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On the whole, however, Professor Lawson's thinking has pursued an ultra-orthodox course. One does not deny him conviction: on the contrary, he is of the stuff of which true believers are made. But in an essayist (think of Hazlitt) one looks for independent acuteness of insight; or (think of Lamb) for an originality all the more engaging because it is wilful; or (think of Bacon) a unique sagacity expressed in diction both rich and pithy; or (think of Addison) a turn of style that reveals the personality of the writer in every paragraph.

Professor Lawson's writing and thinking possess none of these highly individual qualities. He is sure of his ground and in his reading has trenched it with a will; his mind to him a kingdom is but it has not explored adventurous frontiers nor added to it new provinces. He has gained a wisdom for himself that is available to all readers who go to the same sources.

He says of Shakespeare: "Yet it is a mistake to be so idolatrous of his talent as to forget that he too, like the glorious orb of day that he loved, has his spots." The judgment is true. But it savours of vain repetition. In estimating Milton and Carlyle he likewise keeps to the middle of the main stream of accepted opinion though an addict of *Sartor Resartus* warms to him for remarking that "he (Carlyle) will come back into his own."

—F. L. Combs

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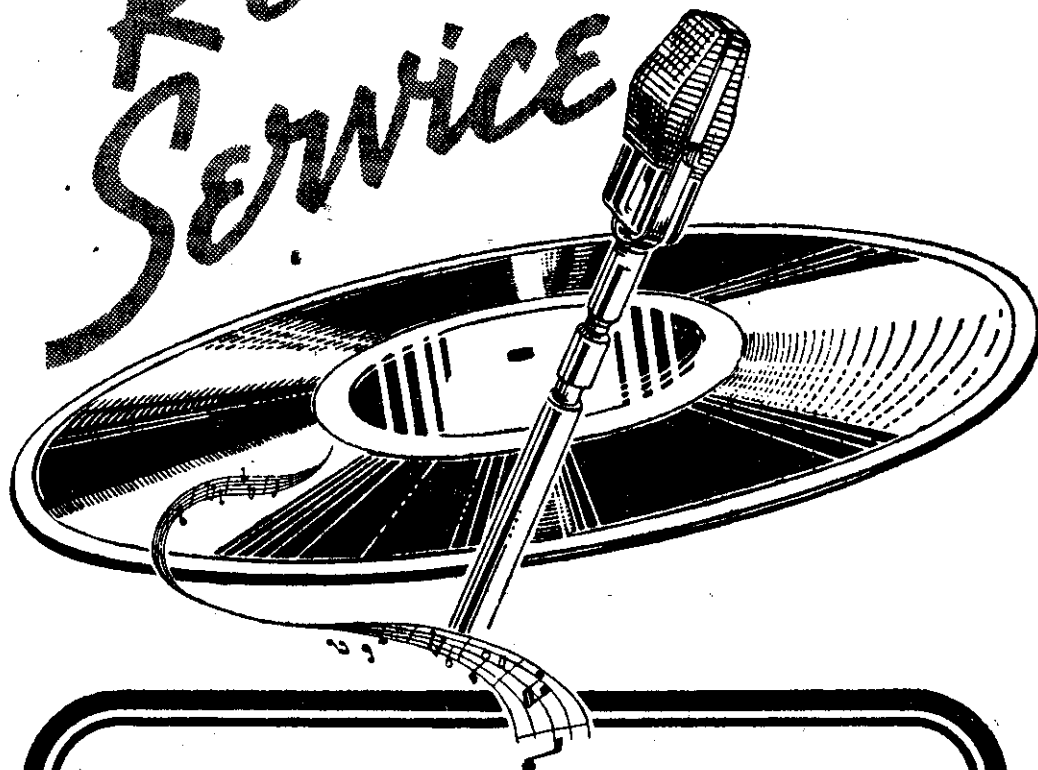
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