

# Montreal Real Estate And Home Building Booms

MONTREAL (CP)—Real estate sales and home construction in the greater Montreal area are booming and early indications point to a record year.

The Montreal Real Estate Board reported last week a value of \$187,476,887 for the first half of this year, an increase of more than \$28,000,000 over the corresponding period last year.

In the first seven months of this year, 11,739 housing units were completed, an increase of more than 2,200 in the corresponding months of 1954.

A spokesman for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation said Quebec and Ontario are "leading the way in residential building in Canada."

Montreal accounted for over 80 per cent of the annual home construction in Quebec.

**REAL ESTATE DEALS UP**

From January to June of this year there were 6,491 Montreal real estate sales, valued at \$112,824,346 compared with \$97,698,431 in the corresponding six-month period in 1954.

There were 5,061 sales in suburban municipalities during this period, with a value of \$74,642,541, against 4,362 sales with a value of \$60,914,566, last year.

A breakdown on the January to July statistics by central mortgage and housing corporation shows 4,427 single family dwellings, 1,784 duplex units, 12 row houses and 5,516 apartment units, were erected. The number of homes on which construction has begun since the beginning of the year total 13,316, against 12,146 last year.

Canada's continued high birth rate and immigration have been given as reasons for the sustained housing boom.

**Says Labor Strikes Are Outmoded Weapon Today**

OTTAWA (CP)—The labor strike, says English jurist, has no place in a civilized community. Lord Justice Alfred Thompson Denning of the English Court of Appeal told a Canadian Bar Association meeting Thursday the strike had been necessary to meet "all the injustices of the 19th century."

But in "our modern day strikes are surely an outmoded weapon."

He made his remarks in an unscheduled appearance on a panel considering the role of lawyers in labor relations, one of many problems being given detailed study by various sections of the CBA annual meeting.

**Skipper Dies, Frantic Woman Sails Yacht**

ST. HELIER, Jersey (AP)—A yacht steered by a frantic woman who did not know how to stop the motor brought its dead skipper to this English channel port Monday.

The eerie journey ended with a crash against the harbor wall. At the helm was Mrs. G. W. T. Woods, shouting to persons in other little craft:

"The boat is out of control. I can't stop it."

It crashed into the wall, and sailors who ran to the rescue found Mrs. Woods' husband, 44, lying dead at her feet.

They had started from St. Malo, France, with Woods at the controls. He collapsed and Mrs. Woods, although knowing nothing about the machinery, managed to keep the yacht on course to this harbor for about 12 miles.

A physician said Woods apparently died a few moments after he collapsed. Cause of death was not immediately learned.

**OIL LEAVES FOR RUSSIA**

VIENNA (AP)—Trains bearing 100,000 tons of crude oil left Austria Saturday for the Soviet Union as the first installment of the country's oil debt. Austria owes Russia 10,000,000 tons of oil and \$150,000,000 worth of industrial goods in return for the Zisterdorfer oil-fields and 300 Austrian factories seized by the Russians as reparations after the Second World War.

**Colombo Plan Powers To Meet**

LONDON (AP)—The Colombo plan powers will meet in Singapore from Oct. 17 to 22, the treasury announced Monday.

The full name for the plan is the Consultative Committee on Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia. The 16 lands inside the Asian region and the five nations outside seek to develop economies of the southern Asian countries and raise living standards of their people. They met first at Colombo and thus gave the program the name "Colombo plan." Canada is one of the "outside" members.

Preparatory meetings of officials attending will be held in Singapore Sept. 29.

**Future Car Seen Button Affair**

BRISTOL, England (AP)—A mechanical engineer predicted Monday night the automobile of the future may be a press button affair with no steering wheel.

J. N. McHattie told the British Association for the Advancement of Science that the car of tomorrow probably will be guided along a beam built into road surfaces by electronically operated controls.

The driver, he explained, will simply increase or decrease the speed of the machine by pressing buttons and watching road signals.

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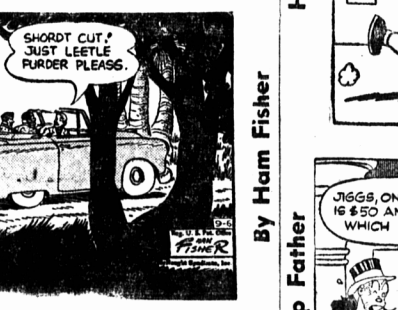
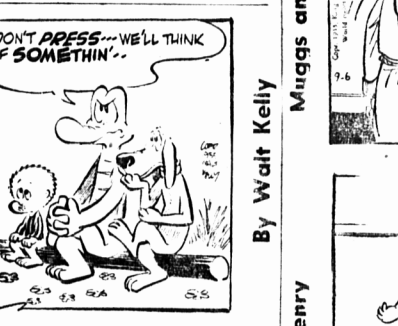
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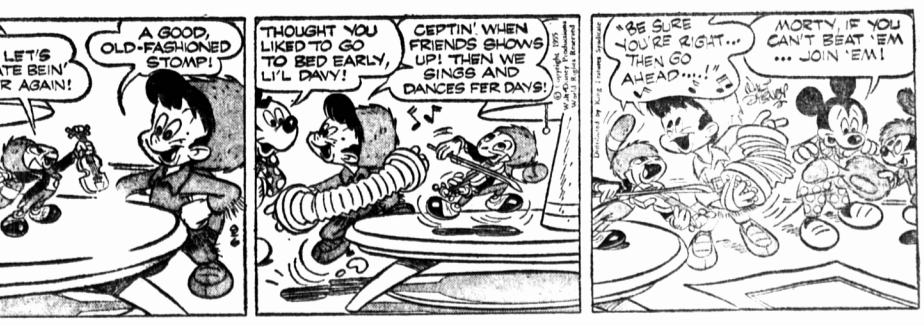
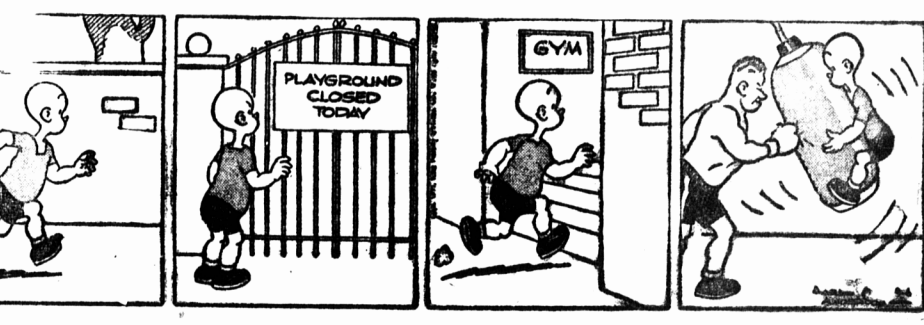
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