

# 'Alaska' Rail Company Offers To Buy PGE, Delegate Claims

VANCOUVER (P)—A delegate to the Social Credit party convention here said a company designated as the Canadian Alaska Railway Company has offered to buy the province-owned Pacific

Great Eastern Railway.

## Peace Maker Dies at 92

ROME (CP)—Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, 92, last surviving member of the Big Four architects of the Peace of Versailles, died at his home Monday night.

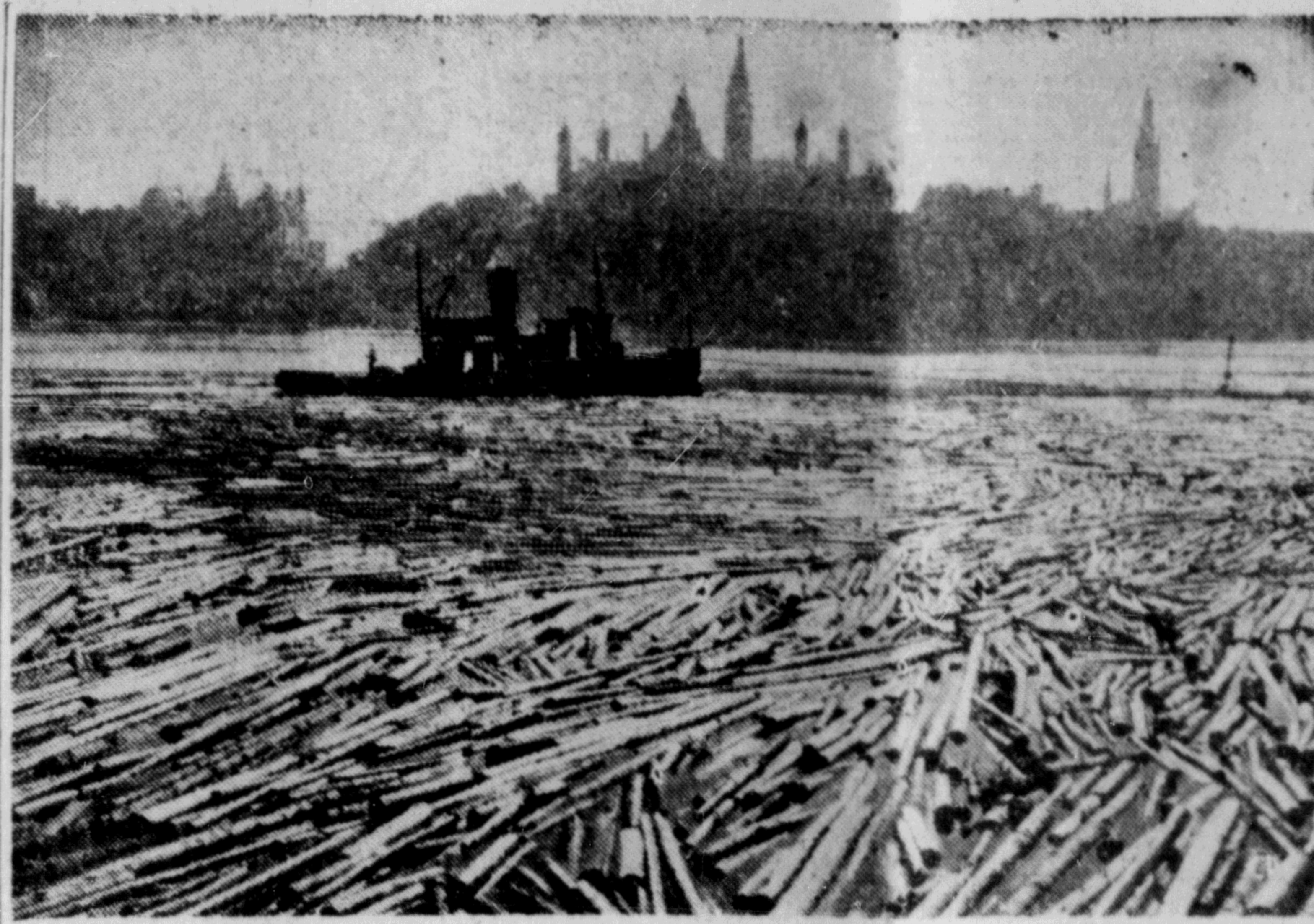
The Republic of Colombia has a coastline of 913 miles on the Pacific ocean and 1,094 miles on the Caribbean sea.

John Wise of Vancouver said a preliminary brief was given to Premier Bennett several months ago by representatives of the so-called company.

The brief said it was a "Canadian company with Canadian directors."

Government officials declined to comment on Wise's statement. Railways Minister Ralph Chetwynd has said the PGE is worth \$82,000,000.

Earlier, the convention called on the government to complete the railway from Vancouver to the Peace River.



