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#### The Fat Dollar

THE Canadian dollar has reached a new peak on the money market, not through any action or wish of the Canadian Government but solely because Americans are bidding for our currency to invest it | ter be considered a characteristic Conservative—that in our enterprise.

On the one hand, a dollar worth about five cents | British Commonwealth ideal. more than its American counterpart is a significant. obstacle to our exports. It means that the exporter must sell competitively in the American currency zone and accept payment in a dollar worth less than 95 cents here. In operation the relatively low American dollar is a five per cent tariff against Canadian imports.

On the other hand, our relatively high dollar reduces the price of our American imports, since we can buy a dollar's worth of goods for 95 Canadian cents. If our dollar sank to par the cost of all American imports, about four billion dollars worth of them a year, would increase by about 5 per cent, a huge extra bill for the Canadian consumer to meet.

Not only the Canadian exporter but the whole chance to make a real mark in travel industry is irked by the dollar's present opulence. It is often difficult for any resort owner in the country to persuade the American tourist that his dollar is worth only 95 cents, that the existing discount is too large to be waived.

Necessarily the visitor must be asked to pay the margin between the two currencies. This he does not relish and often fails to understand. But with a little tact and patience the matter can be explained to any intelligent person.

- Canadians know about these things from long and unhappy experience, for often when our dollar was a few cents below par we had to pay a discount of twenty per cent in most American resorts.

The Canadian travel industry generally demands the actual exchange prevailing at the moment and no more. This is only honest and it is good

-Victoria Daily Times.

#### Cigarettes Get The Blame

THERE'S both smoke and fire in the duel between the medical profession's members who denounce cigarettes as a cause of lung cancer and the tobacco industry's scientists who say there's no proof to support the charge against cigarettes.

. A senator in the United States has presented a bill which would force manufacturers to print on each package the warning, "Constant use may result in Jung cancer."

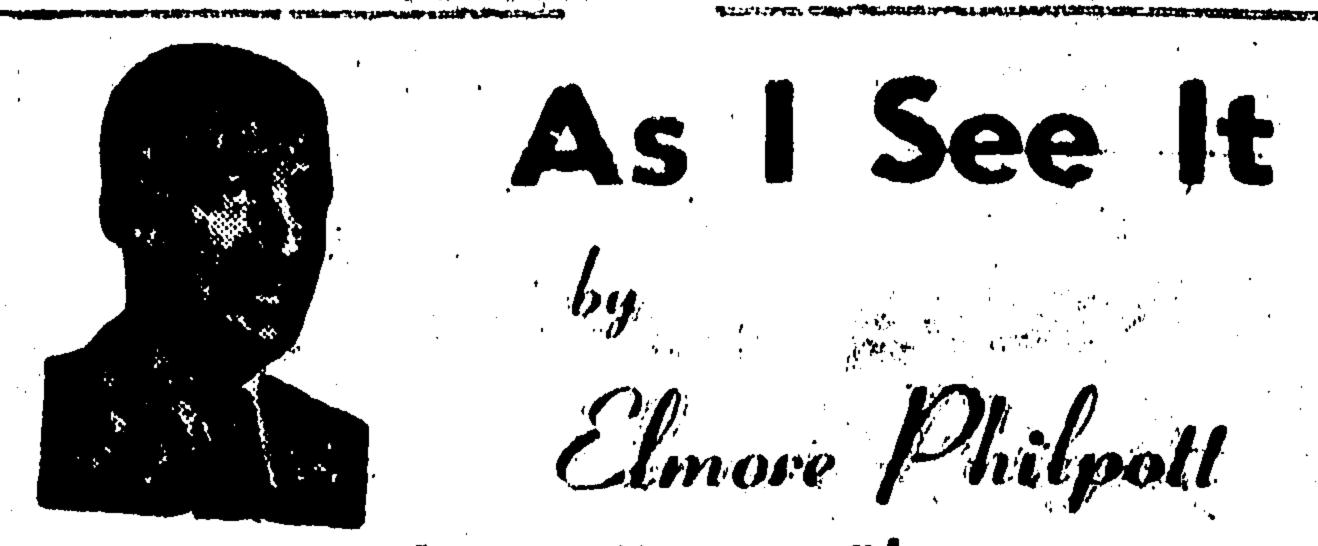
That would be like asking the makers of Scotch whiskey to put temperance advice on the labels or makers of slot machines to print clearly the legend: "This machine is rigged against you."

