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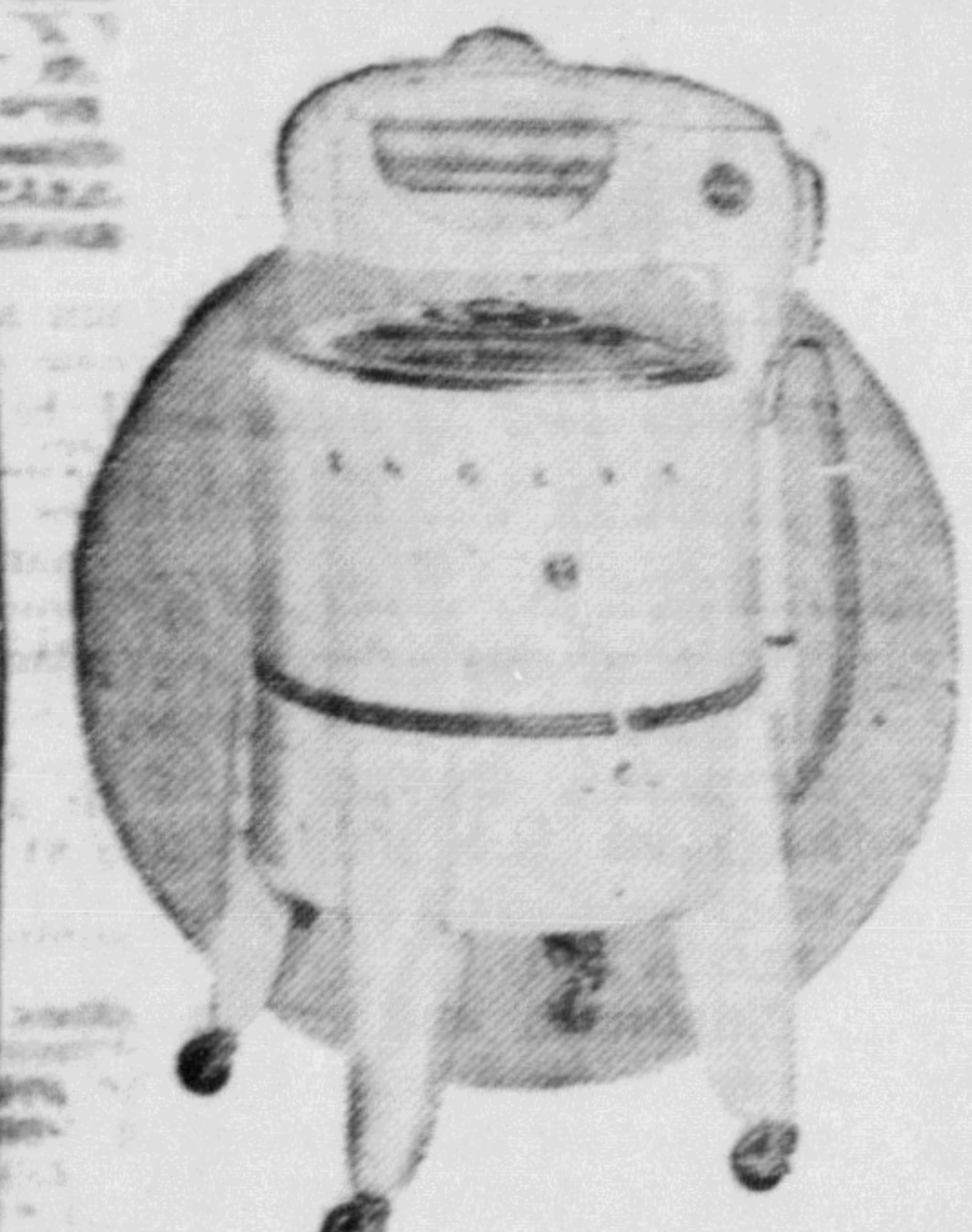
Churchill's Volte Face

MR. CHURCHILL'S volte face on acceding to the appointment of an American admiral as supreme naval commander for North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been the subject of much comment. Not in the usual Churchillian manner was the Prime Minister's explanation to the British House of Commons when he said that he had faced an agreement that had been made a year ago by Mr. Attlee on an American admiral and that he had yielded in the interests of unity. Anyway, he said he was in favor of a system like that of the war when each navy commanded its own zone under joint chiefs of staff. All of which sounds a little more like wriggling than we are used to with Mr. Churchill. Although he had in Opposition so emphatically opposed an American admiral for NATO's highest post, he found himself in a different and more responsible position when heading the government and had to act realistically.

