



A Letter from Bill: Part 3

# Kelly Pens "Ode to Beautiful San Francisco" Ride on Famous Cable Car One Trip Highlight

(Bill Kelly of R. R. 4, Milton, is off on a winter holiday trip to Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and other points south, and has agreed to write some impressions of his trip for The Champion. Bill's a well known figure here and we hope you'll enjoy sharing his holiday experiences with him. The following is the report of this weekly letters, reporting on San Francisco. Next week: comments on Mexico.)

San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Editor:

What a tragedy that John Keats lived in the era that he did, and wasted his powerfully descriptive talent on "An Ode to a Nightingale." How lovely it would be for me to describe the natural and man-made beauty of this state and this well-traditioned city. This is San Francisco; this is big quality.

The drive from the airport is the harbinger of the adventure that lies ahead for the tourist visiting this Bay city. Verdant shrubbery and grassy hills foil the sparkling white-tucco of quaint Spanish old-world dwellings, and tell the traveller that his expeditions have fallen far short of reality here, in one of the most beautiful cities in all the world.

**Busy Downtown**  
The city is very compact, and most of the attractions in the downtown area, stores, clubs, theatres, etc., can be reached on foot, the cable car, or the rather expensive taxis. The farther out points of interest are included in most of the commercial tour.

The "Cable-Car", the most symbolic of San Francisco, is eternal

fascinating. I first thought that it was entirely a tourist attraction which it is, in part, but it is also one of the utilities of public transportation. Its principle is something like a chair lift "upside-down". A steel cable which runs under the street is grasped by these nineteenth century vehicles and hence they are drawn along. This principle in some cases is better than that of a conventional street bus, for on slippery pavement these unbelievably steep city hills must be insurmountable.

**Perpetual Motion**

The cars themselves are small, rickety and semi-open. The operator is in the front section, and to activate the car he is in continuous activity, heaving on the long levers that go down to the understreet cable. The first fellow I saw doing this was in such vigorous activity that it almost seemed that he himself was propelling the thing!

It's pretty easy to tell the tourists from the natives here, by watching them get on the cable cars. Many people just "hang" on the side like a fireman. It's quite amazing to me how the conductor knows who has paid and who hasn't, as he doesn't have any particular system to insure that all customers pay before they get off. I asked one man who is a San Franciscan, and he said he didn't know either. He just keeps wandering aimlessly back and forth through this rather old but enjoyable conveyance.

**Sea Food Tops**

The end of the line, where the operator reverses the car by turning it around "by hand" on a turntable, is at "fisherman's wharf", a whole story in itself.

It is the home port of San Francisco's large commercial fishing fleet. To the tourist it is unique, for you can see the proprietor cooking the lobsters, or whatever, in big stainless steel cauldrons right in front of the restaurant. The sea food is tops, and not too expensive.

And speaking of "expensive", the song "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" should continue and say "and my money too"; for not unlike other big cities, you can really get hooked in some of the places, especially downtown in the fancier place. But then again, that's to be expected.

'Frisco as they call it, is like an amphitheater with its hills and natural "Shelves" throughout. You might also say, that more people get left on the shelf here than any other place in the world, for it's been stated that this city has the highest divorce rate in the world... a sort of unique wrecking yard.

**"Accent" Problem**  
A lady in a travel agency office asked me if I was a Canadian. "Your accent is quite noticeable, it's the way you say about," she said. She told me not to be too I wasn't, because, I didn't think there was really very much I could do about it.

So I've composed a sentence for any Canadian tourist to use down here if he wants to reveal his national identity, which may or may not be to his advantage, depending upon what discussion he might be in: "I'm ABOUT the HOUSE trying to ROUT the GOUT." If that doesn't work shout "God save the Queen!"

And if any such conversation might be about Cuba, don't say anything!  
**Solemn and Gay**  
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the United States and Spain. Prosecco's large commercial fishing fleet. To the tourist it is unique, for you can see the proprietor cooking the lobsters, or whatever, in big stainless steel cauldrons right in front of the restaurant. The sea food is tops, and not too expensive.