**SCURRY BEFORE THE FLURRY**—Tugboats on the Ottawa river are going full speed these days in a race to clean up the thousands of pulp logs still in the river's bays before the snow comes and the river freezes. In all Canadian pulpwood centres the same race is on, hurrying logs to mills. This tug, in a photo by Malak, is shown against Ottawa's skyline of Parliament Buildings. (CP PHOTO)

# Indian Writings Trace Prehistoric Times

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (P)—An archaeological treasure house that may trace the history of southern Alberta from prehistoric times to the 20th century lies almost untouched along the scarred banks of the Milk River, about 70 miles southeast of here and within 10 miles of the international boundary.

The area is known as Masi-nasin "Writing-on-Stone" Park and derives the name from Indian writings and paintings along the river bank.

Most of the Indian writings are petroglyphs, or stone carvings. Erosion has toppled some of the

rocks and the writings have been lost. Some of the cliffs have been painted with a red pigment such as is found at nearby Paint Pots in Marble Canyon.

### TWO TYPES

There are two distinct types of writing and it is believed one is much older than the other. One type portrays figures as long and narrow and uses straight lines. The other has all its figures round, both for people and animals.

Some archaeologists who have visited the rocks conclude the region was visited by a race of people before the Indians. It is

known that an earlier race passed through Alberta and tools and pottery have been found that were used by the earlier people.

It is possible this group did some of the petroglyphs and the later-arriving Indians added some of their own.

The area lies under the shadow of the Sweet Grass Mountains of Montana and is rich in prehistoric finds. Dinosaur bones have been found a few miles east of the rocks, along with immense petrified trees and prehistoric oyster beds.

First report of the writings is contained in Maj. Fred Bagley's story "The 71 Mounties," and tells of seeing Indian paintings on the rocks and caves near a North West Mounted Police camp in the Sweet Grass hills. This was probably the place later known as Writing-on-Stone.

Major Bagley related one of the stories told by the paintings. It tells of a group of Indians on a hunting expedition overtaken by a blizzard. They sought shelter below the rocks and painted the story of their buffalo hunt. All perished before the storm abated, according to the picture-story.

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## More For Christmas Dinner At Less Cost, Survey Shows

Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Average Canadian should mean second helpings for all the family and at less cost than last year.

A coast-to-coast survey finds most wholesalers and retailers prepared to handle a buying spree for an old-fashioned Christmas.

At Prince Rupert, housewives apparently are ignoring slightly higher prices and going in for richer cakes and puddings. More persons than usual are looking for rich recipes.

Light hearts and full stomachs also appeared in order for families on the Prairies.

At Edmonton, Christmas com-

modities were described as well within the reach of the average workman's income.

In Saskatchewan everyone appeared to be looking forward to a table loaded with a greater variety of fruits and nuts than last year.

At Winnipeg Japanese oranges were in good supply and at slightly lower prices than in 1951.

### NEW DELICACY

A new delicacy, tangerones, will make an appearance in festive fruit-bowls throughout Ontario. The new fruit, a cross between a tangerine and an orange, still is in the experimental stage, said a Toronto wholesaler. It is not expected to be plentiful this year.

Far from being a luxury, turkeys may be considered cheap meat at the 1952 Christmas dinner.

They are plentiful in Ottawa and expected to be at least seven cents cheaper a pound than they were last year. In Quebec City a 12 per cent drop was predicted from last year's price of between 69 and 75 cents.

Those who like a chicken will find plenty of choice in most parts of Canada, although at Toronto, meat wholesalers predicted a scarcity of the birds. This is because not as many were raised this year as last.

### TEMPORARY RELIEF

STOWMARKET, England (CP)—So that tenants will have more spending money, council of this Suffolk town will forego rent collections during the Christmas season. But the money will be collected during the next few months.

## West Coast Shippers May Take to Boats

VANCOUVER (P)—Demands for higher freight rates by Canadian railways may see Vancouver shippers increase shipments from the east by the ocean route.

The railways have applied for a general nine per cent freight rate boost to cover a wage increase.

"We have switched a lot of tonnage to the boats," said G. H. Caldwell, traffic manager for a large hardware firm. "We will switch more. Business can only stand so much."

Shipments from Montreal, halted by the war, were resumed more than a year ago via the Panama Canal route.

H. H. Stevens, president of the Vancouver Board of Trade, called the situation "alarming."

"It is so startling that it ought to cause leaders in every economic phase of Canadian life to ponder carefully the course we have been following in recent years," he said.

He said wage increases are reflected in costs with no apparent increased productivity.

This, he added, would result in inflation without actual improvement in the wage earner's position.

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## Barter System Proposed By B.C. Farmers

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canada can get back its traditional British market for farm products by a straight barter system.

A resolution to this effect was passed at the closing session of the annual convention of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture here.

