

Softball Executive Makes Final Decision on Entries

Schedule Now Being Prepared by League President will Include Three Games a Week, with No Double-Headers. Grads Entry is Accepted Unconditionally.

Softball fans this season will see only one week-end game, it was decided at a long executive meeting held on Monday night this week when league activities for the year were further clarified.

With three games a week proposed, one on Wednesday, one on Friday and one on the week-end, the schedule should be completed well in advance of last year's, since the six-team league is getting an early start and teams will be penalized for defaulting games.

The discussion that arose between Tuxis Grads and Timmins Juniors over which team should be entered, was settled in an eminently fair manner. The Grads entry, over which the misunderstanding arose, was withdrawn and both names were placed once more before the executive. On the vote, Grads won out and once more are officially entered. So everybody's happy once again. Entries are: Schumacher, West-

tinghouse, Palace Theatre, Friedmans, Tuxis Grads and McIntyre.

Players Getting in Shape

In the meantime, teams have not been losing any time getting into shape. Plenty of the lads are sporting sore fingers that insist, at the beginning of the season at least, in getting in front of a hard-thrown ball. One of the remarkable things noticed in preliminary softball activities is the number of players of former years who are feeling the itch to get back into the game. They find competition for places on the teams a good deal keener than in other years but it's all indicative of the rising interest in the game.

The drawing of the complete schedule was left in the hands of Carlo Cattarillo, president of the league, who will return it to the executive soon for consideration. The opening date, Friedmans versus Schumacher on May 25th, remains unchanged.

SPORT-ORE

From All Levels

Now that the men's softball organization is straightened away and the yearly enthusiasm will carry the league through to a successful beginning at least, thoughts of the fans are turning a little more toward girls' softball. The attempt to hold an annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Women's Softball Association was unsuccessful, so the game is now actually without a governing body. The latest proposal to hold an annual at some other point than North Bay and not affiliate with the Provincial Women's Softball Union will not do all for the game the old organization did.

So far as the Porcupine itself is concerned, the making of a league may go ahead just the same as in other years, but even here prospects do not seem bright. A sponsor is lacking for the former Empires team and so far only the W.S.A. is a sure entry. Schumacher is in much the same position as last week—undecided. Nothing has been heard from South Porcupine, the town that a few years ago could work up as much enthusiasm for the game as any town in the North. They haven't even been in the picture during recent years.

It is not surprising that few people like to give their time in helping girls' softball. Unpleasantness in the Northern Ontario body, springing mainly from Sudbury and Kirkland Lake, has given a wrong impression of the sport. Too much haggling over petty details and a generally unimportant attitude on the part of the clubs in some northern towns has done its damage.

Even in Timmins the girls have not been given the chance they deserve to play the game as it should be. Spectators at last year's games were altogether unfair in their attitude. They expected the girls to stand up at the plate or on the pitcher's mound and take the kind of stuff rabidly partisan fans seem to like to hurl at players of the opposing team. No women's sport can survive in the face of that. If it's exercise the girls want, they'd better take up tennis, swimming, golf, paddling, lawn bowls or something like that until Timmins fans learn their lesson—that they can't expect decent girls' sport unless they adopt a decent attitude toward it.

The breaking up for a year of the Northern Ontario body may in the end mean a better revival of softball in the North. It is to be hoped at least that it will impress upon most the need for a big change for the better.

Welcome, Abitibi!

The entry of Abitibi into the Temis-

kaming Baseball League is welcomed in the Porcupine, for without the Iroquois Falls team, the series between McIntyre and Porcupine would be decidedly dull. They're good sports in the Falls. They took their beatings last year without a whimper and what's more they met all their obligations to other clubs in playing out the schedule, although they knew shortly after the season began they didn't have a hope of getting into the playoffs.

With the young men who bulked large on last year's Abitibi entry backed by the five players who are arriving this week from the South, the Abitibi team may surprise both Porkies and Macs this year.

Flood Wins Argument

Sudbury soccer clubs won a victory from the National Soccer League last week when, threatening to withdraw from the league, Flood was granted the "privilege" of a chance at the National League championship. Finals were postponed last fall, owing to the lateness of the dates, a condition that arose from the previous engagements made by the Toronto contenders, Ulster United, it's said. This spring, after having told Sudbury that the finals would be played, the league intimated that it would be better to forget about the '35 championship and get on with the '36. The Nickel Belt league stuck by its guns and Toronto has given in. The first final is to be played in Toronto on May 25th, with a return game in Sudbury the following week. The Northerners are to be complimented on their determination. Once again Toronto has been told that it does not control all sport in the province of Ontario.

