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Yawns, Taxes, Reds, Hockey and So Forth

Why the Girl Cannot Stop Yawning.

(By Thomas Richard Henry in The Toronto Telegram)
A Montreal girl has been yawning for five days.

She can't stop. There is always a possibility of an outbreak of this kind in a community where people are exposed to the editorials of the Montreal Star.

We sometimes wonder why the United States Government doesn't get all tangled up in its own tax returns.

We saw a letter from a U.S. business man yesterday whose company had a turnover of \$30,000,000 in 1937. The letter stated: "It actually required more clerical help in our offices at our expense to furnish records and information to the government than it does to carry on our own business."

If you think the writer has gone off the deep end in this statement there is the corroborative evidence of the Saturday Evening Post, which states that in 1927 the Curtis Publishing Company filed 14 tax returns with various U.S. governments at a cost of \$850 to prepare them, and filed one return in Canada.

In 1937 this company filed 44,500 tax returns at a cost of \$21,000 to prepare them, and filed one return in Canada. We are forced to admit that the U.S. government appears to be doing its best to wipe out unemployment.

There seems to be a considerable stir in Montreal about communism. One would almost think that Premier Duplessis had unearthed something new from the sudden energy he is displaying in trying to stamp it out.

There is nothing particularly new in communism. The Wall Street Journal copied the following rhyme from the "Corn Law Rhymester" of England:

What is a communist? One who hath yearnings
For equal division of unequal earnings.
Idler or bungler, or both, he is willing
To fork out his copper and pocket your shilling.
Since this poetical definition appear-

ed in England in 1620 we might inform Mr. Duplessis that a communist is not a new specimen.

Nor does it appear that communists have changed much since 1620. We might warn M. Duplessis in the midst of his enthusiastic "stamping out" that Huey Long was shot he is more or less worshipped by Louisiana.

All history proves that if you want to give a man importance all you have to do is to persecute him or shoot him. He then becomes a martyr and the job is done.

For our own part we would be just as enthusiastic in purging the country of the taint of fascism as the taint of communism.

Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Maroons will meet in a hockey fixture to-night. We would like to make a suggestion. The teams practice hockey and please the cash customers in the contests.

So far as we know the fights that often form part of the entertainment are not rehearsed at all. We are not complaining about the fights. They are usually quite interesting.

We think, however, it is a little unfair to the hockey players to expect them to continue to pull off minor riots without a little rehearsing and a little coaching in this specialty.

Great Bear Lake Subject of Talk


L. G. Smith, of Timmins Corporation, to Address Mining Institute To-night

Leonard G. Smith, of the Noah A. Timmins Corporation, of Montreal, will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Porcupine branch of The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, to be held to-night in the dining room of the Empire hotel, commencing at 8:30 p.m.


Mr. Smith will give a talk, illustrated by moving pictures on mining in the Great Bear Lake district in the Northwest Territories. Great Bear Lake, the home of the only known radium deposits of commercial value in the British Empire, has made an important contribution to mining development and has a most interesting history.

Financial Post.—Toronto's Hush has discontinued publication. Bankrupt? Oh no! Its editor and publisher says he wishes to retire to his country estate to devote himself to his horses and greyhounds. He says he wants more leisure to go south in the winter and to Europe in the summer.

Ottawa Journal.—A committee from the Toronto Conference of the United Church complains that relief in Toronto is "inadequate and inefficient," and wants an inquiry. The plight of the taxpayers, who must pay this relief bill, also might be given some study.



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PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

THE FLOOR SHOW FOR FALL
News about rugs and carpets—Colour are lighter—Textures are more subtle—Patterns gain in distinction and sophistication.

The lady with a house (whether she's a ma-on in a mansion, or a smooth and slimy number with a small house and a new husband) is going to have a new rug or carpet this fall if she can dig up the shadow of an excuse. And when it comes to digging up an excuse of that kind, the lady with a house is plenty resourceful. So husbands, who pay the bills, had better look out.

