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Coyotes Invade Eastern States

Varmint Tops All Predators, Report Shows; Figures on Oregon Wild Game Given.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The east has read much of the western coyote for years, but now it is seeing it, not in zeological parks, but in the raw in its own forests.

The biological survey in its annual report for the 1939 fiscal year ending last June 30 said during the fall of last year coyotes were taken in Pennsylvania, in Maine and in Michigan.

During the year, the report continued, coyotes held first place among predatory animals of economic importance. In range states they contributed heavily to livestock, poultry and game losses while a survey in Alaska showed coyotes and wolves are increasing and their depredations among raindeer herds are becoming more serious. The survey said a contributing factor in the upward trend of the coyote was the decreased activity of private trappers but added that Oregon and Utah through their respective legislatures increased their cooperative funds to aid the biological survey to fight the menace while state fish and game departments, livestock associations and individuals furnished additional funds.

It cited wolves and mountain lions also as causing much loss to livestock and wild life and said in western Jauh county, Utah, a mountain lion killed 22 sheep in one night.

Oregon Game Figured.

The report said a count in 1938 showed 2,000 antelopes on the Hart mountain refuge in Oregon with about 1,400 on adjacent areas, 2,011 mule deer, an increase in sage grouse and a slight increase on Hungarian partridges. On the Malheur bird refuge in the state lesser scaups wintering there increased from 5,000 in 1938 to 15,000 in 1939 while more birds were counted during the hunting season than at any other time. During that period more than 80,000 were counted.

The report said wild life research units in connection with land grant colleges, state game commissions and the American wild life institute in Oregon and Utah studied various species of big game, the causes of loss among them and made recommendations to aid in stopping it. A seven-year study of pocket gopher at the Pacific northwest forest experiment station in Oregon indicated normal population of the rodents and moderate grazing allow the ranges to remain stable while overgrazing causes competitive demands upon the forage, making rodent activities more apparent.

News of 4-H CLUBS

(By Josephine Wright)

The Days Creek Forestry club completed the previous year's work Wednesday with an assembly.

Opening the assembly was an instrumental duet by Lester Ferguson and Maurice Matthews. The club then presented a mock court, "Trial of Forest Fire," with the following characters: Judge, Susie Crispen; clerk, Margie Wright; defense attorney, Wiletha Hutchinson; district attorney, Josephine Wright; bailiff, Ronald Boyd; logger, Harry Wright; incendiary, Melvin Welch; forest fire, Lester Ferguson; lightning, Roy Boyd; farmer, Noel Welch; careless camper, Maurice Matthews; careless smoker, Johnny Wright, and jury consisting of Harry Wooster, Maxine Wright, Janet Chenowith, Loise Ellen Matthews, Isaac Wright and Norval Ferguson.

Mr. Hill next introduced V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, who in turn introduced Harold Bowerman, district ranger of the Diamond lake area. Mr. Bowerman showed two moving pictures, which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. The first of these was the A B C's of forestry, beginning with the smallest seed and carrying the tree over a period until maturity. The second of these pertained to the wild life which inhabits our forests. Mr. Harpham then introduced George Churchill of Roseburg, who showed us some slides taken in the Umpqua national forest, which proved to be of interest to all. We then had the pleasure of meeting our district ranger of Tiller, Avery Berry, who spoke for a few minutes on conservation. He explained the differences between tree conservation and boarding.

Mr. Britton, Douglas county 4-H club agent, presented the silver loving cup provided by the Fisher's Department store of Roseburg, to our school for the club work completed last year. This makes the second year that we have captured this trophy. Glide has also won the cup twice and Lookingglass once. To make this a permanent property you must win it three years. The Days Creek 4-H'rs are certainly going to work next year so they may obtain possession of it.

We closed our mornings assembly with a vocal duet, "Trees," by Misses Gem and Wiletha Hutchinson.