Canoeists Come North

Another sporting honour came north as far as Sudbury last week when it was announced from Ottawa that the annual regatta of the Canadian Canoe Association would be held on the home waters of the Sudbury Canoe Club—Lake Ramsay. It is expected that 500 wilders of the blade from all over the country will congregate there when the event is held.

New Time Table to go in Effect Sunday

Few Changes in Times or Trains in the New Schedule Announced.

As noted recently in The Advance the new time table on the T. & N. O. will go into effect on Sunday, May 17th. There are few changes and none of

particular moment so far as this section is concerned. There are no trains added and none withdrawn. There are a few minor changes of time of trains, but neither 46 nor 47 (the Toronto trains) is changed in time.

Under the new time table trains leave Timmins as follows:—No. 2, passenger, daily except Sunday, at 7 a.m.; No. 4, Sunday only, 8.30 a.m.; No. 106, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 9.35 a.m. No. 46, daily, 1.30 p.m.

Trains arrive here as follows:—No. 1 passenger, daily, 10 p.m.; No. 47, daily, 5 p.m.; No. 105, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 9.05 a.m.

Annual Meeting of N.O.W.S.A. Deferred

Meeting Last Week Adjourned to June 6th, as the Last Chance for Northern Clubs.

While Timmins did not send a representative to the annual meeting of the N.O.W.S.A. at North Bay last Saturday, and while Miss Maimie Borland resigned as president of the association and refused to consider acceptance of the place again, and while in general the young ladies in town formerly interested in softball have certainly lost all active interest in the Northern Ontario Women's Softball Association, still common curiosity would make some interest in the fate of the annual meeting of the association at North Bay. Because of this The Advance gives below the only report seen of the meeting last Saturday at North Bay. It is from The North Bay Nugget and reads as follows:—

Clubs Given One Month to Support N.O.W.S.A.

"The burial of the Northern Ontario Women's Softball Association was postponed temporarily at least Saturday afternoon when a handful of North Bay enthusiasts, attending an alleged annual meeting in the city hall here, decided to give Northern clubs one more chance to rally around its banners.

"Sum and substance of the decision decreed that the meeting be postponed until Saturday, June 6, and if at that time disinterest is still apparent as was manifested here Saturday, the N.O.W.S.A. will throw up its hands and disband. Notices of this 'last chance' meeting were mailed to the various clubs in the North Saturday night.

"With the president absent and no new officers to take over the reins because nominations had not been made for any of the executive positions, Saturday's so-called meeting was a grand flop. It was impossible to transact any business, and what is more not a single outside delegate put in an appearance.

Life Member Speaks

"The half a dozen North Bayites were just on the verge of allowing the association to pass out of existence when Mrs. W. Larden, a past president and life member, who presided in the absence of Maimie Borland, Timmins, suggested that clubs be given another month's time to show some concrete enthusiasm. She said that now that the softballers are taking to the diamond again they may become more interested in the destiny of the association in the next few weeks.

"Miss Gladys Gigg, secretary-treasurer, who had previously announced her resignation, consented to carry on for another month and do her utmost to stir up a little enthusiasm among the clubs which were affiliated last year.

"So the meeting was postponed until Saturday afternoon, June 6, starting at 2.30 o'clock. Nominations for executive positions must be in the hands of the secretary by Saturday, May 23.

"Both Mrs. Larden and Miss Gigg, the only two officials present, were loathe to have the association disband, though at one time Saturday they saw no way of getting around it. But when Mrs. Larden suggested that clubs be given another month to make up their minds, the others at the confab readily fell in line.

"A number of clubs had letters at the meeting wishing the association the 'best of luck,' but failed to name their choices for the executive or make any suggestions for the welfare of the body. The Noranda Copper Queens were the only club to ask for affiliation. Eight clubs were members of the association last year.

"In requesting that the meeting be set over until June 6, Mrs. Larden said that if it would be for the betterment of the association to have the annual session held in some other centre besides North Bay, this city would gladly give up its claim to the right of having it held here. She pointed out that North Bay has always been the association headquarters, but that this could be changed if it would be to the advantage of the N.O.W.S.A. as a whole.

