

PASS UP \$7,500 RENT, HELP LIONS OUT OF 'RED'—MAYOR

The city may aid the Beaches Lions club in its struggle to get out from under the deficit incurred in operation of a Christmas charity carnival at the Coliseum. Mayor McCallum said today he would ask council to forego collection of \$7,500 still owing of a \$17,500 rental charge for the Coliseum.

The mayor's suggestion was supported by Elwood Hughes, general manager of the C.N.E., and by some members of council who have been on the C.N.E. board of directors. According to the mayor, the \$10,000 paid has covered costs. "I do not think we should insist on collecting the remainder, which would be a clear profit," he said. He pointed out council should decide, since the city owns the C.N.E.

Charles M. Edwards, secretary and auditor of the Beaches Lions, said it was ridiculous to try to estimate how much the loss would be. "I haven't the corrected bills which would tell the whole story," he said.

Original estimate was about \$25,000; other reports have placed it at \$41,000. "I can say nothing," Mr. Edwards maintained.

Lampert Wants Probe

Con. Lampert did not believe the payment to the city should be forgotten too quickly. He called for a thorough probe into the operation of the carnival. "I certainly want to help the Lions, but I think we should find out about commissions paid to promoters. Service clubs do a grand job, but I am afraid too many are falling for these promotional schemes whereby the promoters get a large share of the proceeds for such simple work as conducting telephone campaigns."

While the Christmas carnival itself is being probed, Con. Lampert wants a study of the matter of rents paid to the C.N.E. for use of buildings. "Last year the profit was almost 80 per cent. of the \$120,000-odd dollars paid during the year for rental of the Coliseum and other buildings. On the Christmas carnival, we would have made \$7,500 profit on a \$17,500 rental. Maybe rents are too high."

An investigation and complete auditing was also called for by Ald. William Collins, a member of last year's exhibition board, who was, however, in favor of dropping the rental charge. Ald. Arthur Frost, a member of both the 1948 and 1949 C.N.E. boards, said: "I don't believe we should make any money at the expense of a charitable organization. I am quite in favor of returning whatever is left after we meet cost."

Ald. Nathan Phillips believed the club was just a "victim of tough luck." He said he was 100 per cent. in favor of the mayor's suggestion.

Be Generous—Balfour

Con. Balfour said he would "not pay out one cent of the people's money until he knew definitely where it was going," but he believed the Lions "do a good job and the city should be generous in this matter."

"Those unfortunate fellows went into this thing in good faith," remarked Con. John Innes. "Anything we can do to help I think we should do."

Ald. Charles Walton called for suspension of the debt and asked investigation of charitable enterprises before they are admitted to the Coliseum. His biggest complaint, however, was the "tremendous rents" being charged by the Exhibition.

"In the case I have the exact figures before me," he said. "The total rent was \$17,500; the profit would have been \$10,300. I think we should get a breakdown of the operating costs. It's ridiculous to think of it costing \$7,120 to maintain the Coliseum for 10 days." He said that last April the Exhibition had said it cost \$2,200 to maintain the Coliseum for a week during the Danforth Lions' carnival, "when the rent was \$4,000 and the C.N.E. made a profit of \$1,800 at that."

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PIPES FREEZE, THAW FLAGSHIP GOES DOWN

Flagship for the Canadian national regatta in Toronto bay last year, the 38-ton schooner Sea Queen, owned by Herbert, Nichols of the Queen City Yacht club, sank near Algonquin island bridge today.

Ice forming in the engine intake pipes of the 54-foot boat is believed to have broken them. When it thawed today water rushed in. The boat sank in about 15 feet of water. Only five feet of bow is still above water.

GELBER SEES SPEED IN DEVELOPING ISRAEL

"Peace is the most important economic asset that Israel needs today," stated Marvin Gelber, speaking on the "Economic Picture of Present-Day Israel" at the Great synagogue on McCaul St. last night during the Friday evening hour. "Burdened by a ruinous truce the valiant Israeli people are obtaining by the sword that peace which the U.N. had in its power to demand but has failed to do."

