

# News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News... by Peter Randal

### HALF-STARVED CANADIANS:

During the past couple of years, the British public has been waking up to the fact that a great proportion of the population are undernourished, that if Great Britain doesn't watch out, she will shortly become a C3 nation. The national physique is deteriorating through lack of the proper vitamin-carrying foods. Reason given is that the above-mentioned articles of diet are too expensive for the lower wage groups.

Here in Canada it has been estimated that if a family of five are to receive an adequate supply of vitamin-containing milk, an outlay of \$2.99 per week is required, at present prices. Then the appalling discovery is made that such a sum represents 20 per cent. of the total income of families living on between \$750 and \$800 a year.

Excluding farmers who generally belong to the \$800 income group but who supply the family table from the products of their own soil, the number of Canadians falling below the \$800 mark is indeed very large. There is a wolf outside more doors than we have imagined, and that wolf is Malnutrition.

Good news is that the newly-appointed Canadian Council of Nutrition hopes to do something about the situation. Exhaustive research work will be done, and the public made nutrition conscious.

### SOFT PEDAL:

The United States apparently has stopped sending notes to Japan protesting the bombing of the Panay. For a while there, it was thought by some that the incident might lead to war between the two countries. But not by Washington. As the Montreal Star pointed out in a capable editorial, the U. S. Government had to make a huge fuss to satisfy public desire for retaliation. It wouldn't have come to have let the outrage go unnoticed. The last thing in the world the United States wants

## Commerce Studies Sunspot Problem

### Frequency Cycle Nearing Its Peak and Radio Interference Will Reach Height

Scientific matters of purely academic interest have a way of becoming of commercial importance. The spots on the sun have been observed and recorded for nearly two hundred years as something of interest to the abstract scientists, but now they are studied by commercial companies. With radio, telegraph and telephone circuits operating over the oceans, it is important to know what conditions are going to be encountered in order to be prepared to overcome them. To this end, the Bell Telephone Laboratories have devised into the sunspot problem. They are studying the present cycle, which is now nearing its peak, and will like to know how high that peak is going to be. The higher the peak the more sunspots, and the more sunspots the greater the amount of interference with radio and wire transmission.

### A Two-Year Lag

They have charted the studies of magnetic activity on the earth and find a two-year lag between the maximum number of sunspots and maximum number of magnetic storms. This factor is more likely to interfere with wire transmission, since the effect on radio of sunspot outburst is almost instantaneous. Only the eleven-year cycle is available for forecasting the extent of the latter factor. It has been found that there is a correlation between the low point of one cycle and the height of the peak in the next cycle, the higher the starting point the higher the peak, and vice versa. As a result they have estimated that the coming peak will be of only moderate height, between sixty and ninety. The curve was rising so rapidly during the last year that many scientists thought it would go to extreme heights, perhaps the all-time record of 155 in 1759.

## New Eyelids Grafted After Face Scorched

Kenneth Donnelly, of Sharbot Lake, Ont., 14, slept with closed eyes Christmas Eve for the first time since he was ten months old when he suffered burns which left one arm practically useless, disfigured his face and scorched off his eyelids.

A month ago he was taken to Kingston where Dr. L. Noble Armstrong, eye specialist, and Dr. Stuart Houston, plastic surgeon, took diamond-shaped pieces of skin from two to three inches in size from his leg and grafted them onto his eyelids.

Kenneth can now open his eyes only slightly as the muscles are at the stage of development reached when he was ten months old.

Drought is causing the rationing of water in parts of South Africa.

is war, so it was a hard course for the diplomats to steer—between the two extremes.

### ANOTHER DICTATORSHIP:

As a result of a vote impasse in the Kingdom of Rumania whereby Premier Taterescu and his Cabinet found it necessary to resign, King Carol II may take it upon himself to act as Royal dictator with a pro-Fascist government under him. Another dictatorship, another Fascist State in Europe!

### UNOFFICIAL FLAG:

Lancashire, England, has asked the question: "Why should Canada be the only one of the Dominions without a flag of her own?" Lancashire asked the question—and manufactured a Red Ensign with the Canadian coat-of-arms on it. This is quite unofficial but many Canadians seem to like it. They call it "our Lancashire flag," and it has been flown a good deal.

