

# Flays Communism and Is Heckled by Group

**Noted Lecturer Speaks at New Empire Theatre on Tuesday Night. Condemns Fallacies of Russian System. Advises Clean-up of Evils to Avoid Same Thing Here.**

A scathing denunciation of the fallacious doctrines of Communism and a warning against a theory which would duplicate "the present bloody Russian regime" in this country was given at the New Empire theatre on Tuesday night by Dr. George Hermann Derry, brilliant director of the campaign being waged by the Knights of Columbus against Communism and other subversive forces. Dr. Derry is at present President of Marygrove College, Michigan.

Despite heckling from an apparently organized group in his audience Dr. Derry managed to both get his address across to the large audience and to confound his interrupters.

Subject of the speaker's talk was "Can Democracy Endure." Following his trenchant expose of Communism Dr. Derry went on to show how this country could avoid its entry and check its rapid growth.

A view of the world's economic position today would reveal the democracies ranged on one side and on the other Communism, Fascism and Nazism. Of the three evils Dr. Derry thought Communism the most dangerous to America.

If one were to ask Earl Browder, Secretary-General of the Communist Party in the United States and its candidate for President, what Communism really meant he undoubtedly would say that it was a state of society where exploitation of workers by their bosses was abolished; a state where there was no division of classes or distinction between them.

"If that was all that Communism really meant no one could object," said the speaker. However, if the system at present in power in Russia was Communism, it stood indicted of "high crimes against God and man."

In Russia hundreds of thousands of ministers of religion had been butchered. Today the regime was engaged in the task of tearing religion and moral values from the hearts of its youth. In Mexico Communism was teaching practices of immorality in schools and in Spain it had murdered hundreds of the religious because of the simple fact that they had dedicated their lives and service to God.

"That can happen here if we fail to face Communism and the bloody, brutal facts of the present Russian regime," said the speaker.

Communism claimed that in America there was exploitation by capital yet in Russia today there was exploitation by a brutal state which was, in all its essentials, capitalistic.

Here jobs were hard to get, there jobs were forced on workers—cramped down their throats. They had no choice. They worked for the state or they died.

It was among the claims of Marxian Communism to abolish profits; to let every man rise according to his work and merit, to give to every man according to his needs. Instead of abolishing profits the bureaucracy now in power was wringing them from the sweat of its co-workers. Profits now were pocketed by seventeen omnipotent Commissioners, who owned and operated all the property.

The profits were being used to build the mightiest military machine ever conceived by the mind of man. They would use it to force their own ruthless system on all the other workers of the world.

Citing two authorities on Russia, William Henry Chamberlain, correspondent in Russia for ten years for the Christian Science Monitor, and Eugene Lyons, who went to Russia originally as a Socialist to dedicate his life to the cause of Communism, and who returned disillusioned, Dr. Derry said that these two "cool headed, hard boiled newspapermen" both maintained that Russian workers were worse paid now than they were under the Czarist regime. Their food was scantier than that they received under the Czars, bad as it was then.

The only class which was profiting under the present system, said the speaker, was the bureaucratic, office-holders, who purchased their jobs by the most abject servility to those over them.

"There is no freedom of speech there. You can't form a group of people who believe as you do into a political party. You can't join a labour union there. You work for one big union or starve. There is no freedom to strike or bargain collectively," said Dr. Derry.

A union man in Russia voted for a delegate to the Village Soviet, said Dr. Derry, outlining the mechanics of the system. The Village Soviet voted a delegate to the Provincial Soviet, which in turned voted one to the Regional Soviet. The Regional Soviet sent delegates to the All-Russian Congress, which was in session for two weeks of the year. Over the Congress were the seventeen Commissioners and over them the one big Bolshevik, Stalin.

At the mention of the word "Stalin" the organized group of hecklers throughout the audience broke into applause. They continued to shout interruptions whenever criticism of the Soviet government grew trenchant.

The platform and policies did not come from below but were drafted by the top men and imposed on the successive Soviets below, said Dr. Derry. There was no opposition as approval of policies was enforced by machine guns and bloody terrorism.

