



WHEN ONE OF THE HIGHLY-TRAINED HORSES (left centre) in the RCMP's famed musical ride lost his rider during a dress rehearsal the horse continued without a mistake. The rehearsal proved a bit strenuous for another rider (right) who lost his hat. The internationally-known ride is introducing new routines and bringing in many new riders, but most of the horses from previous shows are being retained.

Adventurous Pair Sail for West Indies In Ship Made From Salvaged Lumber

QUEBEC (CP)—Two Quebecers set on their way to the British West Indies in a sailboat made from salvaged oak and pine. The pair, "Captain" Charles Hackett, 27, and "Mate" Majella Huard, 31, charted a course through inland waterways—the St. Lawrence, Richelieu and Hudson rivers—as far as New York. From there they will hug the Atlantic coastline until a break can be made across the ocean to the Indies.

Construction of the 32-foot sailboat in an uptown backyard began in 1947. Two years later it was completed.

Jack Hackett, Charles' father, knew that several large pieces of oak had been lost at Wolfe's

Cove many years ago while awaiting shipment to England. The Hacketts probed the river bed with home-made pikes and salvaged a 48-foot length.

White pine used on the decks was retrieved from old wharves along Quebec's waterfront.

The finished vessel weighs seven tons and draws about 5½ feet of water. She is equipped with all home conveniences including a stainless steel galley, a refrigerator and a flush toilet.

Before leaving, Hackett and Huard loaded the vessel with 1,500 pounds of foodstuffs, water and other goods.

Each took \$1,000 for the trip but they hope to bring back some.

"We won't have hotel bills, restaurant expenses and many other things tourists worry

about," Hackett said before his departure.

Both men left their jobs to make the trip. Hackett was a naval draftsman, Huard an accountant.

Although the vessel, christened the "Coaster," was completed in 1949, almost a year of preparations was required before the tropical trip could be undertaken.

A coating of specially-prepared copper paint was applied to prevent salt-water worms attacking the oak; steel guard-rails were put up and stainless steel rigging was installed to prevent salt-water corrosion.

The adventurers expected no trouble on the trip, unless perhaps they have difficulty passing under bridges. The Coaster's mast is 50 feet high.

Real Estator Shows Parley He Knows Stuff

WINNIPEG (CP)—In making a sale or a speech, the real estate man is a good talker.

Frederick J. Bashaw, a real estate consultant from Palm Beach, Fla., spoke for some six hours Tuesday at the 10th annual conference of the Canadian Association of Real Estate Boards.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., he covered such subjects as

"finding the best listings, analyzing prospects, the psychology of closing and conservation of time and energy."

From 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. he was guest speaker at a luncheon and, for the balance of the afternoon, he discussed "traps of negative thinking, advertising, negotiation of a price, and the art of negotiation in real estate."

Huge Apple

BELLEVIEW, Ont. (CP)—A luscious McIntosh Red apple picked from the orchard of Harry Allison of Albury has a circumference of 12½ inches, and a diameter of 4½ inches. Allison said there were others like it.

Viscious Hail

HANNA, Alta. (CP)—Hailstones remain the swiftest and most destructive of natural hazards to crops, say local farmers. During a recent storm here hailstones as big as golfballs shattered windows and mowed down crops.

