

**WAR IS THEME OF NEW NOVEL**

TORONTO — Ralph Allen, who covered Canadian forces in action in Italy and on the Western Front, is the first Canadian war correspondent to publish a novel with a war theme. His "Home-made Banners" (Longmans, Green) comes out later this month.

It is a story of what the war meant in the life of one Canadian private. Allen enlisted as a gunner late in 1941 and after going overseas was given his discharge to become war correspondent for the Toronto Globe and Mail. Now he is an editor of Maclean's Magazine.

Other Canadian war correspondents who published war books—non-fiction, not novels—include Rens Munro, Matthew Halton, Lionel Shapiro and Peter Stursberg.

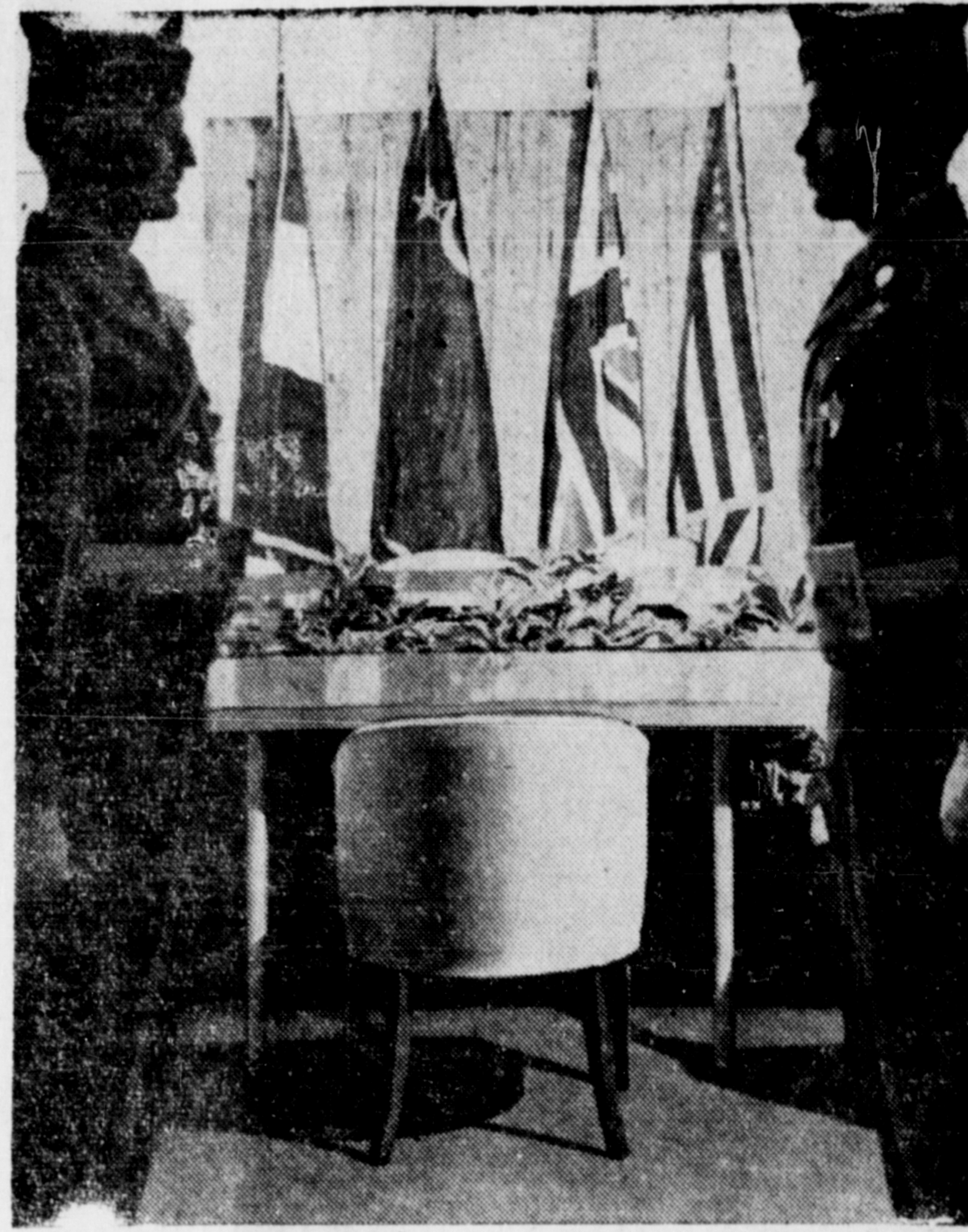
**INDIAN AIRLINES BOOM**

KARACHI, India — A survey by the civil aviation directorate of the Indian government shows that during the first half of this year the number of passengers carried on the air services trebled as compared to last year. The civil air services were restored to commercial operation on Jan. 1, 1946, and within six months the mileage of air routes and the number of routes in operation had nearly doubled. The number of passengers carried on the air services during the first half of this year was 37,633 as compared to 24,090 in the whole of 1945.