"We betide your labour union member there who proposes an amendment of the party slate," said the speaker. "He would be liquidated on the spot and that thirty cent word means seeing your own life blood flowing as a liquid down the gutters of the state."

"And that is what they are trying to

recommend to you here in Timmins."

The Bolshevik Party, which comprised the ruling class in Russia, did not amount to one tenth of one per cent of the population. Below that number were 170,000,000 Russians and below them 10,000,000 of the population in work camps and concentration camps in Siberia and in the Arctic. With the conscript labour it was able to command and for which it did not have to pay, Russia was able to mine manganese and coal and drill for oil and dump the produce on the American market, thus putting men out of work here.

People did not become Communists because they were anti-God or against the Christian home or the principles of democracy, said Dr. Derry. They became Communists because they were half starved. They were half starved because of the unequal distribution of property in this world and in America.

Two independent researchers from an American university—men that he knew, said the speaker, started out to analyse the wealth of America. They discovered that the total wealth amounted to about 400 billion. Of that amount more than ninety-six per cent was in the hands of four per cent of the people.

Capitalism meant private property in production yielding fair profit and fair wages, said Dr. Derry. It was the abuse of capitalism which was one of the major evils. However, the "Bourgeois wage dictator," who said to his employee "take it or starve," was disappearing. Labour was in the ascendant.

Unfortunately a new type of dictator had arisen. It was the labour union racketeer. Communism had made it a point to try and gain control over labour unions and once there Communist agitators cost labour much money in unnecessary struggles with employees.

The C.I.O., for example, said the speaker, was not a Communist organization. Its leaders, John L. Lewis, John Brophy and Phillip Murray were quite probably not in sympathy with Communist proposals.

Yet the leader, John L. Lewis made a fatal blunder, when after trying to organize auto workers in Detroit for over six months, he went to W. C. Foster, organizer for the Communist party, and asked his assistance. Lewis had the bad sense to borrow 96 trained Communist organizers. In two weeks they had done the work that Lewis had been trying six months to do, but, said the speaker, he believed Mr. Lewis had practically committed suicide for his organization by letting the virus of Communism into its veins.

The dictator of other people's money who built huge financial structures only to see them collapse during depressions thereby making destitute thousands of investors, was another enemy.

Absolute "money dictators" or international bankers, were flayed by the speaker, who blamed them directly for the depression. They controlled the reserve of gold upon which the superstructure of our money system is built. In March, 1929, they ordered that reserve of gold or gold producing bonds thrown on the market. Without its fundamental basis the structure collapsed and purchasing power and credit was cut in half.

Another part of Dr. Derry's talk dealt with international affairs in which he made two startling predictions. They are dealt with in a separate article in this issue of The Porcupine Advance.

## Winners of Prizes at Schumacher Event

**Benefit Card Party Held by C. W. L.**

Schumacher, March 8.—Special to The Advance

The following are the prize winners in the recent benefit card party held under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League in St. Alphonsus parish hall:

Door prize—lady's ski suit—won by Mrs. S. Karahan.

Ladies' first prize for bridge—table lamp—won by Mrs. N. Caron, Timmins; second prize, cream and sugar set, won by Mrs. P. Sherbin; third prize 2 pounds coffee, won by Mrs. G. Byers.

Gentlemen's first prize for bridge, shirt, won by Mr. McLellan; second, perfume, won by S. Hicks; third, cigars, won by Gordon Byers.

Ladies, first for 500, electric iron, won by Mrs. N. Laing; second, 5 lbs. sugar, won by Mrs. C. Jennings, Timmins; third, 7 lbs. pastry flour, won by Mrs. C. Brown.

Gentlemen's prize for 500, first, shirt, won by Mr. Wm. McKay; second, 24 lb. pastry flour, won by Mr. T. Montigny; third, 1 lb. tea, won by Mr. F. McIntyre.

