

Canadian Women Claim Success in Price War

TORONTO (AP) — Three months ago 600,000 determined Canadian women banded together to attempt to cut living costs.

Their leader, Mrs. Allan Turner Bone of Montreal, president of the National Council of Women, says the crusade has been "a great success." She hopes it may prove a barrier against further inflation.

Launched last October by the 59-year-old council, the Thrift Campaign has moved into towns and cities from coast to coast.

Housewives have been urged to cut out the frills in their buying; to serve only one kind of cake at tea parties; not to haunt bargain-

counters for items they don't need. They've been told they're likely to get more value—and more vitamins—for their money if they buy the cheaper meats instead of high-priced cuts. For instance they have been told pork liver—at 36 cents a pound in Toronto—contains "almost three times" as much iron as beef liver at 83 cents a pound.

The 13,000 member Canadian Association of Consumers is one of a dozen national women's organizations backing the drive.

In monthly bulletins it urges housewives to use twisted newspaper instead of wood for kindling; to save vegetable water for soups and gravies.

Tangible results are difficult to determine in this kind of campaign. But Mrs. Bone says they are beginning to show. She cited as evidence the fact that some retailers now talk of "consumer resistance."

She prefers to regard the drive as a long-range educational program.

Begin on a plea to women to exercise purse control, the campaign's path hasn't been too smooth. The word "thrift" met with opposition in sections of Canada not as affluent as others and chiefly from housewives who figured they already were practicing it to the limit.

But once explained as an anti-inflation measure, it won support.

From its national headquarters in Ottawa the council distributes tips to Canadian housewives. These include inexpensive recipes.

"The more demand we make for goods the more producers and manufacturers will be pressed into supplying them," the council explains in a folder. "Shop windows are not always an accurate indication of background conditions. We can create shortages by overbuying and so pushing up prices."

"Women had to be convinced that they could curtail expense," says Mrs. Bone. "And to do this we had to show that, while the cost of living had increased 90 per cent, the net personal income had increased 190 per cent and despite high prices and high taxes, personal saving was 147 per cent higher in 1950 than in 1939."

Women were not asked to stop spending, but simply to defer it, to give careful thought to their needs rather than their wants.

Why were women approached? Because statisticians claim they spend 80 per cent of the consumer money in Canada.

Suicide Reds' 'Top Secret'

BERLIN (AP)—Suicide has become "top secret" in the Russian zone of Germany.

The Communist government has impounded all records of suicides, has forbidden all newspapers to list suicide ever as the cause of death, and in many cases has compelled physicians to falsify their reports.

An East Zone doctor ventured an opinion that the suicide rate is "very high" but only the tight-lipped People's Police have any idea what it is.

'PARADISE'

The "outlawing" of suicide is in keeping with the Red philosophy that such things just don't happen in a Communist "paradise." The orders to keep up such a facade reply apply to Gerhart Eisler's propaganda ministry which controls the press; to the interior ministry which governs the police and to the central administration which handles statistics.

The Ministry of Health gets into the act by frequently certifying a suicide as a death from heart attack or merely from old age. Known tuberculosis cases are never listed as such.

East Germans, still not accustomed to such tinkering with obvious truths, say that almost three-fourths of the suicides in the Russian zone are traceable to "the hopelessness" of life under tyranny.

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TOKYO (AP) — The U.S. Army has asked tentative bids for 300 steel mills, Kyodo News Agency said today. The agency quoted "trade sources."

Scouts Mark Birthday

CHILQUIN—In recognition of the 42nd birthday of the Boy Scout movement, the Chilquin PTA, sponsoring group for the local scouts, was entertained by the scouts last week.

Three dens of Cubs sang several songs after Jim Herron read a history of the organization. Kenny Seed displayed the regulation scout pack; Gary Heglund reviewed the troop's activities of the past year; and Victor Sisson was presented with merit badges for feed production and gardening by scoutmaster Les Hoback.

The Explorer group and its Fort Klamath leaders also took part in the program.

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ROLAND BERRY, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Berry, 1911 Fargo, is now stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Jacksonville, Fla. He was graduated with the class of 1950 KUHS and was employed at Specialized Service when he enlisted in the Navy in October, 1951.

Ex-Gridder New Wheat Chief

DENVER (AP) — Jens Terjeson, 50, who once played halfback for University of Oregon football teams was elected president of the National Association of Wheat Growers Saturday. The association is winding up its three-day convention.

Terjeson, who operates a wheat ranch near Pendleton, Ore., in partnership with his brother, Tom, succeeds H. W. Clutter of Holcomb, Kans. Terjeson has been association vice president during the last year.

His wheat farming experience goes back to days when, as a high school boy, he drove a 33-horse combine on his father's ranch. He was graduated from Oregon in 1925.

Chinese Casino Operators Hit Jackpots in Indochina

By LARRY ALLEN
SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—There's a bitter war in Indochina, but that doesn't stop many of the rich Chinese in this country from getting richer.

In addition to controlling much of the rice trade and other vital, essential businesses, the Chinese operate gambling casinos. The way they operate them could be a good tip for the owners of the famous Casino in Monte Carlo on how to make money even in "off-seasons."

The Chinese run casinos in the heart of Saigon and in the twin all-Chinese city of Cholon. About half of Indochina's Chinese population lives in Cholon.

The Saigon Casino usually draws most of the European-player business, while the one in Cholon never lacks for throngs of avid, expectant, would-be Chinese winners.

That's not so in Monte Carlo or other casinos in France, where the money rides for another chance, for a "zero" is neither red or black, nor odd or pair.

Overall, the Chinese casino operators in this country have reduced their chances of losing—despite the ever-present 35-1 advantage on a single number—to as low as possible.