However, the real thing that everyone should be interested in is that NATO gets the best man for the job—be he American, British, Canadian or what-not. And it might also be remembered that United States is really paying the most of the shot in actual dollars and cents although not possibly in the per capita proportion of austerity and sacrifice. All things being equal, Mr. Churchill and the rest of us would, of course, insist on a Briton.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Go... preach the gospel."—St. Mark 16:15



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Church Had Good Year

Growth and Expansion
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Reports presented at the annual congregational meeting of the First United Church, Prince Rupert, on Tuesday evening were a source of satisfaction to the whole membership. In every case there was a record of growth and expansion.

In his introductory remarks, Rev. L. G. Sieber, pastor, reviewed briefly reports of previous years and pointed out that there had been a steady growth. This had been even more marked in the past year.

Increased assessments had been made and in every case had been met. The church had had a very successful year financially. Commitments to the Missionary Fund had been increased and there had been more than met. The Men's Club had undertaken improvements and renovations and these had been taken care of. The women's organizations had, as usual, done outstanding work in raising funds for essential services and replacements. There were no outstanding accounts.

The Sunday School had increased and there was need for more teachers. Mid-week activities and new groups had been undertaken and members of practically all ages were now covered by the groups. Appreciation of the contribution to the services by both morning and evening choirs was enthusiastically expressed. The fine work of the organists, Mrs. G. T. Freeman and H. A. Pluym, was the subject of very favorable comment.

Work at Conrad Sunday School was at a high stage of success and sincere appreciation of the efforts of Miss A. M. Stewart was voiced. The increasing demands made upon the minister's time were the subject of discussion and were the basis of a recommendation that additional help should be provided in order that these increased responsibilities could be properly discharged. The future outlook promises that even more burdens will require to be borne.

High tribute was paid to Mr. Sieber for his leadership in the work of the church, spiritually, socially and materially. Mr. Sieber thanked the members for their words of appreciation but stressed his conviction that it was largely due to the splendid support he had had from many officers and the membership generally.

W. Dunn was chairman and Miss Margaret McLeod secretary for the meeting.

LETTERBOX

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Editor,
Daily News:
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There was no laxation, is no inflation, no principal nor interest to pay, backed by taxation, as compared to the same link being constructed under our present system.

This highway would be a national asset and tell us, where would one lose one cent because of its construction?

Water power, irrigation, schools, hospitals, homes, asylums, all improvements come under one or the other of these systems.

C. W. REEVES

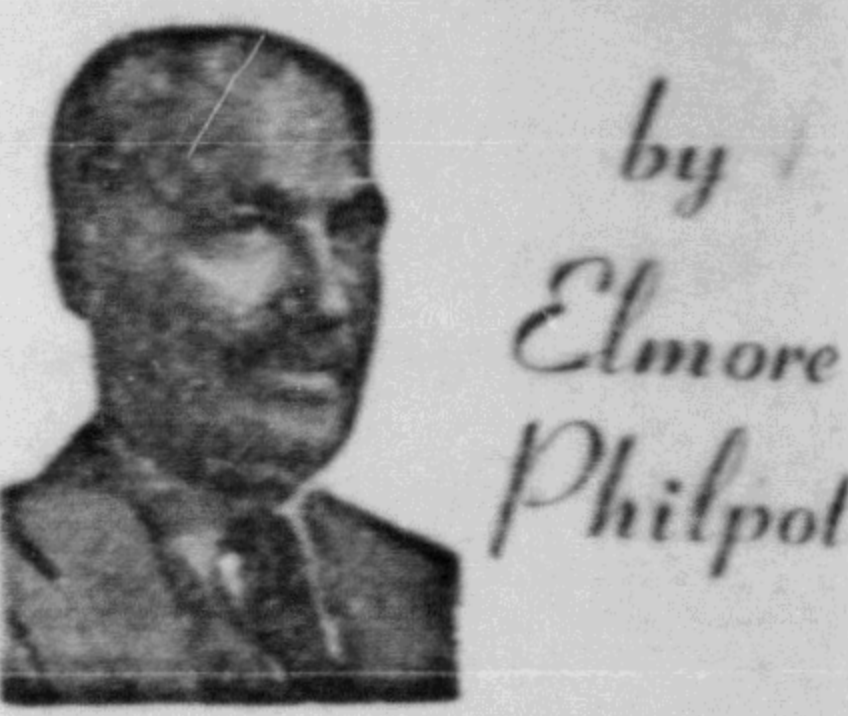
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As I See It



The Boyer Murder

A FEW DAYS ago an infuriated mob of Egyptians broke into the Turf Club in Cairo and killed all men who looked English.

Among them was my good friend the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Macleod Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer entertained me like one of their own family when I was in Egypt last year. They were as fine and friendly a Canadian couple as any I ever met. Macleod and I compared notes about old experiences in the first world war. He and his wife spent days guiding me around that fascinating country. Her home cooked Canadian suppers were a wonderful change from the exotic but unfamiliar food they serve in the famous Cairo hotels, like Shepheard's.

