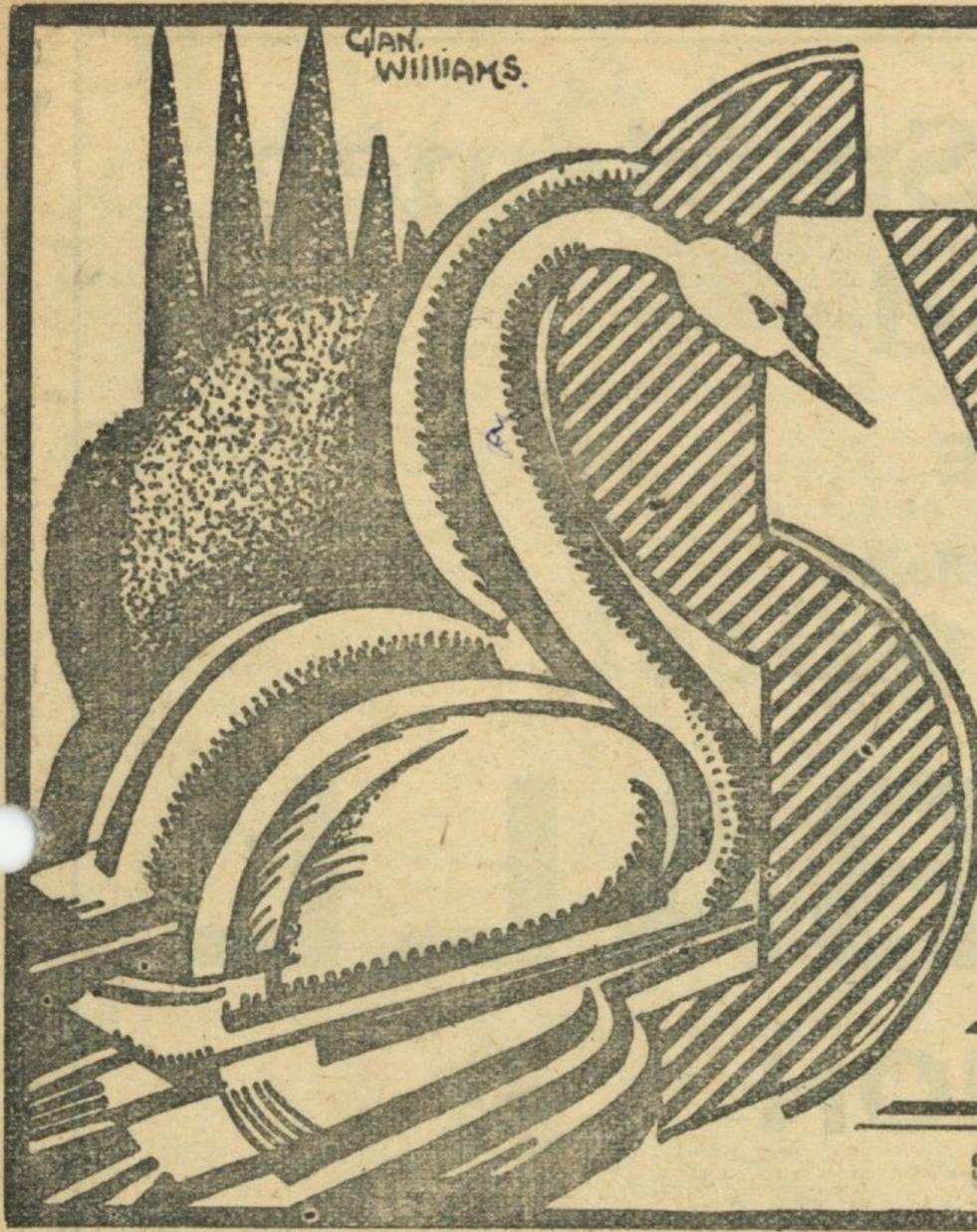


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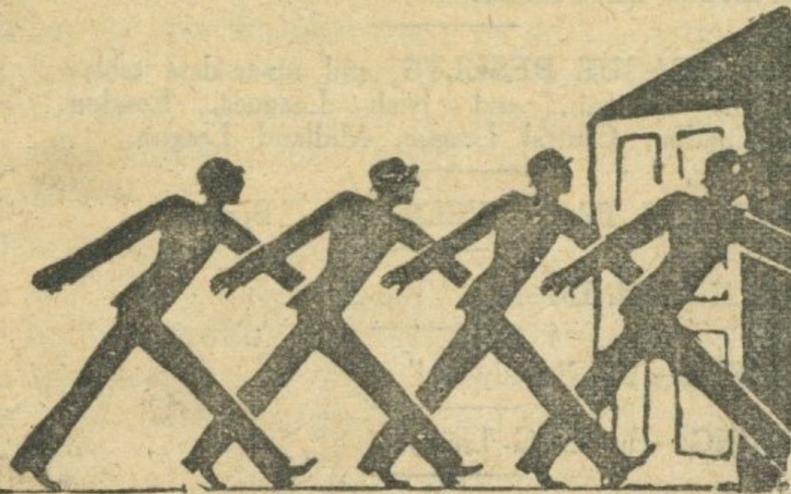
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Club Notes.

Five successive defeats have brought about a serious decline in the Swans position in the League table, where we are now fourth from the bottom, and two points down on the corresponding total last season. Here is the comparative positions:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
1936	18	7	9	2	24	28	16
1937	18	4	8	6	22	31	14

These figures serve to indicate that defence is again the team's strong point, and that our attack is not even as good as last year's line.

This unsatisfactory position can only be attributed to the unusual chapter of accidents to players we have been afflicted with since August last, and to the unaccountable loss of form of some of the others. These causes were responsible for the much-changed team fielded at Manchester last week; for half-an-hour or so the side played very good football, but the attack failed in the second half, and a lack of understanding in the defence enabled the United to get several easy goals.

Efforts have been made for some months, and are still being made, to secure the type of players we believe would strengthen the team, but the transfer fees asked for can only be described as extortionate, and quite beyond the club's capacity to pay.

This afternoon we welcome the return of Luton to the Vetch Field, after an absence of exactly thirteen years. Old colleagues of ours in the Southern and 3rd Leagues, Luton, who won the championship of the 3rd League last season, will be making their first 2nd League appearance on our ground, but visited us on six occasions prior to the Swans being promoted in 1925-26; of those six games, the Swans won four and the other two matches were drawn. Luton were beaten 4-1 on their last appearance on our ground, in November, 1924.

