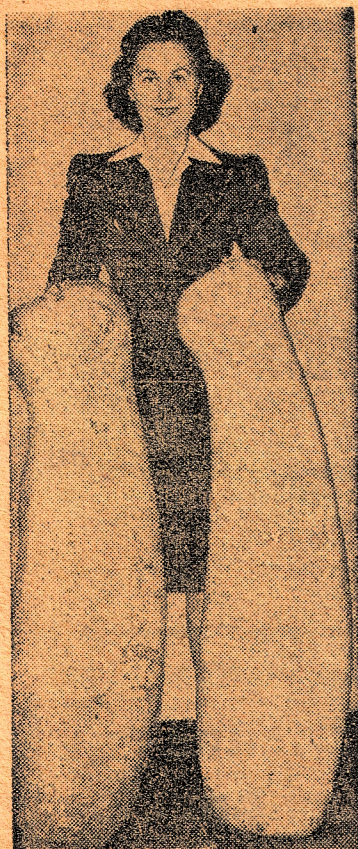


**ZUCCAS**



That "fruit" cake with all the tempting red, "cherries", green, yellow and orange "peel" may be brimming with only ersatz fruit made of zucca melons. Zuccas were grown in the district of St. Catharines, Ont., for the first time this past season by Harry Gale. They are a temperamental crop, with a legend and value like the Kohinoor diamond.

It is conceivable, but unlikely, that the Niagara peninsula—the "Garden of Canada"—may lose its orchards and be displaced with "the zucca melon patch of Canada."

**Wife for 5 Seeds**

W. M. Fleming, of the Summerland, B.C., experimental farm, says the zucca was grown for years on the slopes of Mount Etna in Sicily. "Distribution of the seeds from Sicily has been very carefully guarded," he writes. "Among the villagers they were sometimes used as a medium of exchange. A good milk goat was worth 10 seeds, and a good wife could be bought for five."

The great value of the zucca, which Mr. Fleming refers to as a "cross between a vegetable marrow and a hippopotamus," lies "not in its flavor, its bouquet, or its color, but rather in its complete lack of these attributes. The flesh of the zucca is very receptive to artificial coloring and flavors."

Seven seeds were secured in 1938 by a company manufacturing fruit products in British Columbia and cost more than \$1 each. Last season, Mr. Gale was able to obtain half a pound of the highly prized seed for experimental purposes. These responded to almost constant attention on his seed farm in Louth township, and produced 600 plants which yielded 1,000 melons for seed purposes.

**Weight 150 Pounds**

"The vines grow two feet a day in good warm weather," said Mr. Gale. "They have huge leaves, and cover everything in their path. If the plant's don't smother other weeds, the tentacles will strangle them."

The plants have plenty of blooms, but they conceal their beauty by opening at night. Bees are in bed then, and do nothing to pollenate the plants. So this has to be done manually. Three weeks later the melons are ready to market.

"We call them the fastest growing thing in the plant world," continued Mr. Gale. "The melons will grow a foot a week and reach a length of four feet, a diameter of 18 inches, and a weight of 150 pounds."

**Shilling-in-the-Slot Washing Machine**

A United Kingdom firm has developed a new "shilling-in-the-slot" washing machine which is simpler to operate than a radio set. It is completely automatic and will wash 10 pounds of clothes in 40 minutes. The housewife has to do no more than put the clothes in, add soap powder and turn on the switch. The machine fills itself with water, washes the clothes, triple rinses them and dampdries them. It also empties and cleans itself and shuts itself off. "Laundretics" equipped with 10 or 12 machines will soon be opened in many parts of Britain. They will also be installed in working-class apartment blocks.

**VOICE OF THE PRESS**

**USEFUL FARM GADGET**  
Mrs. Gladys Strum, M.P., in a recent speech, described the farmer's wife as "the most useful, general purpose, labor saving device on the farm." Young farmers who have not availed themselves of this gadget are reminded that it usually can be had for the asking.  
—Toronto Saturday Night

**WHAT GRANDSON THINKS**  
Grandfather cut firewood in the timber. Walked beside the wagon in zero weather. Carried lines over his shoulder and whipped his hands around his body to keep from freezing. Now his grandson thinks he is roughing it if he has to drive a sedan without a heater.  
—Guelph Mercury

