

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Warning was given in The Advance of Nov. 28th, 1923, that the electric power would be off in town on the following Sunday for a few hours. This recalls the fact that despite all the difficulties due to a new country the power service here has been little interrupted for any cause. This continuous service—much better in this line than most towns have had—is something the critics do not mention though it is an outstanding fact well worth note.

Ten years ago Geo. D. Hamilton was re-elected reeve of Whitney township by acclamation. There were five candidates for the four places on the council.

The Advance ten years ago notes a very pleasing band concert in the New Empire theatre. The singing of Mrs. Stonehouse was the big hit on the programme. A. J. Downie's reading, "The Parson's Son," was a popular number. There were a number of selections by the band all of them well received and much appreciated.

Ten years ago the town council was faced with the ever-recurring problem of doing something about the town hall. Some of the councillors felt that what was needed was a new town hall, but in the meantime the others considered that the heating system simply had to be improved. The furnace in the building was not only reported as inadequate but unsafe as well, and the town engineer was authorized to see what could be done in the way of improvements. A complaint from some ratepayers because a sidewalk had not been put on their side of the road elicited the fact that the walk had been put down to suit those complaining there would have been more to complain from the other side. The reference tempted Councillor Len Newton to say: "If we go ahead we get the devil, and if we back up we get the devil, so all we can do is to do the best we can."

Work was in progress ten years ago in Timmins connecting up the town and Hollinger water mains. A meter was installed to make it possible to know exactly the amount of water used by the town.

At the municipal nominations in Timmins ten years ago Dr. McInnis was the only candidate named for the mayoralty and so was elected by acclamation. It was the sixth consecutive term of Dr. McInnis as mayor. There were twenty-six nominated for council and twenty of them qualified.

Word reached Timmins ten years ago of the death of Mrs. Polmeat at North River, N.Y. She was a former resident of Timmins, Mr. Polmeat being on the Hollinger staff.

Another death that was deeply regretted by many friends in Timmins was that of Mrs. Hugh Mulheron. Mrs. Mulheron was one of the pioneers of the Porcupine camp and had hosts of friends in town and district. In referring to the death of Mrs. Mulheron The Advance ten years ago said:—"There will be very general and deep regret at the death recently of Mrs. Hugh Mulheron, a former well-known resident of the Porcupine. Mr. and Mrs. Mulheron were among the early residents of South Porcupine, and for years conducted the Goldfields hotel at Timmins. Some years ago they moved to Gravenhurst to take up residence there. Mrs. Mulheron died on Nov. 9th after a few hours' illness. Service was held on Nov. 10th at St. Paul's church, Gravenhurst, and interment was made at Barrie, Ont., in the R.C. cemetery there. In addition to the bereaved husband, a brother and three sisters survive. The brother is Mr. James Duffy, of Toronto, and the surviving sisters are Miss A. Duffy and Mrs. Lafreniere of Toronto and Sister Bertha, of St. Joseph's Community, Toronto. The late Mrs. Mulheron was one of the women who pioneered the Porcupine and contributed to its development and progress in the early days. Innumerable friends here will regret her death, and extend to the bereaved husband and other near relatives and friends very sincere sympathy and condolence."

"Ladies Night" ten years ago at the Caledonian Society was a notable success and most enjoyable. D. Mackie, the president, turned over the chair to Mrs. I. Robertson who conducted the event with striking success. The programme was a notable one, including Scottish dances by Mrs. Sims and Mrs. J. K. Moore. The ladies' jazz orchestra made a big hit. It included Mrs. Robertson. The crowd were delighted. Other numbers included—song, by Mrs. Duncaan, song, by Mrs. A. Roberts; reading by Mrs. W. D. Forrester; song, by Miss Mary Maxwell; piano solo, by Mrs. Lillian Peters; monologue by Jessie Watt. That night will long be remembered by all present; it was assuredly a "braw bricht nicht."

The Advance ten years ago noted that music from Scotland was heard over the radio by M. J. Cavaney at Sandy Falls.