Practically the whole of their team to-day are comparative strangers to the Vetch Field; the one exception is Venall, who used to be with Norwich City. Luton's strong suit is their attack: the League's heaviest scorers; the Swan's strong point is defence. It ought to be a thrilling game.

Our Reserves won two vitally important Combination League points last week at the expense of Charlton, who were beaten by the only goal of the match, and followed it up by defeating Milford 5-1 on Thursday in a Welsh League game, Lewis (H.) 2, Thompson 2, and an opponent scoring our goals.

We gave a trial in this game to Reeve, left-half, and Morgan, centre-forward, and both youngsters gave promising displays under adverse circumstances—the ground being very treacherous.

Saturday next at 2-30

BOURNEMOUTH - - Combination

We have no mid-week home game next week. This afternoon the Reserves are at Brighton, and on Thursday next visit Newport for a Welsh League game.

Next Saturday our League team travel to Newcastle, where they have lost all three games on previous visits, and are at Southampton the following week, the Saints visiting the Vetch Field for the return game on Boxing Day.

Next week's game at the Vetch Field will be a reserve match with Bournemouth, and Southampton Reserves will visit us the following Saturday.

The 2nd Round of the F.A. Cup takes place this afternoon, and we look forward to the success of the three Welsh Clubs engaged in this round.

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Topical Gossip.

The laugh was on the crowd in a London Combination match during last week when Bournemouth Reserves met Watford Reserves. Bournemouth fielded four youngsters, one an inside-right called Baber, an amateur from the New Forest. Conditions did not suit him, and the spectators developed a habit of shouting at him whenever he got possession. The youngster had the last laugh, scoring Bournemouth's only goal.

