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The 1953 General Election



Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent was re-elected Prime Minister of Canada with a decisive majority on Monday, August 10. He will be supported in the House of Commons by 170 Liberals, including ten from the Toronto and York seats.

The election resulted as follows: Liberals 171; Progressive Conservatives 50; C.C.F. 23; Social Credit 15; Independents 3; Independent Labor 2; Liberal-Labor 1; total 265 seats.

It was a sweeping victory for any leader and any political party. Prime Minister St. Laurent accepted the mandate with characteristic modesty and in his message to the Canadian people thanked them for the heartening expression of confidence. He said "The decisive verdict you have given will strengthen the government in carrying on the policies which have given such satisfaction in Canada during the last few years."

"We shall continue to strive resolutely for peace and prosperity, for the fundamental aim of the Liberal party — which is to ensure to all Canadians, in every province, of every race and creed and class, and of all political parties, the closest possible approach to equality of opportunity and to a fair share of the bounties with which Providence endowed our favored land."

"It will continue to be, as it has always been, my highest ambition to contribute something to the strengthening of the spirit of harmony and good will and co-operation between English and French-speaking Canadians, which is the one sure foundation of our unity as a nation. With

that solid foundation we have built a nation in which we have been able to welcome hundreds of thousands of good citizens of other races who have all made distinctive contributions to our national life.

"And, now that you have given to my colleagues and to me the vote of confidence for which we appealed, I wish to repeat the promise — which was my only election promise — to give you the best service of which I am capable, and I make, with assurance, the same promise for the able and devoted colleagues who, with your endorsement, will continue to share with me the responsibility — and the high honor — of carrying on the government of Canada."

Editorial Comment

(London Free Press)

The piano is becoming popular. There are more pianos being tinkled in more homes than 20 years ago; in the Kitchener area at least. Piano Tuner Charles Bosseberry, of Kitchener, made this claim at a convention of the American Association of Piano Tuners in St. Louis. The determinative factor, he said, was piano lessons in the schools.

A quarter of a century ago Otto Kahn, the New York financier and patron of the Metropolitan Opera, remarked that things would be happier in the world and more peaceful when there was a piano in every house.

That day never came. However, if the Kitchener pattern is followed we may be on the way to joy, and poise, and peace,

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

One Another's Burdens

Last fall, when dense fogs in London almost stopped all traffic and made getting around extremely difficult, a British newspaper told of a blind man who had guided eighteen persons to their homes. To him the fog made no difference, so when told the location he was able to lead the bewildered to it. He must have been thrilled to feel that he was needed and that he was giving instead of receiving sympathy. It was a case of the blind leading the bewildered.

Consideration for handicapped people is an encouraging sign of modern times. It is a practical demonstration of Christianity. Once let it be known that there is a genuine need and there is a

TODAY'S QUOTATION

Our quotation today is a saying by the Apostle Paul: "We are members one of another."

good response. Ours seems to be an age of go-getters but sympathy for the unfortunate can soon be roused. People aren't so hard-boiled as they appear.

When a newspaper interviewed a blind man with his white cane was deeply grateful for those ready to help: "I just have to tap on the pavement a few times and people come forward and eager to help. They are a fine bunch," he said.

The late Charles H. Spurgeon said: "Jesus Christ built Edinburgh Infirmary." He meant that the spirit of Christianity had so aroused men's sympathies for the unfortunate that a sense of responsibility was everywhere and that religion means vastly more than singing hymns and offering prayers. It must have a thorough practical side. I don't mean that handicapped people should always be on the receiving end. What Sir

Arthur Pearson demonstrated at St. Dunstan's was that there were whole fields of usefulness possible for the blind and that they should be made to feel that they were needed and had a place in society. It is a good thing to let people do gracious things when they want to. In Alexander Woolcott's book "Long, Long Ago," there is a charming story along this line.