For this is a rug year. Styles have changed. Colors are now. Sizes are different. And not in many a day have there been such stimulating selections of floor coverings on view. At prices that—all things considered—are not bad at all. For fifty or a hundred and fifty you can get lovely decorator-designed rugs.

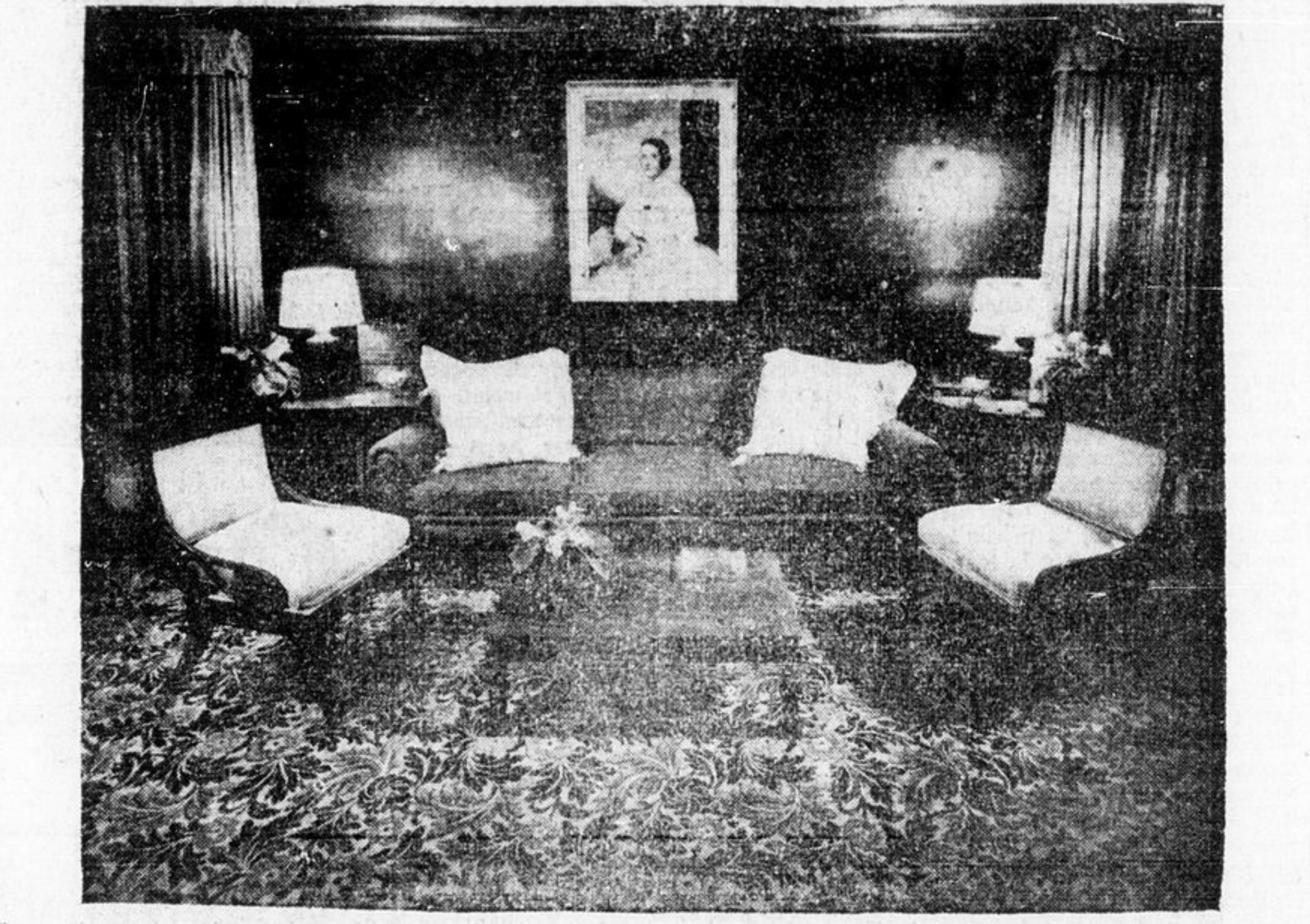
A Little More
But for those to whom price is only an incident, we point out with a grand gesture the hand-carved broadloom

den't show footmarks or dust, and they look so grand and refreshing after many years of dark floors.