London "Answers" comes back with a smart one: "What Lancashire weaves today Canada weaves tomorrow."

### "COLD TO MIGRATION":

Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald last week told the British House of Commons that the time is not yet ripe to ask Canada to co-operate with the United Kingdom in encouraging the migration to Western farmlands of assisted Britons.

### Advise Royal Commission

Dr. T. C. Rousley, general secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, has announced the C.M.A. would recommend to the Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations the formation of the research body. A favorable finding by the commission, the doctors feel, would result in governmental and public support.

### Machine Teaches Slower Readers

Under the proposal, medical research into cancer which last year killed close to 12,000 Canadians would be placed in the hands of a branch of the present National Research Council. Other baffling maladies such as infantile paralysis would likewise come under the council's scrutiny for study and experiment.

### In a Definite Rhythm

"If you are a skillful reader, your eyes move in a definite rhythm," Dr. Stephen C. Gribble, of the department of education in charge of the clinic at the university, said. "They move evenly across the line, stopping about the same number of times in each line, taking in about the same number of spaces at each fixation and without moving back along the line to re-read part of it."

### Read Whole Not Parts

"The first law of reading is the application of the law of relative importance. Be selective and read for the broadest meanings at first. If you will focus attention on the more meaningful words, your reading speed becomes wider, thus increasing both your speed and comprehension. Read wholes, not parts. Read sentences, not words."

### Psychologists say that reading is an art in which practice makes perfect; that there is a correlation between fast reading and good reading, and those who read most are likely to be the most comprehensive readers.

## Mending Hearts In Greek Fashion

You have heard that a drop or two of perfume on your pillow at night will help to produce a good night's rest but did you hear that a Greek poet insisted that perfume had a more important function?

The Greek ladies healed a broken heart by changing their perfume formula. So if your newest beau seems hopelessly uncooperative, why not change your perfume just in case.

Luck charms sell well in New South Wales, where, it is estimated, nine persons out of ten in every walk of life carry them.

## As Grenadiers Enter City of London



Commander J. R. Poland salutes the Grenadier Guards, as the noted British regiment enters the City of London, colors flying and bayonets fixed, according to the tradition that grants the regiment this privilege. The unit will serve at the Tower of London.

## Doctors Would Nationalize Medical Research

### Support of Public and Government Is Being Sought For Research Work—Wish to Combat Cancer on Wide Scale.

No one province can conduct the health education and research necessary to combat cancer, which took 500 more lives last year than in the previous year, the Rowell Commission will be told.

### Provinces Must Co-operate

The Canadian Medical Association, in line with its four-point cancer campaign, is organizing also a Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer under which both lay and medical forces will be mobilized. The association last March was made the beneficiary of an annual \$14,000 grant from the King George V Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund, contributed in a national campaign in 1935.

### Four-Point Program

It is pledged to:  
1—Educational work within the medical profession.  
2—Improve cancer work in hospitals and existing research centres.  
3—Collect statistics for clinical research.  
4—Conduct a public campaign to remove cancer phobia or fear among the general public and to enlighten them on the many helpful treatments now available, provided they are used early enough in the development of the disease.

Knights of the Garter, the most distinguished order in the world, must wear some part of their insignia always—night and day.

## Canada's National Parks Picturized

### New Films Show Scenic, Recreational and Wild Life Features of Our Parks

Two new motion picture films have recently been produced by the National Parks Bureau, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. Bearing the titles, "Colourful Days in Prince Albert National Park" and "Playgrounds of the Prairie," these films are fine examples of motion picture photography, and bring to the screen the scenic, recreational, and wild life features of the National Parks. "Colourful Days in Prince Albert National Park" is a fifteen-minute visit to Prince Albert National Park in Saskatchewan, while "Playgrounds of the Prairie" depicts the scenic beauty of Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba. These films have been produced in natural colour, and are also available in black and white.

As a publicity and educational medium the National Parks Bureau operates a motion picture library containing a great variety of subjects descriptive of the magnificent scenery, recreational advantages, and wild life of the National Parks. The library contains 84 subjects, comprising more than 1,300 prints, and all subjects are available in both 35mm. and 16mm. sizes. These films are lent to conservation societies, universities and schools, writers, lecturers and other organizations and individuals interested in wild life conservation and in making known the many attractions of Canada's national playgrounds.