BIG TAKE

But they never lack for business. The casino in Saigon or Cholon will gross, on an average, a million Piastres (\$50,000) nightly. The operators say they pay about half of this in taxes.

Gambling casinos never have been targets for Vietnam terrorists who like to toss bombs and grenades about in crowded places. That's reportedly because the casinos "pay plenty" in protection money.

Nevertheless, every one entering a casino, man or woman, is subjected to be slapped on the thigh or searched for the possible possession of explosives.

It's still possible to win in either Saigon or Cholon, but not many people do.

One big factor is that the Chinese casino operators have reduced the winning chances to a bare minimum.

For instance, in roulette, when the little, round white ball lands in the green "zero" slot, the house sweeps the table.

That is, of course, with the exception of the player or players who might have chosen the "zero." Then they get a pay-off of 35-to-1. Those who have played the colors—red or black—or any pair of odd number—automatically lose.

LAMBING BEGINS
LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Spring lambing has begun for sheepmen of the Lewiston Valley at winter camps along the Snake River.

Earl Wood, owner of the Wood Ranch near Silcott, Wash., said by Feb. 25 some 4,000 ewes will be dropping an average of 250 lambs a day.

Former K K K Members Held

WHITEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The arrest of 10 former Ku Klux Klansmen caused further tension in Southeastern North Carolina's Columbus County, where many terrified people bolt their doors at nightfall.

People in the prosperous tobacco and truck farming area have

LEWISTON INTEREST
LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — The Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, in a gesture to "promote interest" in Americanism Week, mailed bulletins to governors of the 48 states, mayors of nearby towns — and Joseph Stalin in Moscow.

grown fearful because of at least five floggings of white men by nightriders last fall. Sheriff Hugh Nance says it's likely other beatings, of white persons and Negroes, have occurred but the victims have not reported them because of fear. Authorities have been working on the cases for months. The first break came with the 10 arrests.

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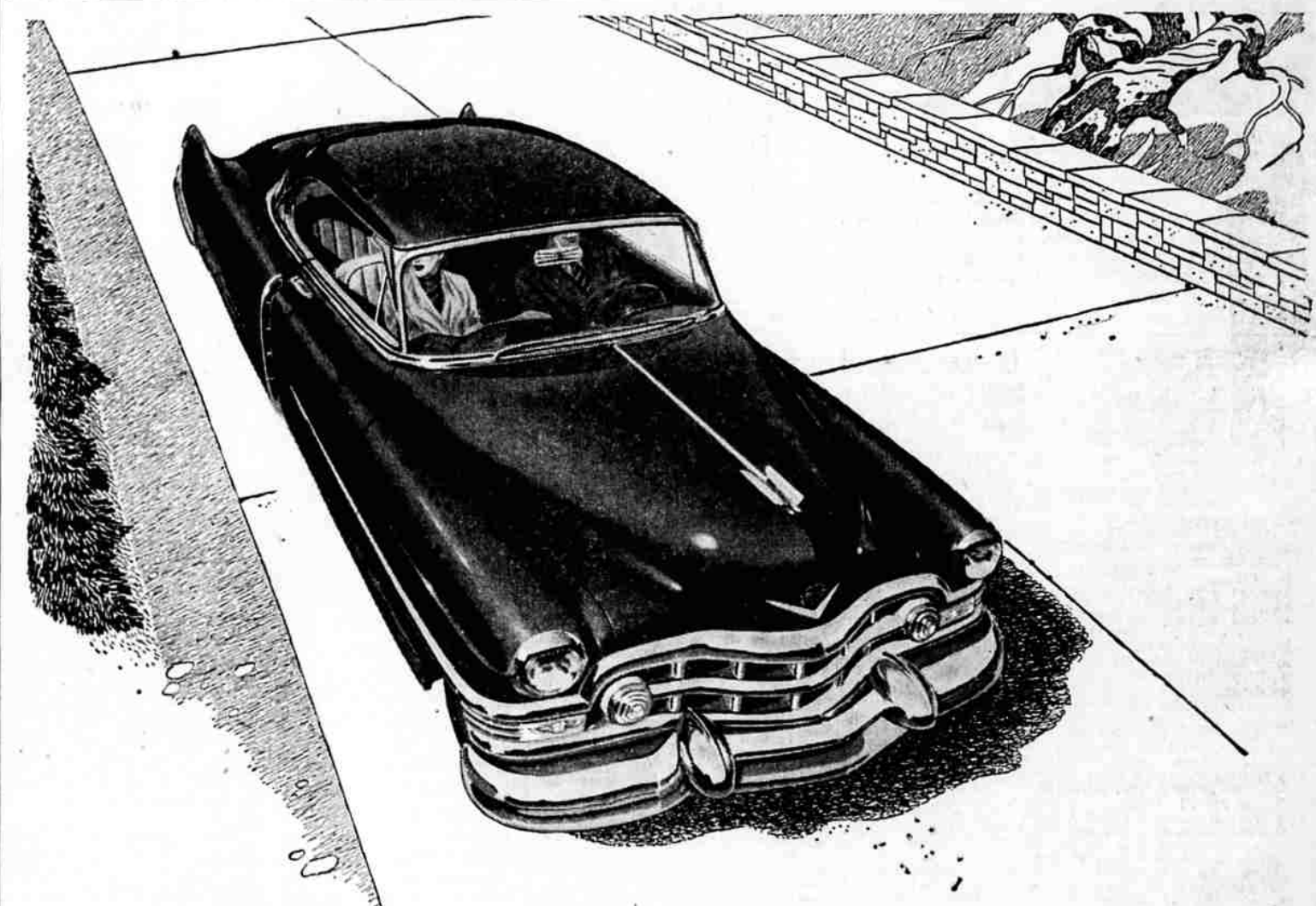
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