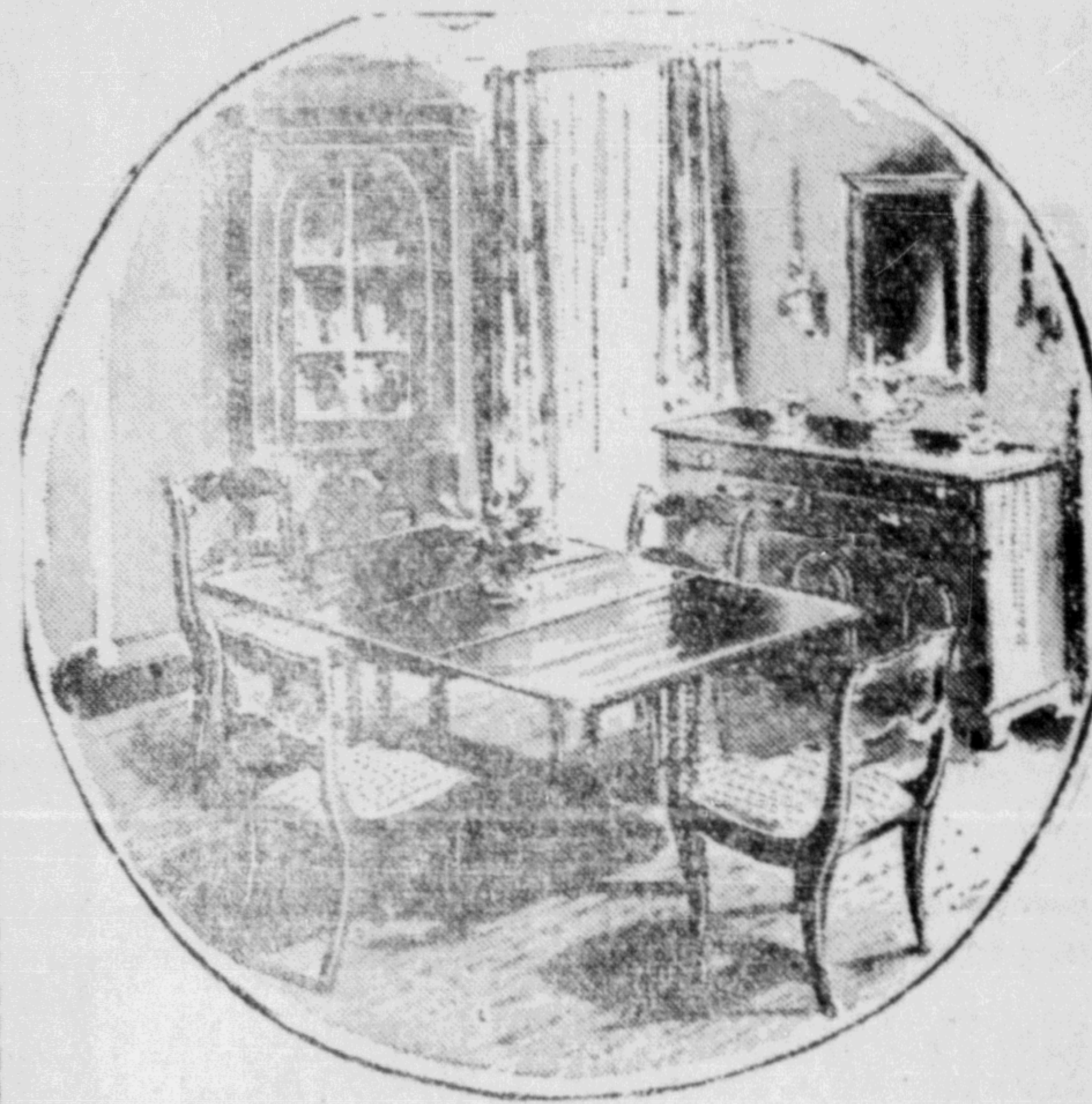


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FELLOWSHIP WINNER—John G. Moffatt, 22 of Victoria is 1952 winner of the Standard of B.C. fellowship which provides \$950 for continued graduate studies at the University of British Columbia and an additional \$150 for equipment required. Specializing in organic chemistry, Mr. Moffatt is working toward his M.Sc. degree. Here he is shown receiving congratulations from Dr. J. Gilbert Hooley, head of U.B.C. chemistry department (left) and C. G. Brook, assistant to the president of Standard of B.C.