New subjects are constantly being added to the National Parks film library, and the increasing demand for films reflects the growing interest in Canada's National Parks. Through the medium of motion pictures the beauties and attractions of these great recreational areas are becoming known throughout the whole world. National Parks films are now in circulation in the United States, Great Britain, France, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Norway, India, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, South Africa and the British West Indies, as well as throughout the Dominion of Canada.

## Woman Killed While Doctor Is At Door

Mrs. Ellen Barlow, aged 65, sat knitting at the bedside of her 72-year-old husband, Henry, a farmer, of Longdale, near Sefton, England. Henry Barlow was seriously ill, and they were waiting for the doctor to call.

There was a knock at the door, and Mrs. Barlow put down her knitting to let the doctor in.

A moment later Mr. Barlow heard a thud. He struggled out of bed and went downstairs.

His wife was lying dead with a fractured skull. He had to step over her body to open the door for the doctor.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest.

## News In Review

### A Fascist Rumania

BUCHAREST—Octavian Goga, the leader of the Fascist-inclined National Christian Party, has succeeded in the forming of a new Government which foreign observers predict will swing Rumania away from Europe's democratic powers toward the Rome-Berlin axis.

Goga was said to have told King Carol that he would not deviate from the National Christian Party program, which includes:  
1. Close co-operation with Fascist countries.  
2. Severance of relations with Russia.  
3. Adherence to the Berlin anti-communist pact.  
4. Seizure of all Jewish-owned land.

### Quints Gain Weight

CALLANDER—Possibly due to the huge Christmas dinner they ate, the Dionne quintuplets, now three years and seven months old, all registered weight gains during the past month.

Dr. Allan Roy Dufosse, their physician, announced:  
Eddie furnished the major surprise of the month when she added one and one-quarter pounds to her weight to draw up on even terms with Annette for the first time since they were born. Annette, prior to this month, has alternated with Yvonne for the heavyweight title among the sisters.

### Husband and Wife Dead

MONTREAL—Hacked with an axe Mrs. Joseph Pozsony was found dead in her home last week-end, and soon afterwards her husband's body was discovered hanging from a transom in an upper room of the house.

The 35-year-old housewife was lying in the hallway of the St. Urban St. home when her son, James, 14, returning from work, saw her sprawled body through the glass of the locked door. She was dead by the time a doctor had arrived.

### To Control Ali Shanghai

SHANGHAI—Japanese army claimed "in principle" this week-end, the right to extend provisions of its military law into Shanghai's International Settlement and French Concession, where thousands of Britons and other foreigners make their homes.

The Japanese army spokesman announced the claim, under which the troops could enter foreign areas still outside Japanese control and arrest and try "all persons" suspected of crimes against Nippon's armed forces.

### New Irish Constitution

DUBLIN—A black flag flew over the headquarters of Sinn Fein this week as the new Irish Free State constitution came into effect—a constitution which, though it is called only "near republican," severs most of the remaining ties with Great Britain and brings the country close to the status of an independent republic.

Sinn Fein disapproved the constitution because it did not provide for an actual republic, with no ties at all, and threatened to hold a demonstration to mark the resentment of citizens at the enforcement of a British Empire constitution which subverts the republic and maintains England's occupation of Ireland's territory and port.

### Unemployment Up

OTTAWA.—Industrial employment in Canada dropped by 31,441 persons during November, exceeding the average for the period in the last 15 years although being smaller than in 1923 and 1929, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

The bureau reported a large seasonal contraction, at December 1st, from 1,194,171 the preceding month to 1,159,727. The crude index based on the 1926 average as 100, fell from 125.2 at November 1st to 121.5 at December 1st, while the seasonally adjusted index declined from 129.3 to 119.1.

### When Does Man Become An Adult?

It is difficult to say exactly when a person is a fully-fledged adult. Dr. Ales Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution, says a man is not full grown at 25, and may not even be at 40. The process of growth continues almost to old age, he says, and may never be complete. The arms, legs and body are known to grow long after manhood and womanhood are considered complete. Women's feet grow more than men's after 25, and a man's chest grows till he is 40 or 50. When old age sets in, the chest and trunk shrink and the legs shorten slightly. The nose continues to lengthen throughout life in most people.

