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John Landy's feat in running "the fastest mile" yesterday may have sent 11 million fellow Australians into a glorious frenzy of jubilation, but we'll venture a guess that they were no happier than the hard-working group of men who have been slaving for more than a year to make a success of the 1954 British Empire Games in Vancouver.

We'll bet the BEG committee in Vancouver were bouncing around like a rubber ball, when the news came through that Landy had bettered Britain's Roger Bannister's mark of 3 minutes 59.4 seconds by a whole 1.4 seconds. You can quite easily visualize them staring pop-eyed at each other and realizing what the event that had taken place in Finland meant to the events that are going to take place in Vancouver between July 30 and August 7.

Whatever increase in ticket sales Bannister's breaking the four-minute barrier for the mile achieved, Landy's setting of a new mile record and a new time for the 1,500 meters has capped it.

Now they are staging a mile race that will not only feature the first man to run the four-minute mile, but can boast proudly to the world that on the afternoon of August 7 at Empire Stadium "the two fastest men on earth" will race against each other. What a drawing card. It will mean at least another \$20,000 to the BEG and if there's room to stand left at the stadium on the last day of the Games we'll miss our guess. Capacity of the new stadium, where they are still busy laying turf, is 35,000.

It wouldn't surprise us if a great many BEG records, along with some world records, fell during the coming Games. Landy and Bannister certainly won't have to extend themselves to beat the previous BEG record for the mile. It was set in the 1950 Games in Auckland by C. William Parnell of Canada. The time 4 minutes, 11 seconds.

Some records have stood for a long time. Percy Williams' time of 9.6 seconds for the 100 yards which he achieved in 1930 in Hamilton hasn't been beaten yet but it was equalled in 1950 in Auckland by John F. Treloar. Australia's Jack P. Metcalfe at London in 1934 set a hop-skip-and-jump record of 51 feet 3 1/2 inches which still stands. The same year Harry B. Hart of South Africa set a new shot put mark of 48 feet 1 3/4 inches, which hasn't been bettered, although Vancouver's John Pavlich in practice this year has already heaved the shot 48 feet 2 3/4 inches and hopes by BEG time to make 53 feet.

In case you're interested here's what the 1954 crop of athletes have to beat for new records this July and August:
220 yards 21.2 Cyril B. Holmes (England) Sydney, 1938.
440 yards 47.9 William V. Shore (South Africa) Sydney, 1938.
47.9 William Roberts (England) Sydney, 1938.
47.9 Edwin J. Carr (Australia) Auckland, 1950.
880 yards, 1m. 51.2—V. Patrick Boot (New Zealand) Sydney, 1938.

3 miles, 13 m. 59.6—Cecil H. Matthews (NZ) 1938.
6 miles, 30 m. 14.5—Cecil H. Matthews (NZ) 1938.
Marathon, 2 h. 30 m. 49.8—J. L. Coleman (S. Africa) 1938.
4x110 yards relay, 41.6—Canada, J. Brown, Pat Haley, Trail, J. W. Loaring, L. G. O'Connor, London, 1934.
4x440 yards relay—3 m. 16.8 England, London, 1934.
120 yards hurdles, 14.0—T. P. Lavery (S. Africa) 1938.
440 yards hurdles, 52.5—Duncan White (Ceylon) Auckland 1950.

High jump, 6 feet 6 ins.—John A. Winter (Australia) 1950.
Pole vault, 13 feet 5 3/4 ins.—A. S. Du Plessis (SA) 1938.
Long (broad) jump, 24 feet 4 3/4 ins.—Harold Brown (Canada) 1938.
Discus throw, 158 feet, 0 3/4 ins.—Ian Reed (Australia) 1950.
Hammer throw, 163 feet, 10 1/4 ins.—Duncan McD. M. Clark (Scotland) 1950.
Javelin throw, 207 feet, 1 1/2 ins.—Stanley A. Lay (NZ) Hamilton, 1930.

POST SCRIPTS—What few brave souls made it up to Roosevelt Park Sunday enjoyed an amiable, yet hard-fought game, between **Commercials** and **Esquires**. Manager **Miner Simundson** of the hotelmen had the immense satisfaction of socking the winning safety. . . Brother **Bruce Simundson** got robbed of a run, even though he crossed the plate before the play was completed, as the game had ended with **Gordy Cameron** crossing home plate to give the **Commercials** the winning run. . . **Tommy McMeekin**, Prince Rupert's representative on the **B.C. Athletic Round Table Society** leaves Thursday for a Friday conference of this worthy organization. There will be a ticket reserved at the BEG for a Prince Rupert district youngster, following a Round Table Quiz, but more on this later.