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My remarks last week that some managers were shortly leaving Southern Section Clubs have quickly been justified.

Percy Smith has already severed his connection with Bristol Rovers—though that will probably not be the only break.

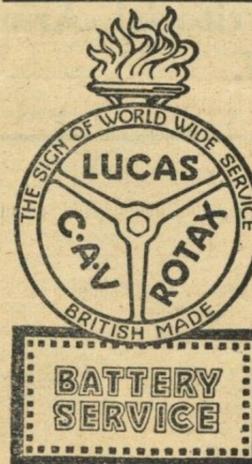
There are suggestions that Bert Prince Cox may resume the management at Eastville. If he does not, there is a certain Southern League manager who will be a strong contender for the job.

Look out for a couple of players leaving Watford. They have an excellent centre-forward in Walters, who formerly saw service with Torquay

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TOPICAL GOSSIP—continued

and Exeter playing with the Reserves at outside right. He would do several Third Division Clubs a power of good at the present moment.

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They are telling a good story Bristol way about a milkman who is a devoted supporter of the Rovers.

The day after that team "copped" it from Queen's Park Rangers, one of his customers signalled to him from a window, held up eight fingers in solemn succession, and then a single one. Ticked to death with his little manoeuvre the joker repeated it thrice, and finished his morning toilet with deep chuckles.

But he wasn't so pleased to come down to the door later and find nine bottles of milk on the step.

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Cardiff City need funds to complete their new stand. They are hoping for a good run in the Cup to provide the wherewithal.

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League "bottoms" last Saturday suggested that any connection with shipbuilding is fatal to clubs this season.

Portsmouth were bottom of Division I, Plymouth bottom of Division II, and to complete the humiliation of the Royal Dockyards, Gillingham (Chatham), occupied the lowliest position in the Third Division (Southern) table.

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					F.	A.	
Coventry City	17	8	1	8	23	13	24
Sheffield United	19	11	6	2	28	25	24
Aston Villa	18	9	5	4	26	16	22
Chesterfield	18	8	4	6	30	24	22
Manchester United	18	9	6	3	33	17	21
West Ham United	18	7	4	7	26	17	21
Bradford	18	6	3	9	25	21	21
Burnley	19	7	6	6	26	23	20
Tottenham Hotspur	18	8	7	3	34	26	19
Stockport County	18	7	6	5	20	21	19
Barnsley	18	7	7	4	29	30	18
Bury	18	7	7	4	20	24	18
Luton Town	18	7	8	3	36	35	17
Blackburn Rovers	18	6	7	5	32	33	17
Notts Forest	18	6	7	5	18	19	17
Norwich City	18	7	8	3	32	39	17
Newcastle United	18	6	8	4	26	24	16
Southampton	17	6	8	3	28	37	15
Swansea Town	18	4	8	6	22	31	14
Sheffield Wednesday	18	4	10	4	18	29	12
Fulham	18	3	9	6	15	29	12
Plymouth Argyle	18	3	11	4	22	36	10

LONDON COMBINATION

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Coventry City	19	14	2	3	50	22	31
Arsenal	20	11	3	6	56	25	28
Fulham	22	12	6	4	34	29	28
West Ham	22	12	7	3	52	33	27
Watford	22	11	7	4	45	48	26
Millwall	20	11	7	2	38	35	24
Queen's Park Rangers	19	9	5	5	42	32	23
Portsmouth	21	7	5	9	38	32	23
Tottenham	20	7	5	8	44	34	22
Luton	21	8	8	5	45	38	21
Charlton	19	9	8	2	33	31	20
Clapton Orient	18	8	7	3	30	31	19
Leicester City	20	8	10	2	41	42	18
Southend	21	6	9	6	36	40	18
Bristol City	21	5	8	8	32	36	18
Northampton	21	7	10	4	37	45	18
Crystal Palace	21	7	10	4	34	44	18
Southampton	21	6	10	5	42	45	17
Chelsea	20	5	9	6	32	37	16
Reading	20	7	11	2	38	46	16
Bournemouth	21	5	11	5	27	47	15
Brighton	19	5	10	4	33	52	14
Brentford	18	4	9	5	23	35	13
Swansea	20	4	11	5	19	40	13

