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## Wonder Metal

TITANIUM, a new metal which is already being used to make beautiful gems, is likely to become a major structural material rivaling aluminum, magnesium and stainless steel within five or six years, according to the October Reader's Digest. The report by Harold Manchester is condensed from Science Monthly. Largest immediate North American source will be from a mine near Allard, British Columbia which begins production in December. Titanium is 45 percent lighter in weight than steel, has a strength and rust resistance make it a good material for military as well as household uses. The ease with which the metal resists penetration by acids and tanks of the same thickness. And samples of titanium immersed in the sea for 60 days show no corrosion, suggesting multiple naval uses which eliminate the need for painting. Titanium when fully developed may effect a possible 25 percent reduction in the weight of airplanes, doubling a plane's pay load.

High full production uses are still in the early stages, government and industry have spent \$15,000,000 on titanium research during the last four years. Titanium oxide is already used in the manufacture of white paints, face powders and creams as a whitening agent to make white things whiter. Gem-cut titanium oxide are not quite as hard as diamonds but more brilliant. "Titania" is the first new gem in history.

## THE CASE OF DOUKHOBORS

EARLY on so ago these columns approved the decision of Mr. Justice A. M. Manson in passing sentences on Doukhobor demonstrators after they had given promise of their good conduct. Unfortunately, since then even more demonstrations occurred in the way of parading, arson and other nuisances and the result was that nearly 400 Doukhobor men were sentenced to prison of up to three years and their accommodation has posed another problem.

On recommendation of a commission appointed to study the Doukhobor problem the Department of Justice at Ottawa has decided to release these men and women from prison.

Some of the facts alluded to in the commission's report might appear to minimize the seriousness of the offences of the Doukhobors on the grounds that they were committed in remote places and had some ritualistic impulsion. We do not think much of grounds. Violation of the code is a crime wherever it is committed and it seems rather unjustification that it should be committed in a remote place. Nor is it a less flimsy justification, because it is a custom of a certain sect of a crime should be justified or condoned. All our only standard can be that of what is done in this country regardless of whether it may be done in another country.

The only acceptable justification, of course, for the release of the Doukhobors at this time is that they have been of good conduct during their incarceration to date and have undertaken to be of good conduct when paroled. This is to be implied from the desire to co-operate."

The question of accommodation and expense to the country of their incarceration is, of course, an important actuating factor in the amnesty that has been granted by the Department of Justice.

Maybe, the Doukhobors have learned their final lesson. We hope so.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

What shall separate us from the love of Christ? For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8: 38, 39.



As I See It

## By ELMORE PHILPOTT UNCLE SAM'S DREAMS

IT SEEMS TO ME that all great nations follow a pretty consistent pattern of action: If you study what they have done in the past — more or less — you can get a fairly good idea of what they will do in the future.

I have often thought of that in connection with Uncle Sam, and in connection with Uncle Joe. To take the latter first—Russia has played a remarkably consistent role in history. You can find it depicted by charts and graphs if you look in the appendix to Wells' Outline of History. Every few hundred years some dynamic force came sweeping west across Russia and into Europe. Then suddenly, always as a result of troubles in the rear, that dynamic force receded back into Asia.

NOW TAKE UNCLE SAM. The westward march of the American people from Atlantic to Pacific was one of the most remarkable in all history. It is now common knowledge that the white man's government broke every treaty ever made with the Indians. No matter how solemn the intentions of the white men who signed it, it was only a scrap of paper. For the great mass of white men (and women) kept right on coming. It was as if they were in the grip of some mighty urge. (Read John Steinbeck's classic little book, The Red Pony).

JUST BEFORE THE TURN of the century the U.S.A. began to move across the oceans. I

Rev. Dr. E. A. Wright, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, sailed yesterday afternoon on the Princess Louise for Murrayville in the Fraser Valley where he will take part in twenty-fifth anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church of which he was himself an early pastor. F. E. Anfield will occupy the pulpit of the local church while Dr. Wright is absent.

have just been reading a fine new novel which shows how the people of the interior felt about this. The book is OWEN GLEN, by Ben Ames Williams, published by Thomas Allen. It is a story of a coal miner's family in Ohio, just before the Spanish-American war of 1898. A key figure in the book is the editor of the Republican weekly paper, for whom school-boy Owen worked.

The book reprints some of the editor's gems. Some of these deal with Canada. A town debate resolves that Canada should be annexed to U.S.A. When Idaho became a state the editor writes: "The United States is now protected from Canada's advances."

When the U.S. expected war with Britain over Venezuela the editor was even more bellicose: "There will be no war... We would annex Canada... The end of it would be the disruption of the Empire and the annexation of the British Isles as a territory of the United States."