First prize for whist, cake plate and server, won by Mrs. M. Malone; second prize, bath salts, won by Mrs. J. O'Leary; third, 7 lbs. pastry flour, won by W. McKenzie.

First prize for whist, gents, wind-breaker, won by Mrs. J. Scullion; second, ash tray, won by Mrs. Ellis; third socks, won by Miss N. Dillon.

The cut-work luncheon cloth which was drawn for was won by Miss B. Murphy.

Brantford Expositor: After a series of investigations a psychologist reports that "fat men do best in business" and that "lantern jawed" individuals make the best lawyers, doctors and professors. Those who come in between these two types have to pick up a living in Scot in Canada. The war in Spain has the best way that offers.

## Annual Concert of the Schumacher High School

Tickets are now on sale for the annual concert of the Schumacher High School, and may be obtained from any of the pupils of the school. The Schumacher High School concert each year has proved an event of special interest and merit and worth much more than the nominal admission fee charged. The concert this year will be held at the school auditorium at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 16th.

## Schumacher Loses Popular Resident

**Mrs. W. Briden Dies at St. Mary's Hospital. Other Schumacher Items.**

Schumacher, March 8.—(Special to The Advance)—It was with deep regret the news was received on Monday night of the death of Mrs. W. Briden, in St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Briden was married five years ago and resided at the Conlaunum Mine property. She is survived by her husband and young son, Bobby, who is one year and eight months old. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heath, 91 Third Ave. to South Porcupine cemetery. The Rev. F. J. Baine will conduct the funeral service.

Mrs. Douglas Briden, Halleybury, arrived in town Tuesday night when she received the sad news of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Briden. While in town Mrs. Briden is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wesson, and her sister, Mrs. Sinclair McMillan.

Mr. Heber Briden, Halleybury, is in town for the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Briden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Campbell, McIntyre Property, left for Kingston last week when they received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Campbell's brother. Mr. Fraser passed away very suddenly from a heart attack. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Campbell in her sad bereavement.

Mrs. W. Baine left last Thursday for her home in Toronto, after spending several weeks, visiting at the home of her son, the Rev. F. J. Baine.

Mrs. Henry McConnell, of Pembroke, visited friends in town during the past week.

Born—March 2nd, at St. Mary's hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. John Huntback, Pine St.—a daughter.

Mrs. George Murphy, of Unionville, Toronto, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warns, 3rd Ave.

Mr. Lorne Beare returned this week after spending a holiday at the home of his parents in Toronto.

The friends of Mrs. F. J. Baine will be glad to know that she is able to leave the hospital in Toronto and is recuperating at the home of her parents in Cooksville.

The Young People's Society of St. Alphonsus Parish Church will hold its regular meeting in the church hall on Thursday evening. All young people are invited to attend.

Mr. Tom McKenzie returned this week, after spending a holiday at the home of his parents in Lucknow, Ont.

Messrs. Roy and James Colquhoun were called to their home in Mitchell, Ontario, owing to the death of their father.

Born—March 2nd, in St. Mary's hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. William London, First Ave.—a daughter.

Miss Dorothy Bruce left this week for her home in Grand Valley after spending a nice holiday visiting her sisters, Mrs. Sparks, and Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Kiborne, Second Ave., left on Friday for Gravenhurst when she received the sad news of the death of her sister. Her many friends sympathize with her in her sad bereavement.

The friends of Mrs. Elmer Moran Second Ave., will be sorry to hear that an operation is necessary and she was taken to the Porcupine General hospital on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Moran has been very ill for the past two months.

Mrs. Nixey and son, George, of Toronto, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Nixey's sister, Mrs. James Dawson, Fourth Ave.

## Schumacher Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dance

One thing that lovers of dancing and friends of the Irish should not forget is that the Schumacher Lions Club have issued invitations for a St. Patrick's Day dance to be held in the McIntyre Community hall on Friday evening, March 17th, commencing at 9:30 p.m. Invitations are to be presented at the door. The Schumacher Lions have the happy knack of arraying enjoyable events and carrying them through in pleasing manner and the St. Patrick's Day dance will be no exception to the rule. Any Irishman will assure you that everything is good about this event on March 17th at Schumacher—the day, the deed, the dance, the auspices, the music, the hall, the special novelties, and all other regular and special features. This is one event that it would be well to plan to attend and enjoy a happy evening with the Schumacher Lions Club.