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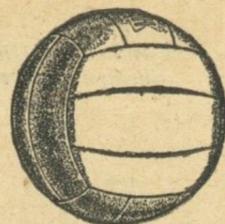
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Aston Villa H A	1-2 0-4
Barnsley ..H A	3-0 0-2	5-2 1-1	3-0 3-3	2-1 1-2	0-2 0-1	1-0 0-1	3-0 3-2	1-1 0-1	0-0 0-0	3-1 1-0
Blackburn H A	1-0 1-2
Bradford ..H A	3-1 1-3	2-4 0-3	2-1 1-5	1-0 1-2	3-1 0-1	5-1 1-5	0-0 1-3	1-2 1-1	3-0 1-1
BurnleyH A	1-1 2-2	5-1 1-4	2-0 2-1	3-0 1-3	2-0 0-3	1-3 2-5	3-0 0-0
BuryH A	2-4 0-1	5-2 0-2	2-0 1-2	2-1 0-3	1-1 1-4	1-0 1-2	4-1 1-2	2-0 0-2
Chesterfield H A	1-1 2-1	3-0 0-1	4-1 0-4
Coventry CityH A	2-0 1-2
FulhamH A	6-0 1-0	4-2 3-4	2-1 2-3	3-0 1-3	1-0 0-1	2-0 1-4	0-2 1-0	3-0 0-5
Luton H A
Manchester U. H A	3-1 1-2	2-1 1-1	2-1 1-1	1-0 1-3	2-1 0-3	..
Newcastle H A	3-4 1-5	1-2 0-2	1-2 1-5
Norwich City H A	1-1 2-2	4-3 1-0	2-1 0-3
Notts Forest H A	3-0 2-0	2-1 2-2	2-0 2-0	3-5 1-2	1-1 0-1	3-2 0-3	4-1 1-6	0-1 2-2	1-1 2-4	3-0 0-1	2-1 2-2	1-0 1-6
Plymouth A. H A	2-0 0-0	4-1 2-4	0-1 0-1	2-1 2-2	3-0 2-3	2-0 2-1	0-1 0-0
Sheffield Utd. H A	0-0 1-1	1-3 1-4	2-1 0-1
Sheffield W. H A	2-2 1-3
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TOPICAL GOSSIP—continued

Shipbuilding Barrow was last in the Northern race and even in Scotland the blight continued, Morton (Greenock) holding bottom place!

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Doug. Lewis, the former Bristol Rovers player, watched his side catch that hiding from Queen's Park Rangers in the Cup.

Doug., whose career was cut short owing to a multiplicity of injuries, had a spell with Exeter City, but is now doing scouting work for Newport County where he finished his playing days.

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Most players, even goalkeepers, have scored a goal at some time in their careers, but Bill Coulthard, the South Shields right back, has in all the years he has been playing football never placed the ball in the net. Bill used to blush whenever this was mentioned, but now he has got kind of proud of his record.

It has even been suggested that goalkeepers should get together and make him a presentation.

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Scouting expeditions from Blackpool recently have covered many hundreds of miles in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and the signing of Buchan and his cousin, Murray, from Glasgow Celtic, followed by a big capture from Preston, is merely the start of their recruiting campaign. It is believed that they are now casting longing eyes on McAlinden.

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TOPICAL GOSSIP—continued

Isn't it strange that Plymouth Argyle have had to part with a big cheque to Coventry to secure a well-known goal-getter in Bourton, and that Osman, to whom they gave a free transfer last May, has already reached double figures for Southampton.

Osman was tried in the Argyle first team only a few times, at outside-left, but at Southampton he at once settled down as a prolific scoring inside-forward.

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Many good judges believe that some time in the near future Percival, the right-half of Manchester City, will play for England. One manager who holds this opinion is Mr. Angus Seed, of Barnsley, the former Aldershot manager who just missed Percival when he signed for Manchester City. At that time Percival, playing for Durham City, was snapped up by Manchester City just about an hour before Mr. Seed arrived all the way from Aldershot with the necessary forms.