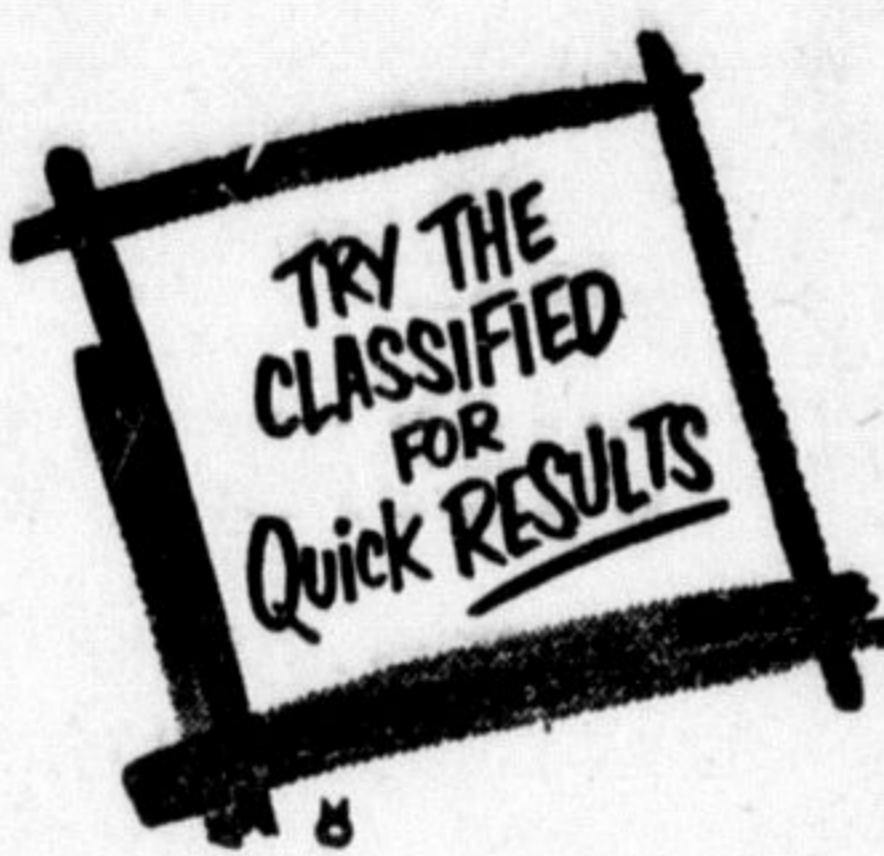
This passage is immortalized by a huge stone column in Union Square in the centre of the downtown San Francisco. This area is resplendent, spring like, solemn and gay.

This park area is benched with sleepy mid-afternoon shoppers, business people from the nearby monolithic steel and stone canyon of office buildings and department stores and pigeons. The people here generally exhibit reserve and good taste in their mannerisms and dress. No doubt there are "lesser" places here, but in this particular area they are of high quality. From about 5.00 p.m. onward, the adjacent buildings disgorge pulchritude to a bewildering degree.

Theatres and night clubs continue the youthful spirit of the west coast city long after the sun has brushed its final gilded highlights on the hilltop mission-like houses, and the imposing golden gate bridge.

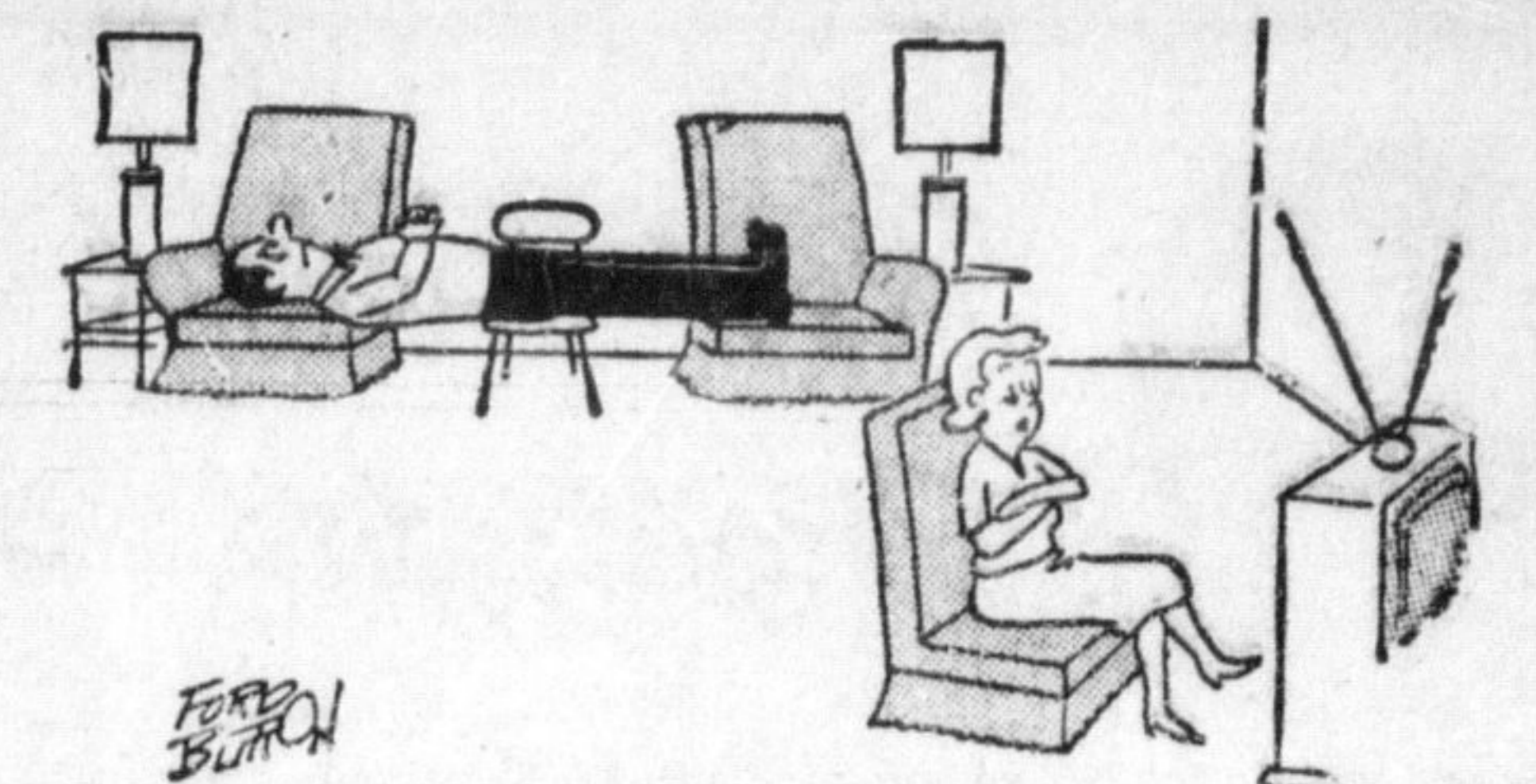
Next week: Mexico, a good place to buy (or lose) a hand tooled leather wallet.

