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"Battleground" Showing Here

"Battleground," a spectacular film dramatization of the siege of Bastogne, which comes to the screen of the Capitol Theatre here this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, has been hailed as one of the greatest war stories of this generation. It is the dramatic story of the famous 101st. Airborne Division of the United States, "the Screaming Eagles," who turned what seemed a hopeless situation into victory and release in the turning point days of the war just before, Christmas 1944.

While there is drama in the action there is also comedy and an outstanding cast is used to portray the story. G.I. heroes include Van Johnson, John Hodiak, Ricardo Mostalban, George Murphy, Marshall Thompson and James Whitmore, an interesting cross-section of enlisted men. Denise Darcel, an interesting new Parisian-born actress, a distractingly proportioned blonde, has the principal women's role as the girl who tries to bring some cheer into the lives of American soldiers who are quartered in her home.

Ray Reflects . . .
. . . and Reminisces

Mention has been made in the papers of popcorn being consumed in places of screen entertainment. A few months later in the season, when its more like summer, it might be a timely idea to roll in a few watermelons.

It was Jack Miner great naturalist and lover of out-of-doors, who said—" I stand for more education and less legislation! The saying still stands secure.

A Winnipeg gentleman, Henry Timleck, was 106 years of age this week. He was asked if he had anything very new to tell. There was nothing, unless it was the fact of his eyes not being quite the equal of what they had been the year reviously. If this was news, it was not startling. They had seen a lot.

In Britain, "Sin-Jin" is the customary pronunciation for St. John. In Canada, its "Saunlaerae for St. Laurent, which most of us think is close to being correct.

And in Skeena, some say "Simshean", when considering the peninsula just across the harbor

There are fair prospects of a spring, this far north free from floods, although, of course no certainty. The Skeena, when it tries, can produce high water. You would think so, had you ever used a boat in going through a railway tunnel.

The Weather
Vancouver vs Prince Rupert

(by A. G. BRAIN)

Things seem different these many days.
Quite changed around in many ways
In Vancouver with rain, snow and frost.
This Winter, the Weather Man's been quite lost.
His calculations have all gone astray.
When folks have asked what'll it be today.
But what of the weather up Prince Rupert way?
Why Glorious Sunshine day after day.
Near all through January the sun shone bright
Of course we admit it was cold at night.
But we are not supposed to be L. A. of the West.
Anyway this Winter our weather's been best.

—We Need a Little Rain

Fine Specimen Of Spider Crab

Unusual Crustacean Taken At Captain's Cove—Goes To Museum Here

It was no doubt a perfect specimen of this particular variety of crustacean but the 36-inch spider crab which members of the crew of the lighthouse tender Birnie brought into the Daily News office was a ferocious looking marine creature such as one might envision in hangover dreams.

Fishing for crabs at a depth of thirteen fathoms overside from the Birnie which anchored in Captains Cove on Tuesday, the Birnie's crew brought up this monster in their regulation mesh crabbing ring. Shaken out of the net, it scampered vigorously over the deck and none were too anxious to close contact until it became less active.

Still alive but gradually expiring, it came into the Daily News office in a large carton. Perfectly formed, tentacles all intact, coloring clean and natural and with the typical sharp spines, it was an ideal sample for a marine museum so was turned over to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage for preservation and display.

Spider crabs are not unknown in these waters but they are rare. Probably no larger or more perfect a specimen than this one was ever brought into Prince Rupert.

They are a deep water crab. In Japan they are canned for food.

LONDON—H.M.C.S. Truculent, rammed and sunk in the Thames River several weeks ago with loss of 64 lives, has been raised and was placed on a sandbar today. The submarine will now be opened for the recovery of 20 bodies it still is believed to contain. It is understood the vessel will be reconditioned and restored to naval service.

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4:15—Stock Quotations & Int.
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4:45—Young Man With a Song
4:55—CBC News
5:00—Rendezvous Room
5:30—Record Album
6:00—Canada at Work
6:15—English Favourite
6:30—Musical Varieties
6:45—The Inside Story
7:00—CBC News.
7:15—CBC News Roundup
7:30—Eventide
8:00—Citizen's Forum
8:40—Citizens' Forum News
8:45—Talk
9:00—Winnipeg Drama
9:30—CBC Van. Concert Orch
11:00—CBC News
10:10—CBC News
10:15—Focus
10:30—Dance with CBS
11:00—Weather and Sign Off

FRIDAY—A.M.

