

**QUEEN MARIE  
OF RUMANIA  
IS 54 TODAY**

Young King Michael Is  
Among Few to Attend  
Private Celebration.

*By United Press*  
BUCHAREST, Oct. 29.—Marie of Rumania, most unconventional and perhaps loveliest and loneliest of Europe's queens, is 54 years old today.

Five days ago the queen was among many notable Romanians who congratulated the young King Michael on his eighth birthday. Today Michael was among the select few to congratulate his grandmother, the queen. Beyond the formalities usually connected with a royal anniversary, Marie's birthday celebration was private.

The royal road travelled by Rumania's queen has not been smooth, but Marie reached the 54th milestone retaining much of the beauty and personality for which she became famous. The death of King Ferdinand, the escapades of Prince Carol, the responsibilities of an 8-year-old grandson-king, and the bouldings of the Rumanian political pot have brought many cares into the life of the queen.

Princess Marie, daughter of the duke of Edinburgh and granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was born at Eastwell Park, Kent, on Oct. 29, 1875, and raised in England.

She induced her husband, King Ferdinand, to join the allies in the World war, although he was a Hohenzoller.

Marie travelled extensively in the interests of her country after the war, and humorously styled herself "the first royal commercial traveler."

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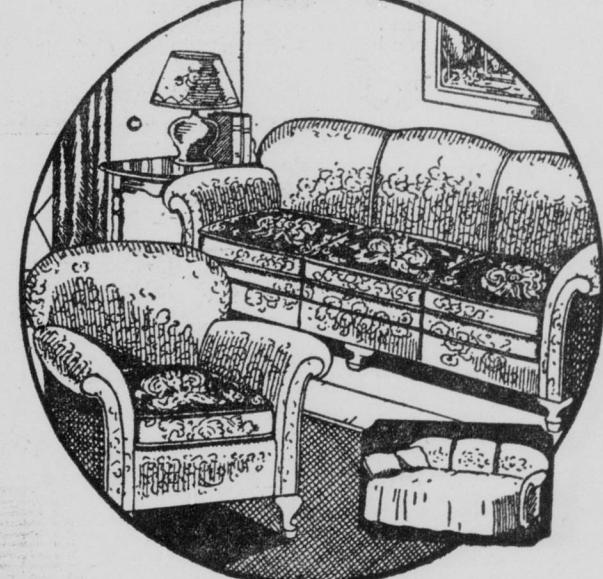
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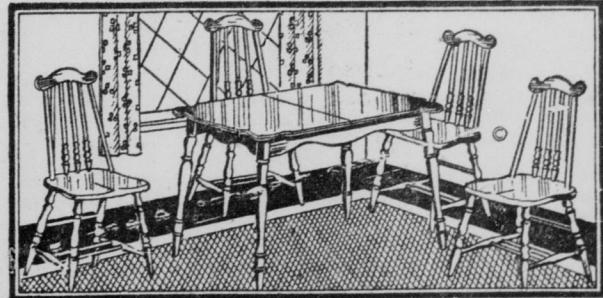
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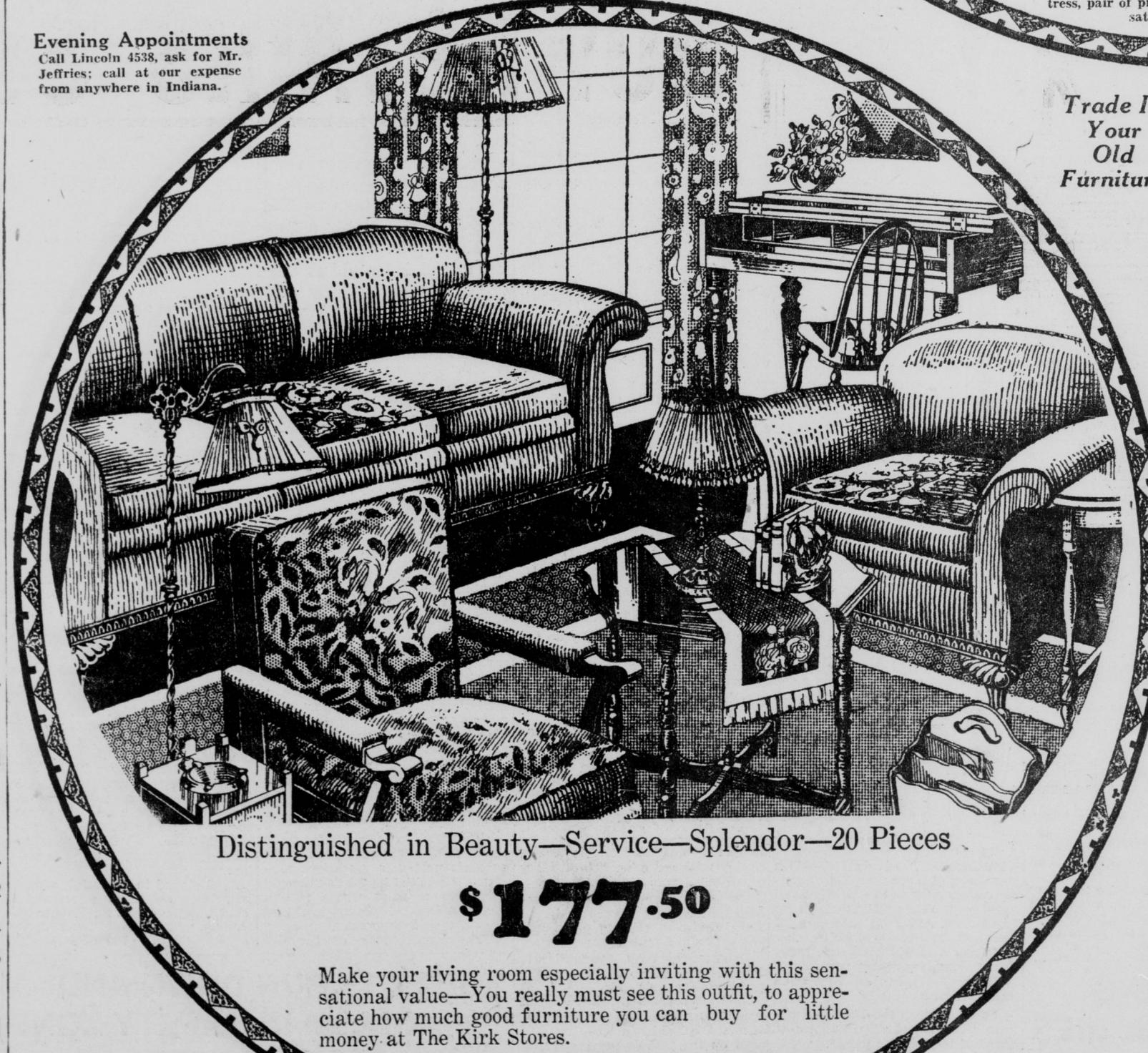
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