THE BOYERS went out of their way to minimize what they said were scare stories in the English speaking newspapers about conditions in Egypt.

They seemed almost pathetically eager to convince me that it was all wrong to imagine that the vast Egyptian student demonstrations against the west were really dangerous. Mrs. Boyer told me an amusing tale of how she and her daughter had gone shopping and lost their sense of direction. Suddenly an Arab youth turned up, panting with excitement.

"Ladies, ladies, you must get out of here, quick, quick." He went on to explain that there was to be a vast demonstration in the next block. But he offered to conduct them to their hotel, quickly and safely. They knew he was after a fee—suspected he was working a racket, and declined his offer.

Nothing happened. So, the Boyers told me, it did not do to accept at face value all the scare stories that one heard about Egypt.

I had the distinct impression, even then, that "the lady doth protest too much." That is, I felt that Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were unconsciously trying to reassure themselves, even more than they were trying to reassure me. For after all I was staying only a few days.

EGYPT, and indeed all that part of the world, seemed to me even then a country perceptibly shaking with the first tremors of a coming political earthquake. It seems astonishing to me that the British government would have authorized a military

attack on the Egyptian police base at Ismailia without first having taken steps to protect the defenceless women and children, not to mention civilian men, scattered throughout Cairo and other parts of Egypt.

That was not only an act of war. However justified it was, it was precisely the kind of act which was bound to touch off the explosion of revenge which it did touch off.

ONE DAY Mr. Boyer drove me out to see an Egyptian irrigation canal. There were hundreds of men cleaning out the muck. They were in human gangs of chains, about twenty to a gang. The middle man would reach down in the muck under the water, take two handfuls of it. He would hand it to his neighbor—and so it would go, hand to hand, till what little was left of it reaches the bank.

One bulldozer would have done the whole job better in a fraction of the time.

THE WHOLE Arab world is waking up now with a frenzy of determination to catch up with the west. There is an elemental determination to get free from foreign control. We could not block that if we tried. But we might help to guide it if we accept its inevitability.

LONDON @—Since the Duke of Edinburgh criticized the lighting system on some commercial vehicles, authorities have been investigating. It has been decided that 40,000 road service vehicles will be equipped with two red lights, reflectors and a back stop light.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Special obligations rest on Canada in 1952. One is that out on the coast something better than a small snow-covered boat is immediately available when 36 air passengers from Japan are heard just off shore.

Austerity, introduced by Churchill, maintained by Attlee, is back again in Downing Street. It's the kind of word that somehow seems to "cover the works." But this may not mean it's going to feel as threadbare and harsh as it sounds.

PLENTY TO SAY:

Prince Rupert's mayor deplors the tendency of the aldermen to speak so little. They appear to be a silent lot. And that reminds me of the first city council—Fred Stork, Duff Pattullo, Jack Hilditch, Doc McIntyre and the rest. Sometimes they were eloquent, frequently saying something, and more than often on the point of doing so. Rarely, if ever was conversation, argument or just small talk lacking. And, it can be truthfully recalled there was a lot to think about. The good old days—at least they were neither afraid or silent then!

WESTWARD HO!

A special train of Maritimers will visit in British Columbia next July and, like enough, this

will be a first occasion for most of them. Call it the air age, and all that, yet the distance is still vast. A long, long way from the Bay of Fundy to Hecate Straits. Knowing your country, not from reading or hearing descriptions, but from close observation is what really counts.

He didn't use his right name and is called an impostor but one hates to consider him that, because of his cleverness. It's not about Ferdinand Demara who, known as Dr. J. C. Cyr, served in the Royal Canadian Navy. It was aboard the Cayuga he saved a life. There was a bullet near a soldier's heart. Let Demara tell about it.

"I couldn't have been more nervous even if I felt like it. Practically everyone of the ship was standing there watching me. I kept one basic principle in mind. The less cutting, the less patching later. The bullet was within a fraction of an inch of the heart. I was afraid he'd

hemorrhage when I saw but he did not. I slipped gelfoam into the wound, clotted almost immediately. The chest was wrapped the soldier an injection of 600 units of penicillin was given. Hours later he walked the ship."