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**"BIG FOUR" BEGAN CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 4**—Two military police guards stand at the door of the conference room in the Waldorf Astoria, New York, where the "Big Four" foreign ministers (U.S., Britain, Russia and France) opened a new series of conferences on November 4. A special switchboard was set up to handle press messages and business of the conference. The guards here are Pfc. George Heffley, of San Francisco, Cal., left, and Corp. Charles Olendorf, Williamsville, N.Y., both members of the 64th M.P. platoon. Note four flags.

**LEGION GREET GEN. PEARKES**

A talk on "veterans' affairs" by Major General G. R. Pearkes, V.C., M.P., a member of the parliamentary Veterans' Affairs committee, was heard by almost 100 Canadian Legion members who gave their illustrious comrade an enthusiastic welcome in the Legion hall last night.

Among the 60 members of Parliament, all veterans, who compose the committee, political party considerations are put aside during committee sessions, and every effort is made to promote legislation to benefit veterans of all wars, General Pearkes told the meeting.

In outlining the accomplishments of the committee, he revealed that it had held 52 meetings, heard scores of witnesses, recommended 13 bills to the government and had brought forward many other recommendations for the welfare of veterans.

A leading member of the Saanich branch of the Canadian Legion, General Pearkes touched briefly on the benefits that that organization has secured, and is attempting to secure. He pointed out that the Legion, with a membership of 250,000, is a body which is "respected and listened to by the government."

He asserted that it is the duty of all ex-servicemen to belong to the Canadian Legion, and strongly advocated that World War II veterans be placed in responsible positions, so that they can prepare themselves to take over from World War I veterans in the future.

The meeting opened with the

**BOWLING ALLEY FRACAS ENDS IN COURT**

SMITHERS — Two trappers, Irvine and Larry Wade, are being held by the police here on charges of doing actual bodily harm to James Cumming, Smithers bowling alley proprietor, who today is recovering from a severe beating, allegedly at the hands of the two brothers.

The men appeared before Stipendiary Magistrate Harvey Davies this morning and were remanded for hearing until November 29. They were taken into custody by the provincial police last night.

Also injured in the fracas was Paul Pichi, local Forestry employee who was struck on the head by a bowling pin when he attempted to assist Cumming against his attackers. Pichi was knocked unconscious.

According to Cumming, he was attacked when he attempted to stop acts of destruction being committed in the bowling alley. He is said to be suffering from a severe scalp wound, a broken rib and lacerations of the face.

**GIANT GRASS**

Sugar cane is a giant grass, sometimes attaining a height of 20 feet.

showing of a film "Veterans in Industry", a National Film Board picture displayed by M. J. Harper.

A guest at the meeting was Col. A. Hamilton Grant, local representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**CAKE RAISES MONEY FOR PIONEERS' HOME**

The fruit cake "halibut boat" raffled at the fishermen's "welcome home" benefit dance in the Civic Centre auditorium last night did double duty by way of raising funds for the Pioneers' Home. Raffle winner George Nooy placed the cake at auction during the evening and then donated the \$13 paid by high bidder Peter Haan over to the Pioneers' Home fund.

Highlights of the well attended affair were gymnastic displays by Rup Rec leaders under direction of Neil Ross. Taking part in the tumbling, pyramid and springboard displays were Kitty Currie, Mrs. Eileen Yelland and Miss Jean Krause.

An additional entertainment feature was provided by three native singers from Port Simpson, Libby Kelly, Paul Price and Ed Valpy, who presented several songs with guitar accompaniment. Miss Lorraine Youngman also sang several songs.

Dance music was provided by Mrs. J. S. Blacks' orchestra and Harry Robb was master of ceremonies.

Committee in charge of the dance consisted of Harry Robb, Mrs. Nellie Thomas, Mrs. Arnt Rye, Magnus Halversen, Mrs. Florence Greenwood, Miss Jean Lysak, Mrs. J. Christensen, George Hooley and Magnus Halversen were in charge of the

**Whifflets**

From The Waterfront

Union Steamship Co. had three vessels in overnight to make it a busy time since midnight at the Canadian National wharf. Arriving at 11:45 p.m. was the new coastal liner Camosun, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, which had been delayed in making her maiden voyage up the coast from Vancouver via Ocean Falls and Ketchikan when she is due back this evening southbound. On her regular weekly voyage, the steamer Catala, Capt. Alex McLennan, arrived in port at 6 a.m., sailing later in the morning on her return south. Also in during the night was the Cassiar, Capt. Lorne Godfrey, which arrived from Vancouver via the south end of the Queen Charlotte Islands and sailed for Masset whence she is due back here tomorrow southbound.

