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Perpetual Yield
Urged for
B.C. Forests

VICTORIA (CP)—A Social Credit government program concerning the lands and forests was given the B.C. natural resources conference here by Lands Minister R. E. Sommers.

His address was delivered by Deputy Minister of Lands George P. Melrose.

The government believes every acre of forest land should be under perpetual yield, and that a greater area of public working circles for smaller operators under government supervision should be established.

It believes in "partnership agreements" between management and government on forest work, and programs for reforestation, silviculture, etc.

A parks program is visualized by the government, which also seeks a fair share of revenue derived from crown lands.

Hon. H. H. Stevens of Vancouver told the conference too much emphasis could be placed on immediate development and utilization of forest resources.

Conservation is required, he said, and resources should be under a long-range view.

"There is danger, however, in looking at the immediate commercial value of resources," he said.

Tom Alsbury, executive member of the B.C. Trades Union Congress (TLC), urged education of the public concerning conservation methods.



SUZANNE MORROW, 22-year-old Toronto figure-skating star, has announced that she has temporarily given up the sport in favor of a career as a veterinary surgeon. She is a first-year student at the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, Ont., where she is shown in the anatomy laboratory. As an amateur skater she won every major figure-skating title in Canada and is the only Canadian who has held top-flight positions in both pairs and singles in Olympic and world competition. She placed fifth in the recent world championships at Davos, Switzerland. Because of pressure of studies, she said, she is passing up competition in the Canadian championships at Ottawa and North American championships at Cleveland.

THIEF MAKES MISTAKE;
JAYWALKS AFTER ROBBERY

VANCOUVER (CP)—Robert Gentles, 28, made a mistake after a jewelry store robbery.

A few minutes after the robbery he was arrested on a jaywalking charge. In court, he pleaded guilty to theft of jewelry valued at \$179 and two suits of clothes. He was sentenced to a year in jail.

Cars To Have
Same Engines
For Many Years

By DAVID WILKIE

DETROIT, (AP)—The internal combustion gasoline engine will furnish power for passenger automobiles for years to come.

That's the view of many automotive engineers discussing possibilities of new fuels and new forms of power application to passenger cars.

Ideas for revolutionizing automobile design, specially in the power source and the manner of applying power to the drive wheels have been unusually numerous since the Second World War.

There have been suggestions for the application of jet engines, gas turbine engines; hydraulic pumps applying power independently at each drive wheel; a so-called "closed circuit" engine a diesel-type engine and even a revival of steam power plants to passenger autos.

Except for the true jet and the "closed circuit" engine, all of these proposed substitutes for the conventional gasoline engine have been tried out experimentally in recent years. Each has its advocate among automotive engineers, but a majority of the experts say none can supply anything to the modern passenger automobile that a gasoline engine will not give.

The engineers speaking for gasoline engines say none of the proposed substitute power plants has yet given fully satisfactory results in road tests. Meanwhile, they add, the conventional gasoline engine has been steadily improved and further significant advances are to be expected.

Citizen
Objects to
Phone Hike

VANCOUVER (CP)—A private citizen testified at the Board of Transport Commissioners telephone rate hearing that he thinks service should be improved before the system is expanded.

The board is hearing a B.C. Telephone Co. application for a 144 per cent rate increase in exchange rates and increases in other service rates so it can earn a \$700,000 surplus to attract investors to finance a multi-million dollar expansion and conversion program.

J. R. Arnold dubbed present service "chaotic." He described being called to the phone three times in five minutes by a long-distance operator with a wrong number. In another instance, he moved his office and didn't get any calls on the same phone number for three weeks.

He said he was submitting his brief to "call attention to the unreliability in the service and to prove this unreliability is not due to lack of money."

"I suggest this money for expansion should be used to consolidate and improve the present service."

Chartered accountant W. G. Ross, opposing the application on behalf of the province of B.C., said the surplus of the company had been depressed by the policy of writing off capital costs to current revenue.

He also charged that the company's surplus has been depleted by company policy of financing in advance of requirements and thereby incurring unnecessary expense.

The board is now sitting in Victoria.

USAF Floating Ice Island
Moves Around Top of World

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Air Force's floating ice island is making a slow-motion trip around the top of the world and, in time, may be on the Russian side of the north pole.

Already, the air force said, "Fletcher's Ice Island" has moved out of the area of the Alaskan air command into the area of the Northeast air command, which includes Greenland.

The natural aircraft carrier, four miles wide and nine miles long, has a crew of eight air force technicians who gather weather and communications

data. They are supplied from Thule, Greenland. Since 1952, when the ice began, the big ice cap drifted at a rate of 2 1/2 a day in a gentle arc to the pole from north of the pole to north of the pole, by tides and generally clockwise winds, it appears to be swinging from the hemisphere to the eastern hemisphere.

However, the waters of the Arctic Sea around the ice island, so there are no Russian claims of violation when and if the changes hemispheres.