"In giving notice of an amendment which will be introduced at the June 6 gathering, Dom Cangiano, North Bay, said he felt the association should not renew its affiliation with the Provincial Women's Softball Union and that the Northern champions into the Ontario playoffs should be abolished.

Letters Galore

"Though it was impossible to deal with it officially, Miss Gigg read her secretary-treasurer's report which drew considerable praise from Mrs. Larden. All in all last year Miss Gigg received and answered some 400 letters and sent out 44 telegrams. She announced a deficit of 71 cents, due mainly to the fact that gate receipts were extremely poor last season.

"Miss Gigg also read a written resignation from Miss Borland who served as president in 1934 and 1935.

"Present at the meeting, besides Mrs. Larden and Miss Gigg, were Miss Teresa Demarco, Miss Clara Ceresa and Jerry Palangio, of the Italian girls' team in North Bay, Dom Cangiano and The Nugget."

Sold To Chicago



ANDY BLAIR

"Handy Andy" Blair, veteran Toronto Maple Leaf hockey star, was sold to Chicago Black Hawks at the recent N.H.L. gathering for a reported price of \$7,500. Blair started as a centre, graduating to major league hockey from University of Manitoba. Last year he starred as a Toronto defenceman. Chicago will probably put him back at centre.

Soccer Season to be Opened on Saturday

McIntyre Plays the "Rest of The Camp" Here on Saturday Evening.

The opening game of the soccer season in the Porcupine will be played on Saturday evening at the local park when McIntyre's team will play the rest of the camp.

The field is dry now and work on cleaning it up in preparation for the opening game has been begun. Proceeds will go to support of the St. John Ambulance Brigades who have been providing a free first aid service to Timmins athletes for some time.

Haenni, of Switzerland May Win Olympic Sprint

(By HANS THOMAS)

Ted Meredith, one of America's foremost Olympic champions, doubts whether the United States will be able to retain its sprint titles in the Berlin games this summer. Meredith who, as a Mercedesburg Academy schoolboy, scored one of the most startling Olympic upsets in winning the 800-metre title in 1912, expressed that opinion today as he supervised a workout of the Czechoslovakian track and field team.

"We Americans had many good sprinters during the last 20 years," Meredith, coach of Czechoslovakia's Olympic hopefuls, said. "But we swept all three titles—100, 200 and 400-metre sprints—only once during that period. That was in 1932 when Eddie Tolan won the 100 and 200 titles and Bill Carr captured the 400 at Los Angeles.

"That's worth thinking about," Meredith stood on the edge of the track in Slavia Stadium, punctuating his remarks with shots from a starting pistol as he sent Czech Olympic candidates through time trials. The former Mercedesburg Academy flash has been coaching at Prague, Czechoslovakia, over a year. He still is the short stocky figure he was years ago, although his hair is graying.

Leaves Post at Penn

Meredith, who went into the 400-metre race as a substitute in 1912 and set an Olympic record in beating out the favourites, came over here at the request of the Czechoslovakian Athletic Federation. He had been freshman coach at the University of Pennsylvania, but left that post to come to Europe when the federation selected him from several candidates submitted by the Amateur Athletic Union of America.

"Frank Wyckoff was considered invincible in 1928," he continued. "But Frank was whipped in the 100 and 200-metre events by Percy Williams of Canada. Other stars met similar fates when they came to Europe.

"The reason Americans aren't successful abroad is because they participate in the Olympics under unfavorable conditions. They must submit to strenuous elimination tests even before they get over here. Then they must undergo long ocean voyages as well as overcome the handicap of competing in different climates. Is there any wonder why Americans haven't won all three Olympic sprint series in Europe since 1912?"

Asked whom he considered likely winners, Meredith replied:

"That's difficult to say. Eulace Peacock had a hard time when he was over here last year beating the young Swiss sprinter Haenni, who is improving every day. Others who'll give the Americans trouble are the Dutchman, Osdarp, and Germany's Leichum."

Meredith receives 10,000 Czech crowns a month—the highest salary ever paid an athletic coach in Czechoslovakia. Broken down, that equals about \$400 a month. And it's doubtful whether the Federation will get its money's worth out of Ted in the form of Olympic medals. Not because Meredith isn't a good coach, but because the federation only has 1,500 members, few of whom are any good.

