

**Sports Forum**

**BOXING GOSSIP**

Sir, — Ever hear of Leo Paradis? Chances are you never did, but the same Leo (Kid) Roy will ring a bell especially among the older light fans.

Paradis, whose ring name was Roy, was Canadian feather and lightweight champion 30 years back. He fought some of the best boys of his day such as Al Forman, Kid Wolf, Tom Noble, Cury Wilson, Newport Johnny Brown and a host of others too numerous to mention. So Leo Kid Roy mixed it with some pretty good clouters in his day.

What brings this up is that Leo Roy died recently in Montreal. The news of his death came as a Canadian Press dispatch from Montreal. It said he died from a heart attack at the age of 54.

At one time Roy would have been recognized and called by name in half a dozen big cities any day he walked down the street. But that was thirty years ago and thirty years is a long time.

The period between 1921 and 1924 he crawled through the ring ropes 50 times and won 42 bouts, 11 by k.o.

Shortly after World War One Roddy MacDonald of Cape Breton was regarded as one of the most rugged fighters in Canadian and American rings. He did considerable boxing out of Halifax. Whenever Roddy's name was on a boxing poster fight fans could rest assured that they were going to get their money's worth. In his only appearance in an Island ring September 1921 he battled to a 10-round draw with Bill MacKinnon of Mt. Stewart. Among the other mittmen he fought were Mike McFigure, Johnny Wilson, Vic McLaughlin, Frank Carbone, Pete Charley and Tommy Johnson.

Back around 1925 Johnny MacIntyre of Glace Bay ruled the roost of Maritime welterweights. He fought in England, France, Western Canada and the U. S. It is estimated that he fought 160 professional bouts with his defeats few and far between.

The 195 boxing season in the Maritimes enjoyed one of the best years since pre-war days. There were 58 professional fight cards held during the year and Gaston Roy was the most active boxer having appeared on 8 cards. There are 4 fighters tied for second place with 7 bouts each: Cobey McCluskey, Kid Howard, Gary Simon and Earl MacDonald.

Norm Gautreau of Moncton is continuing to make good in New England rings.

**REMEMBER WHEN** — Halifax, November 10, 1927: Rene Devos the middleweight champ of Belgium won a 10-round split decision over sand-born Jack McKenna.

I am, Sir, etc.  
Wilfred O. McCluskey,  
Charlottetown.

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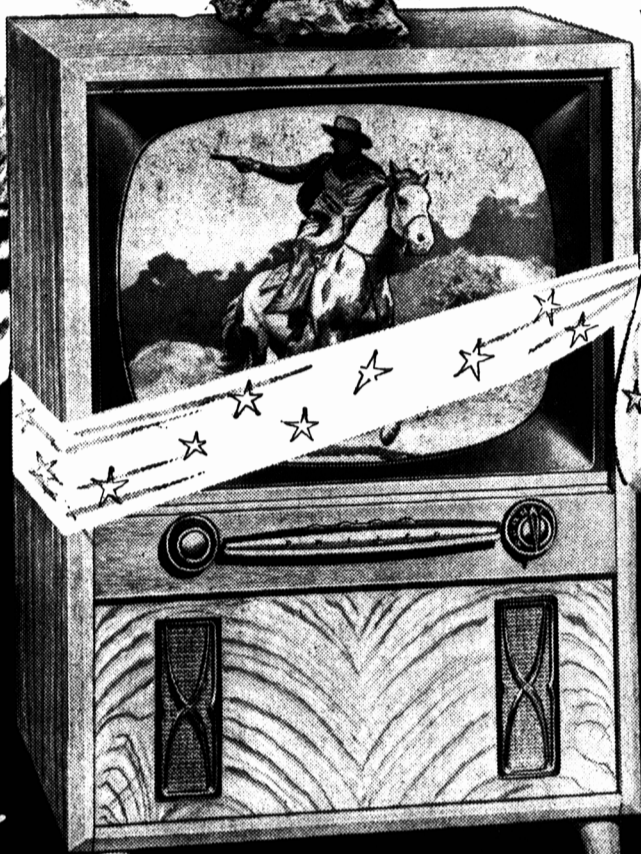
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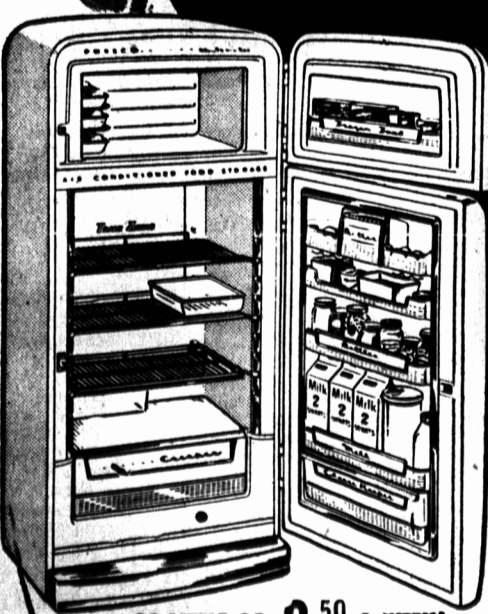
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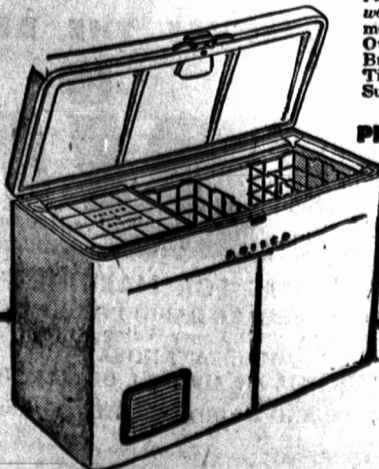
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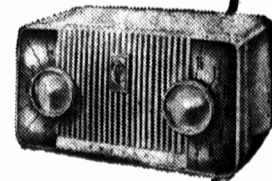


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