Beige is Good
As for colours, you'll adore beige most likely, for it is offered in a wide range of shades and off-tints, all very alluring. In the all-over textural effects they hold up surprisingly well, just getting beige-r and beige-r as they soil. But if you don't care for beige or have misgivings on the practical side, consider the light olive greens with gray cast, the fine new blues with grayish purple tints, the range of mauves from light to powderly deep tones, the dusty pinks and rosy reds, the slate, gunmetal and light grays, the wood tones.

Next to the light colours of the new rugs, the return of the 27-inch carpet is probably the most important news. The vogue for figured-to-the-baseboard carpeting is largely responsible, and that's been done before, with colors that are subtle and new, yet definitely usable, with a versatility that will appeal to any taste that is sophisticated and discerning. One of these with a dusty pink ground and an acanthus border in grays and off-whites suggests itself for use with the fine beiges featured in auxiliary decorative accessories, or contrasted with a new gentian blue. Another is in a grayed blue with baroque scrolls, another a dusty blue with very modern off-white swirls, another in a dark brown with needlepoint designs, and another in a deep red with flowers and garlands in a beautiful arrangement. Two neutrals are in beige, one with a self-toned design taken from a Normandy quilt, the other with a deeper wood-toned motif inspired by finely carved wood panels.

Less Expensive
Among the rugs of good styling that



The return of the all-over figured carpet is this year's news. Here it is shown in a distinguished design in a cream ground with shades of pale to deeper green for the scroll figure. The room itself has deep green walls with pale chateaufe and pale shell pink for highlights.

these designs range all the way from French flowerlets to Victorian cabbage roses, from rather formal Empire medallions to all-over scroll motifs, from conventional hooked designs to very lovely subtle leaf and plume patterns. Watch for ingrains and Brussels too!

Sleeker Textures
Texture in plain coloured rugs isn't news this season, but the development of it is. It's sleeker than it was, following the evolution of upholstery fabrics from the shaggy and homespun surfaces to the more suave finishes. So when you buy a plain-effect rug or carpet with texture weave to assure better service, you'll probably pick something that looks more like a perfectly plain carpet than anything else. Examination will show that the weave is a frieze or some other subtle variation of a novelty texture. Maybe it will be a serge or a herringbone weave; maybe a chenille tufted broadloom; maybe a damask effect or one of the more elegant new textures that give the effect of greater depth. There's also a trend toward the plain colour washed rugs which achieve their feeling of texture simply by lustrous surface. These are turning up in some awfully nice new off-shades that are worth considering.

In figured rugs the artist Joseph Platt has turned out the smartest group of mass production rugs we've seen, and they're not too expensive (around \$150). These have the look of a special order decorator job with motifs that are different from anything

sell for a reasonable price (around \$50) we noted an all-over fern leaf design in mellow colorings; a sweet old floral sampler pattern; an oyster-white rug with a simple diamond design; a misty mossy design inspired by an antique rug of early Louisiana heritage; a rug design taken from a piece of old Swedish embroidery in sea beach shades and ocean heather. In this same category are a group of ensembled rugs, a plain effect frieze weave in a color that is ensembled with the predominant shade of a figured rug. The two are suggested for adjoining rooms where harmony rather than repetition is desired.

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Surprise Party Held in Honour of Mrs. J. Scott

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mrs. A. Scott, 30 Rae street, in honour of Mrs. J. Welsh. The evening was spent in playing cards. Mrs. Welsh was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, about 20 ladies being present.