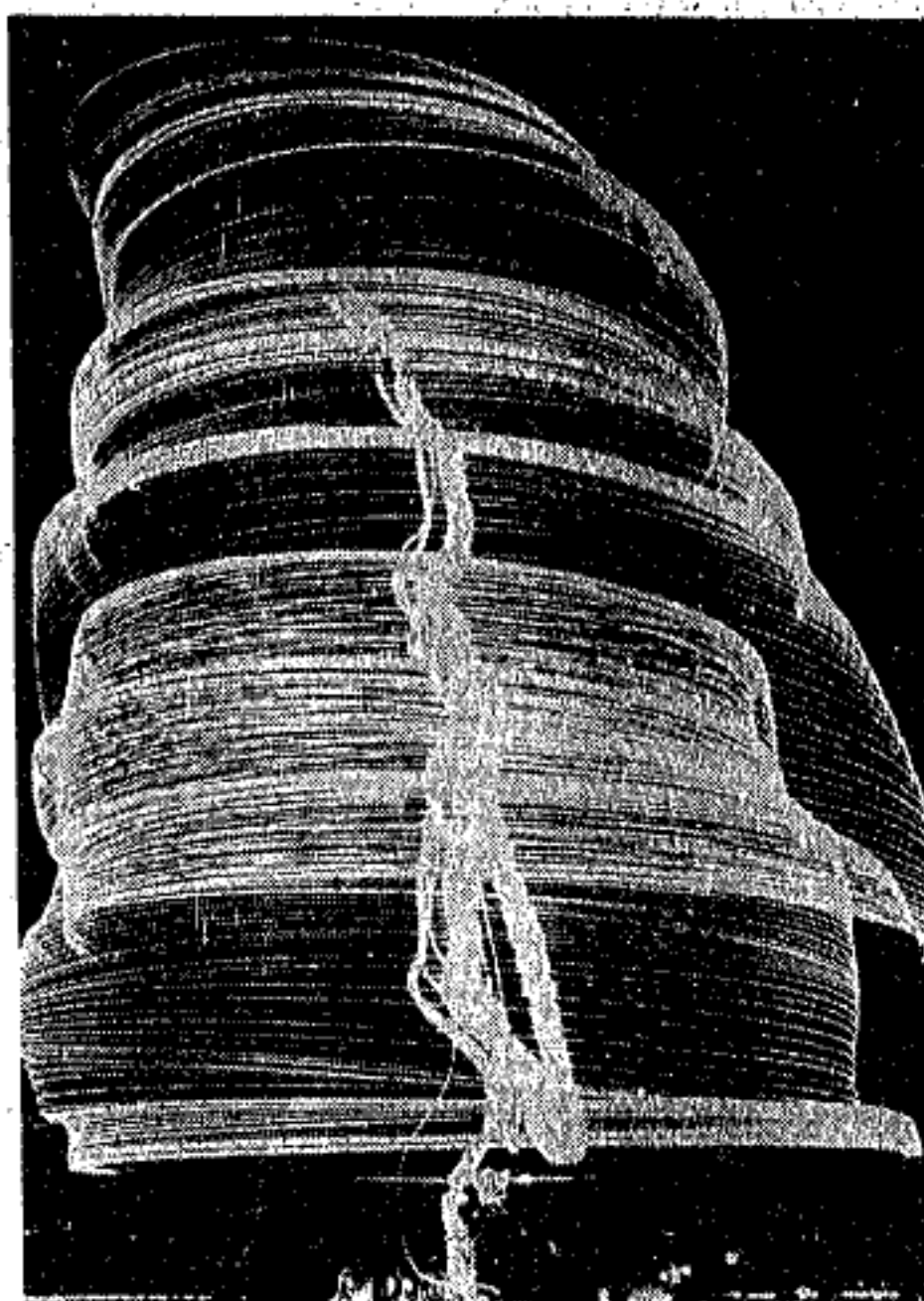
Mr. Gelber, who is a director of the Palestine Economic Corporation (U.S.A.) went on to say that "while the nations of the western world owe so much to the beneficence of the Marshall plan for their present well-being, the state of Israel has been obliged without outside governmental credits to fight a war against cynical invaders and to finance, with its friends, the absorption of 100,000 D.P.'s since May 15, 1948."