CANADA MAY ESTABLISH FREE PORTS, TRADE AREAS

Certain parts of Canada are to be labelled "Free" or "Free Foreign Trade Areas" according to a bill given a second reading in the senate. The idea is one approved in many parts of the world where goods are imported and exported without being changed in any way.

Calls Cricket Old and Glorious Game

Former Minister of National Revenue Writes on his Favourite Recreation.

(By Hon. R. C. Matthews)

Anyone who reads the newspapers these days must be aware that professionalism is hovering on commercial wing over many branches of amateur sport. This fact is a matter of deep concern to many sportsmen and citizens generally. People of British extraction have always taken a very great pride in their amateur games. We dislike financial rackets in any kind of sport, but, above all, in games played by young boys, who are in the making as good sportsmen and who excel in many games. We cannot help feeling that some games are not always played as games. They are becoming a business. We do not welcome the news that many of our brightest and most promising Canadian boys are being drafted into the ranks of professional sport at home and in other countries, nor are we enthusiastic over the importation of boys from other countries to take the places of Canadian boys in playing Canadian games. It is not the purpose of this article to speak in condemnation of these developments in what was once an amateur sport. I merely point out the tendency and express regret.

In this respect, one game stands out in clear relief: "Casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a fourth"—the old and glorious game of cricket. In Canada cricket has remained a purely amateur sport. Cricket games are played as games. Indeed, it would be almost true to say that in this country we have not even professional instruction. This, of course, is not as it should be. Cricket is one of the most difficult of all games to play well. If a boy is to become even moderately proficient, he should be instructed in all its rudiments. That means competent coaching.

At once, the question suggests itself: Why is it that cricketers in Canada have no such professional instruction, of which the game is sorely in need? It would seem to be a very easy matter to engage English professionals and bring them to Canada to teach young Canadians the fine points of the game. There must be thousands of competent professionals in England, whose services would be of inestimable value to Canadian youth. Why do they not come? Briefly, for two reasons: First, they find full employment at home, and second, even if they were available, Canadian cricket is not financially able to induce them to come.

The growth of cricket in Canada is worth while. Those who have had the good fortune to visit schools and colleges in England, have looked with admiration on the pictures hanging in the great halls. They have seen there the portraits of notable men who spent their boyhood in these colleges, and afterwards won approbation and fame in service to their country—in statesmanship, in diplomacy, in military service, in art, in literature and in industry. In contemplation, one begins to realize that while their success in these various realms was due primarily to their natural ability and to their academic instruction, yet one sees the playing fields as well as the portraits, and remembers that these men took their places in their day on the cricket fields of England.

It would be absurd to attribute all the high character of Englishmen to the game of cricket, but looking back over the past years and realizing what the game of cricket instils in a boy, one cannot help feeling that at least a part

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Abitibi, McIntyre and Dome to Play T. B. L. Northern Schedule. Hope Definitely Abandoned of Operating Timmins or Hollinger Team.

With Abitibi, McIntyre and Dome definitely entered in the northern group of the Temiskaming Baseball League, officials will get down to business next week to draw up a schedule for the three-team loop.

Abitibi promises to be a team of about the same calibre as the other two teams entered. George Charron of Iroquois Falls has been in touch during the past few days with S. C. Platé, the league president, and has intimated that he will have at least five new men on the paper town's team. One player has already arrived in the Falls and

four others are expected to-day. All hope of having a Timmins entry has now been abandoned. A frantic last-minute effort has been made by a Timmins business man to make arrangements to sponsor a team, but in the end it was decided that it is now too late to get the players necessary to make an entry strong enough to make a showing against McIntyre and Dome.

In the southern group it is reported that the Noranda entry is definite and the league there will begin on June 3rd with Wright Hargreaves, Toburn, Lake Shore and Noranda in the four-team loop.

of their steadiness, their impartiality in playing the game of life and their insistence on fair play in all matters, may be due to their taking their places as little boys on the playing fields of their schools and learning from their seniors the wonderful game of cricket.

It is not also true that the Englishman's age-long adherence to cricket has had its influence and its reaction on conduct, not only at home, but wherever England's sons have gone throughout the whole world?