Besides the usual school children we had as our visitors at the morning assembly, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Bratten, Mrs. J. D. Wright, Mrs. Fritz Snyder, John Chaney and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright.

The Bachelor Bakers held their third meeting at the school Friday.

The usual business formalities were observed before the leader explained the work. Each member has begun their project. The tentative date of February 1 has been set as the completion date. If this work is finished then, the other spring projects may be begun and more time spent on them.

We closed the meeting with a club yell.

The Marketing club of the Days Creek school held its weekly meeting Thursday. The members decided to call the club the "Master Marketeers."

This club was organized on October 18, 1939. Members have studied the lessons, "Purpose of Marketing," "Assembling," "Inspecting," "Standardization," "Transportation," "Preservation" and "Storage."

Meeting was closed with several songs.

A novelty club has just been organized at Days Creek. The name of the club is "Bachelor Bakers." The club is led by Josephine Wright and includes the following members: Marshall Matthews, president; Clifford Wooster, vice-president; Isaac Wright, secretary; Art Ward, Bill Ward, Richard Snyder and Josephine Wright.

Year-End Has Important Dates in AAA Program

December 31 is an important date to many Oregon farmers taking part in the AAA program, according to Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee, since it marks the following farm program transitions:

(1) Final day to take out government loans on 1939 wheat.

(2) Final day to apply for 1939 wheat "parity payments."

(3) Final day of the 1939 range improvement program, with practices performed after December 31 applying to the 1940 program.

Next important date on the farm program calendar will be February 29, final day for applying for federal crop insurance on spring-sown wheat, Mr. Steen said. He pointed out that crop insurance applications to date number about 12,-5, protecting about one-third of the state's AAA wheat allotment.

Legume Planting Boosts Demands for Cultures

The effect of the enormous increase in hairy vetch and winter pea acreage in Oregon this year has been felt in the bacteriology department at Oregon State college, reports G. V. Copson, head. Stimulated by a guaranteed minimum price offered by the agricultural adjustment administration, Oregon farmers increased their seedings this year so much that demand for cultures for treating seed increased almost 400 per cent.

In 1938 there were 5214 legume cultures of all kinds distributed from the college laboratories. This year the number jumped to more than 25,000 for all types of legumes including beans, clover, peas, and vetch. Seedings on land where they had not been previously grown doubtless increased the demand for cultures more than the actual increased in acreage.

Marketing Income of 1939 Reveals Increase

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The bureau of agriculture economics estimates that American farmers received $7,625,000,000 from marketing of products during 1939. This compared with a 1938 estimate of $7,627,000,000.

This year's cash income was supplemented, the bureau said, by government benefit payments of $675,000,000 to farmers who cooperated with the federal crop control programs. Similar payments last year were given as $482,000,000.

The 1939 income from marketings represented an increase of 63 per cent during the last seven years. The farm income slumped to a low mark of $4,682,000,000 in 1932 after climbing to $14,436,000,000 in 1919.

Commercial Apple Crop This Year Shows Boost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A commercial apple crop of 100,-784,000 bushels for 1939 is forecast. Last year it was 82,395,000 bushels.

The agriculture department, in its last report of the year, said production was greater than last year in all sections except the western states where worm damage and hot weather reduced the crop in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Colorado.

The department said appreciable quantities were left unharvested in most commercial areas because of low prices and unusually large quantities were diverted to processing plants.

The bushel production by states for 1939 and 1938 included: Washington 19,500,000 and 22,100,000; Oregon 2,900,000 and 2,617,000; California 4,358,000 and 3,019,000.

Community Plan For Profit Cited

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics suggests farmers of the west and south would profit through an industrialization of their communities.

In its annual report to Secretary Wallace, the bureau took note of the dispute over sectional differentials in railroad freight rates, and added:

"Apparently much of the agitation with respect to the problem of these freight rate differentials emanates from industrial sources interested in attracting industries to the south and west.