Yours sincerely,  
Bill Kelly.



PAT BELL

Among local skaters doing feature and solo work was Pat Bell, a member of the Milton Figure Skating Club.



## Proclamation DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN MILTON

Whereas a number of municipalities in the district about Milton are adopting a uniform time for the adoption of Daylight Saving Time, and in order to avoid confusion in travel and business, the Council of the Corporation of Milton has passed a by-law establishing the period for the observance of Daylight Saving Time in Milton, from

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26th, 1964**  
AT 2.00 A.M. TO

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1964**  
AT 2.00 A.M.

Citizens are requested to comply with this by-law and adopt the time from the dates specified.

SYDNEY CHILDS, Mayor

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602 Prisoners in Jail Year

## Average Inmate Male, First-Time Offender

The average criminal in Halton County jail is a male laborer with an elementary education, who drinks temperately and is a first time offender, according to figures released this week from the Department of Reform Institutions. In their annual report covering the year ending March 31, 1963, the Department lists all the vital information concerning the County jail in Milton, into which 602 prisoners were committed.

During the year, jail expenses totalled \$57,161.85, including \$51,345 for salaries, \$2,105 for clothing, fuel and ordinary maintenance and \$2,931.17 for food, as well as \$779.26 for repairs, alterations and additions. The average cost per prisoner per day was \$10.08.

**Jail Officials**

Salary costs included those for jailor E. G. Ryder, chief matron Mrs. E. G. Ryder, jail surgeon Dr. C. K. Stevenson and other jail officials.

During the year, the 602 prisoners spent a total of 5,672 days in jail. It accommodates 28 men and three women and the average daily jail population was 15.5 prisoners per day. At the peak capacity during the year, there were 28 men and three women locked up, and once during the year there were as few as four men and no women in jail.

Fines were paid by 257 prisoners (247 men), while 31 persons were placed on probation (28 men), and 51 were suspended without probation (49 men).

**Mostly Laborers**

Of the 602 persons committed, 216 were classed as laborers, 77 worked on construction, 65 were mechanics, 58 worked in commercial positions. Other occupations listed on the chart include: agriculture workers 16; clerks 11; domestics 26; one man who listed his occupation under "Fishing, Trapping and Logging"; 27 in manufacturing; one in mining; 10 in personal services; one professional; one without an occupation and 61 others.

"The Habits as to use of intoxicants" chart, showed five abstainers; 466 temperate drinkers and 131 intemperate drinkers. It is interesting to note, that while only 30 women were committed during the year, 15 or 50 per cent of those committed were

intemperate drinkers.

The fact that unmarried men get into more trouble than do married men, was substantiated by the 315 unmarried men who were committed to jail. Only 257 married men were committed, while 13 unmarried women and 17 married women were also committed.

**No Difference**

The difference between those with elementary education and those with advanced education, made very little difference according to the chart for the County jail. While 321 prisoners had elementary education, 281 had advanced education.