As time passes and we see developments in various activities of life, we begin to appreciate more deeply some of the fundamentals that have been overlooked in this age of hurry. No matter how fond one may be of all other sport, cricket has a hold on men's minds. They may not be able to express it, but it is there. I know this from the fact that scarcely a day

passes that someone does not speak to me about cricket. Men in Toronto, who have been interested for years in professional sport, have come to me asking if I thought I could interest their sons in the game of cricket. Why? Because they want their boys to grow up and "play the game" throughout their lives. Other men have written letters, thinking me for having interested their boys in cricket. From many quarters throughout Canada have come expressions of approval. In these days when so many games are honeycombed with professionalism, thousands of fathers in this country will welcome a revival of cricket so that their boys can participate. Men are outspoken in saying that they know of no tribute they would rather have paid to their sons than that someone competent to judge, should say: "Your son is a fine cricketer."

Tony Staggered by McLarnin's First-Round Attack



Flash to the point of Tony Canzoneri's jaw crashed this smoking left hook handed out by Jimmy McLarnin, and the lightweight champion grimaced with agony as the blow landed. It was the first round of the McLarnin-Canzoneri scrap in Madison Square Garden and Tony was literally out on his feet. McLarnin failed to follow up his advantage, and the courageous Italian batter came back in the next nine rounds to hammer Vancouver's pride from pillar to post and win a unanimous decision. Jimmy's one terrific flurry is ably pictured here.

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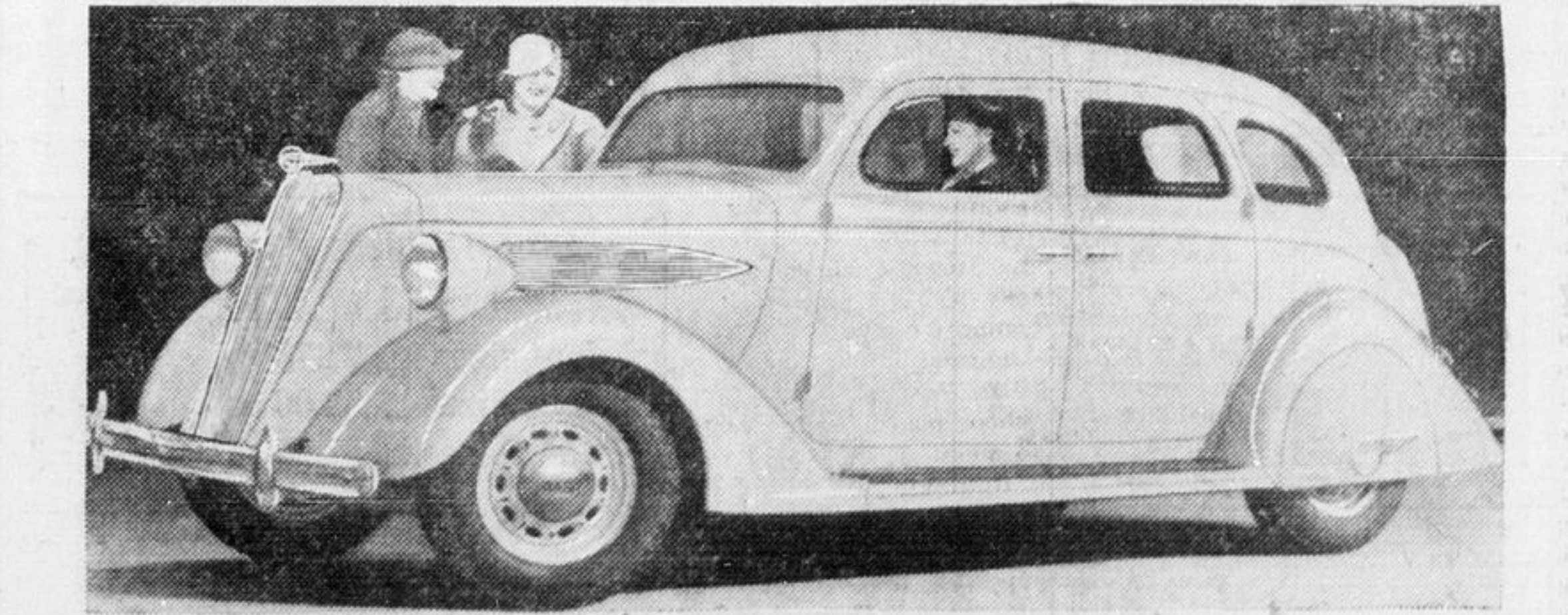
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