



OZZIE AND HARRIET NELSON, real-life family twosome of radio and television, share a piece of cake marking their 18th wedding anniversary. The event coincided with the start of the tenth year of their popular radio program.

ANCIENT PAVLOVA POSTER STARTLES LONDON CROWD

LONDON (CP)—Passengers at a London subway station blinked when they saw a poster advertising a movie to start May 10, 1916, starring the great Pavlova. The 38-year-old poster had been uncovered when changing displays.

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Reduction Of Tariff Rates Urged

WASHINGTON (CP)—Lowering of trade barriers against goods imported into the United States was one of many proposals submitted in a report by a 17-man commission on U.S. foreign economic policy.

Headed by Clarence B. Randall of Chicago, chairman of the board of Inland Steel Company, the commission was set up to advise the U.S. government on a program directed toward putting the world on a more stable economic and financial keel through U.S. leadership.

The dissension-riddled report recommended authority for President Eisenhower to negotiate a gradual 15 per cent cut in U.S. tariff rates and greater reductions in a limited field of imports.

The dissents contained throughout the report indicate that the commission's recommendations will meet with Congressional fire.

In the main, the report recommends:

U.S. "acquiescence" in increased trade in non-strategic goods between western European and Iron Curtain countries;

STUDY IWA

Close study of operations of the International Wheat Agreement with a view toward its possible abandonment when it expires in 1956;

A three-year extension of the reciprocal trade agreements law with "broad powers" for the president to arrange with other countries "a reduction of tariff rates on a gradual basis";

An end to U.S. economic aid to other countries on a giveaway basis but the continuation of some aid in the form of loans; continuing military aid to allies;

A gradual approach toward free exchange of one international currency for another.

The report also spoke out strongly against "inflexible price supports or fixed prices" for the U.S. farmer.

Corps of 'Odd Men' Tackle Anything While at University

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal's McGill University corps of "odd job men" have a plan to cash in on hubby's aversion to household chores.

The odd job men—students who work to enable them to continue their studies—hope to encourage more and more homemakers to turn over to the university placement service jobs that normally create domestic friction.

The placement bureau claims it can furnish a student to handle any job in the home—and also find a worker for practically any skill required in offices or stores.

The campaign is more than an effort to make pocket money outside class. Placement bureau officials say foreign students are in urgent need of cash to continue their studies.

McGill enrolls students every year from more than 50 different countries. Many of these states have stiff currency regulations that prevent students receiving enough money from home to live on.

Typical of this group are Gunter Schneider, 24, of Frankfurt, Germany, a divinity student, and his two friends, Manfred Schiller, a 19-year-old commerce student from Berlin and 18-year-old Kurt Schultze-Rhohof, a first-year arts student.

They have gone all out to earn spare-time money and during the Christmas holidays sorted mail. They now are in the vanguard of the campus "odd job men."

Kurt says he would like to get a post as horse trainer or riding coach eventually but is willing to tackle anything in the interim.

NATURAL NAME
Natal, South Africa, was discovered by the Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama on Christmas Day.



LT.-COMDR. JAMES B. VERDIN of Miles City, Mont., holds a model of the Navy F4D Skyray in which he captured the world's speed record for the United States. Verdin flew the Skyray at an average speed of 753.4 m.p.h. at Ythermal, Calif.

McGregor Softens Opposition To Proposed Seaway Project

By JAMES C. MUNN

WASHINGTON (CP)—Representative J. Harry McGregor (Rep.-Ohio) indicated today a softening of his opposition to United States participating in building the proposed St. Lawrence seaway.

McGregor, a high-ranking member of the House public works committee that must pass on the Senate-approved seaway bill, has long opposed the U.S. joining with Canada in the seaway project. But, in discussing the bill passed by the Senate last week, McGregor told a reporter:

"I won't say I'll favor this bill,

but I am giving it a lot more attention than I have other seaway bills."

McGregor said the smaller amount of money involved in the Senate bill for the seaway construction "will make a difference in my views."

Under the Senate measure, the U.S. would be required to pay only about \$100,000,000 for its share of the 27-foot-deep waterway linking the Atlantic to the Great Lakes.

"Under this new bill," he said, "our objections will save the taxpayers at least \$900,000,000."

Rude Parrot

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (CP)—Authorities of the Wellington zoo were embarrassed when a parrot received in a consignment of birds turned out to have a nautical education. The parrot was heard squawking to other parrots, a few pheasants and the domestic mothering hen "Fly, you — fly." They got a louder parrot to drown him out.

Young Albertan Dies on Gallows

EDMONTON (CP)—Henry Alexander Alfred, 23-year-old Peace River handyman, died early today on the gallows at Fort Saskatchewan provincial jail for the murder last March of George Craig, a trapper.