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One of the most discussed of Northern Section centre-half backs just now is young Trevor Walters, of Chester. Yet the Wolves, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers all gave him trials and let him depart.

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Sept. 4—Sheffield WednesdayA	1-1
6—West Ham UnitedH	0-0
11—FulhamH	2-0
13—BradfordH	0-1
18—Plymouth Argyle	.....A	2-2
25—Chesterfield	.....H	1-0
Oct. 2—Nottingham Forest	.....A	1-2
9—Norwich City	.....A	1-1
16—Coventry City	.....H	3-3
23—Bury	.....A	0-0
30—Burnley	.....A	3-1
Nov. 6—Tottenham Hotspur	.....A	0-2
13—Sheffield United	.....H	3-5
20—Barnsley	.....A	0-2
27—Stockport County	.....H	0-2
Dec. 4—Manchester United	.....A	1-5
11—Luton Town	.....H	—
18—Newcastle United	.....A	—
25—Southampton	.....A	—
27—Southampton	.....H	—
Jan. 1—Blackburn Rovers	.....A	—
8—F.A. Cup	.....A	—
15—Sheffield Wednesday	.....H	—
22—Fulham	.....A	—
29—Plymouth Argyle	.....H	—
Feb. 5—Chesterfield	.....A	—
12—Nottingham Forest	.....H	—
19—Norwich City	.....H	—
26—Coventry City	.....A	—
Mar. 5—Bury	.....H	—
12—BurnleyA	—
19—Tottenham HotspurH	—
26—Sheffield UnitedA	—
April 2—BarnsleyH	—
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16—Manchester UnitedH	—
18—Aston VillaH	—
19—Aston VillaA	—
23—Luton TownA	—
30—Newcastle UnitedH	—
May 7—Bradford	.....A	—

April 2—Tottenham (L)	.....A	—
6—Caerphilly (W)	.....A	—
9—Queens Park (L)	.....H	—
11—Leicester C. (L)	.....A	—
15—Watford (L)	.....H	—
16—Charlton (L)	.....A	—
18—Watford (L)	.....A	—
21—Haverfordwest (W)	.....A	—
23—Brighton (L)	.....H	—
25—Cardiff Corries (W)	.....A	—
28—Milford U. (W)	.....A	—
30—Bournemouth (L)	.....A	—
May 2—Cardiff Corries (W)	.....H	—
7—Northampton (L)	.....H	—