"Although agriculture's interest in this issue may not be so great as popularly urged, farmers might find the barrier of distance of less importance if industrial production with its attendant population were to increase in communities in the south and west closer to their farms.

"This might also provide an employment outlet for surplus farm population."

The bureau gave to Secretary Wallace credit for preventing an increase in agricultural freight rates larger than the five per cent authorized by the interstate commerce commission in March, 1938. It said Wallace's intervention kept farm products from being included in the 10 per cent increase authorized on most industrial commodities.

Scales Fraud Exposed By Oregon Inspector

SALEM, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A new large capacity scales testing machine operated by the state department of agriculture detected a 145-pound error recently in a 12-ton beam scales in southern Oregon, Arden A. Reed, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, reported.

Investigation disclosed, Reed said, that the owner of the scales had attempted to increase his equipment's capacity by hanging false weights made of gaspipe fittings on the beam tips, with the discovered error resulting.

Pear Production in 1939 Under That of Prior Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—United States pear production for 1939 was estimated at 30,910,-000 bushels compared with 32,473,-000 in 1938, the agriculture department said.

The Oregon, California and Washington production was set at 20,342,000 compared with 22,500,000 last year. The Pacific production, particularly of Bartletts, was below early season estimates because of small fruit. The Bartlett crop in the three Pacific states was about 14,110,000 bushels against 15,528,000 last year.

Oregon's production was 4,229,000 bushels (all varieties) and 1,437,-000 Bartletts.

Around the County

Days Creek

DAYS CREEK, Dec. 23—Mrs. Alva Matthews and son, Marshall, returned Wednesday from Kearney, Nebraska, where they had accompanied Mrs. Matthew's niece, Dorothy Garfield, who had been spending the past several months here.

Miss Nettie Moore, who is attending school at Ashland, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore. Everette Combs, who accompanied her, returned to his home on Wagner creek Saturday.

Mrs. Maudia Widrig, Mrs. Alva Perdue, and Mrs. Gladys Culbertson were attending to business matters in Roseburg Thursday.

Mrs. H. L. Calhoun and daughter, Betty, and Victor DeWitt are planning to spend Christmas eve in Roseburg with Mrs. Calhoun's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Laird.

D. O. Crispen and Ivan Welch, who are employed at the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp, have arrived at their respective homes for the Christmas holiday.

Ronald Boyd is spending a few days at the C. S. Jackson home at Drew.

Sunday visitors at the D. O. Crispen home included Juanita Lisea, Jim Jordan and Harry Nourse.

Raymond Spore, who has been receiving medical treatment in Portland, has returned to his home here.

Mable Moore visited at the Canyonville school Friday.

Mrs. Ray Wricht and Mrs. J. D. Wright were callers at the Ronald Loffer home in Canyonville, Wednesday.

Ray Goin of Ferndale came over Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Goin.

Henry Rachor of the Steamboat CCC camp, visited his family during the week-end.

Irvin Mather and his son, Charley, were attending to business matters in Roseburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Dean and son, John, were Roseburg visitors Monday. While there they purchased a V-8 sedan.

Goldie Dyer of Myrtle Creek was attending to business matters in this vicinity Thursday.

Clyde Detherage of Medford was an overnight visitor at the Walter Hutchinson home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ferguson and son, Jerry, were Roseburg visitors Wednesday. While there both Mrs. John Ferguson and her grandson, Jerry, received medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mrs. Ivan Welch and George Higgins were shopping in Roseburg Monday.

Bud Gaulke left Thursday morning for John Day where he will visit friends until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Berry and Guy Fender were Roseburg shoppers Saturday.

Miss Frances Rachor of Dunsmuir is spending the Christmas holidays here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rachor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ulam, Miss Beryl Atherton, and Ed Purdue were Roseburg visitors in Roseburg Wednesday.