**LONDON**

— Mrs. Sophia Taylor, 86, and Joan Dawning, 7, were chosen to welcome Princess Elizabeth when she visited Bermundsey district of London.

door, and Pat Forman and Charles Anderson handled the ticket sales.

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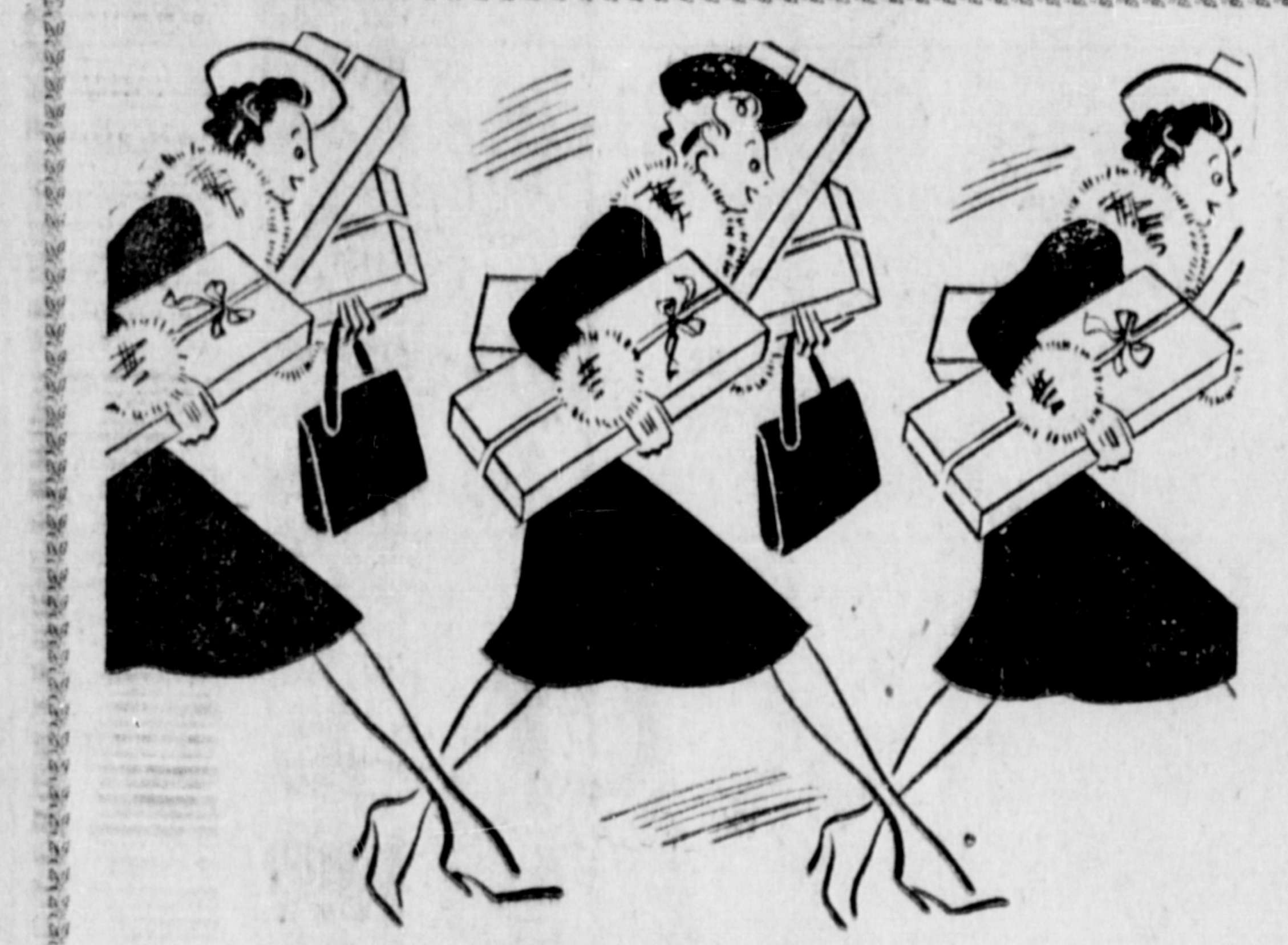
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