

Flip Of Coin Decided Winner Of '63 Vote

By STUART LAKE
CAMPBELL'S BAY, Que. (CP)—On the night of April 25, 1963, with Judge Paul Ste. Marie of the Quebec Superior Court among his spellbound audience, the returning officer for the federal riding of Pontiac-Temisamingue took a 25-cent coin from his pocket, flipped it into the air, caught it and said one word: "Martineau."

J. Denzil Moodie, a private contractor between elections, thus ended the nip-and-tuck battle between Conservative Paul Martineau and Liberal Paul Goulet for the right to represent the western Quebec riding in the 28th Parliament.

Now getting ready for the Nov. 8 balloting, Mr. Moodie recalled the moment in an interview.

The official count in the federal election campaign April 8 that year gave Mr. Goulet a 16-vote edge over Mr. Martineau, miles minister in the Diefenbaker government.

After two recounts—the count stood at 6,448 for each. Judge Ste. Marie, presiding at the judicial recount at the courthouse in this town about 65 miles northwest of Ottawa, then turned to Mr. Moodie and asked him to cast the deciding vote.

GIVEN 15 MINUTES
 "I asked the judge whether I could have three months to make up my mind like the other voters had," said Mr. Moodie with a smile. "The judge told me I had 15 minutes."

Mr. Moodie, appointed a returning officer after the Conservative landslide victory of 1963, said he used the time to make a telephone call to a person he doesn't care to name. "He told me I would be following British tradition if I used either a pack of cards or a coin to help me make the decision."

Had he decided on heads for Mr. Martineau, tails for Mr. Goulet, or vice-versa?

"I didn't say," replied Mr. Moodie. "I just went back into the courtroom, tossed the coin and announced my vote for Mr. Martineau."

Had the coin come down head or tails?

"I don't know," he said. "I was too excited to look."

Both candidates were among the spectators at the courthouse. Mr. Goulet shook hands with the returning officer and Mr. Martineau, a family friend, advised him to a victory party. Mr. Moodie declined the invitation in favor of a few bracers

among his friends at the Royal Canadian Legion.

A popular story in the riding is that Mr. Moodie sold his 25-cent piece for \$100. But he insists he gave it away to an asker.

LOST PROVINCIAL JOB
 A man who likes to tell a funny story—or to hear one—Mr. Moodie is going into his third federal election as a returning officer. He acted in the same capacity for several Quebec provincial elections but "got the bounce" after Premier Jean Lesage's government took office.

Farming, lumbering and mining are the main sources of income for the 20,000 eligible voters in the riding. It's a sprawling one with its southern tip only a few miles from Ottawa and its northwesterly portion extending just beyond the north end of Lake Timiskaming. It includes a great chunk of Verendrye Park whose few isolated polls are a special worry to the returning officer.

Mr. Moodie, who looks to be about 60 but doesn't like to say how old he is, describes himself as a "lowland Scot" with enough "habitant French" to carry out his duties in the bilingual riding. The Pontiac portion, which has 60 of the riding's 125 polls, is predominantly English-speaking; the Temisamingue portion is mostly French-speaking.

Father of three grown children, Mr. Moodie enjoys election night when he supervises the duties of about 250 workers and keeps a friendly eye on a group of reporters who set up shop in his headquarters to get election results as they become available.

An affable, easy-going man, Mr. Moodie sees that coffee is served during the night and "perhaps we have a beer or two when it's all over."