Railways Seek New Freight Rate Basis

OTTAWA — Hearings opened Monday on an attempt by the railways to have a new basis established for the setting of freight rates.

The application before the Board of Transport Commissioners was opposed by all provincial governments except Ontario and Quebec.

The railways want the board to set rates in such a way that the Canadian Pacific Railway, the country's biggest privately-owned system, will be allowed to set rate of return on its investment in rail property. It would be a major departure from the present system.

At present, the board fixes rates from time to time on the basis of the CPR's current financial requirements, using that company as its "yardstick" because of the unorthodox capital set-up of the Canadian National Railways, which has just been straightened out by parliament.

What the railways now want done is for the board to establish a CPR "rate base" consisting of its net rail investment. The CPR wants to be allowed to earn at least 6 1/2 per cent of that amount.

NEW RATE BASE

Since the company contends its rail-investment figure is about \$1,146,000,000 that would mean it wants permitted net earnings of about \$74,000,000 a year, compared with the \$37,706,000 which it estimates it would have in a normal year under current rates.

On an unofficial calculation, it would take an increase of perhaps 30 per cent in freight rates to bring that about.

The companies have not asked for an increase specifically, but the CPR says in the application that rates will be less than "just and reasonable" if it does not get a "fair return" on its net investment. It says 6 1/2 per cent would be fair.

Provinces challenging the proposal plan to attack it from several angles. In the first place, they contend, the rate-base, rate-of-return principle is wrong. Another main argument is that the CPR's investment figure is too high.

Northern Railway Planned To Open Metal Rich NWT

EDMONTON (CP)—The Journal says that a major railway extension to crack open the base metals resources of the Great Slave Lake region of the Northwest Territories is believed pending.

Construction of a railway to serve mining development in the area has been talked for several years. Such a line would be the most northerly in Canada.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. Ltd., which has been

testing the lead-zinc ore body at Pine Point on Great Slave Lake since 1948, announced last May that a large ore potential had been indicated by extensive diamond drilling. Pine Point is 500 miles north of Edmonton.

The story adds: "Survivors of a possible route for an extension of the Northern Alberta Railways are understood to have been authorized."

"Where there is no official estimate of the cost of a 440-mile line from the NAR to the Pine Point area on the south shore of Great Slave Lake, it is believed this would be at least \$42,000,000."

"Unofficial estimates have put the lead-zinc ore body at more than 1,000,000 tons."

To facilitate transportation of this ore, an 80-mile access road was built this summer, with government assistance from the Mackenzie Highway to Pine Point Camp.

SCREEN ★ FLASHES

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—"Within five years, virtually every film theatre in the United States will be converted to three-dimensional movies."

These are strong words, but they come from one of Hollywood's soundest business heads, Merian C. Cooper. The movie man has made great early documentaries such as "Grass" and "Chang," and spectacles such as "King Kong." He now is general manager of the Cinerama Company.

Cinerama is the most important word in the Hollywood lexicon these days. Using a huge, curved screen and three projectors, cinerama has brought new scope to the movies. It was hailed as a triumph in its New York debut last month.

BEAT TV

"Hollywood will now have to start thinking in new terms," Cooper remarked. "We are at the same place now as when sound came in. Television is getting better all the time, and we have to beat it somehow. The way to do it is with cinerama, or some other device that will give added scope to the scene."

"Within 18 months, we hope to have a cinerama theatre in every major city in the United States. In five years, I foresee that most of the country's theatres will no longer be showing the flat-screen picture," showing the flat-screen picture."

Louis B. Mayer, chairman of the cinerama board, is responsible for lining up theatres. Cooper is in charge of production.

"I expect to start shooting a feature-length picture in the cinerama process within 90 days," he reported. "I have others in preparation."

WITHOUT FRAME

"Cinerama is the first form of entertainment to take the picture out of the frame. In the stage, the present movies and television, the picture is framed. But in cinerama, the screen is wide enough to encompass even your peripheral vision."

"The only other example I have ever seen of this is the Sistine Chapel art work of Michelangelo. If you get close enough to it, your entire vision takes in the picture."

Can cinerama pictures be made as cheaply as regular films? "In some cases, more cheaply. You will need more lighting, because the three lenses take in the whole set. But also you do not need to make up new setups for medium shots and close-ups. The whole scene can be shot from the same position."

B.C. Power Commission Opens North

VICTORIA — B.C. Power Commission's expansion program will brighten Christmas this year in three B.C. communities.