"The I.R.O., of which Canada is a member, has discriminated against Israel," he said. "This youngest of the nations has made the greatest contribution to the solution of the D.P. problem in the few months of its existence. The government of Canada should not abet the refusal of I.R.O. to pay the transportation costs of D.P.'s to Israel when it is paying these same costs to other admitting countries," Mr. Gelber said.

"The economic development of the country has been sound. The cessation of hostilities will lead to an immediate upsurge due to capital investment," he said.

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—A.P. wirephoto
NOMINATED TO rule as "Maid of Cotton" for the coming year, Miss Suzanne Howell, 19, of Bakersfield, California, won honor from 17 other winsome beauties

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U.S. NAVY helicopter, taking off on a night flight, produced this picture showing spiral path of lights. Broad, nearly vertical light path was made by the exhaust

—A.P. wirephoto
MOVIE STAR, Jane Powell, with Garry Steffen, after engagement was announced. Jane took lessons from Steffen when the latter was professional skating instructor



THIS BERLINER, 14, spent last days of 1948 working in the black-market earning money to welcome in the New Year. With his purchases in front of him, he enjoys U.S. cigarette

BERLIN HOUSEWIFE, unable to resist wares of black marketeer, fumbles in purse for money. Walking the Potsdamer Platz where the U.S.-U.K., and Russian zones join, the pedestrian must face a line of these operators who try to tempt prospective customers with their offerings

Preacher, 4, Is Musician Too Grandmother Was Lindsay Girl

The marriage of a Long Beach, Calif., couple by Rev. Marjoe Gortner, aged four, is "perfectly legal and binding and has been accepted by the state of California," the fledgling minister's father said today in a telephone interview.

"My son has been preaching since he was three years old and has talked to 50,000 persons in that time, in some of the largest auditoriums in the country," Rev. Mr. Gortner Sr. said. "He was regularly ordained on Oct. 31, 1948, by the Old Time Faith Inc."

The law says nothing about the age of the minister involved. Lots of ministers are under 21.

The marriage, uniting Alma Brown and Raymond Miller, was the first ever performed by Marjoe but he has been getting dozens of requests, the father said.

Although he has never been to school, he can write a bit and has composed dozens of hymns and prayers. He also plays the piano, accordion, saxophone and drums.

Marjoe has never performed any baptisms but that is only because he has had no occasion to, his father said.