The senator's gambit probably will come to nothing. But it will be more publicity for the considerable body of evidence that has now accumulated making ciragettes the No. 1 suspect as a cause of lung cancer. Pointing out that the disease can come also from fumes of automobiles and general air pollution does not carry too much conviction in the light | outstandingly good nor bad; it is | helped put life and punch into | of medical evidence now on hand. Pipe and cigar smokers puff away meditatively as usual, smiling quietly over the fact that the weed, in the form they use it, appears to be quite inocuous.

-Kitimat Sentinel.



HIOOM HOOM-Destined to bloom only once in its lifetime ! and then die, this century plant in Ban Mateo, Callt., is makling its first-and last-flowering something to remember as It towers 35 feet above the ground. The giant plant is surveyed by Anthony Bettencourt, who has tended it in his backyard since he moved to San Mateo 35 years ago.



John's Great Chance

THE London Times for June 30 ran a really masterly article on John Diefenbaker.

It gave his family background, and showed that in only one respect could Canada's new prime miniswas in his passionate attachment and loyalty to the

But, said The Times, "his ap-

abenal with a small I." The Times goes on to record, quite accurately, that John Diesenbaker had long been regarded as "a lone wolf . . . didn't run easily in harness, was restless and fidgety in caucas and, though a hard found routine irksome."

IS precisely because the character sketch by the London Times is deeply perceptive Canadian history.

It is no secret that a rather absurd, but still significant story formally that such and such is going the rounds in Toronto and Montreal to the effect that the Liberals deliberately "threw" the election in order to put the poor Tories in to office at time when serious difficulties are just ahead—for which the Conservatives would be blamed as was poor old R. B. Bennett in

This remarkable legend gained enough circulation to warrant serious denial by the Financial Post, which succinctly shows that the Liberals could not have "thrown" the election even if they were crazy enough to have wanted such an out-

But it seems to me that the assumptions behind the rather ridiculous story clearly show that a good many Canadians fail to understand the how and why of John Diefenbaker's amazing personal opportunity that John and willing to move—so in Diefenbaker now has.

House of Commons was for en- whoa, no, go slow. actment of a Bill of Rights in Now, with the small I Liberal

adian parliamentarians (includ- a position to say "giddyap" with ing that true Liberal democrat, historic effect.

proach to the problems of the the Hon. Stuart Garson) poured Welfare State and social secur- cold water on the proposal to ity in general, and the wheat proclaim such a statutory decfarmer in particular have been jaration. Mr. Carson took the typically agranian and therefore constitutional lawyer's view that no one parliament could restrict or bind future parliaments—and that if one parliament could write certain freedoms into a Bill of Rights some other future parliament could just as easily take them out again.

> But even granting that self evident truth, the proclamation of a Bill of Rights by the parliament of Canada could do no. harm, and might do some great and lasting good. The whole history of Britain and the English-speaking peoples show how great proclamations, like Magna Carta, have a profound moral effect on future generations. Once a whole nation declares things are good and right and proper it never finds it easy to go back on its own solemnly Cellanese Corporation of Amer- Mattie Sanders, 72, reached uncrystallized words. That is why ica's \$15,000,000 textile pulp mill der her bed Friday morning to Diefenbaker goes full speed nition dump near Port Edward, her cat. She found she was pat ahead with the drafting of the Bill of Rights he so eloquently and persistently advocated when

FAR from being downhearted signed. at the prospect of the man whom the London Times describes as the former "lone wolf" taking the old nineteenth-cen-

electoral victory of June 10; and vance of an army is limited by places. hence they fail to understand the speed at which the lowest.... the nature of the really great not the fastest units are able Social and political progress has THE one cause for which John mostly been slow in Canada, be-Diefenbaker most consistently cause the Tory party was orfought individually inside the ganized to obstruct—to say

in the drivers seat behind the It is true that some fine Can- old Tory party horse, John is in

#### Victoria Report . . . by J. K. NESBITT

By JAMES K. NESBITT VICTORIA-Mr. Bennett's brand of Social Credit has now been in the driver's seat in B.C. for five years.