Columbus Jackson, who has been receiving medical attention at the Marine hospital in Seattle for several months has returned to his home at Drew. Mr. Jackson, who suffered a severe leg injury early last week while employed at Dumont ranger station, is much improved though not yet able to do any work.

Mrs. Raymond Spore and daughters, Mildred and Geraldine, and son, Lyle, and Gus Lapp were Myrtle Creek visitors Thursday morning.

Mrs. Walter Lerwell, who has been a patient at the Mercy hospital, was sufficiently improved Saturday to be moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Young, near Myrtle Creek.

George Wright, who has been staying at the home of his uncle, Philip Willhoit, for the past several weeks, left Sunday for Arizona where he will be employed on a large cattle ranch.

The Lloyd McKinney family, who has been residing here for several months, has moved to Amity.

Damien Crispen, of Seattle, Wash., is expected to arrive here Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Crispen.

Among those attending the show in Myrtle Creek Saturday evening were Miss Mable Moore, Wayne Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Poole and daughter, Arlene, Doris Weston, Bud Gaulke, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Poole, Edna Mae Poole, Mrs. Gladys Culbertson, Tom Knight, Mrs. Mandia Widrig, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Perdue and son, John, Nicky Rachor and Victor and Charles DeWitt.

There were many local people among the Christmas shoppers in Roseburg Saturday. Among them were Mrs. H. L. Calhoun, and daughter, Betty, Miss May Gross, Mrs. Henry Rachor and son, Gene, Mrs. John Nutter, Frank Rachor, Jack Clifton, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Poole and daughter, Edna Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Lerwell, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Perdue and son, John, Mrs. Mandia Widrig, Mrs. R. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brock, George Riggin, Mrs. Louise Bigham and daughter, Winnifred, and son, Wayne, Mrs. A. E. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ferguson.

Included among those enjoying the show, "I'm From Missouri," at Myrtle Creek Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ulam, Miss Josephine, Miss Marjorie and Miss Maxine Wright, Miss Beryl Atherton, Ed Perdue and Leslie Solomon.

Miss Florence Moore, who is employed in Canyonville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, Friday. She again returned home Thursday evening as she was unable to work because of having the flu.

Lewis Weaver has been very ill at his home here with a serious bronchial condition but is improved at present. Ted Perdue, who has also been suffering from the same trouble, is slightly better. Dr. O. R. Hess of Myrtle Creek has been attending them.

Tenmile

TENMILE, Dec. 23.—A few of the members of Tenmile district of the West Douglas Electric R.E.A. line met at the Tenmile hall Friday afternoon at two o'clock to nominate a member to serve as director from that district for the coming year. Charles Seigel acted as chairman of the meeting. Those nominated were Otto Huebner, Jim Barnes, L. M. McCaffrey and Charles Rowell, the latter receiving the greatest number of votes. The final election of board of directors will be held the first Monday in February, when Mr. Rowell will be voted on, together with the nominees from Elgarose, Melrose, Lookingglass, Reston, Cleveland, Camas Valley and Olalla districts.

Claude Walgamuth and daughter Joan, have been confined to their beds the past week due to bad colds.

Mrs. Irene Homolka is able to be up and around again after a severe illness.

John Rathkey is home to spend the holidays with his wife and family. Mr. Rathkey is employed in a saw mill at Marshfield, Ore.

William Knaggs of Rice Creek is doing the chores at the Claude Walgamuth ranch during the latter's illness.

Marion Ward is wiring the A. P. Williams house for electricity.

Charles Rowell, James Homolka and Gene Rowell were shopping and transacting business in Roseburg.

Mr. Larson purchased two hundred and fifty White Leghorn hens from Frank Albro last week. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have just moved to this district from Olalla.

Destitute Farm Aid Need Shown

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A survey of the needs of destitute farm families in Washington, Oregon and Idaho was reported to Rep. Hill (D-Wash.) as showing $1,602,772 was needed for subsistence and medical care.