First time offenders were far ahead in the criminal history chart, with 503 entering jail for the first time. Second time offenders totalled 33, third time 22 and over 3 times, 44. Only one woman was classed as not being a first time offender, and she was returning in the over three times category.

The "Movement of the Jail Population Chart" shows 113 prison-

ers were acquitted and released, 257 paid fines instead of staying in jail; 31 were released on probation; 51 were released on suspended sentence without probation; 70 were released for other reasons; 72 were transferred to other institutions; and 64 were discharged on expiration of sentence.

These figures are compiled from the 602 prisoners committed during the year, plus seven who remained in custody on remand

March 31, 1962; six who remained in custody on unexpired sentences and 26 who were re-admitted from bail after being released on bail during the previous year, making a grand total of 641 who made use of County Jail facilities during the year.

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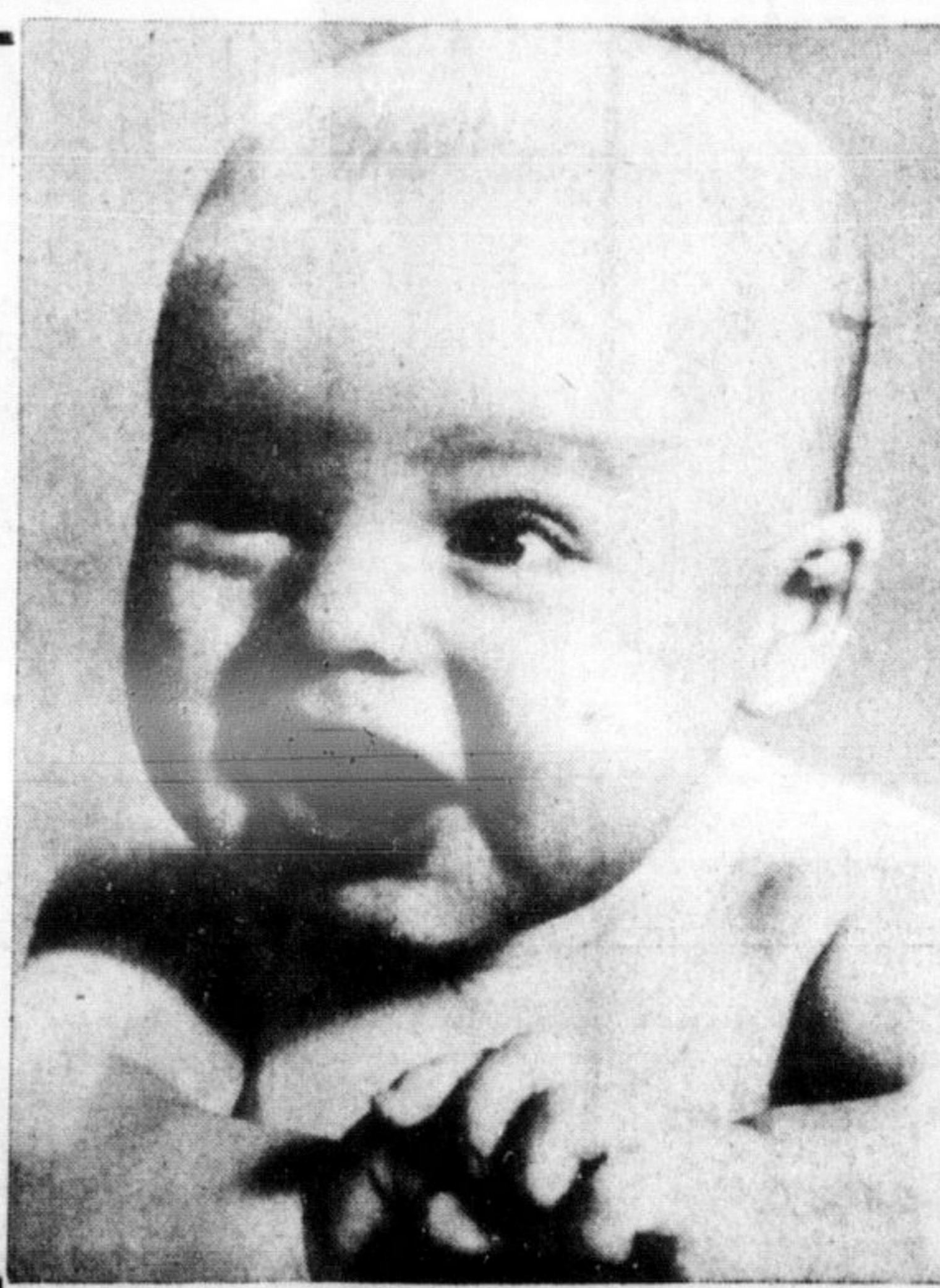
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