It's not long, really, and yet the " days of Liberal-Conservative coalition, which Mr. Bennett de-recalled by an article in The feated, seems to belong to anoth- Pittsburgh Sun-Telegram about

when they went to the polls last mons.

ladequate to its times, as are most | early-day Victoria. Once he ranj governments.

(see what the people of Carlbon, honest. He told the voters: "I'll," Delta and Burnaby say about the attend to the duties of mayor so Igovernment when they vote in long as they do not interfere; by-elections in the next couple of with my brewing business,"

Prank Mackenzie Ross, and Mrs. they defeated him. Ross are vacationing this month in the provincial legislature, at their home in St. Andrew's-by- in the provincial legislature, the-Sea, New Brunswick. Thus do before he was MP, one of Bun-

Hon, Gordon McGregor Slonn, who received distinguished visi- B.C. next year for the Cententors in the vice-regal suite at the plat celebrations. She will be a Empress Hotel, and signs official living link with our romantic documents in his office in this past. reapital's rickety, drafty but pieturesque old Court House in old- Try Daily News Classified world Bastion Square.

An old-time B.C. politician is

prominent clubwoman Mrs. Lulu The Bennett government has Gabel Giese, granddaughter o' made its mistakes, but, by and Arthur Bunster, A.B.C. MP from large, it is giving fairly good gov- 1874 to 1882. He represented ernment, as the neople of this Vancouver District, now the Na- | province so overwhelmingly said nalmo-seat in the House of Com-

Bunster was a brewer, a color-This government is neither fulful character, one of those who! for the mayor's chair here, but It will be interesting now to made the mistake of being too

The voters evidently thought' the duties of mayor should come The Lieut. - governor, Hon. before Mr. Bunster's beer, and so,

B.C.'s No. 1 citizens link Canada Cosmos, who, according to The from Atlantic to Pacific, Colonist, "—in thanking the

Mrs. Clase hopes to come to

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BUSHY BEAUTIFICATION - Trimming a Juge, bushy cat out of a hedge, W. T. Blackman Sr., superintendent of the waste treatment plant in Murfreesboro, Tenn., purs muo action his slogan which says that the shell will be half as bad if waste plants and grounds are prettied up. To practice this psychology, Blackman has made the Murfreesboro plant grounds one of the most beautiful in the country.

### Average Driver Gets In Accidents

Looking ... Sack

August 2

10 Years Ago A dynamite explosion on Watson Island was the starting signal for construction work on the

20 Years Ago

he was a private member, sitting Prince Rupert High School has man escaped with \$400 in cash been promoted to the position and cheques which Mrs. Sanders of principal, taking the place had put in a strong box under of Dr. Lucas who recently re- her bed.

30 Years Ago

Sir Henry Thornton is expect tury minded Tory party ahead, ed to arrive here this week and all true liberals, progressives and will go south on the steamer CCF socialists should be delight- Saturday. He is accompanied by ed at this rather remarkable re- a large party of officials and is juvenation of the old Tory party. inspecting the line and looking Just as the speed of the ad- into local conditions at various

> 40 Years Ago For Rent: Six-room house, fully modern, \$20. Five-room house with bath, \$18.

TORONTO (P-Highways Min- iod had no previous conviction ister Allan said Thursday sta- for traffic offences. listics show the so-called average driver is usually the one fatal accidents usually involve involved in fatal accidents.

In a release giving statistics ing; or accident repeaters of fatal accidents in Ontario chronic violators of traffic laws he minister said 500 of the 738 or otherwise abnormal types," drivers involved in fatal acci- Mr. Allan said. dents during a six-month per-

- MISTAKEN FOR PET

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (A) - Mrs. hope that Prime Minister John at the former American ammu-stroke what she thought was ting a burglar's leg. Mrs. Sanders | yelled for her nephew, Chester Gilbert, 53, who grappled with A Suttan of the staff of the the intruder but lost him. The

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"There is a misconception tha

| wild, reckless or drunken driv-

"The fact that some drivers

keep free of accidents may be

due to the alertness of other

drivers or because their actions

are not observed by the police,"

Mr. Allan said. "For these rea-

sons, a clear record is not nec-

essarily the sign of a good and

skillful driver."

tion, discrimination and negect, we are expected to sing und lance with joy at the contennial relebrations. l often wonder why we even articipate in First of July celebrations. It should be a day of

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I have recutly read that very

touching story by Bruce Hutch-

ison, called Canada's Triumph,

about ninety years of toleration

between the French Canadians

und the English speaking peo-

ple, and how they fought side

by side against the Americans

mention the great part the

banadian Indians played for the

same cause, and how the fam-

nus Indian chiefs refused to be

After ninety years of humili-

bribed by the Americans even at

very tempting offers.