**Maybe He'll Understand**  
A little patience and understanding should enable returned men to

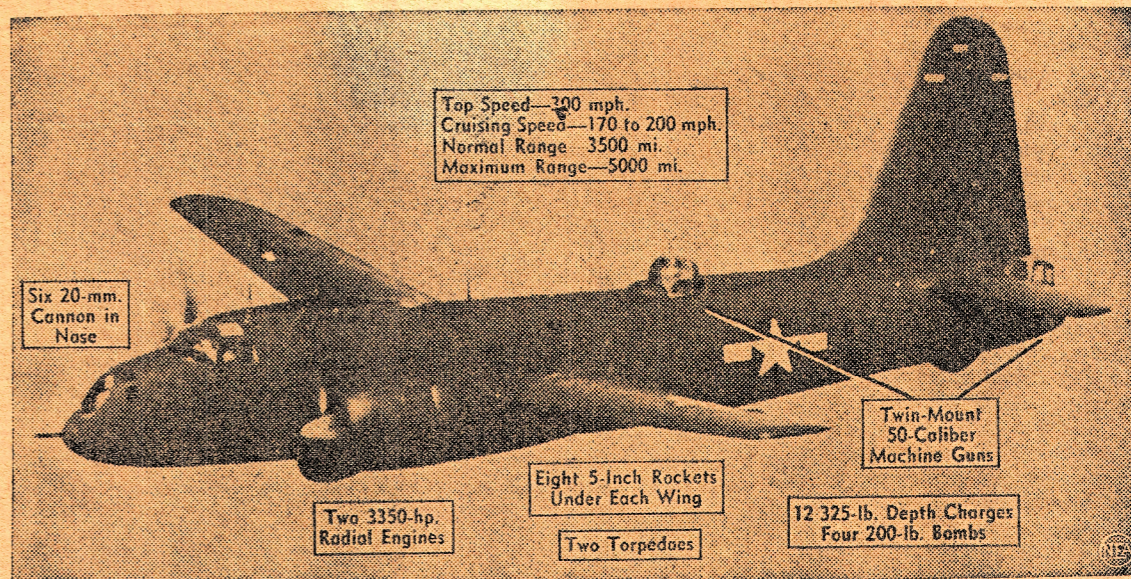
get along with civilians who have been reading books on how to understand returned men.  
—Edmonton Journal

**THE VERY IDEA**  
It is predicted that nylons will eventually sell for 25 cents a pair. Yes, but try and get a girl to wear anything as cheap as that.  
—Ottawa Citizen

**STEERING COLUMN**  
A scientist says that a dog often steers himself with his tail—using it to guide his wandering bark, in fact.  
—Peterborough Examiner

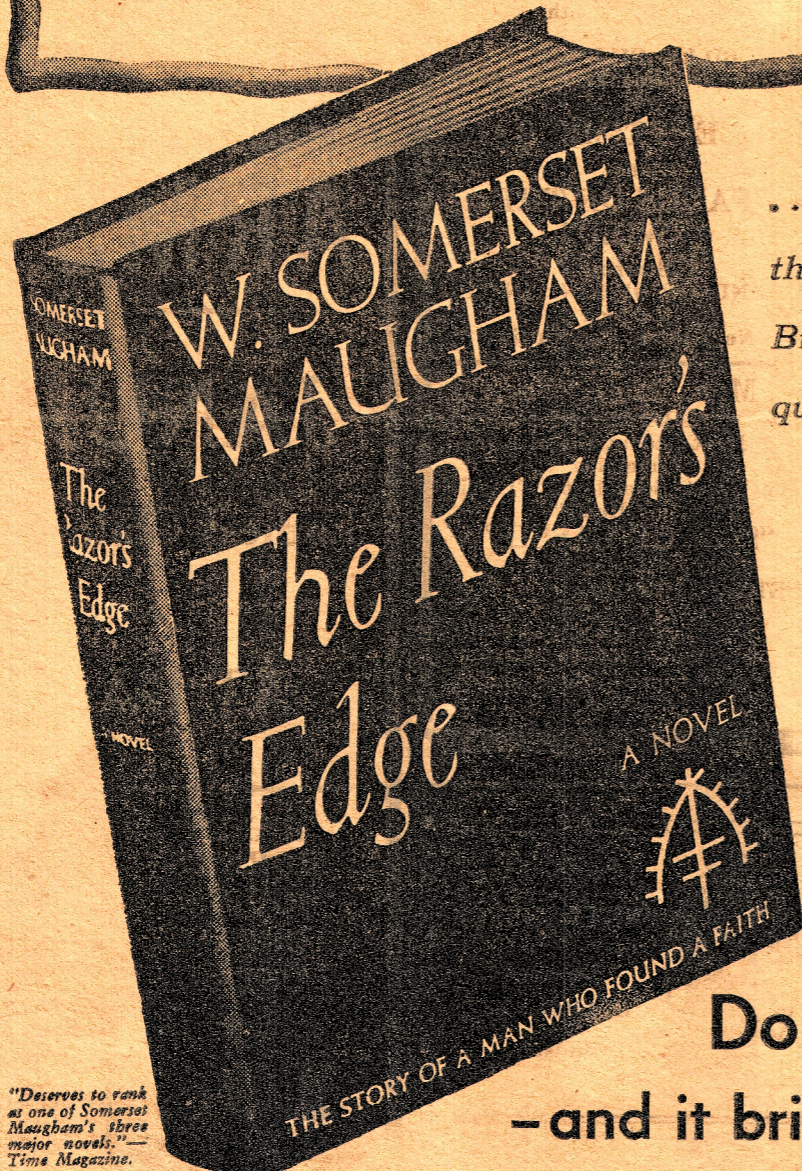
**No Magnet**  
..Try as hard as he could, the comedian's jokes were falling flat. At last he lost patience. "Blimey!" he exclaimed bitterly. "You people don't seem to know how to applaud. Why don't you clap? Are you all handcuffed?" "Handcuffed!" came a bored voice from the pit. "Why, you haven't even arrested our attention yet."

**FASTEST, FARTHEST, FIGHTIN'EST**



This is the Navy's new Neptune patrol bomber P2V, which Navy claims is the fastest, most far-ranging and heavily armed search plane ever devised. Built by Lockheed of Burbank, Calif., it carries a crew of seven with sleeping accommodations and an all-electric galley, is equipped with the latest radio-radar equipment. The "varicam tail," a mechanical device for varying the curve of the horizontal tail surface, allows the pilot to balance a heavy load in one part of the plane and keep it in level flight.

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