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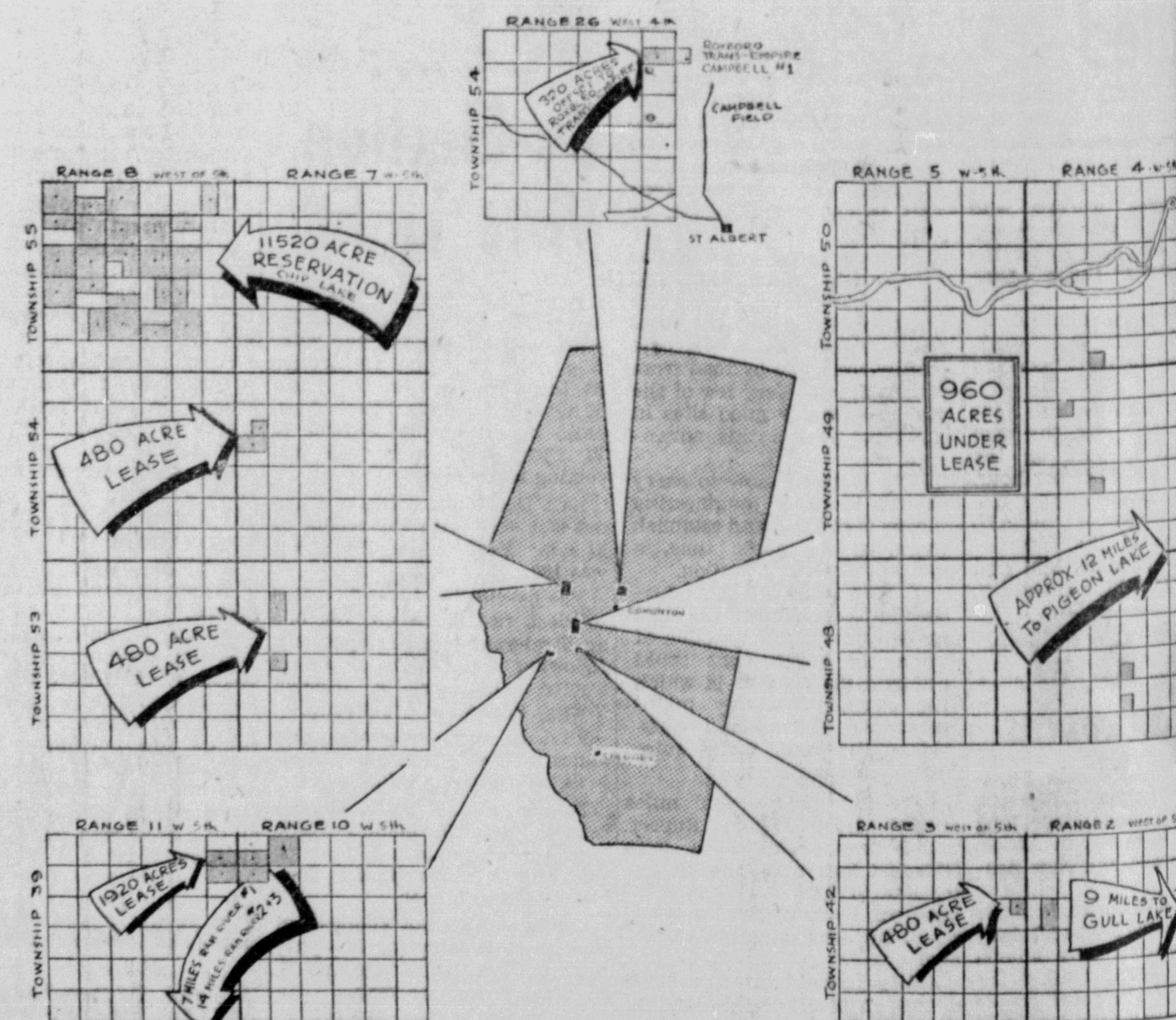
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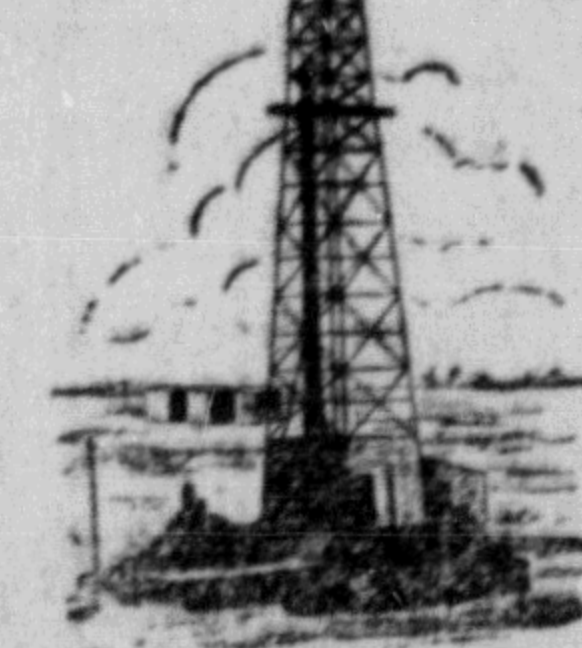
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