### A Doctor Directs His Own Operation

Eighty-two-year-old Dr. Jacob Schwinn, of West Virginia, is recovering after directing an operation on himself.

He was given a local anaesthetic, and while the two operating surgeons were busy with their knives he gave them detailed instructions of what they were to do.

This stoic doctor, after the operation, insisted on dressing his own wound every day, and finally removed, without any assistance, the stitches that the surgeons had made.

## Steady Progress Seen For 1938

### Index Furnished by C. N. Railroad Earnings Points to a Good Year Ahead—1937 Achievements Renewed.

Increased traffic on the Canadian National Railways, due to improved business conditions, this year has necessitated the acquisition of new equipment, both passenger and freight. During the year the following freight equipment was purchased: 3,000 steel box cars; 400 gondola cars; 400 freight refrigerator cars; 200 automobile cars; 49 flat cars; 39 steel tank cars. Practically all of this equipment has been delivered. The balance will be delivered early in January.

Fifty air-conditioned first-class coaches of the latest design were also purchased. Each car has sufficient reversible-reclining chairs to seat 64 passengers. Individual prismatic lens lights, windows proof against frosting, and private smoking-compartments for ladies, render these cars the last word in comfort. These cars have fulfilled the objective of having all principal main line trains fully air-conditioned.

### Trans-Canada Air Lines

Construction of the Noranda-Senneterre branch to serve the gold fields of Northern Quebec has proceeded to the point where it became possible to open for service the 25 miles from Senneterre to Val d'Or. On November 23, 1937, train service was inaugurated on this section of the line.

An Act of Parliament was passed on April 10, 1937, creating the Trans-Canada Air Lines to operate regular services transporting mails, passengers and express. Operation will be under exclusive franchise, over routes specified by the Dominion Government, extending across the Dominion. Trans-Canada Air Lines is controlled by the Canadian National Railway Company, which at present owns all of the airline's stock. Fifteen planes of the latest type have been ordered, five of which have now been delivered. They are said to be the fastest transport planes being built today. Excellent progress has been made in the training of Canadian pilots and ground forces to handle the planes, and in the installation of two-way radio and other ground facilities. Good progress has been made by the Department of Transport in the work of preparing landing fields, lights, radio beams and meteorological equipment. A considerable amount of further work of this nature must, necessarily, precede commercial operation.

### Bright Hopes For 1938

The Canadian National has contributed its share to the slow but sure reduction of the burden of unemployment. Together with the other railways of Canada it is restoring wage rates, on a sliding scale, to a level which by the first of April, 1938, will equal the pre-depression high-mark.

Due to this wage restoration and to the employment of additional forces required because of increased traffic, wages paid by the Canadian National to its Canadian employees in 1937 exceeded by more than five million dollars the wages paid in 1936. Nevertheless it is anticipated that the requirements of the system, in the form of cash expenditure by the Dominion Government to meet fixed charges, will be still further reduced for the sixth consecutive year. The reduction this year would have been much more substantial but for the Saskatchewan crop failure and the recent recession in business.

This hesitation in business activity must be recognized as a factor affecting the future. Nevertheless, railway earnings are a significant index and although at the present time there are signs of the general upward trend being slightly retarded, we may look forward to the year 1938 with every hope that the steady progress during the past four years will be maintained.

## Shark Attacks Bather Twice

### Boy Swimmer Off Australian Coast Is Victim of Nips

Thomas McDonald, aged 16, was swimming at Byron's Bay, New South Wales, when there was a sudden cry of "shark".

Immediately afterwards, he felt a searing pain along his side and the monster flashed past him. McDonald kicked out and struggled away, but the shark again snatched at him.