But it was during the Spanish-American war that the editor revealed what may be in the unconscious mind of Uncle Sam:

When this war began, Europe ruled the world and considered the United States a nation of shopkeepers. Spain called us Yankee Pigs, France and Germany echoed her. But the sinking of the MAINE broke the American shell and a new nation emerged; our courage won respect and chivalry won the love of the oppressed.

Now expansion is forced upon us by duty and destiny. The day will come when the Stars and Stripes will wave over every land, over a world with one language, one government, and one religion.

IT SEEMS TO ME that the U.S.A. is talking and acting right now much as she talked and acted just before she went to war with Spain.

## Even 450-Foot Is Husky Clout

Had Dave Abel's home run, claimed in these columns yesterday, been 450 yards (as we printed) there would have been no argument for 450 yards is about a quarter of a mile which would be some clout. However, it was, of course, feet and not yards. Nevertheless, there is much discussion still as to whether it was a record. There are some who think that Dave's four-bagger might have been exceeded by some of the big sluggers of the early days at Acropolis Hill when they used to knock them over the rock pile on occasion.

## CAPITAL CRIME

Under Roman civil law arson was punishable by death.

## U.S. Arms But Not Any Men

WASHINGTON D.C. — United States is speeding arms to Indo China but will not send troops to help to block the threatened new Communist assault in the embattled corner of Southeast Asia. High officials reaffirmed this policy today.