7:00—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:10—Here's Bill Good
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News and Comm'ty
9:15—Morning Devotions
9:30—Morning Concert
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Ellen Harris
10:15—Carson Robison
10:30—Melody Time
10:45—Rita Martin's Musical Kitchen
11:00—Kindergarten of the Air
11:15—Roundup Time
11:30—Weather Report
11:31—Message Period
11:33—Rec. Int.
11:45—Scandinavi
12:00—Mid-Day
12:15—CBC News
12:25—Prog. Rest
12:30—B.C. Farm
12:55—Recorded
1:00—Afternoon
1:30—Bernie Bra Story
1:45—Mr. Prime
2:00—National
2:30—Records a
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3:00—The Music
3:15—Don Mess

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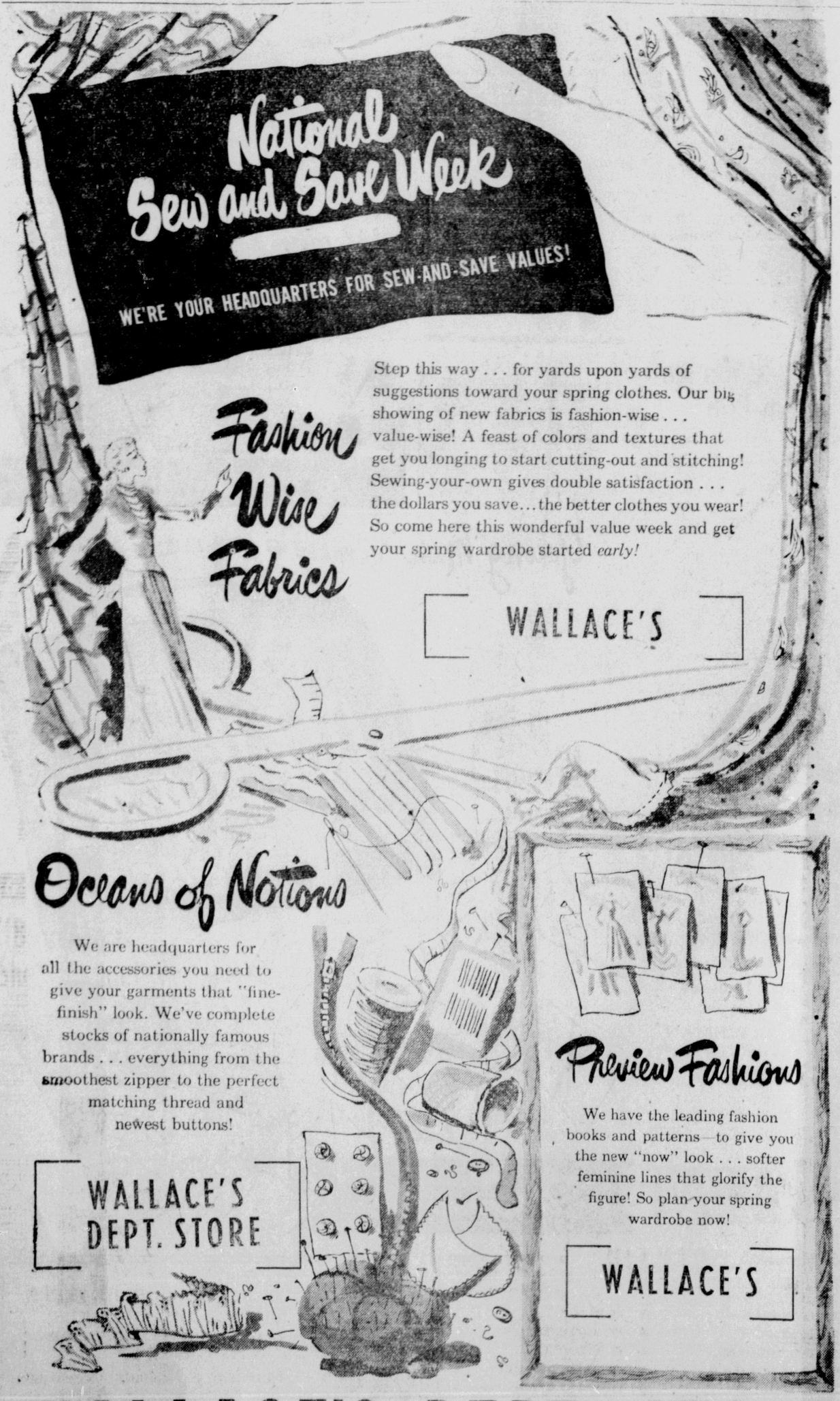

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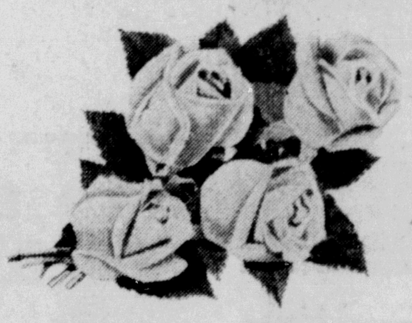

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