The winners at cards were:—Mrs. M. Shields, first; Mrs. R. Charlier, second; Mrs. J. Mustato, consolation; Mrs. J. McGarry, door prize; Mrs. I. Galvin, guessing contest; Mrs. E. Ranger, draw prize.



A needlepoint design distinguishes this lovely dark ground rug, suitable for many types of period rooms. The colours here are powder blue walls, a maroon rug, and draperies and upholstery in a striped material repeating these colours.

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Propose Use on Roads of Sulphite Waste Liquid

Kapuskasing Man Suggests Economical Method of Dust-Laying on Northern Roads. Plan Should Be Thoroughly Investigated and Tested. Could Be Used by Towns in North With Advantage

The following editorial from The North Bay Nugget is worthy of special attention and should be carefully considered and investigated, not only by the provincial authorities but also by towns of the North. If the use of sulphite waste liquid is practical, the plan offers an economical method for removing one of the biggest inconveniences and dangers of travel over Northern roads—town roads as well as highways. The following is The Nugget's editorial in full:—

Worth Consideration
According to a report made by D. J. MacLaurin to the Kapuskasing Board of Trade, an exceptionally effective dust-laying fluid is going to waste in the North while the users of highways must swallow dust throughout the summer season and with that face a great hazard in dust clouds caused by speeding vehicles.

Mr. MacLaurin drew attention to a waste product of paper mills, sulphite waste liquid, available in incalculable quantity in Northern Ontario, as a cure for the highway nuisance.

He submitted that this liquid can be obtained at little or no cost, and only simple investigation and experimentation would be necessary to make it serviceable for the purpose he proposes. He described sulphite liquid as a useless by-product of sulphite plants, which contains 10% of lignin solids, and lignin is a glue-like substance which nature uses to cement together the cellulose fibres in the growing tree. He maintained that this binding property would quickly and permanently overcome the highway dust nuisance, and at relatively low cost.

To quote his report: "During the summer, unpaved roads in Northern Ontario are famous for the inches of dust that makes travel on them both disagreeable and dangerous. Herein is proposed a scheme for remedying this condition through an effective and inexpensive method; consisting merely in applying waste sulphite liquor to such roads."

"It is interesting to consider why sulphite waste liquor is effective for this use. In general, wood substance is composed of roughly equal parts of cellulose and lignin. When pure, or nearly pure, cellulose is obtained from wood substance by dissolving out the unwanted lignin part with a solution of sulphurous acid and basic bisulphites, the product is known commercially as sulphite pulp.

"For every ton of sulphite pulp there is produced a by-product of about 2000 gallons of sulphite waste liquor, which contains 10-12 per cent. lignin solids. Lignin is a glue-like substance which nature uses to cement together the cellulose fibres in the growing tree. Thus, when waste sulphite liquor is applied to dusty roads by one of the several methods now in use, it is the cementing and binding properties of

lignin, together with its hygroscopic nature, which cause the dust particles to stick to one another, resulting in roads so treated becoming dustless. "Admittedly there may be some technological difficulties, such as determining the best methods of application to meet local soil and climatic conditions, which would require investigation before waste sulphite liquor could be used with complete success in any particular place. Yet, considering the fortunate distribution of sulphite pulp mills throughout this North Country, which would assure a ready supply of this liquor at practically no cost other than handling, and desirability of treating roads with a material which does not injure car tires or paint, it appears logical that such a scheme warrants thorough study on the part of those entrusted with the maintenance of our highways."

He further cited that this liquid is used in Scandinavian countries, particularly Sweden, with the result dusty roads are now unknown. It is also effectively used in the States of Washington and New Jersey, the latter famous for good highways.

Dust-laying materials have been used in Northern Ontario with some success but it cannot be said that they have afforded sufficient relief. The MacLaurin proposal is worthy of study, at least, and should it be found that the liquid will accomplish all he claims, and can be procured at small cost, the highways department shouldn't lose any time in putting it to use.

While the main highways are being reconstructed with a view to laying permanent surfaces, it will be a few years before this is accomplished. In the meantime the department could overcome the dust nuisance by adopting Mr. MacLaurin's cure.