The resolution would make direct trades of Canadian farm produce for United Kingdom manufactures.

Tom Wilkinson, chairman of the Interior Vegetable Growers Association, sponsors of the resolution, said, "Unless we can do business with Britain... we are going to be confronted with the huge surpluses we had in the 30s."

Alex Mercer was re-elected president of the federation.

## Missing Boat Turns Up At Fish Dock

A report from Vancouver that the 53-foot beam trawler David Scott was two weeks overdue at that city was quashed here this morning when it was learned the boat is tied up at the Cow Bay floats.

The owner, Julius Barth, could not be reached for comment.

The David Scott has been fishing for Royal Fish Company.

According to the Vancouver report the boat was scheduled to arrive there about mid-November.

### UNIQUE COINS

VIKING, Alta. (CP)—Kurt Loeschner estimates the unique coins he smuggled out of East Germany when he came here a year ago are worth perhaps \$6,000. They are porcelain coins made in Germany in 1921 but found then to be too fragile for general use.

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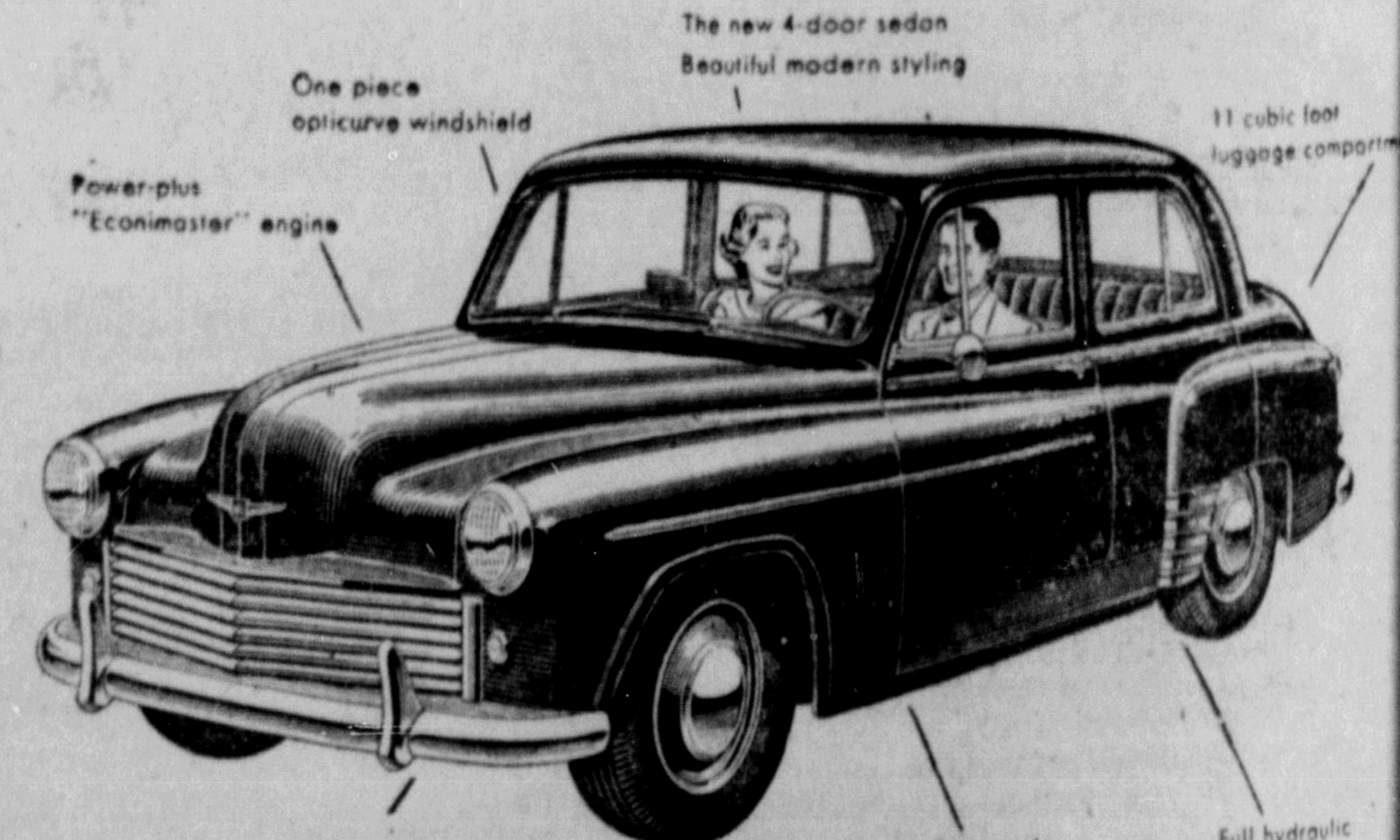
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