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Now to the next serious thing. It looks like some of our high public officials have decided to turn 1950 into 'Love Germany' year.

From 1941 to 1945, it was 'Hate Germany' years. And we've been going along in these post-war years neither hating or loving the Germans especially.

We've acted like an adult people, fully aware that the Germans were the tinder box that lit three wars—1871, when they defeated France; 1914 when they almost defeated France; and 1939 when they came mightily close to defeating the world.

Any country that takes that kind of discipline, any country that can make those kind of wars, three running—aren't too beloved to heartily.

Even worse than this is that some of our officials have decided that we can't do without the lower echelon Nazis. They half-admit the Nazi claim to being the 'master race' by saying that the U. S. has got to have them as administrators.

Some of our officials are forgetting that this country was built on the premise that leadership should and must come from the people.

We've built a pretty good country over here out of Andrew Carnegies, Harry Trumans, Rockefeller, and all the rest that furnished leadership in their time without being born to it.

Now the big argument on the side of these sudden lovers of the Germans and Nazis is that we've got to build up Germany as a bulwark against the Red Russians.

It follows the same old pattern as after the first World War when certain people in England and the United States decided we had to build up Germany to fight the Reds. So we built them up.

And your Nazi apologists will now answer that this is different—Russia is now a very serious threat. Check.

But are we fighting Russia in the proper way. One thing you can say for the Reds—they are selling Communism. They're not apologizing for it.

We're suppose to be selling democracy. What would you think of a cigarette salesman that tried to sell you one brand and smoked another.

By loving the Nazis, we're committing the same kind of salesmanship. I don't think the cigarette salesman above would sell many cigarettes and I don't think our expediency policy is selling much democracy.

As for building up a bulwark of Germans between us and the Reds, Germany will go with the side that suits her advantage.

Russia is a lot closer to her than we are. The Socialist and Communist philosophies have always had a strong following in Germany. Marx, who founded Communism—Hegel Engels who helped lay the basis for the Marxist philosophy—were Germans.

Hitler's Nazism, Italy's Fascism were the illegitimate children of Marxism, now warped into a strong opposite. But the inherent characteristics are still there.

The Nazi Apologist's policy, if followed, can only lead to us building up Germany as a conquering country herself or as a

Snake Hunters Find Boas Grandchild

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., (UP)—Two famed snake hunters, searching a dense swamp four miles from this city of 250,000 population for a 30-foot Boa Constrictor believed to have escaped from a circus train 53 years ago, captured its "grandchild" last week.

The monster reptile had been the subject of oft-repeated rumors that had grown into swamp legend for years. When the search got into the open, anxious mothers ordered their children not to stray from cleared ground.

Ross Allen, head of a Florida reptile institute, and Dr. W. T. Neill, biologist and college professor, captured the 10-foot grand-baby with a body the size of a man's leg.

"Where this one came from, there probably are more," they said.

The 45-pound boa taken after a night-long hunt through the stagnant vine-chokes swamp could easily crush the life from a man in minutes, Allen said. It could swallow whole a small child or dog.

Children were ordered to stay close to their homes, and mothers peered often from windows to see if they obeyed.

The Boa was found half-buried in an Armadillo hole. Instinctively timid, the snake lay still while Allen and Dr. Neill shoveled away dirt 10 feet away and uncovered the tail. Allen pounced on the snake's head and Neill caught the other end.

"We stretched it," Allen said. "It's weak as a kitten when strung out."

Old timers living along the swamps rim remember when a circus train derailed near there in 1897. A giant boa constrictor was said to have escaped in the accident.

The snake story made the rounds for years but no responsible citizen would admit seeing a 30-foot reptile for fear of being branded a liar.

Then, two weeks ago Cleveland Jones, retired engineer, came face to face with "it". Johnson's hired man, M. M. Moore, also saw it, peering through bushes on the edge of Johnson's 100-acre tract.

Allen said the Boa and its relatives have been eating Armadillos which infest the swamp, and reasoned that the snakes had not preyed on neighboring dogs because their appetites usually were satisfied.

He said a Boa in its native habitat grew about 18 inches each year. The one captured last week was about seven and one-half to ten years old.

"It's entirely possible the snake which escaped from the circus train gave birth later to several," Allen said. "They have 'em in litters like puppies."

He said this Boa was the first captured in Florida and probably in the United States.