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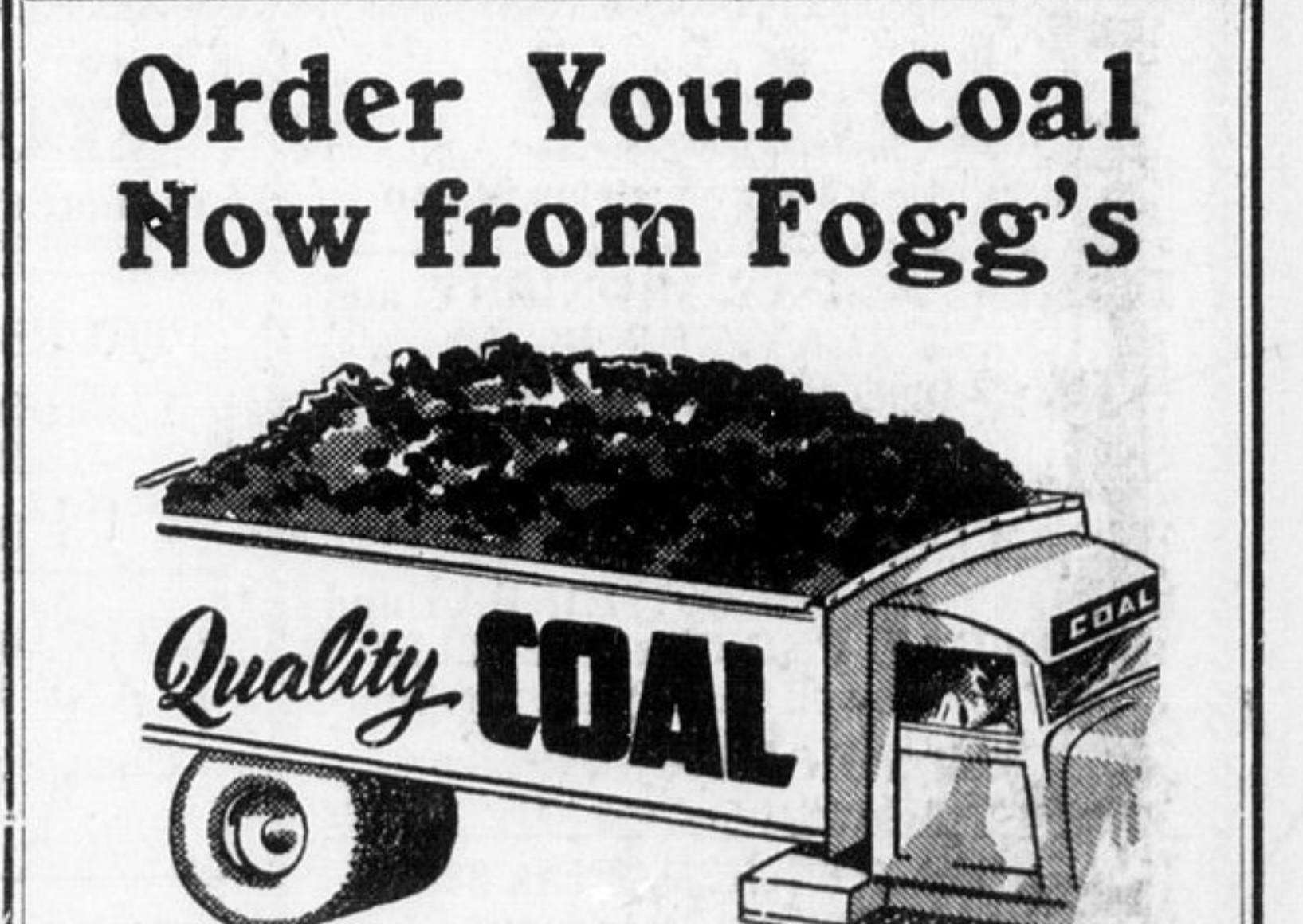
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