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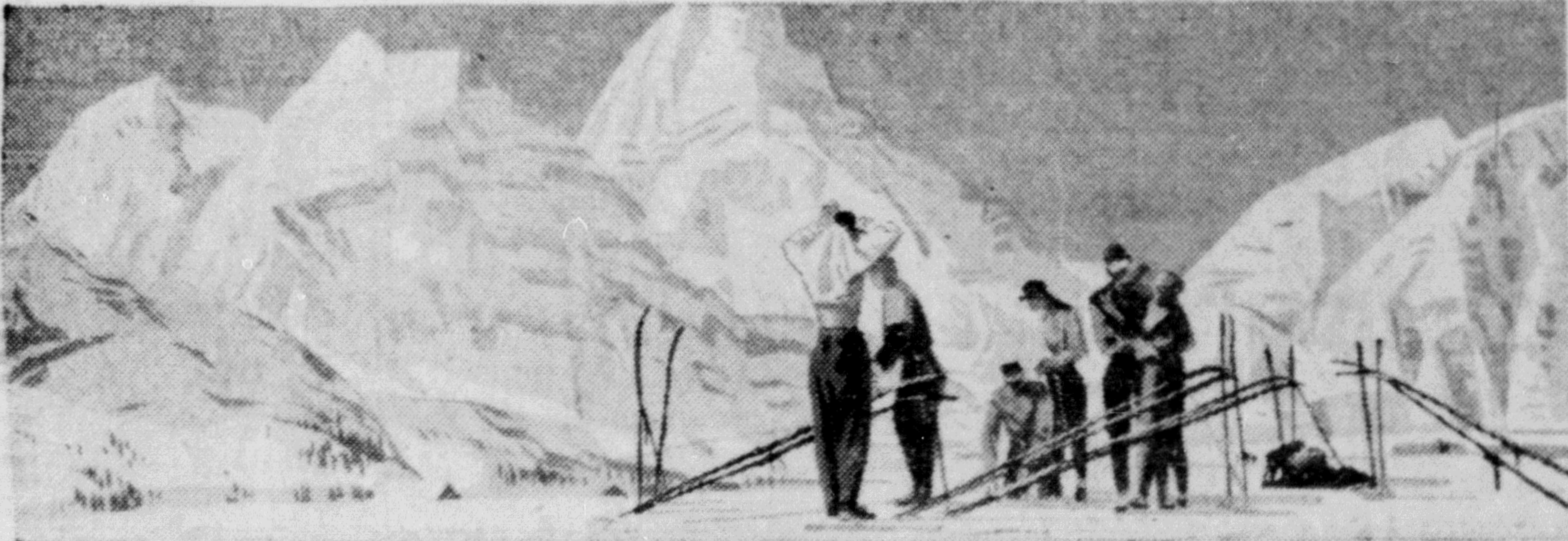
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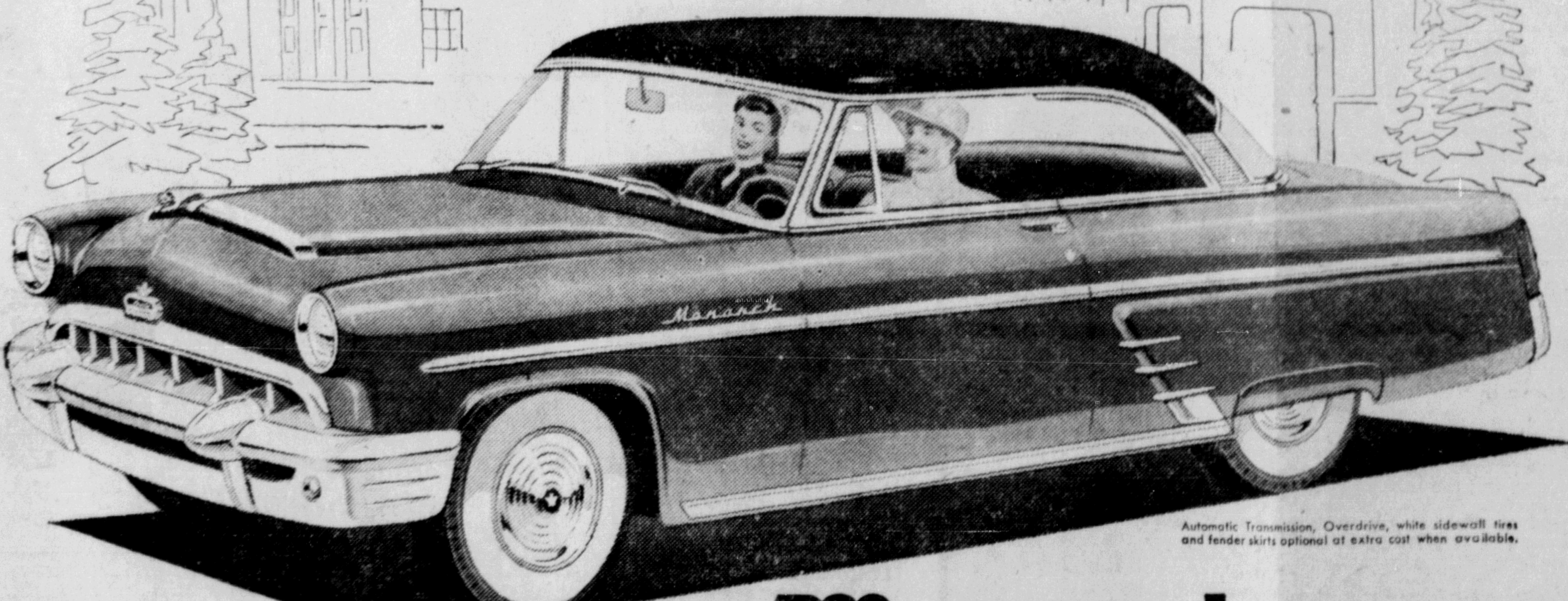
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