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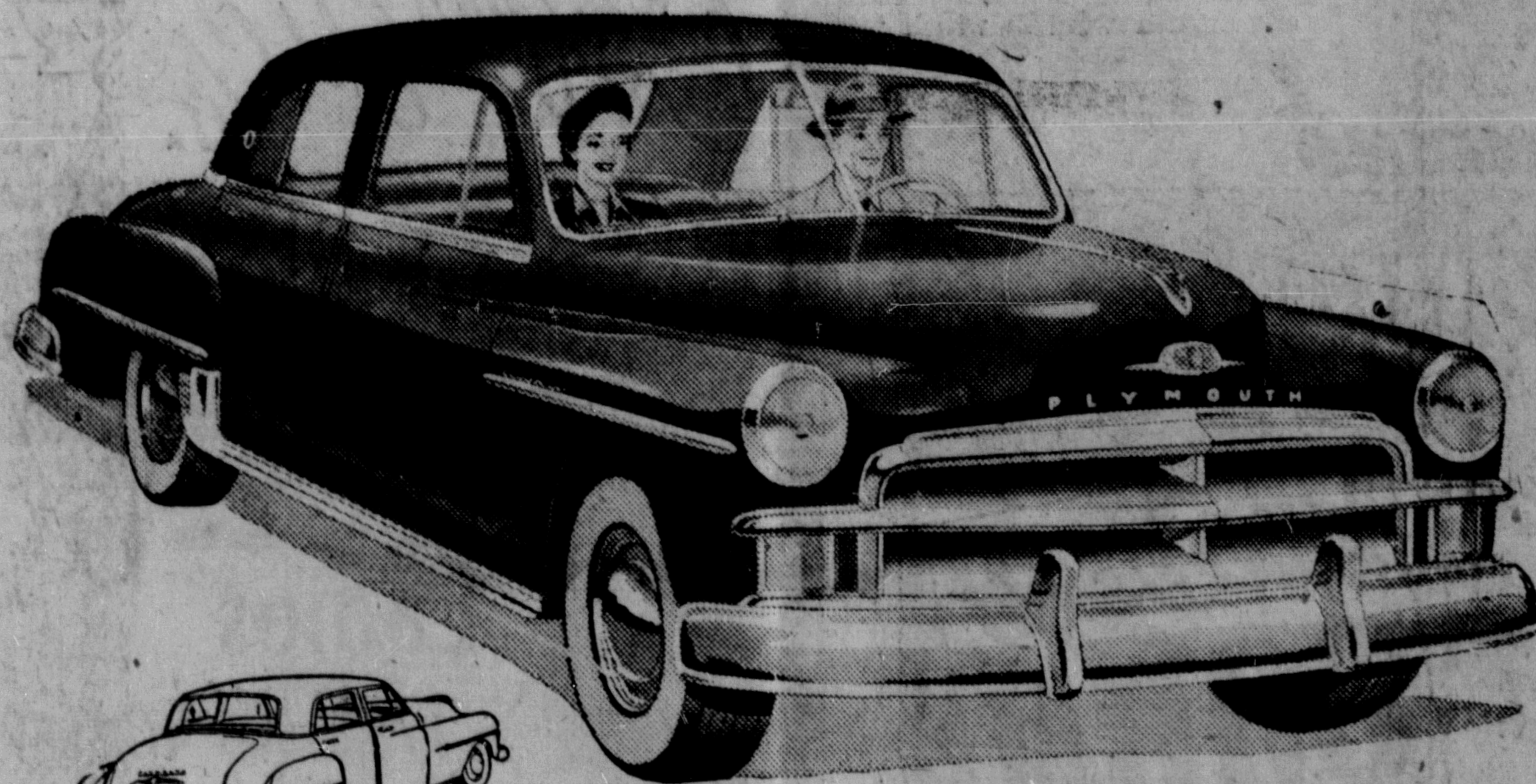
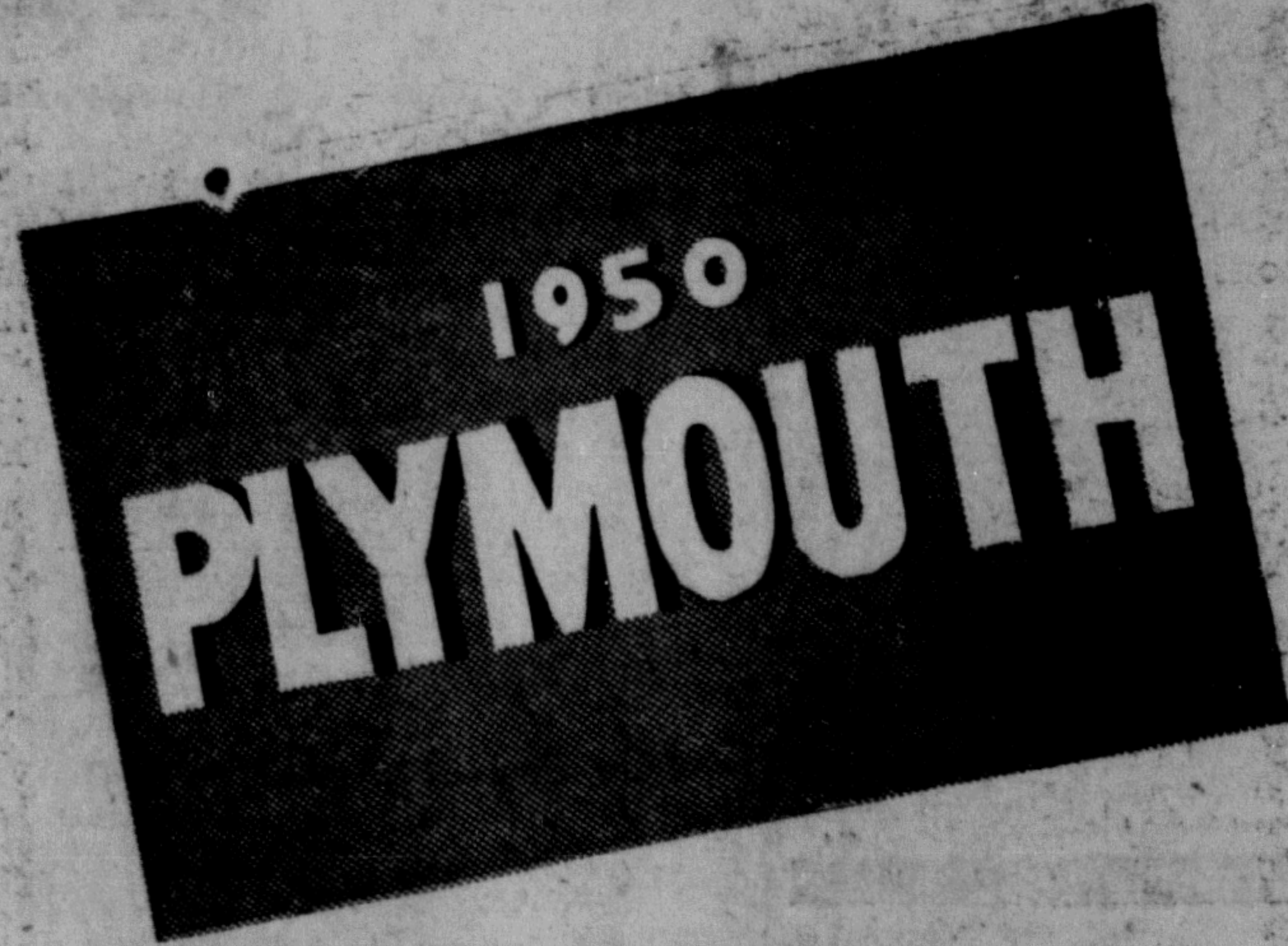
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