Walter A. Duffy, Portland regional director of the farm security administration gave Hill a chart showing the result of a survey made by the FSA in cooperation with local welfare and employment offices in the three states. He said $1,039,584 in grant funds was needed for subsistence and $144,238 for medical care in Washington, $222,200 for subsistence and $62,000 for medical care in Oregon and $106,000 for subsistence and $28,750 for medical care in Idaho.

The survey showed there were 2,675 migrant families in Oregon where 1,783 plan to spend the winter. In the state there are 2,926 families unable to provide for themselves due to inadequate farms and 570 families without subsistence due to crop failures.

Olalla

OLALLA, Dec. 26.—Joe Custer, well known Olalla resident, left Thursday for Portland to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter and family.

Mrs. Malinda Perron and sons, Alfred and David, and the Misses Cook attended the Northwest Turkey show at Oakland last week. The Perrons raise several hundred turkeys each year on their ranch in Olalla on the Hoover hill road. They came here from Bishop, California, a few years ago and are all ardent boosters for Oregon.

John Byron has been busy on the West Douglas REA line the past week taking the place of General Manager Atkins, who went to Washington state for a few days. Mr. Atkins returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ollivant Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Orr of Camas mountain service station left Saturday for Gold Beach to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Jay Francisco and family. They expect to return Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holdredge called at the home of Cell and Henry Ireland Sunday evening. They have been visiting Mr. Holdredge's sister, Mrs. Irene Ireland, and family at Marshfield for the past few weeks and were on their way home to Theamoplic, Wyoming, going by way of California, where they expect to visit friends at Dunsmuir, Redding, Fresno and points south.

Harvey Northcraft sold a couple of fine fat hogs to Jim Barns and Charles Siegel of Tenmile last week.

Earl Ollivant sent out a nice shipment of dressed turkeys the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Ollivant raised about three hundred Narragansett birds this year.

Chester Howard, who is government trapper under the biological department predatory animal control work, called at the Earl Ollivant ranch one day last week. Mr. Howard has been trapping in this section of the county for the past several months and has been very successful in his work, having caught a number of cougar, bobcats and coyotes. Turkey and sheep men are all strongly in favor of predatory animal control and are glad to have a man in this end of the county. John Ulam has worked the south end of the county for several years.

Camas Valley

CAMAS VALLEY, Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Brown went to Roseburg Friday to meet Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs Susan Smith, who will spend the Christmas holidays at the Brown home.

Mrs. R. L. Dunn has been picking turkeys at the Northwest Poultry company in Roseburg several days each week during the last three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Centers of North Bend spent the last week-end at the home of Mrs. Centers' father, Robert Martindale.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Claughton and two sons of Marshfield spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Claughton's father, Jesse Kirkendall.

Mrs. Sarah J. Jones has been visiting for the past week at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones. The elder Mrs. Jones just came down from Portland where she had been spending several months at the home of a daughter.

Miss Wilma Martindale left Thursday for Long Beach where she became the bride of Donald Libby on Dec. 26. Miss Martindale's engagement was cleverly announced a short time ago. The young couple will make their home in Long Beach. Mr. Libby was formerly a member of the CCC enrollment at the Remote CCC camp here and is now serving his seventh year in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reynolds spent Wednesday visiting relatives in Myrtle Point and Coquille.

The county bridge crew have just finished repairing the bridge near Dan Smith's place and moved down Wednesday to work on the river bridge on the lower cross road, finishing it Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Allen and two sons of San Diego, Calif., spent Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wheeler. The Allens were on their way to Newberg to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Abbie Lawson arrived from Portland Monday for a short visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Lawson. She returned to Portland Wednesday evening.

J. A. Newland and Maurice Greisle of the Allis-Chalmers tractor agency in Roseburg, made business calls in the valley Wednesday.

Mark Dick has gone to Seattle, where he may join the coast guard.