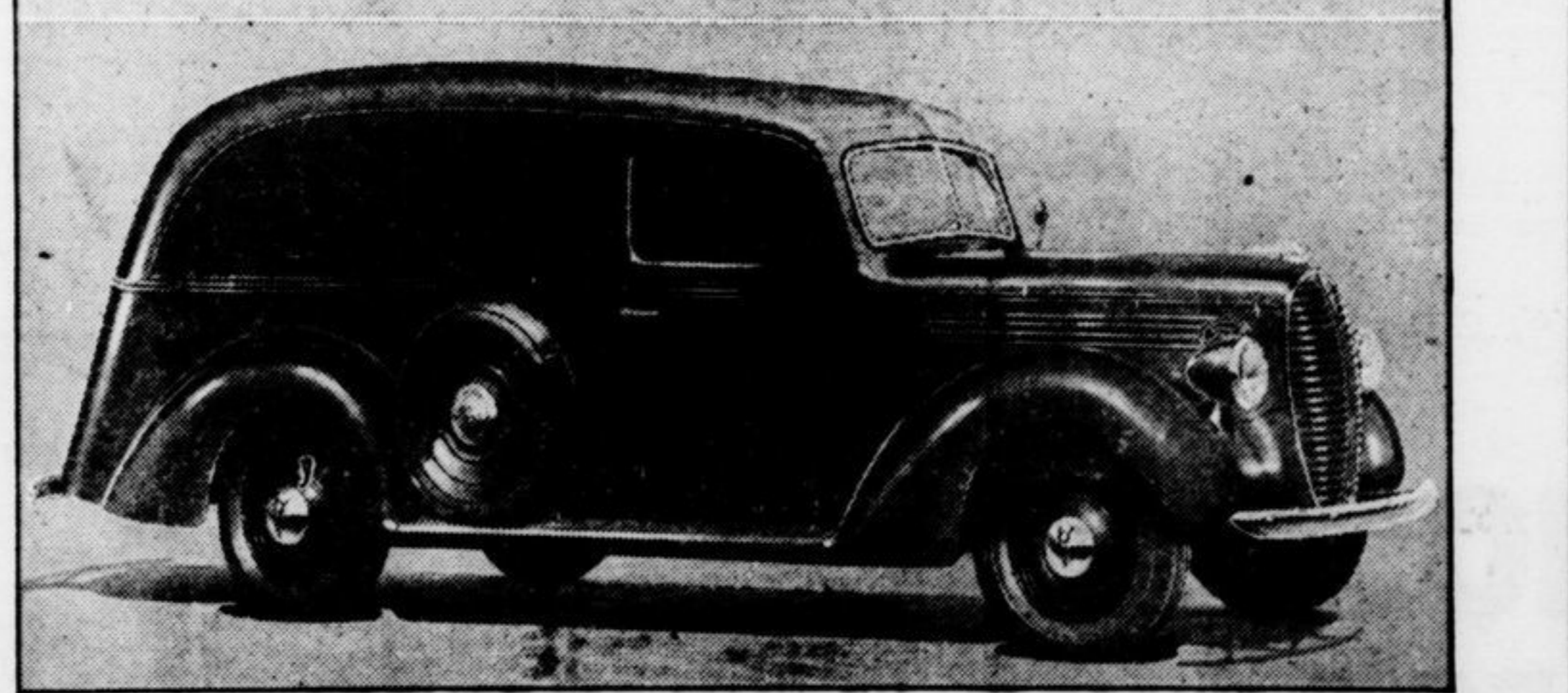
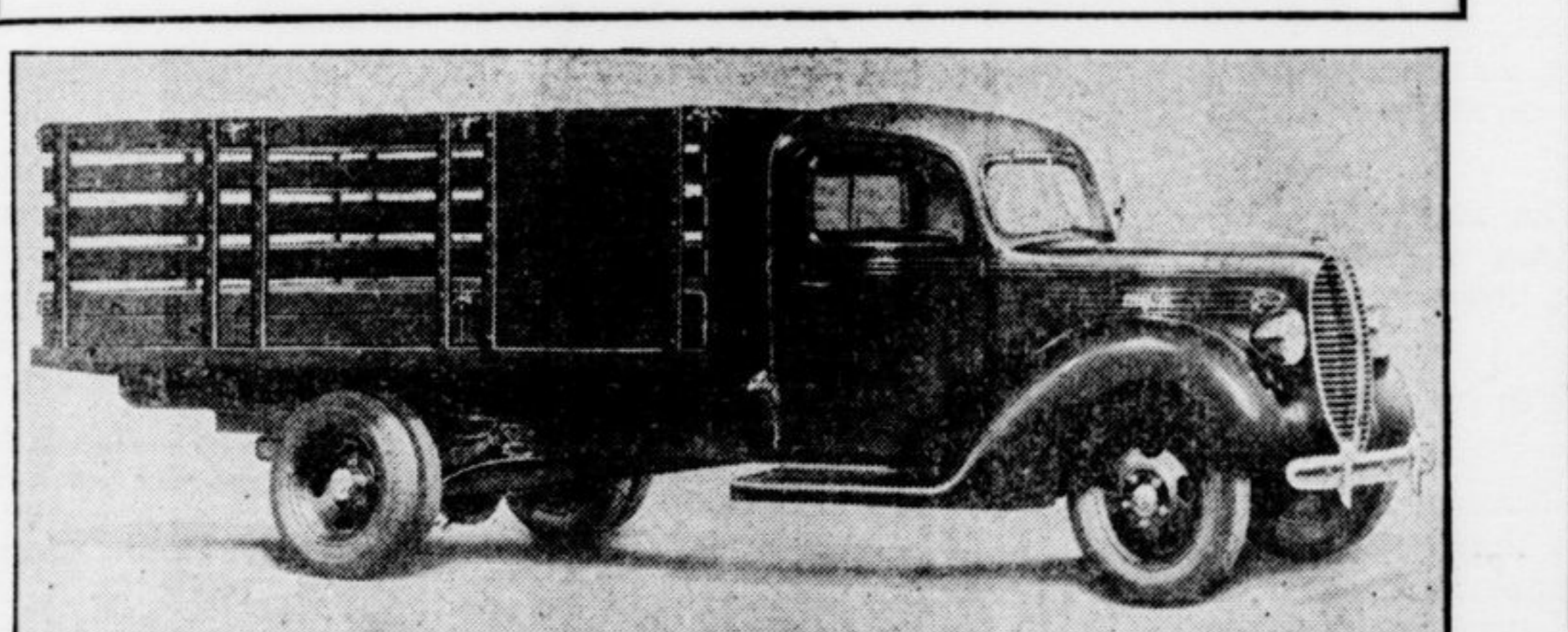
Teeth Marks Found