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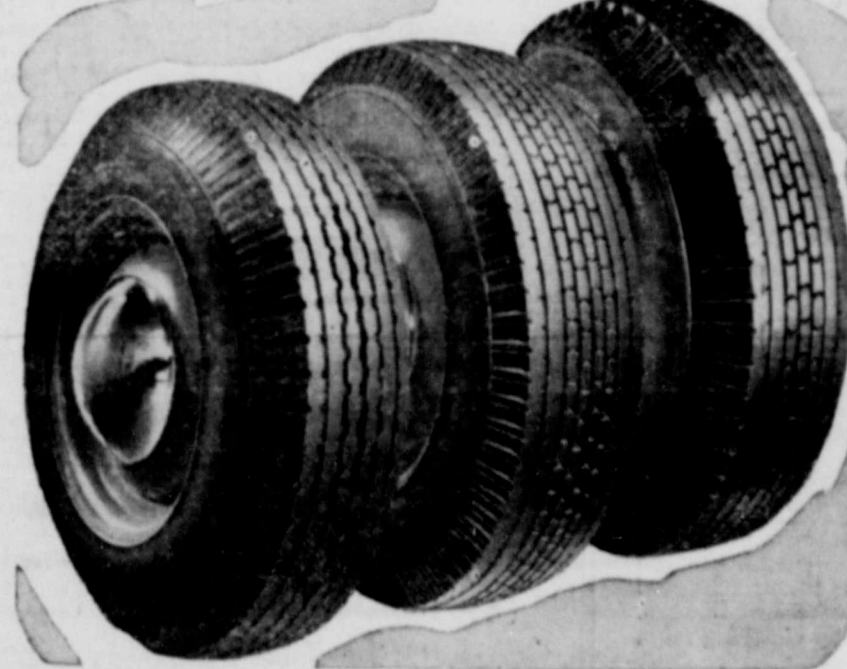
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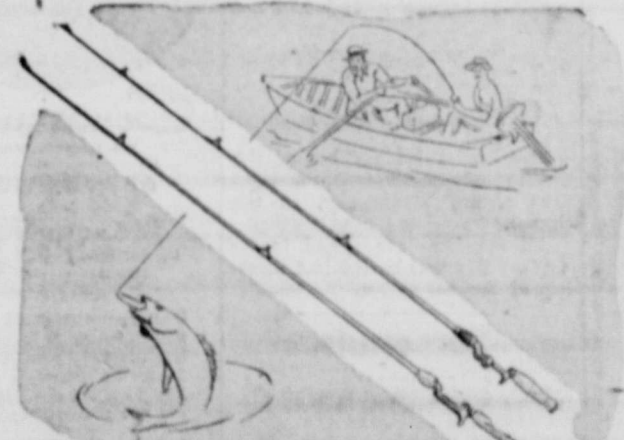
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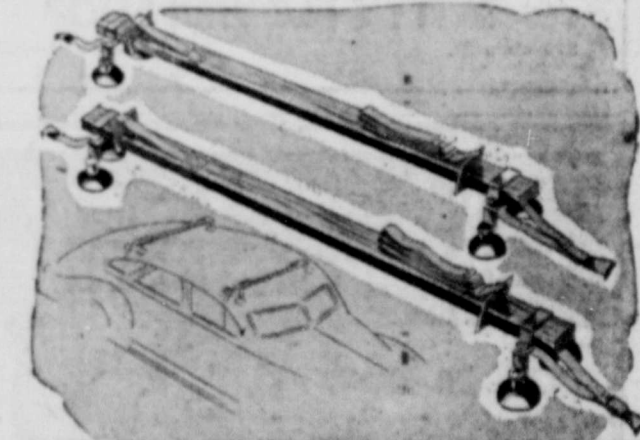
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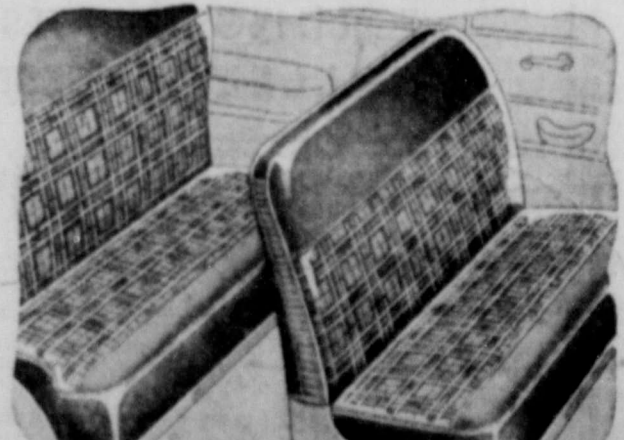
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