1937		F.A.
Aug 28—Arsenal (L)	.....A	0-6
Sept. 1—Gwynfi (W)	.....A	2-2
4—Brentford (L)	.....H	1-2
7—Llanelli (W)	.....A	3-2
11—Millwall (L)	.....A	0-4
15—Bristol City (L)	.....A	0-0
18—Fulham (L)	.....H	0-1
20—West Ham (L)	.....H	1-1
25—Reading (L)	.....A	1-3
27—West Ham (L)	.....A	2-5
29—Caerau (W)	.....A	0-0
Oct. 2—Crystal Palace (L)	.....H	1-0
4—Treharris (W)	.....A	2-1
7—Haverfordwest W.W.C., S.F.	.....A	0-1
9—Clapton Orient (L)	.....H	2-4
12—Porth (W)	.....A	2-0
14—Troedyrhiw (W)	.....A	0-0
16—Luton (L)	.....A	1-1
21—Leicester City (L)	.....H	1-0
23—Coventry City (L)	.....H	1-4
28—Northampton (L)	.....A	1-2
30—Southend (L)	.....A	1-3
Nov. 4—Ebbw Vale (W)	.....H	3-2
6—Portsmouth (L)	.....H	2-2
11—Caerau (W)	.....H	5-1
13—Chelsea (L)	.....A	1-1
18—Gwynfi (W)	.....H	1-3
20—Tottenham (L)	.....H	1-0
25—Aberaman (W)	.....H	5-1
27—Queens Park (L)	.....A	0-1
Dec. 4—Charlton (L)	.....H	1-0
9—Milford U. (W)	.....H	5-1
11—Brighton (L)A	—
16—Newport C. (W)A	—
18—Bournemouth (L)H	—
22—Gwynfi (S.W.C.)A	—
25—Southampton (L)A	—
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12—Crystal Palace (L)A	—
17—Aberdare (W)A	—
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7—Aberaman (W)A	—
10—Lovells Athletic (W)H	—
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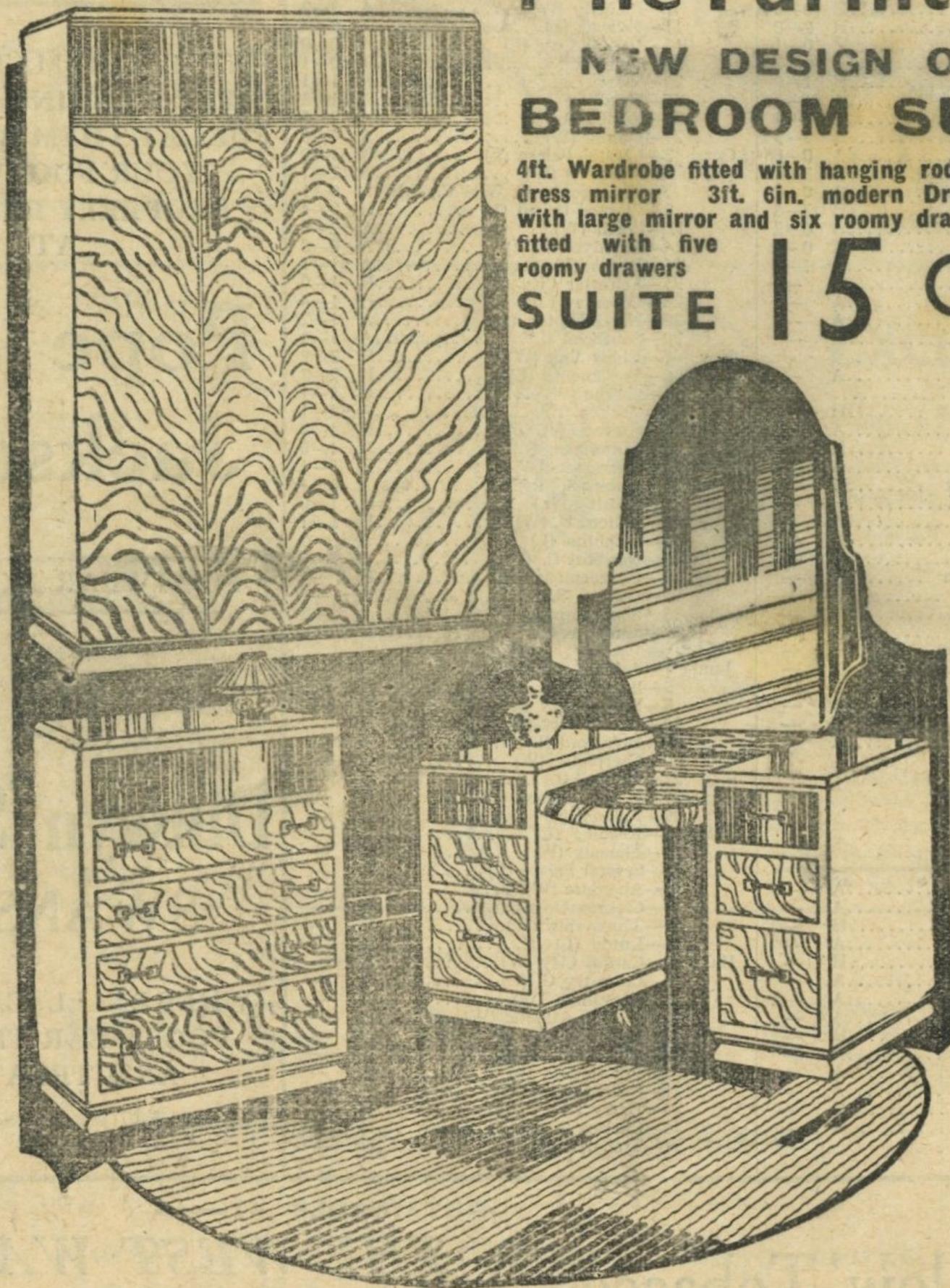
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