Breaking free, the boy was carried to the beach on a breaker, where two sets of teeth marks were found on his body—one on the upper part of the chest and the other on the abdomen.

The shark, a "grey nurse" about eight feet long, had previously attacked a man named Denning who was riding a surf-ski. Denning drove it off with his paddle, but it came again and he raised the alarm. The shark then made towards McDonald's cousin, who frightened it away by kicking. After that, it attacked McDonald.

McDonald is considered to be one of the luckiest youths in Australia, his wounds being only slight. Sharks, when they make such attacks, seldom release their target.

## 1938 Ford V-8 Trucks, Commercial Cars



RUGGED BEAUTY is the keynote of the newly styled Ford V-8 trucks and commercial cars for 1938. Leaders in the two lines are pictured above. (Top) The de luxe two-ton heavy duty truck with the 157-inch wheelbase and powered with the 95 horsepower V-8 engine. It is shown with a stake body. (Lower photo) The de luxe panel delivery, aristocrat of the new commercial cars. It is built on the 112-inch wheelbase commercial chassis and is powered with the 85 horsepower V-8 engine.

Introduced in the truck line this year is the 134-inch wheelbase, which replaces the 131 1/2-inch wheelbase of previous years, available again in standard and dump truck chassis. De luxe trucks are continued and the rugged 157-inch wheelbase chassis with cab is again available. New treatment of the truck radiator grille gives the front end a more massive, impressive appearance. This effect is heightened by long louvers extending horizontally along the sides of the hood, which is hinged at the cowl.

Panel delivery, sedan delivery, light delivery and station wagon bodies are available on the 112-inch commercial chassis. The sedan delivery has the front end design of the standard passenger car and the station wagon the front end of the de luxe passenger car. The latter has safety glass windows all around which can be locked. More headroom is provided in the cab and interiors are fully lined with washable "art leather." Improved braking and easier steering are features of the new trucks and commercial cars.

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