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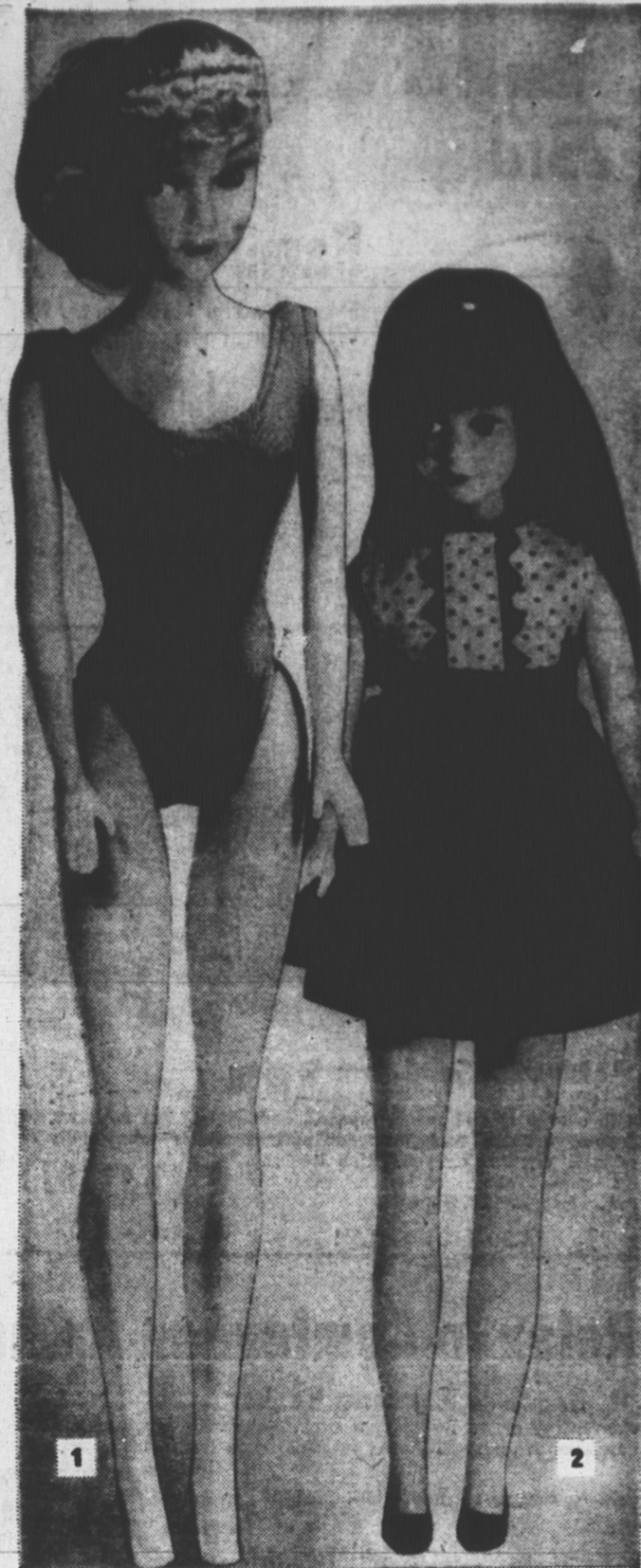
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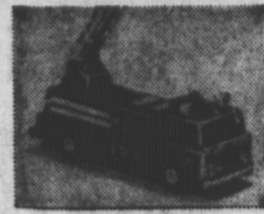
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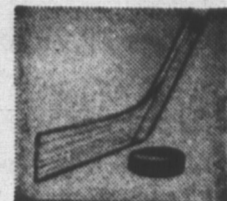
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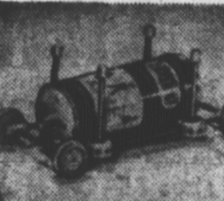
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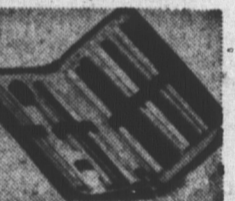
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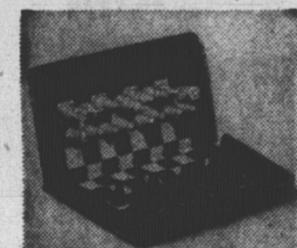
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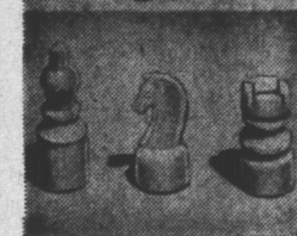
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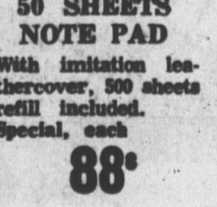
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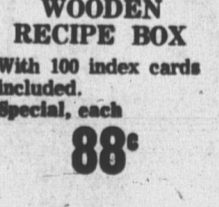
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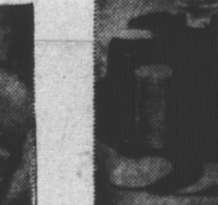
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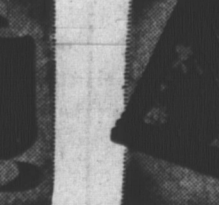
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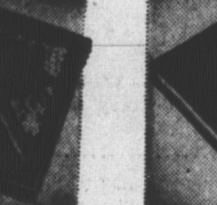
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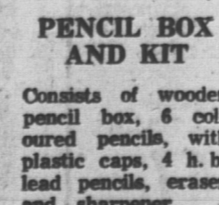
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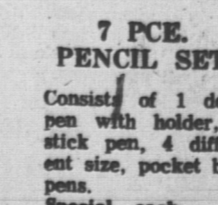
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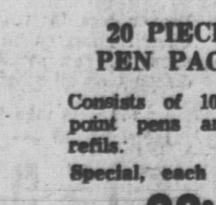
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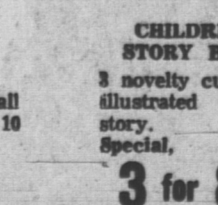
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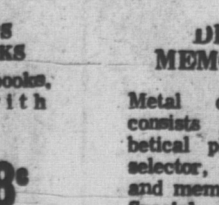
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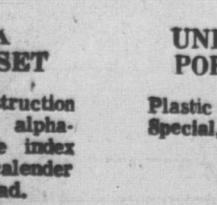
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