One day Woolcott was walking along London's famous street, the Strand. At one of the busiest spots in that great city he was waiting his chance to cross when he saw a young army officer fidgeting nervously with his cane. The man was blind and was evidently hoping that his condition and hesitation would attract attention. He had probably crossed dozens of times before, and he knew that assistance would be forthcoming. Just as Woolcott was about to offer him his arm, he saw an elderly officer approach, take hold of the blind soldier, and lead him across the busy street.

Then Woolcott noticed that this elderly man was no ordinary officer. He was arrayed in brass hat, red tabs, and cross swords on his shoulder. He was a very distinguished general. As Woolcott tagged behind, his interest quickened. He knew that the blind soldier hadn't the faintest idea that he was being led by a general. Perhaps it was just as well. It might have given him heart failure. Step by step they advanced, dodging a bus here, a motorcycle there, and a hundred pedestrians until they were safely across. Then it was that the young soldier fished in his pocket for a sixpence. When he found it he pressed it into the general's hand. It was a slight reward.

Just for a moment the general looked bewildered, but he quickly pulled himself together, and with a grand clicking of his heels and the most perfect of salutes he murmured, with tears in his voice as well as his eyes: "Thank you, sir!"

"Way Back When"

Excerpts from the files of The Liberal Home paper of the Richmond Hill district since 1878

AUGUST 7, 1884

The monthly Fair of cattle, sheep, etc., was held in the fair grounds yesterday and, as usual, drew quite a number to the village, principally butchers.

Post Office Savings Bank, Richmond Hill: Total deposits to June 30, 1884 \$229,431. Deposits in the month of July '84 \$1,190. Total deposits to July 31, '84 \$230,621.

M. Teefy, Postmaster

A trotting race came off on Tuesday evening between Butcher Girl, Richmond Hill, and Tannery Maid of Elgin Mills. The Girl came under the wire first but the Maid received the money, according to English rules, See Sporting Times.

Mr. W. C. Wallace, M.P., has presented the local Mechanic's Hall stitute with Vols. 1 and 2 of the Debates in the Dominion House of Commons session of 1884.

Council passed accounts at the 6th inst. totalling 42.58, monies to be paid when funds permit.

Last Friday evening, the Firemen held a Garden Party on Mr. Sanderson's lawn. A tea and various games featured the evening and after expenses were deducted net proceeds amounted to \$48.45.

AUGUST 10, 1905

Mr. Frank Cook who had lived in the vicinity since he was 17 years of age, died at the home of his son-in-law, William Gibbs, last Sunday.

An engine and two generators are being installed at Bond Lake to give the Metropolitan Railway 50 per cent more power. This should be more than sufficient to meet extraordinary requirements.

Several complaints have been received about boys helping themselves to fruit in orchards not their own.

The North York Fair to be held in Newmarket is scheduled for the 19th, 20th and 21st of September. Wanted — A librarian and caretaker for Richmond Hill Public Library and Reading Room.

Applicants to furnish suitable building, keep the room warm and well lighted and act as Librarian and caretaker.

AUGUST 6, 1931

Markham Township tax rate has dropped nearly two mills from 8 mills to 6.09 for this year. The council feels that hard times demand the curtailment of expenditures.

Debentures recently issued by

the Township of Markham re Yonge Radials were sold at \$101.35. The debentures were for 15 years and bear interest at 5 per cent.

The annual Street Dance will be held on August 26 with a \$200 race as first prize.

W. C. Gohn, Warden of York County will be umpire-in-chief when Aurora and Richmond Hill Lawn Bowlers take to the Softball diamond in aid of the Fresh Air Fund.

AUGUST 3, 1916

A large number of our citizens wended their way to the Metropolitan Station Sunday to shake hands with the members of the 127th York Rangers from Richmond Hill and vicinity, who were taking final leave before going overseas.

The village Band turned out to play several patriotic selections. Trinity Church, Thornhill, is having special intercession services on the second anniversary of the declaration of war. Twenty men from Trinity Church are serving under the colours.

A 13-year-old lad stole Mr. Harry Gamble's horse and covered buggy from the Methodist Church shed Sunday evening. Collision with an auto ended his two hour escapade and on Monday, Magistrate Brunton advised sending him to Victoria Industrial School at Mimico.