The commission announced today that operation of two new power districts will commence shortly at Fort St. James, 40 miles north of Vanderhoof, and the other in the Queen Charlotte Islands at Queen Charlotte City and Skidegate.

The newly-constructed diesel generating plant and distribution system at Fort St. James is scheduled to be energized towards the end of November to serve approximately 167 customers.

The new Queen Charlotte diesel plant will be operating early in December. Initially some 115 customers will receive service.

The new systems are the first to be built in these communities. They will be operated by an agent of the commission through a contract arrangement.

The commission will be serving 27 power districts throughout the province with addition of the two new systems.

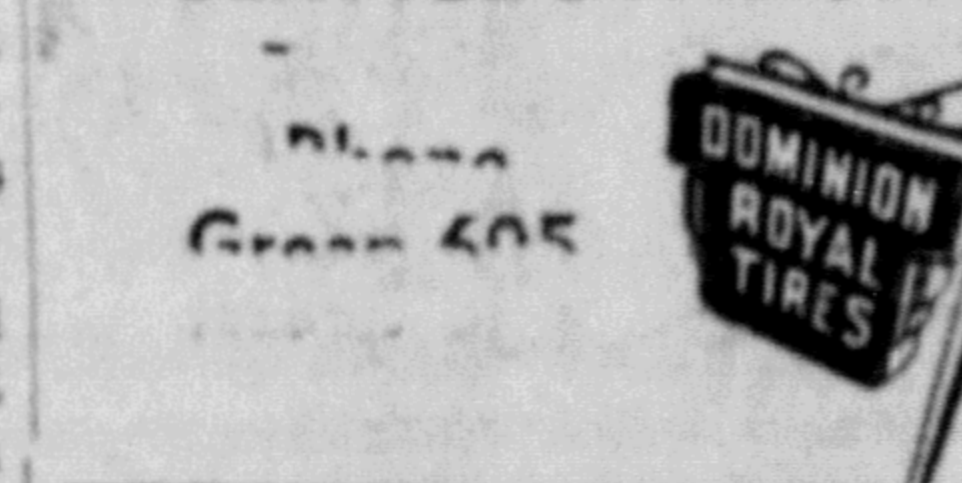
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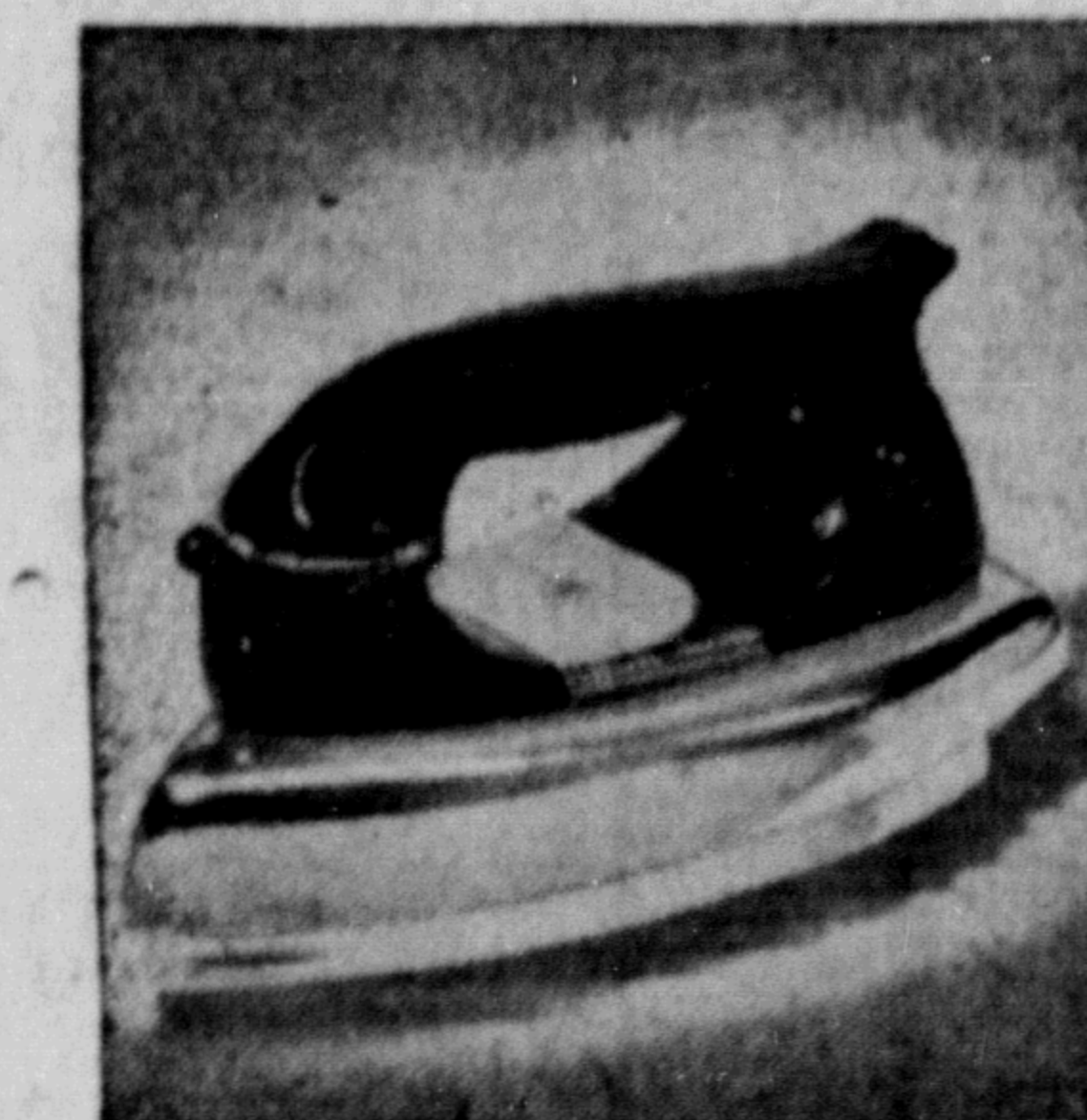
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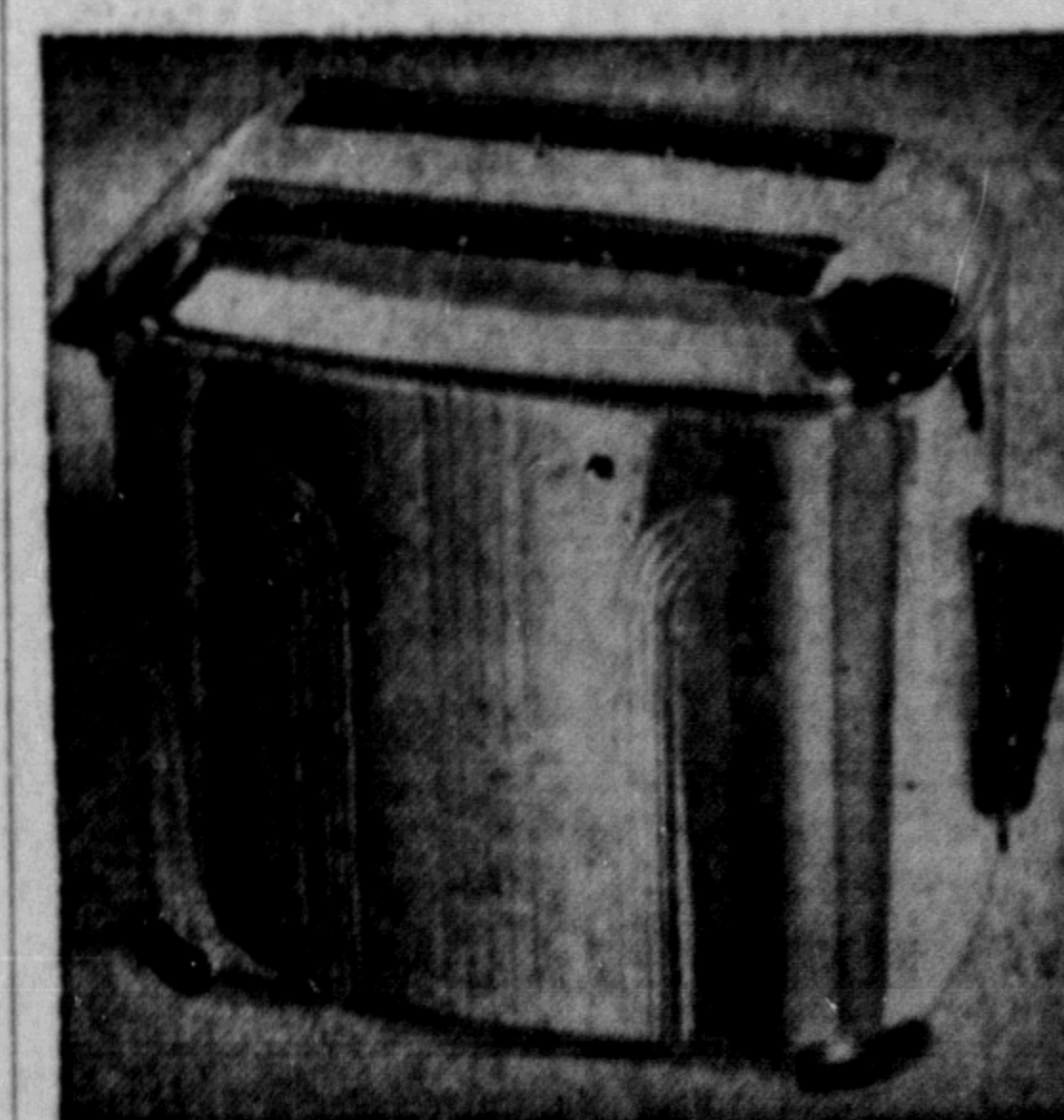


