

# NELLIE'S OCEAN VOYAGE

By F. L. Rowley

NED Thompson sure could paint. Not houses and barns like most of us, but real good scenes on pieces of canvas. These he would sell over at Jeff Harvey's gas-station on the main road. Pretty soon Jeff's little station became so busy that he had to hire a helper.

"Best advertising I ever had," Jeff told me one afternoon as he wiped his perspiring brow. "Had thirty-seven cars in here so far today—and this a Monday."

"Ned—sure can knock out some beauties," I said, scanning the line of eye-catching panels. We both stopped smiling a few minutes later, however, when Ned drove up in his old car.

"Got a few more pictures here," he informed Jeff, pointing to the back seat. "That's the last of 'em."

It was easy to see that the wind had been taken out of Jeff's sails. "But what about our business?" he asked weakly. "When the highway is widened folks from all over the country will be stopping here to buy your paintings. It's—well, it's like throwing money away to quit now." He turned to me: "Isn't that so, John?"

I said it was so, I tried to convince Ned that he'd got hold of a good thing, but he just shook his head. When his car wheezed away it left me and Jeff standing there with exceedingly long faces.

You see—I was Jeff's helper. We stayed at the station later than usual, that evening trying to figure out some way to change Ned's mind. Both of us liked Nellie Thompson, and we certainly didn't begrudge her the ocean voyage, yet her getting it would kill Ned's incentive for painting. Worse yet, it would wipe out my job.

"Let's not kid ourselves, Jeff," I said. "Ned is through painting unless he finds himself in a tight spot. He's keeping his promise to Nellie, and for him that's enough."

"That's it!" cried Jeff, brightening. "We've got to convince Ned that his money will be gone when

the trip's over; now if we could talk him into going next year, o the year after—maybe Nellie will listen to reason."

"But it doesn't seem fair," I protested. "She's waited all her life for this voyage."

"It's for their own good," argued Jeff. "—and for yours."

This made sense, but I didn't like it. I only agreed to accompany him to the Thompson place to make sure he didn't try to put anything over on the old couple.

First, however, I had to phone Mrs. Dawkins, my landlady, to let her know I'd be late for supper. Jeff thumped the car horn impatiently while I was on the phone.

The Thompsons were on the front porch when we drove up. Ned disappeared inside the house to round up some refreshments. Nellie carried the ball from the start, getting Jeff into a corner and talking about agents and things like that.

When we left, Jeff was mumbling to himself and carrying on something fierce.

"No go, eh?" "Well, Ned's going to keep on painting," he grunted.

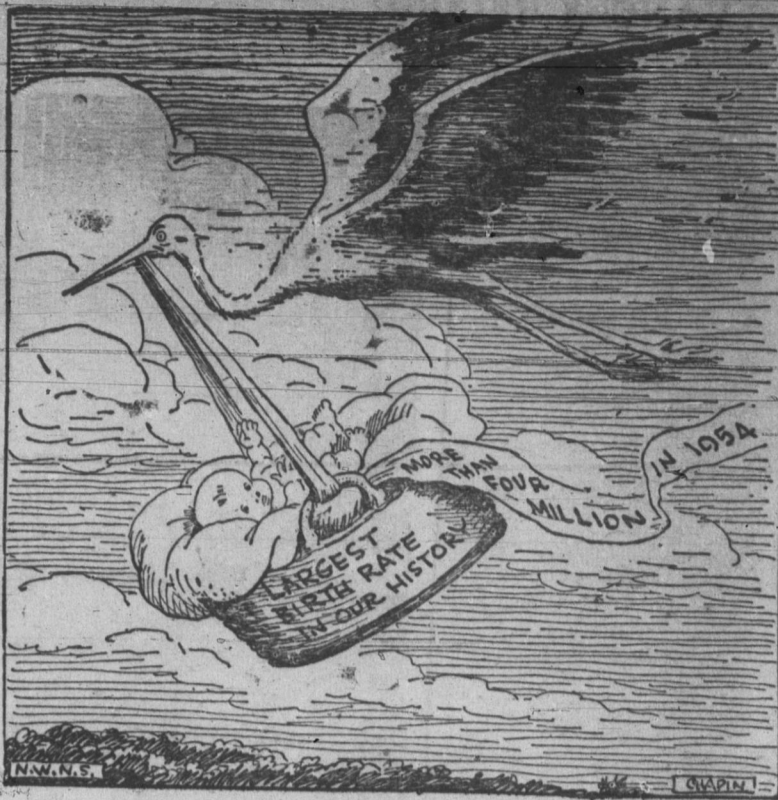
"Good! I feel sorry for Nellie, though. All her life she has looked forward to making an ocean voyage."