Rex Dick and Miss Alice Scranton came down from Eugene Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays here. Rex will be at the home of his father, R. W. Dick, and Miss Scranton will visit with her sister, Mrs. T. G. Lawson.

Severe colds and flu have cut down the attendance at school a great deal the past week. The Christmas play scheduled for Thursday night was put off until Friday afternoon due to so much illness among students.

Sutherlin

SUTHERLIN, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cook are spending the Christmas holidays in Eugene with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chenoweth, son Tommy, and T. E. Jones left Friday for Portland, and Spokane, Wash., where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Coleman and Miss Elsie Coleman of Medford, are visiting here with relatives until after Christmas.

Mrs. L. D. Robertson is ill at her home this week with the flu.

Brother Allen and David Sigismund visited several points along the coast last Tuesday.

C. L. Carr arrived here Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with his family. Mr. Carr is cannery superintendent at the Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla.

The Fair Oaks school presented a program at the school Wednesday evening, December 21. Miss Grace Hendrickson, the teacher, left Saturday for her home at Lakeside, Oregon.

The Nonpariel school students gave their program Thursday evening and the teacher, Miss Gladys Williams, left Saturday for her home at Myrtle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trozelle, Pauline, Billy, J. E. Maley and Bonnie Alcorn left Friday morning for San Diego where they will visit relatives. They also plan to visit relatives in San Francisco. "Brother Allen" is in charge of the service station while the Trozelles are gone.

Miss Donna Olsen left Wednesday for Portland where she will visit friends during the holidays.

Henry Barge arrived home Saturday from Lakeview for a week's visit with his family.

Miss Doris Carr is able to be up again after a siege of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer T. Jenkins moved into the Stark house on Central avenue last Wednesday. They have been residing on the Theno place east of town.

4-H Program Wins Acclaim at Session

General acclaim for the accomplishments of the 4-H club program in Oregon and the United States was given at the annual conference of agricultural and home economics workers at Oregon State college, where the 4-H club silver anniversary was observed.

It was in 1914 that the passage of the Smith-Lever law establishing the extension service resulted in the launching of the 4-H club program. H. C. Seymour, who for more than 23 of those 25 years, has been head of club work in Oregon, sketched the growth of the movement in this state and reported that last year more than 26,000 projects were carried on by more than 20,000 different Oregon boys and girls.

Mrs. Buena Maris, extension specialist in family relationships, called attention to the great value of 4-H club work in family life and personality development of youth. She said that the 4-H program improves family relationships by making possible achievement by the youngster which brings family approval at an age when too little of this is the rule. She said that the whole program tends to give young people those satisfactions of accomplishment, new experiences and recognition which are so important at that age.

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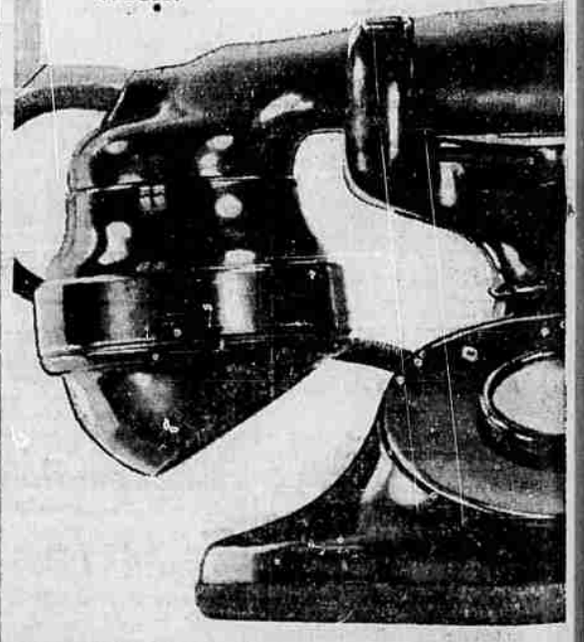

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