J. D. MacLean was the manager of the town hockey team ten years ago and W. G. Smith, assistant manager.

The Advance ten years ago had the following:—"At a meeting held in the Masonic hall, Timmins, on Monday evening of this week a Masonic Club was organized, the following being elected as the officers for the ensuing term:—president, Mr. C. G. Williams; vice-president, Mr. A. Borland; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. L. Fraser; executive, Messrs J. Thomas, J. Morrison, Geo. Lake and G. E. Lowe. The Masonic Club is open to members of the Order, and the privileges of the hall will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The club will feature athletics and indoor sports. A businessmen's class in callisthenics

will be conducted by Messrs B. Wilson and W. McIlquhan as instructors. The club intends to play indoor baseball, basketball, badminton, indoor golf, etc. It is likely that there will also be a hockey team chasing some of the other societies for a game before the season is over."

The Advance ten years ago said:—"There will be general regret at the death last week in Montreal of Major Nell MacDonald, one of the pioneer mining men of the North Land. The late Major MacDonald was better known as "Foghorn," on account of his remarkably powerful voice. In the early days there were scores of people who would have been unable to give any other name to him. He was a Gengarry man, and a mining man by profession. He spent some years in the Yukon, Mexico, Montana, Nevada and

other fields, and went to Cobalt in the early days of that camp. In Cobalt he acquired fame for his wit and dramatic ways. At Cobalt he was connected with several mining ventures, including the management of the Erie Silver Mine. From Cobalt the late "Foghorn" MacDonald came to Porcupine. Here he acquired as wide fame as he had enjoyed in other camps. From Porcupine he went to Montreal and from the latter city he enlisted for overseas, going across with the regiment more or less appropriately known as "The Little Black Devils" of Winnipeg. In active service overseas, "Foghorn" also won fame; his powerful voice and his moral as well as his physical courage winning special notice from the men of all ranks. Innumerable stories are told of his "telling off" of bumpo-officers and his facility for keeping the men in cheerful frame of mind. He rose to the rank of major in the army, and on account of his winning experience he proved a particularly valuable man. He was given the work of the oversight of the famous mine designed to blow the top off Kemmel Hill. Eventually "Foghorn" was transferred to the Canadian Forestry Corps where he was widely popular and did effective work. It is suggested by some that his transfer to this branch of the service was partly due to his fearless-

ness in speaking his mind to officers in the army, irrespective of their ranks, when he considered their attitude was not in the best interests of the men and the winning of the war. In the Forestry Corps he proved a valuable man, and again was the centre of scores of stories in regard to his wit and humour and resourcefulness. It is said that "Foghorn" was first called thus by another man from Gengarry, Hugh MacDonald, who was impelled to use the name the first time he listened to that powerful voice in the early days of Cobalt. Among near relatives surviving is a brother, Mr. John Angus MacDonald, formerly manager of the Foster Mine at Cobalt and late of the McEnaney Mine at Timmins, but recently engaged in mining work in the Fort Matachewan area. He left Matachewan last week on news of the death and proceeded to Glen Nevis, Gengarry County, Ontario, to attend his brother's funeral there."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"His hosts of friends in the camp are pleased to see Carl Mueller recovered from his recent attack of typhoid fever." "Mr. J. J. Johnston went to Toronto last week to take some children left fatherless here to the care of the L.O.L. Orphanage where the youngsters will have the best of at-

ention and a good chance in life for education, care and training." "Chief of Police Dick Smith has resigned at Iroquois Falls and returned this week to South Porcupine." "Mr. J. Vanier was re-elected mayor of Iroquois Falls by acclamation on Monday. There were nine men nominated for councillors for the Falls." "Mr. R. Richardson, of Halleybury, spent the week-end at the home of his brother, Mr. W. F. Richardson, who has been confined to his bed for the past few weeks." "Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Tario, of Schumacher, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Violet P., to Wilson A. Boyce, second eldest son of Mrs. John Boyce, of Ottawa, the marriage to take place the latter part of December." "Mr. Elmore, Field Representative for the Kiwanis Club, who has been in Timmins for some weeks past, was recently a visitor to Cobalt where it is suggested that a Kiwanis Club be established. Timmins has organized a Kiwanis Club and New Liskeard is working along the same line." "Born—in Timmins, on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, to Dr. R. H. and Mrs. Brown—a daughter." "Mr. and Mrs. A. Brazeau and family left last week to take up residence in Ottawa. Mr. Brazeau, however, to spend most of his time in this district in connection with his plumbing business. Mr. Brazeau returned here at the week-end