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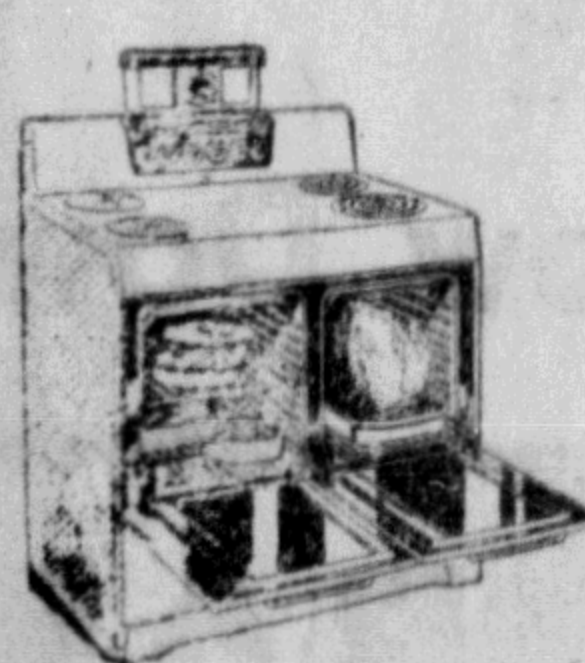
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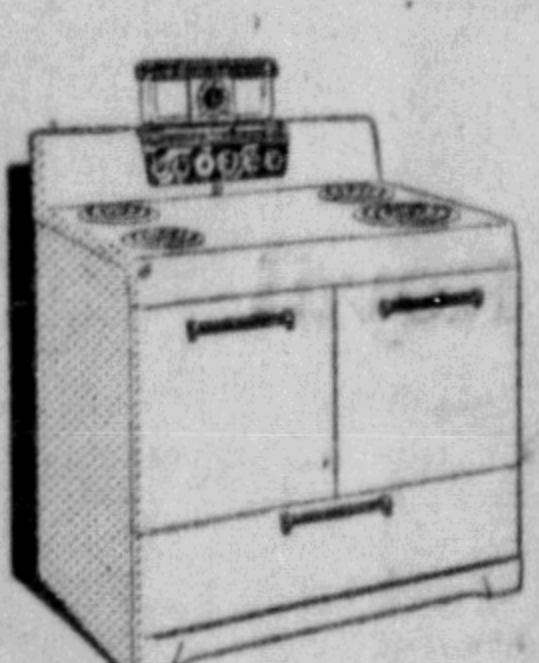
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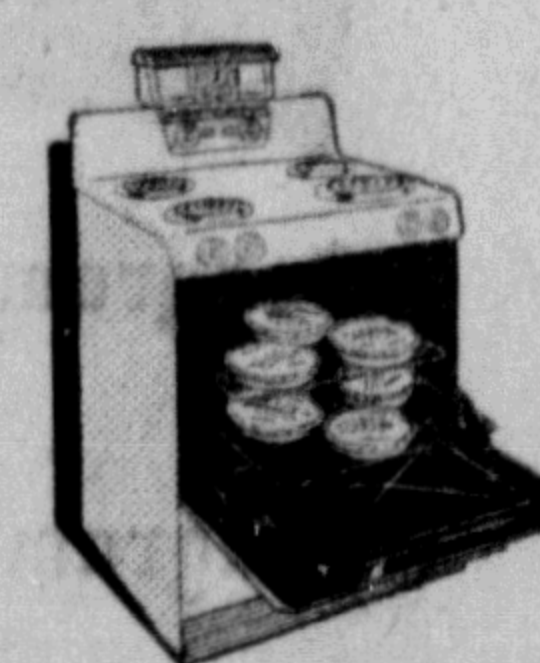
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Toronto Area Topic of Novel By Newsman

A district of Toronto which has gradually lost its individuality and merged with surrounding areas is immortalized in "Cabbagetown Store" (Ryerson), in which J. V. McAree recalls his boyhood home.

Mr. McAree, columnist with the Globe and Mail, remembers an earlier and more peaceful Cabbagetown than is portrayed in Hugh Garner's recent novel by that name.

In the period covered by Mr. Garner, the east-central district had become a tough, urban slum area. Mr. McAree's recollections date from a time not far removed from the days when residents grew the cabbages in their gardens which gave Cabbagetown its name.

The residents were mostly of English, Scottish or Irish birth or descent. None were well-to-do, but second-generation Cabbagetowners included Rt. Hon. Sir Thomas White, later finance minister of Canada, and the late R. J. Fleming, an uncle of Mr. McAree, who became mayor of Toronto.

The centre of Mr. McAree's narrative is the corner grocery store, owned by another uncle, in which he grew up. The discussion ranges from the idiosyncrasies of the store's clientele to the relative merits of small and large stores and the small shopkeeper's chances of survival against chain-store competition.

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