Alfred, accompanied by an Anglican clergyman, walked to the gallows at the jail, 17 miles east of here, at midnight, and the trap was sprung at 12:03 a.m. MST. He was pronounced dead at 12:09 a.m.

Alfred was arrested by RCMP last April and charged with robbery of a bank at Grimshaw, Alta. He was sentenced to three years when convicted on that charge.

He was questioned regarding the disappearance of two district trappers, George Sherris and his partner, Craig. This resulted in the discovery of Craig's body in a burned cabin. Sherris was found buried in muskeg near a trapline three miles from the cabin.

Alfred was tried for Craig's murder at Peace River and sentenced to be hanged Jan. 26. An appeal to the appellate division of the Alberta Supreme Court was dismissed.

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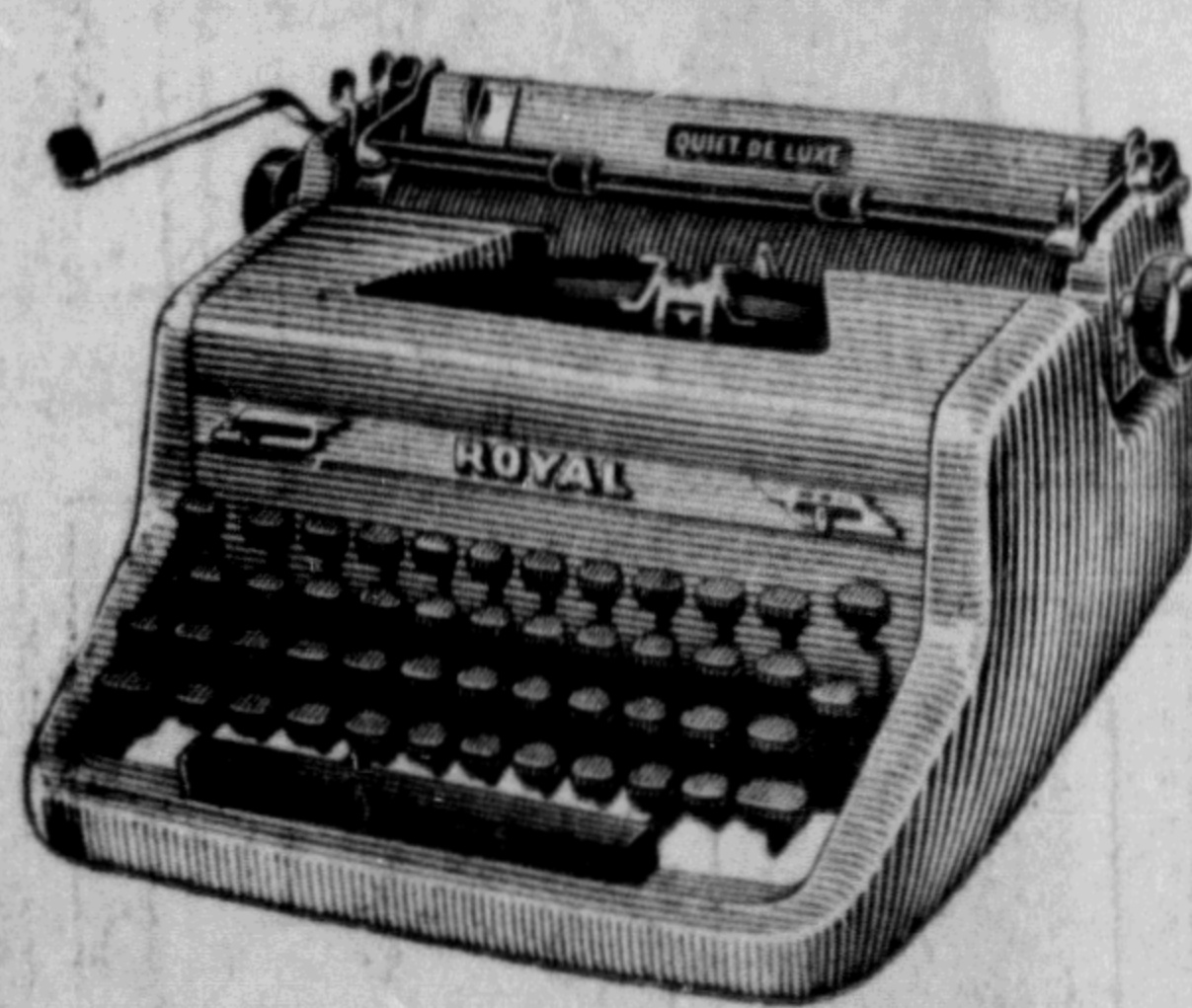
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U.S. Leads In Arms Trade With Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada and the United States have traded almost \$1,000,000,000 worth of arms in the last four years, but from a sales point of view, the U.S. is ahead.