"Oh, she's going to make her voyage all right," he growled. "and I'm going to pay for it!"

"You?" "Me. She's smart, that Nellie Thompson—too smart. Somehow or other she got wind of the fact that Ned's pictures are important to my business. She's going to mail batches of paintings to me from every port they touch; but she's allowing me a mere ten-per-cent of the profit instead of the twenty-five percent Ned always gave me. Claims such trips are expensive."

I whistled. Then I found myself wondering what Jeff would say if he ever found out that my landlady didn't even own a telephone

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2. Factitious means (a) artificial; (b) reptitious; (c) skillful.
3. Scapula refers to (a) monk's garment; (b) religious badge; (c) shoulder blade.

### ANSWERS

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He bought a gasoline service station in Dublin, Georgia, and for the next four years he tried to forget his worries by working fifteen or sixteen hours a day at the station. But it didn't work.

A few years later as he was walking down the street he suddenly blacked out and almost fell flat on his face. He went to a doctor for a check up, and found he had very little blood; also he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He did some serious thinking that afternoon and decided he had reached the end of his rope. Something had to be done.

When he went home that night he closed the door and fell down on his knees and asked Almighty God to take his life or do what he would with it. He himself wanted only peace of mind.

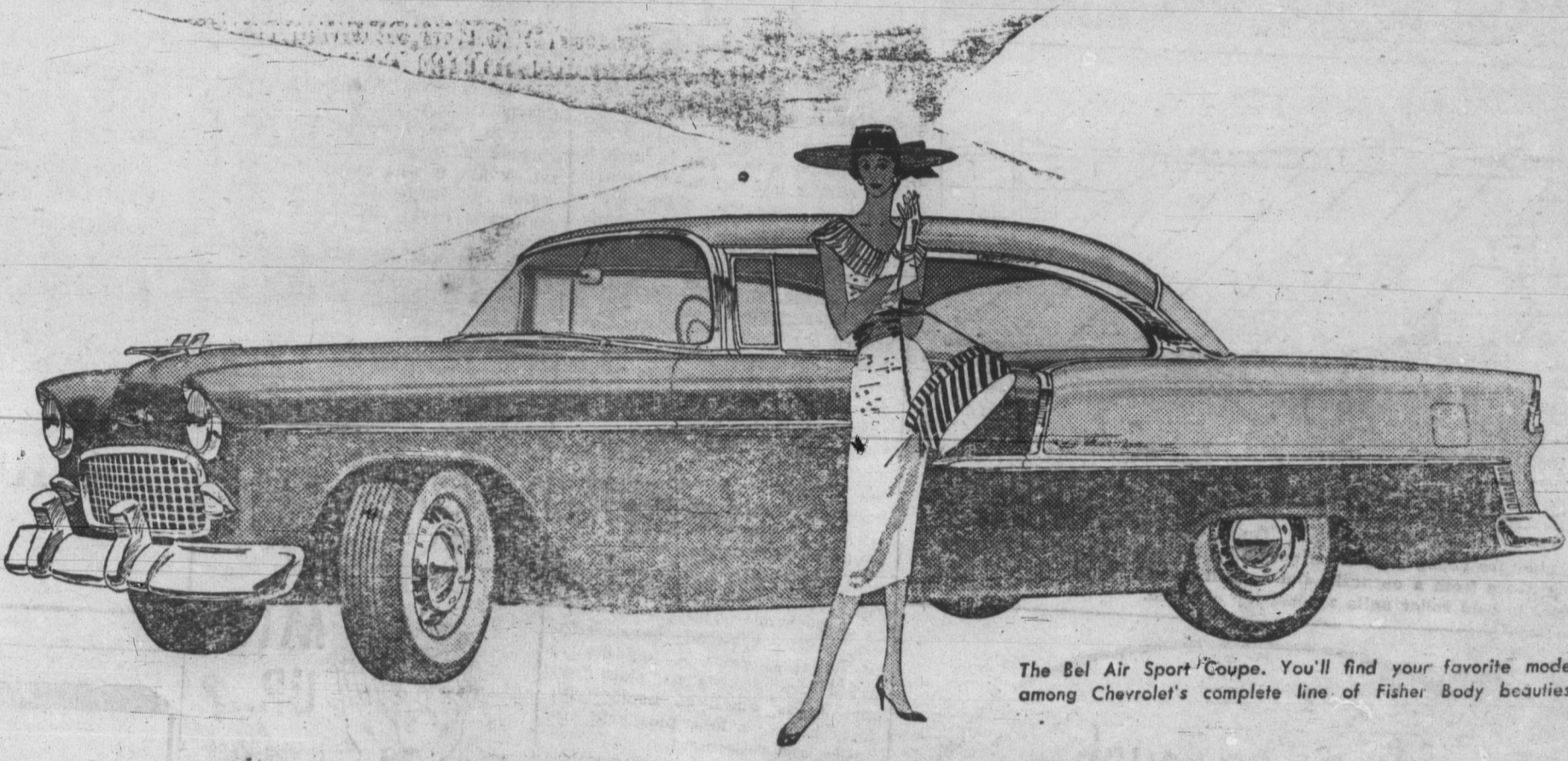
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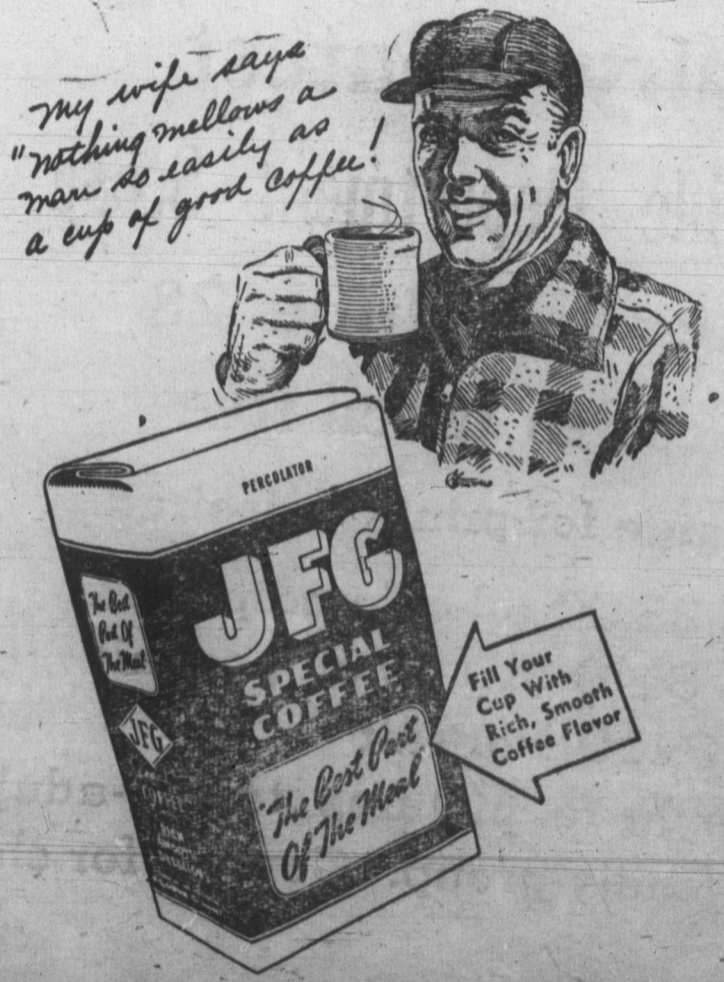
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