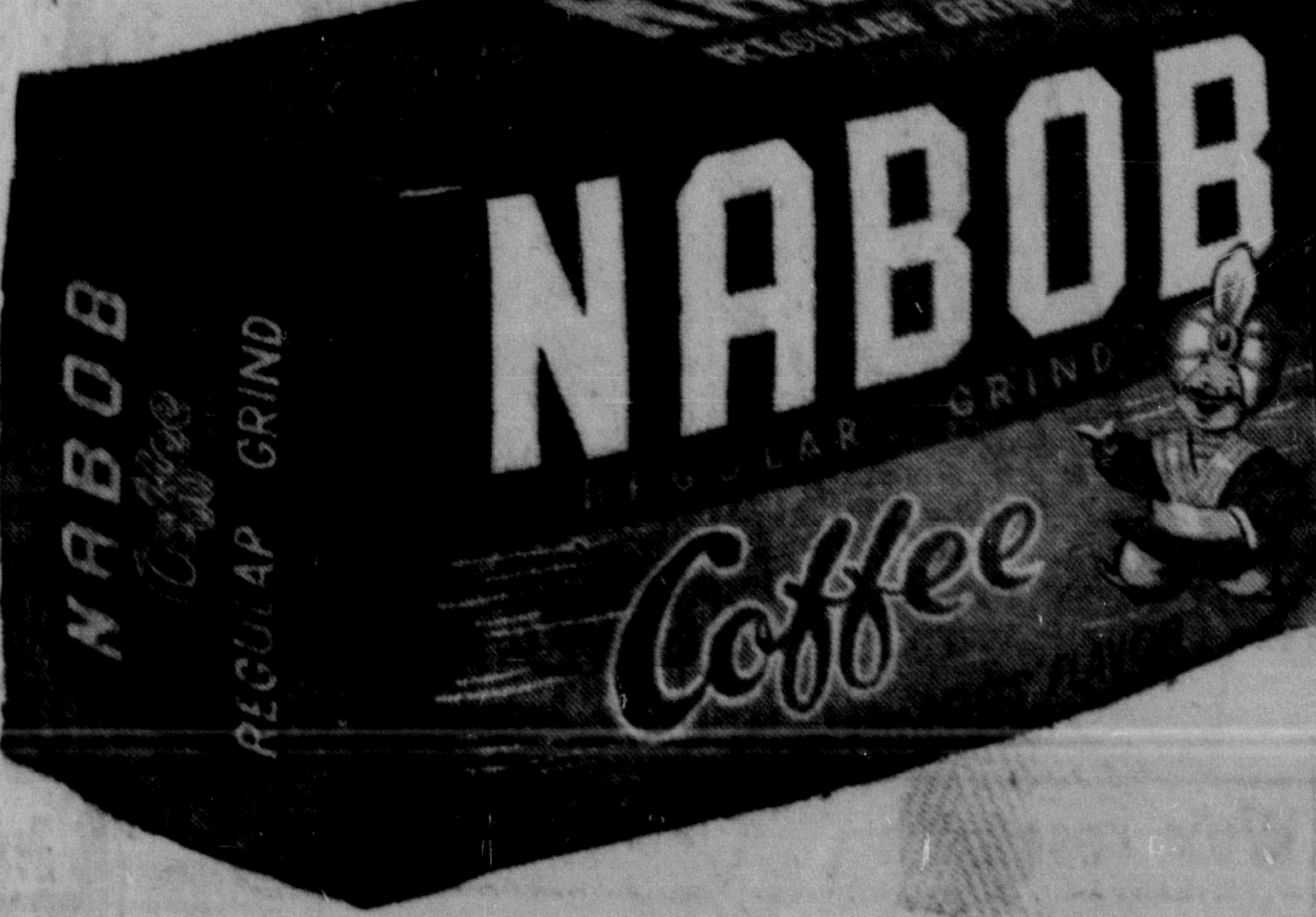
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