after seeing the family settled in their new home. There will be general regret at the removal of the family from town where they were held in the highest esteem and where they have innumerable friends. All will be pleased however, to know that they will be frequent visitors here, and that Mr. Brazeau will continue to be practically a resident in town in connection with the extensive business in the district."

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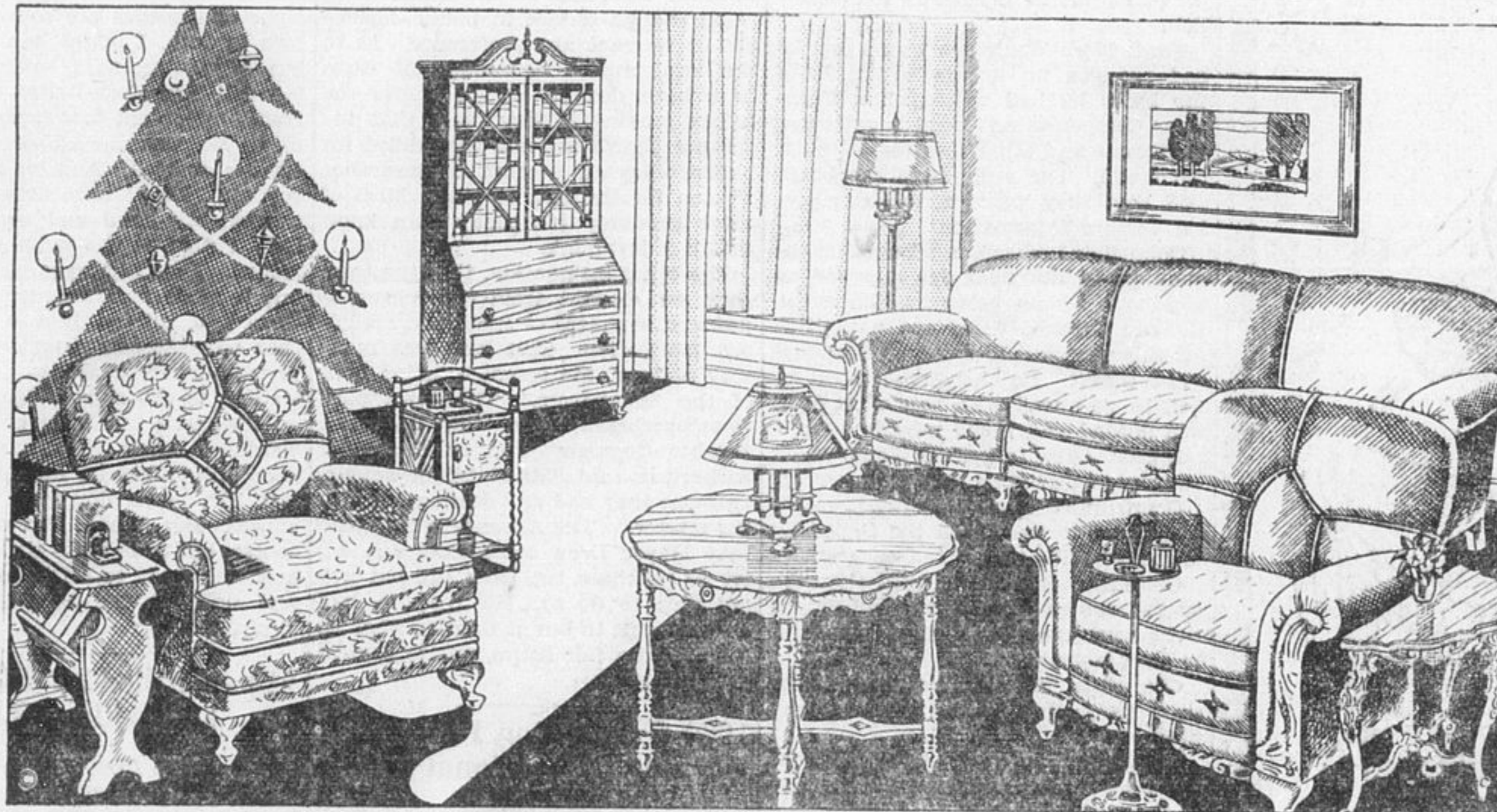
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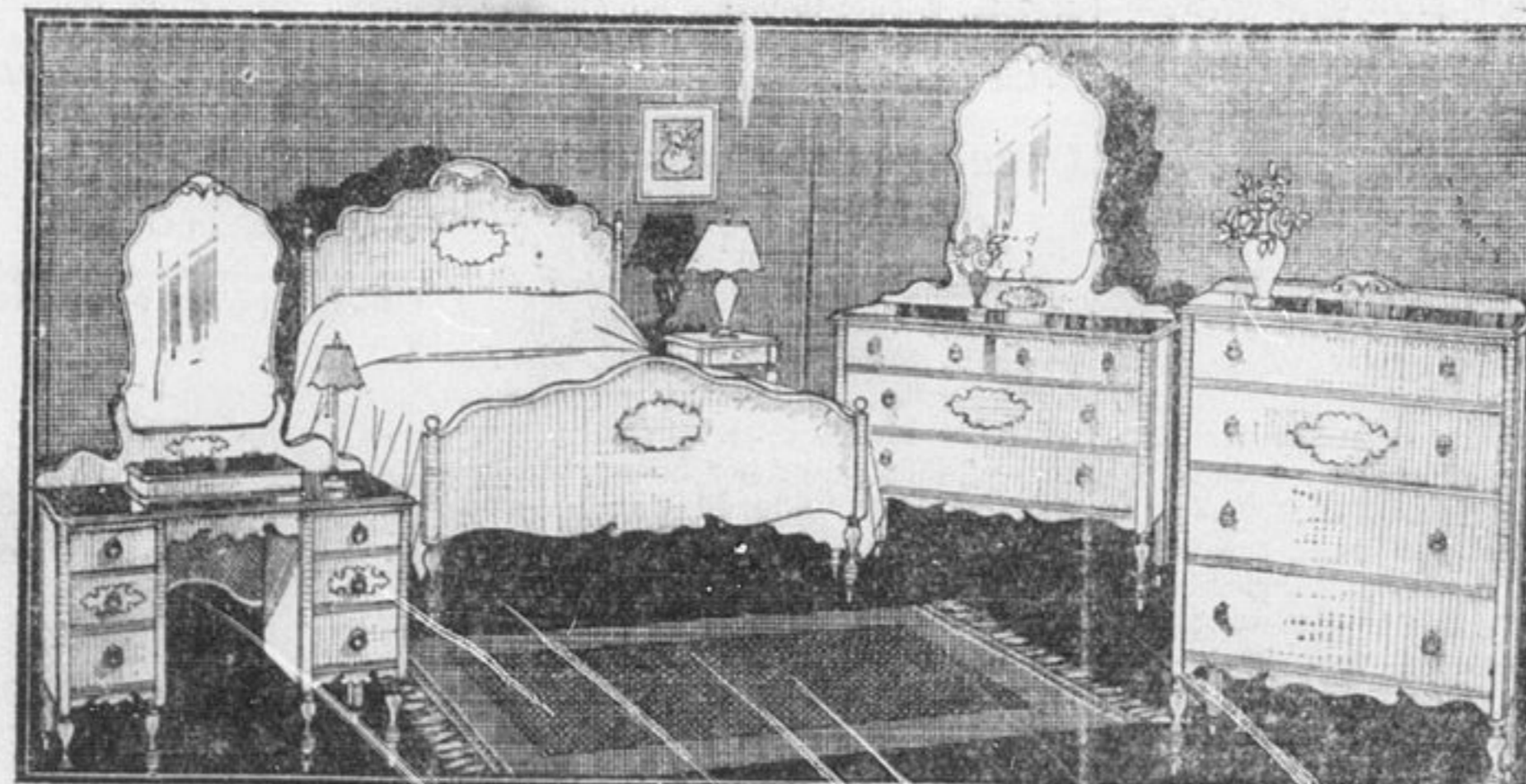