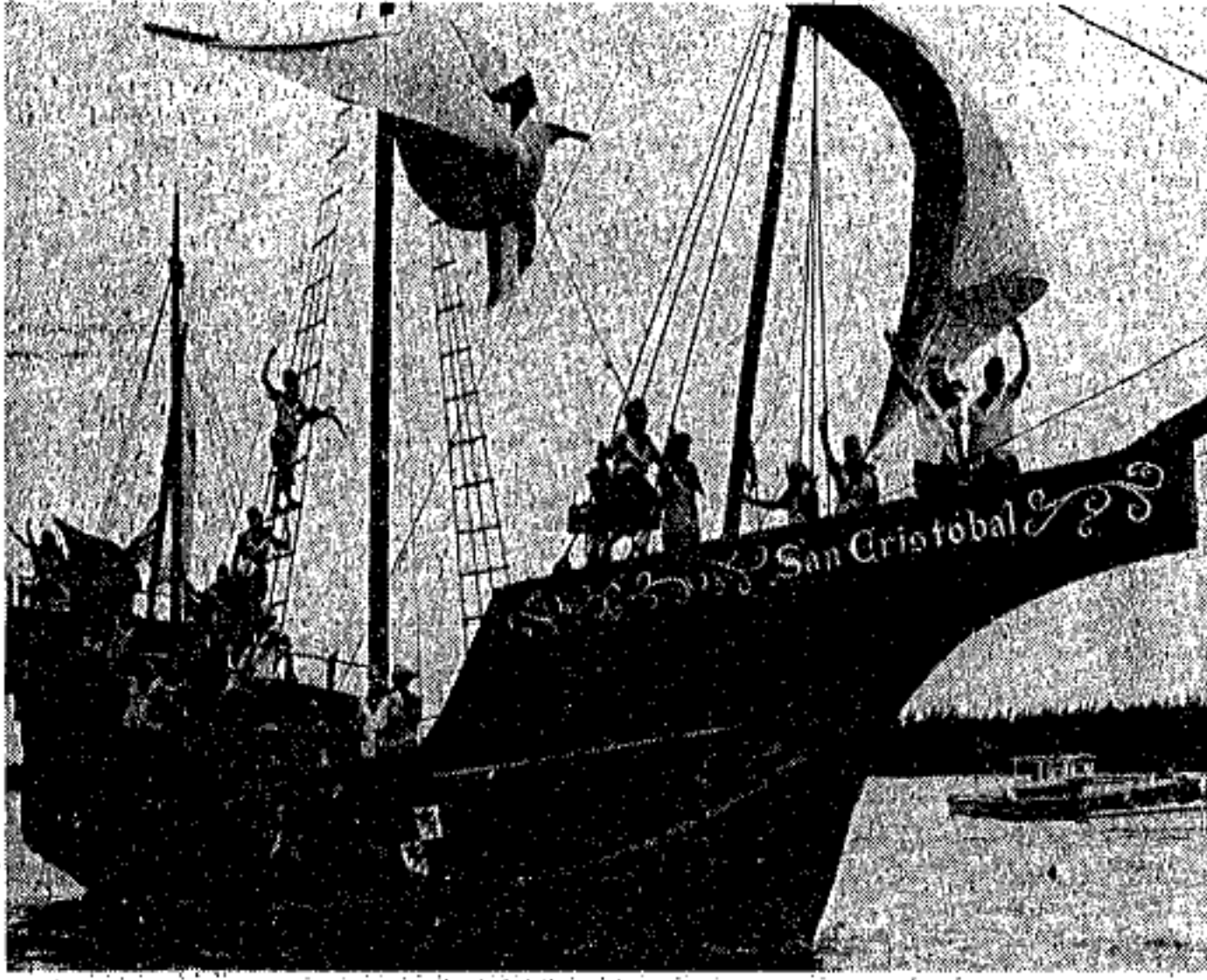
Marjoe's mother, the former Margaret McMillan, was born in Winnipeg, daughter of Rev. Stewart McMillan, now in Long Beach, and

the late Mrs. McMillan, nee Edith Maunder of Lindsay, Ont.

Relative to Lindsay Woman Special to The Star

Lindsay, Jan. 8.—"I have known for some time that young David was looked upon as some sort of an exceptional child by his mother and the followers of her religious teachings," said Mrs. L. S. Maunder, here today, "but I had never heard he officiated as a minister at any wedding."

Continuing, Mrs. Maunder said "Mrs. Edith Campbell, who died in Winnipeg about four years ago, was a sister of my late husband, L. S. Maunder. She was married to a man named McMillan. Years ago they adopted a daughter and called her Margaret. They lived on a farm near Brandon for years and the parents were always quite enthusiastic over their form of religion. Later on Margaret, who always called me "auntie" married a clever young man, a preacher of some sect. Not long afterwards, as I understand it, Margaret was also ordained and performed the duties of a pastor with her husband. They had two children and I think one was called David. He would be about four years old. I used to hear the programs of the Gortner's over a Toronto station last winter, but not so far this winter.



ORANGE FESTIVAL at Miami is one of the big events of the Florida season with a water pageant being held on New Year's Day prior to the Orange Bowl football game. The good ship San Cristobal was one of the features



SHOVELLING OUT was just beginning for many in the U.S. midwest although the blizzard was over. At Cheyenne, Wyo., Sam H. Davis, 66, is starting on a 10-foot drift barring the way to his front door. That's Mrs. Davis watching through storm door



MRS. ARMAND BRUNELLE tossed her five children to safety out the window of burning two-storey house in West Shefford, suburb of Granby, Que. Left to right: Lise, 5; Armande, 9; Jeanne, 8; Louise, 5 mos.; Mike, 4



THIS RUIN is all fire left of the house where Rita, four months, and Roland, 3, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Roy, burned to death. Robert Roy, 6, had serious burns. Parents were out, and the children were with baby sitter, also burned. The five Brunelle children were saved.



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