Defence production officials estimate that since the 1950 defence build-up started, Canada has purchased about \$538,400,000 worth of military equipment from the U.S.

In the same period, U.S. fighting forces placed orders in Canada for about \$405,300,000 worth of military goods, giving Canada a \$133,000,000 deficit in U.S.-Canadian arms trade.

TRADE DROPPING

That trade currently is dropping after reaching a post-war peak of almost \$500,000,000 in the 1951-52 fiscal year. Canada's buying from the U.S. is still running ahead of U.S. buying here, but officials hope that new emphasis on continental defence may result in a heavier flow of orders to Canadian factories.

Currently, Canada is building heavy artillery and guns for U.S. forces. She also is producing a portion of the electronic equipment going into the joint radar screen in the north.

Canada's biggest purchases in the U.S. are aircraft and electronic equipment for Canadian planes.

In only one fiscal year, 1952-53, did U.S. orders in Canada exceed Canadian orders in the U.S.

"UP TO DATE" VICTORIA APPROVES INDOOR PLUMBING

VICTORIA (CP)—One thing you must say about Victoria is that it keeps up to date.

The public works committee Friday approved an amendment to the building bylaw which requires all new homes to be equipped with indoor plumbing.

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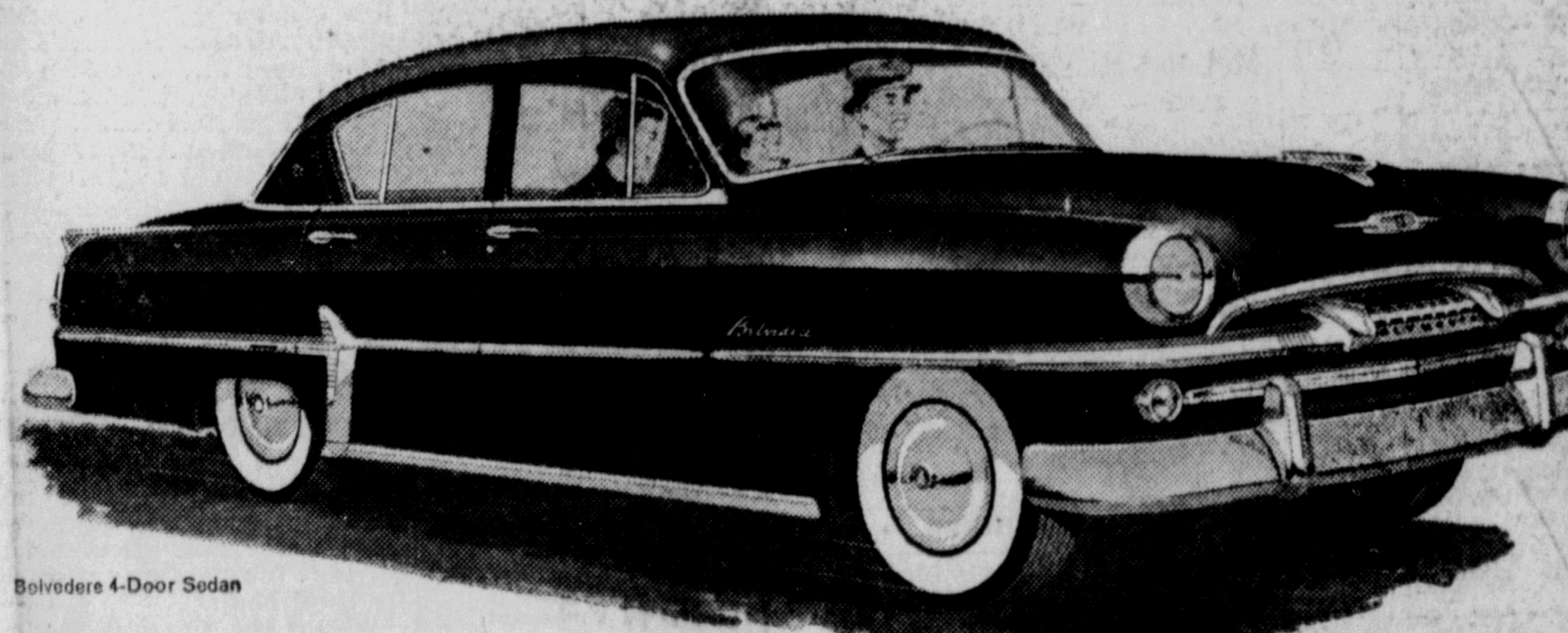
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