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The Editor,

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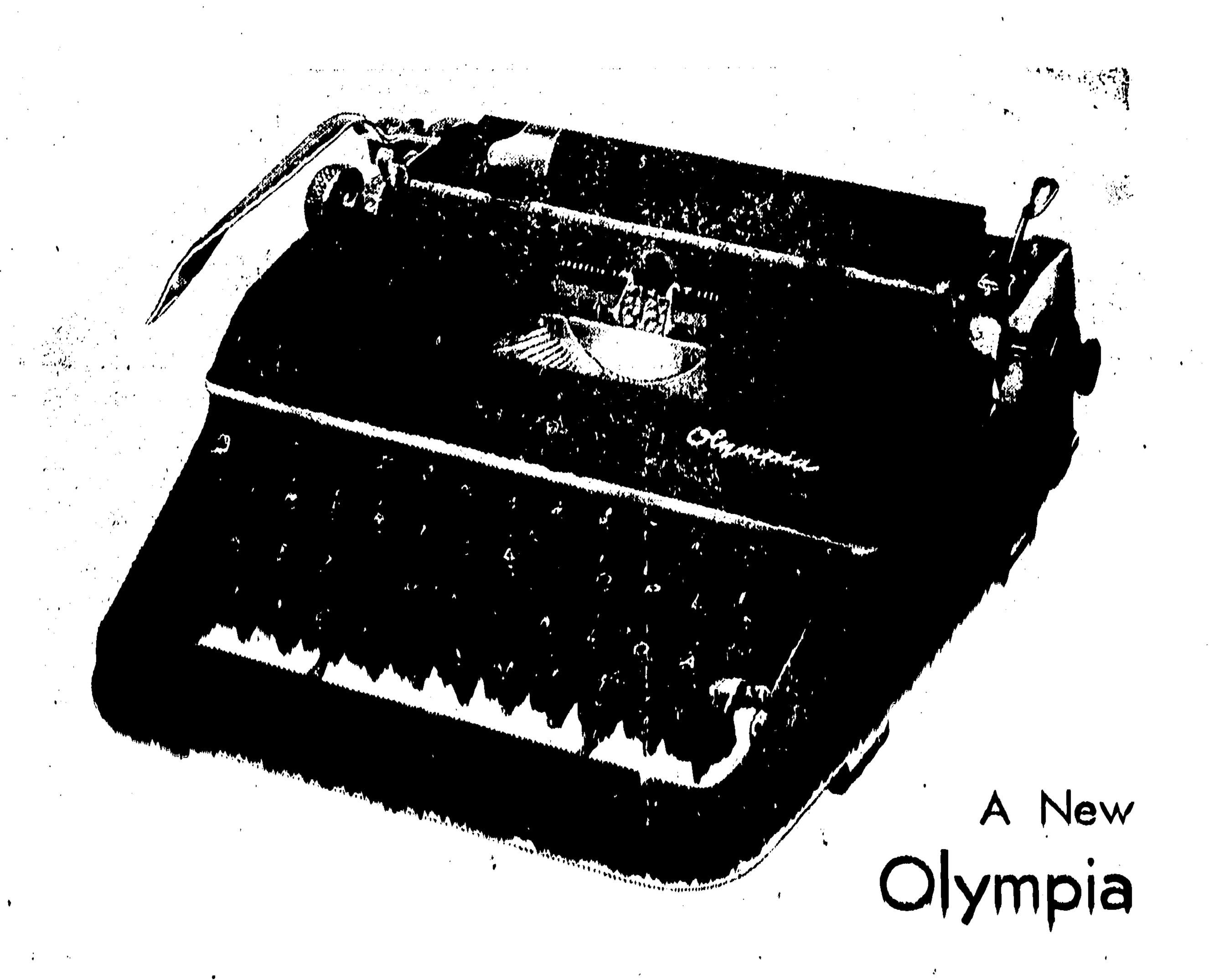
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