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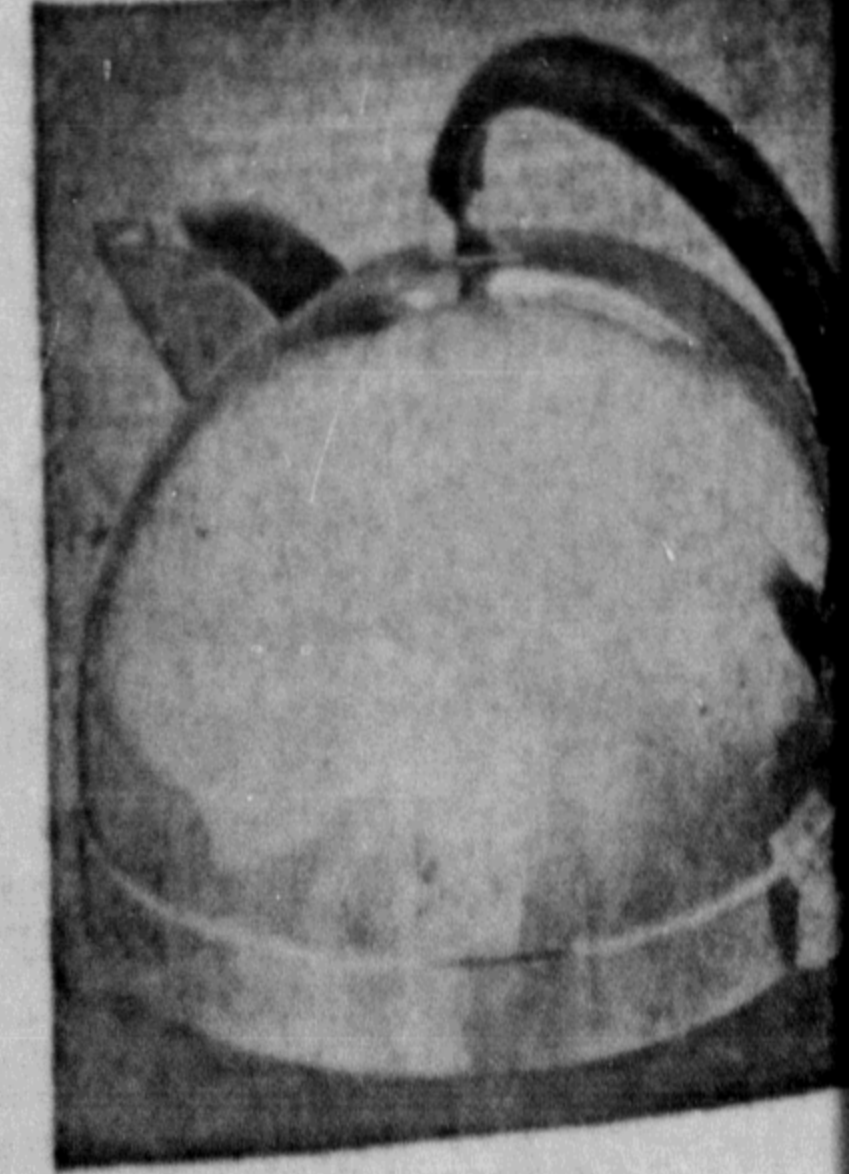


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