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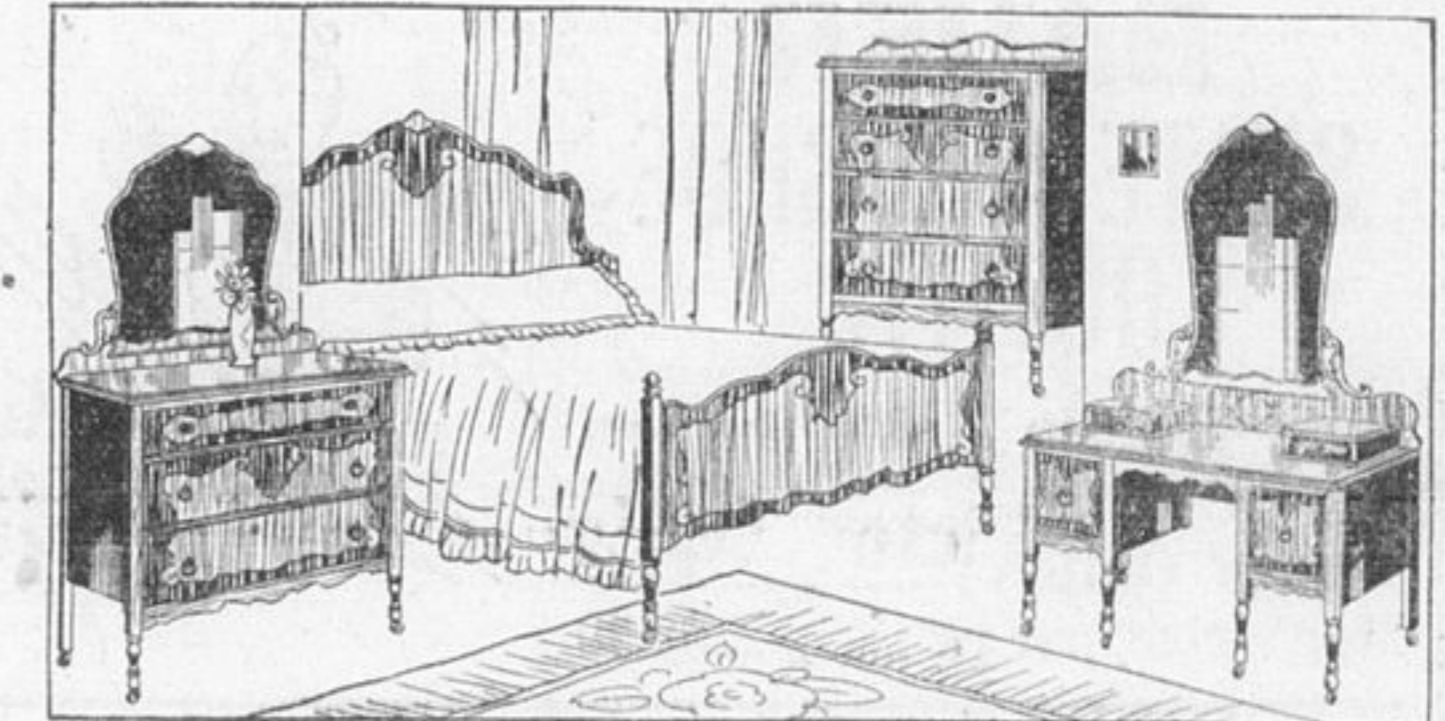