AUGUST 5, 1948

The village plans a new Library room for the near future. The former classroom in the Municipal Hall will be used and work will begin soon. The Women's Institute is providing \$1752.54 toward the cost and the Library Board hopes to receive further donations for the project.

Wesley Clark, Headford farmer, reports that his harvest was completed on August 4.

On August 19, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Separate School will be dedicated by Rt. Rev. B. I. Webster, auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. This is Richmond Hill's first separate School and will be in charge of the Sisters of Loretta.

The Bell Telephone Co. announces that the village will have a dial telephone system by 1951.

EYE TROUBLE

Infected tonsils abscessed teeth, diabetes or other illnesses may lead to eye troubles. For that reason, it is advisable, when having a medical checkup, to have nose, ears, throat and eyes, thoroughly examined and to have an X-ray of lungs and teeth.

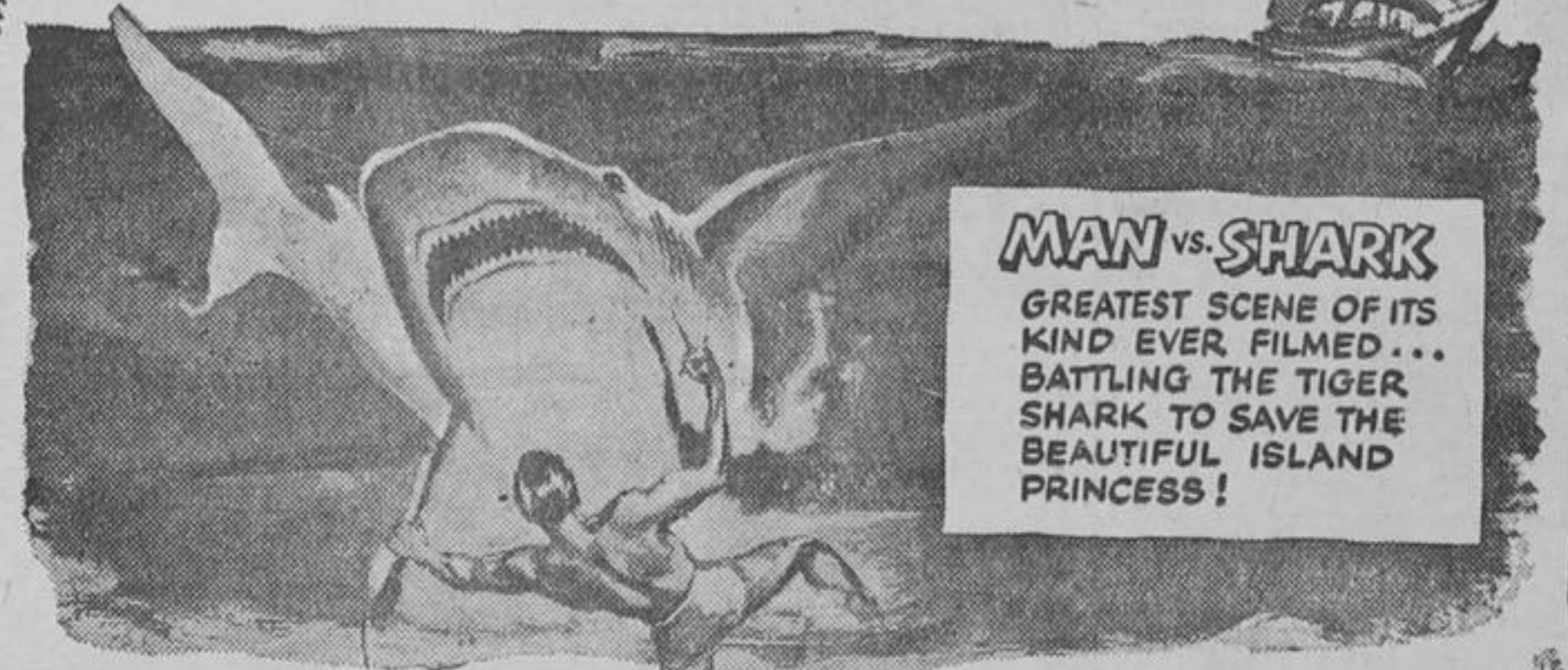
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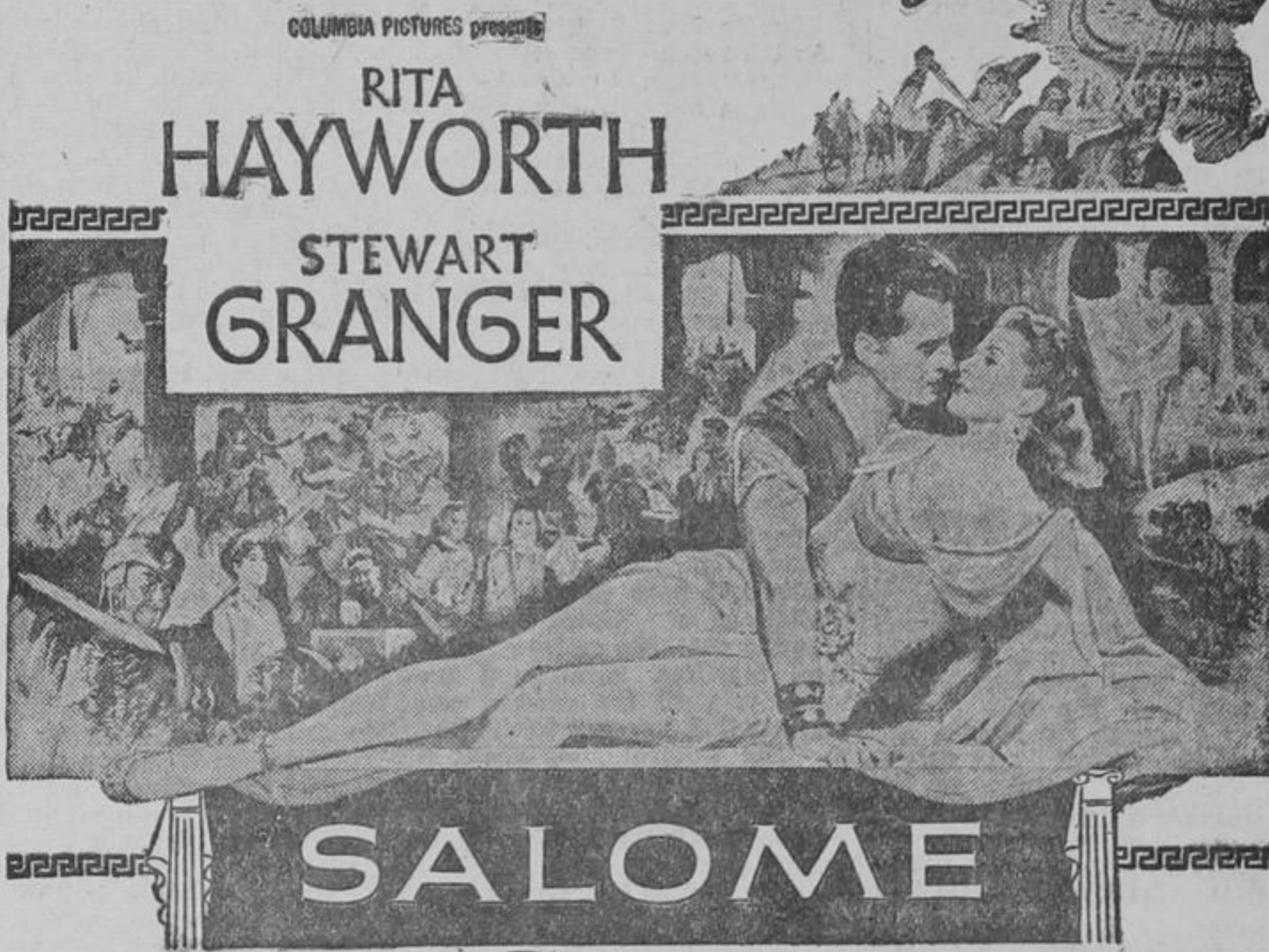
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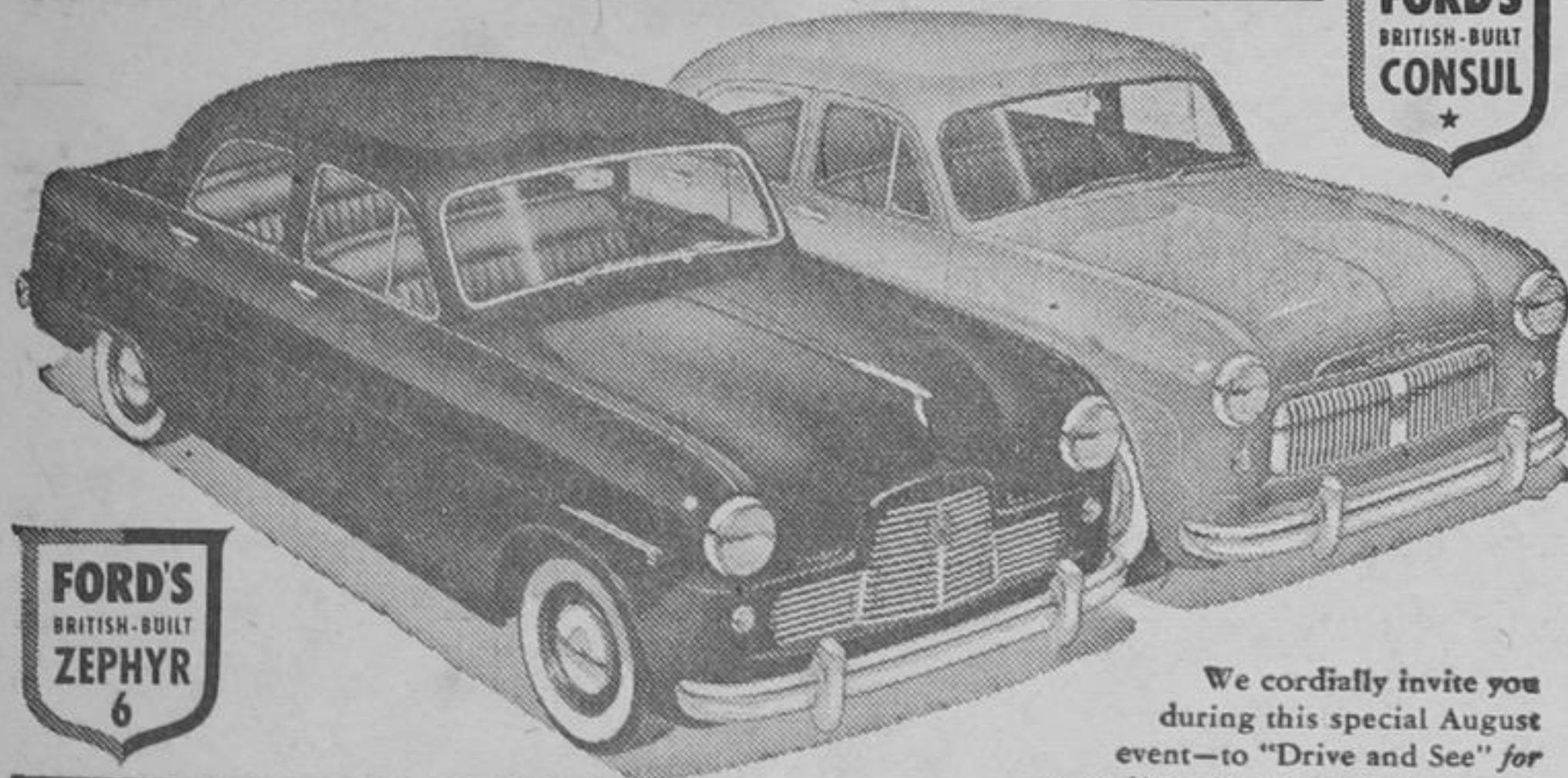


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