## AUSTIN NEAME TO BE IN CHAIR AT LEGION SMOKER, SATURDAY

The next smoker of the Legion to be held in the Legion hall will take place on Saturday (March 11th). A fine list of local artists have been gathered together and with Austin Neame in the chair patrons can look forward to a happy evening. There are rumours of an extra special attraction but nothing can be officially learned at the time of going to press. There's only one thing to do come along Saturday evening to the Legion hall and find out if it is so.

## Many Meetings Of Schumacher Clubs

**Other Items of Interest from Schumacher.**

Schumacher, March 8.—(Special to The Advance)—The Young People's Society of Trinity United Church, held a literary meeting in the church hall on Monday night. After a short business session the meeting was turned over to Miss Dem Smook, who gave a very interesting talk on Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian. A nice lunch was served and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The Boy's Club of the Trinity United Church, under the direction of Dr. Gibson, Mr. Kindrake and the Rev. F. J. Baine, held a "pot luck" supper in the church hall on Tuesday night. All the boys attended, and they had a wonderful time. It will be of interest to the parents to know that at present a Bible study course and a course in First Aid, also various other courses of instruction are being planned for the benefit of the boys.

The Strollers Club met at the home of Mrs. Fred Webber, 3rd Ave. on Tuesday evening. Five hundred was played and the prize winners were: 1st, Mrs. Fred Webber; 2nd, Mrs. Norman Tario; 3rd, Mrs. John O'Donnell; door prize, Mrs. Sandy Forsyth. After the cards Mrs. Webber served a delicious lunch, the whole evening being a very pleasant one for all.

The Consumers Co-operative held their whist drive on Friday evening in

the Daffodil Community hall. Whist was played, the prize winners being as follows: 1st, Mrs. W. Jenkyn; 2nd, Mrs. Emma Dmyterko; low score, Mrs. Lenchuk; gents, 1st, Mr. J. Phillips; 2nd Mrs. C. Kennedy, playing as gent; low score, Mrs. C. Prentice, playing as gent. After the cards a tasty lunch was served and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The A.D.S. Club met at the home of Mrs. P. Sherbin, 3rd Ave. on Thursday evening. Whist was played and the prize winners were: 1st, Mrs. James Sturra; 2nd, Mrs. P. Hunter; 3rd, Mrs. P. Sherbin. After the cards Mrs. Sherbin served a tasty lunch and all voted the evening was a delightful one.

The Twenty-fivers Bridge Club met at the home of Miss Dorothy Armstrong, Second Ave. on Thursday evening. Bridge was played. The following were the prize winners: 1st, Miss Agnes Coleman; 2nd, Mrs. W. Mac; After the cards Miss Armstrong served a nice lunch, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. Dan Fraser, Lakeside Drive, entertained at her home on Friday evening her class in the Sunday School. Over twenty girls sat down to a pleasant lunch, games were played and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and two children of Toronto, have taken up residence in the Hancock Apartment, Pine St.

Canadian Magazine:—When one hundred thousand intelligent Canadians become politically active, then Canada will be transformed.

## Cause of Death Established by Autopsy Held This Week

Magistrate E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane, chief coroner for the district, was held this week in consultation with the local coroner in connection with the death of Mrs. W. Briden, of Schumacher. An autopsy was held, there being reports that there were bruises on the body that might have contributed to the death. The autopsy showed that the bruises had no bearing on the death, the latter being due to poisoning. After enquiry into all the particulars of the case the chief coroner confirmed the opinion of the local coroner that no further inquest was necessary.

Quebec Telegraph: Early to bed, early to rise, and your girl goes out with other guys.