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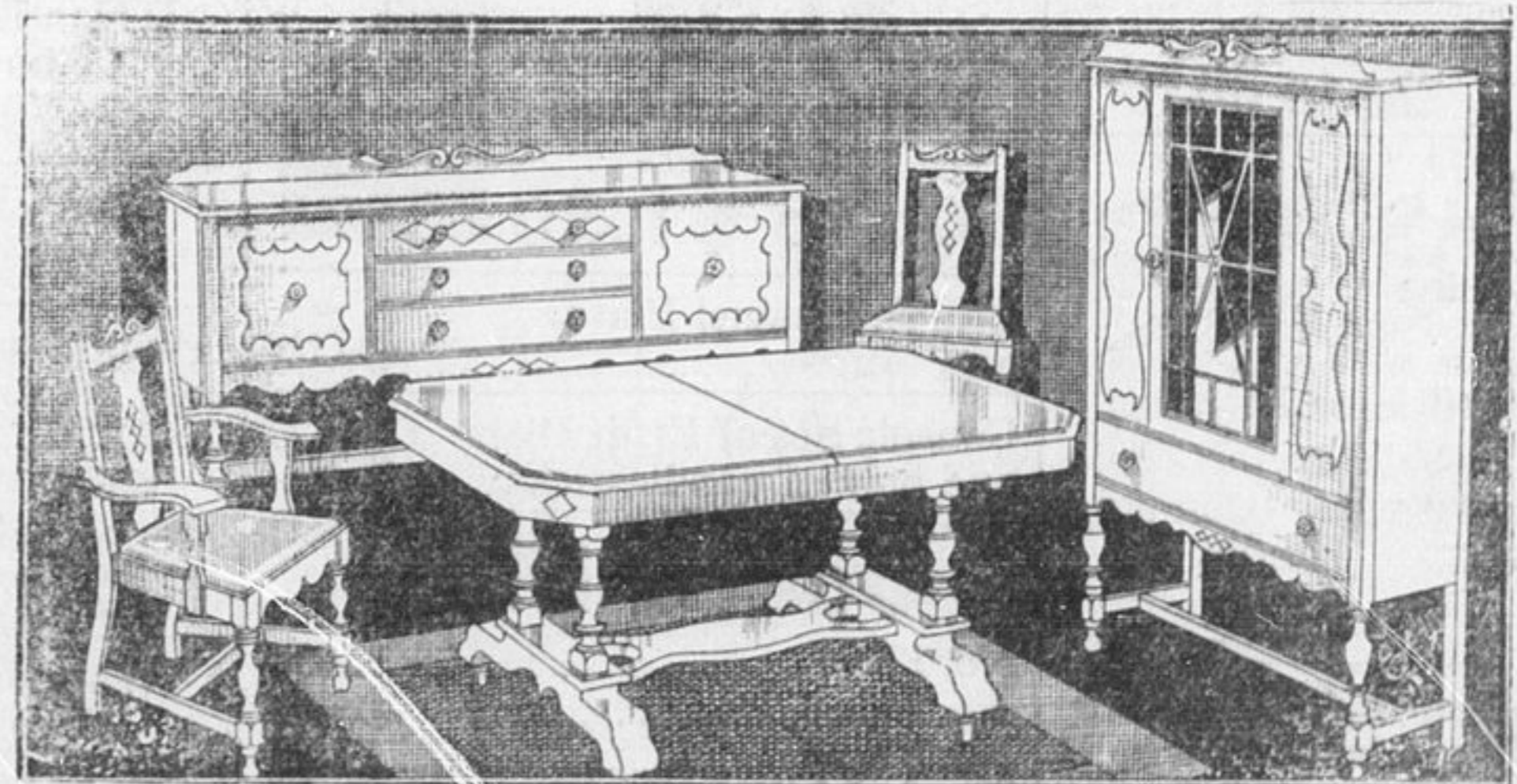
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