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True Success Story

By F. H. MacArthur

For today's talk I am going to take my readers into the realms of music where we shall be introduced to three of the greatest musicians of all time: Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frideric Handel and the great Mozart.

familiar figure. It was here too that the young musician produced his first opera, a work which brought him to the notice of contemporary composers.

From Hamburg he went to Italy where, for a number of years, he held the position of Director of Music in the household of the Elector of Hanover, but only on the condition that he be allowed to visit England.

The beauty of old England so much appealed to Handel that he settled there, making it his home for the better part of his life.

During those years the composer wrote little but operas, and his life at this time was a series of successes and failures. Twice he went bankrupt. Perhaps these failures were in part due to his bad temper, for he had many arguments with his singers.

His adopted country showered great honors upon this German-born genius, and when he died in 1759 his remains were buried in Westminster Abbey.

Bach, a man who had a passion for home life, was twice married with a family of twenty sons and daughters. Three of his children, Wilhelm, Karl and Johann were musicians par excellence and composers of some importance, though none were so brilliant as their father.

Every boy and girl in our great Dominion who hopes to be a true musician must spend many hours sitting before the piano studying the compositions that Bach wrote for the clavichord.

Incidentally, Bach and Handel, though they were both Germans, born in the same year, never had the pleasure of meeting.

And now we come to that wonderful child prodigy, Mozart, who composed fine music when only five years of age.

from a musical family and went on musical tours with his father and sister Maria Anna, when very young. The great ladies of that day used to take the little genius on their knees and hug and kiss him. Even kings and queens made a pet of him.

Those were Mozart's happiest days, for after he had grown up and had married he was always snowed under with debts and tribulations.

But with all his poverty Mozart never ceased composing, and, when his short life span came to an end, at the age of 35, he left to posterity 769 compositions.

Hayden, a brother composer, described Mozart as "the most extraordinary, original and comprehensive musical genius ever known in this or any other Nation."

One can well agree with Hayden's words when we take into account the remarkable fact that Mozart was a born musician, a prodigy who never had to ask anyone how to compose.

OTTAWA, June 1 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent advised the Commons today the Government has not reached a decision whether a five-day week will be granted civil servants in June, July and August this year.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. FRANCIS A. CROKEN

The many friends on the Island of Francis A. Croken were saddened to hear of his death on May 23rd at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass. Born in Prince Edward Island, he had been a resident of Springfield for more than fifty years.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (McNally) Croken, he leaves four sons, Daniel and William at East Longmeadow; Robert and Francis of Springfield; two brothers, Cornelius and Emmett both of the Island; a sister, Mrs. Clara Flanagan of Richmond Hill, L. I.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday morning from the Hafey Funeral Home, followed by Solemn Requiem High Mass in Holy Name Church. Rev. John D. McNamara was celebrant, Rev. Edward T. McClure, deacon, and Rev.

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Vancouver has ten Sea Scouts who, in all likelihood, will never hear the sound of ocean waves although a sailing they will go. They are members of the 85th Vancouver Sea Scout Troop in the Provincial Deaf and Blind School.

Rimouski, Quebec, Boy Scouts went into action when fire recently brought a sudden disaster to that community. They helped the victims escape from blazing buildings, served meals of their own providing, and assisted in many other ways.

While "shirts and shorts" will be retained as the distinctive dress of Canadian Boy Scouts for wear "On appropriate occasions" the Executive Committee of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association has approved the following recommendation from a Provincial Executive Commissioners' Conference: That the present green ski jackets (in the all-purpose Scout uniform) be replaced by blue battle-dress type trousers for wear in winter and at other times of the year when shorts are not suitable.

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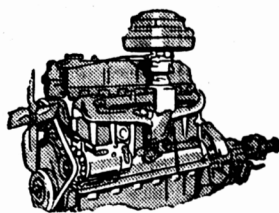
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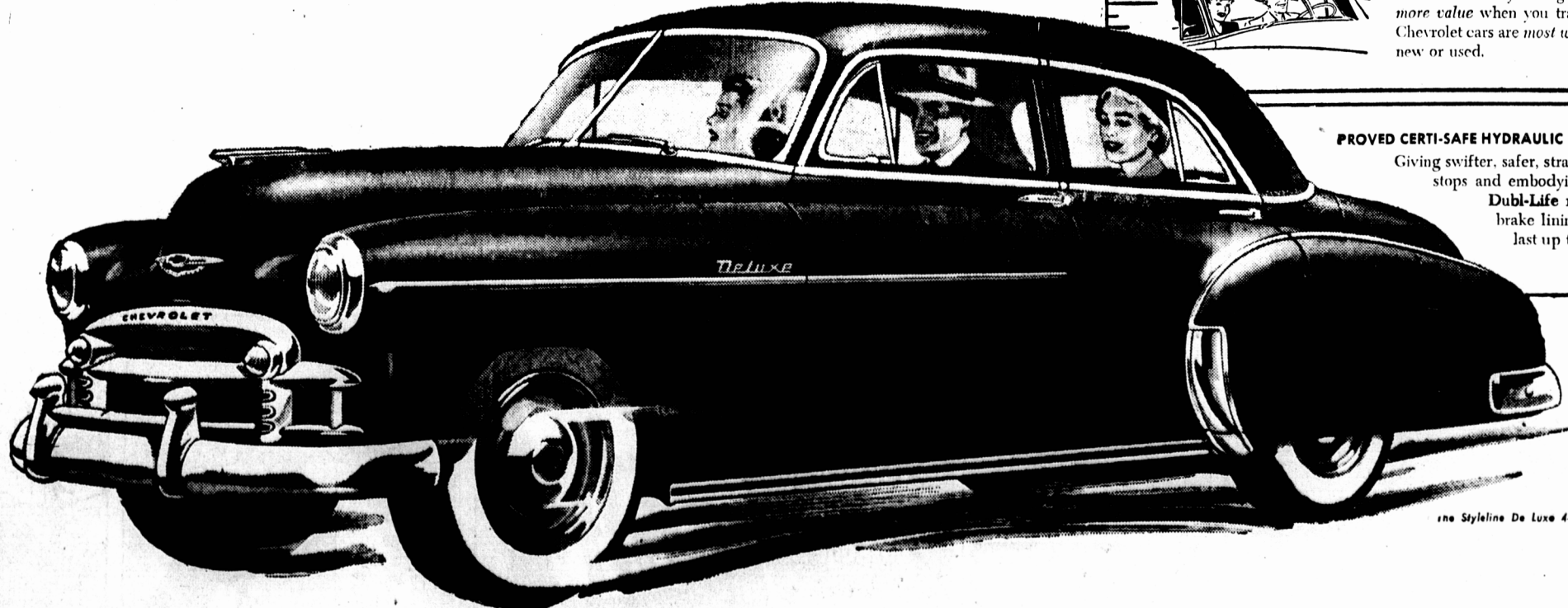
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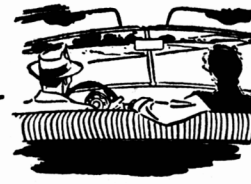
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