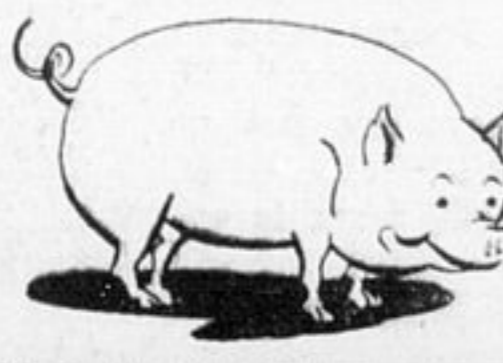

Toronto Star: Skeletons from a surgical supply house are now delivered wrapped in cellophane. "It makes the skeleton more attractive," says the manager. Even so, we could if they'll replace flowers as birthday presents.

## Do This If You're NERVOUS

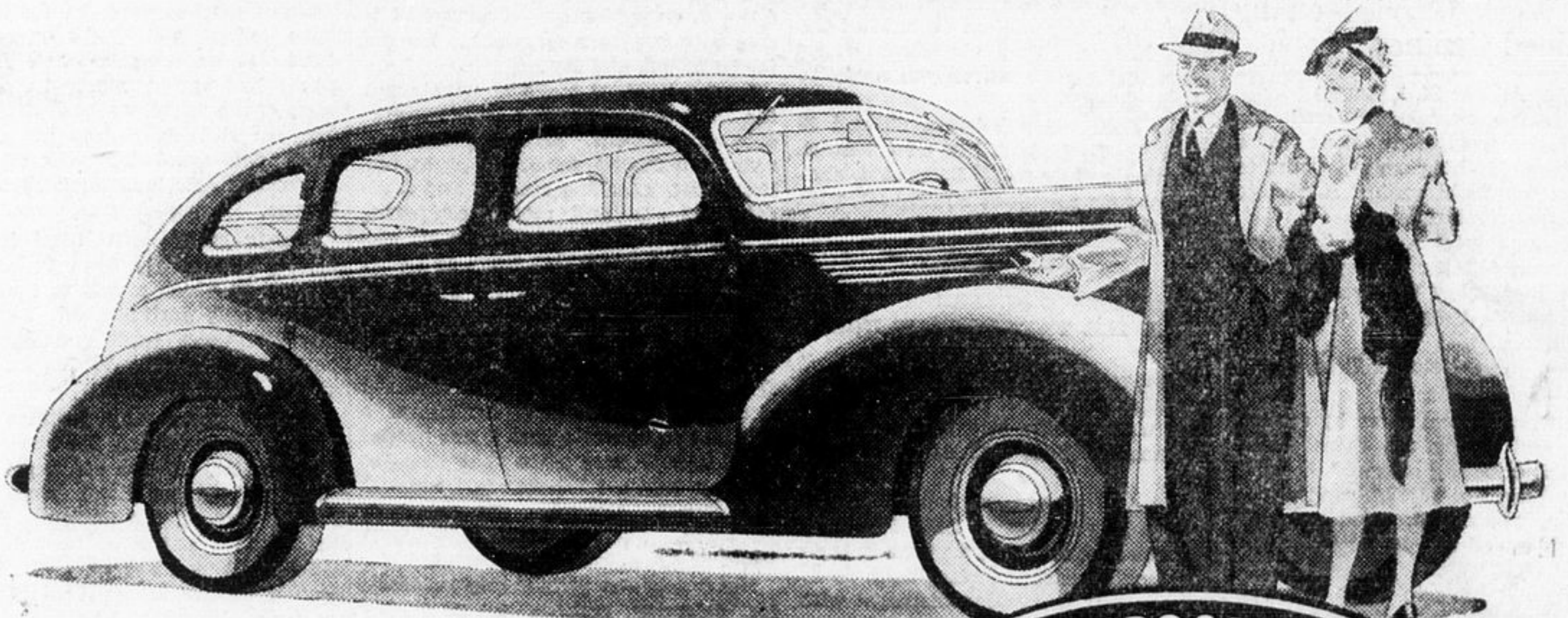
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