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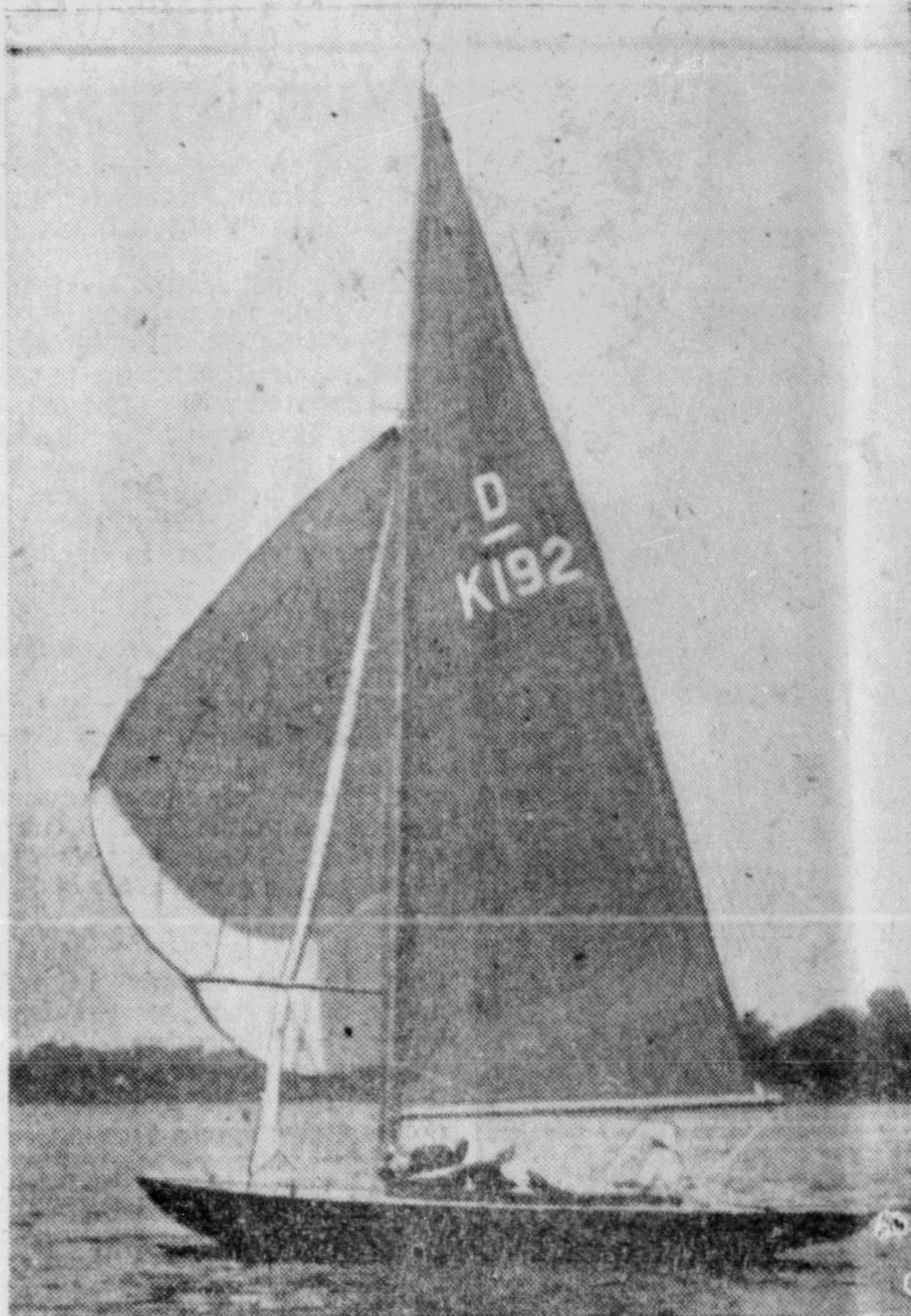
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THE ROYAL YACHT Bluebottle takes a leisurely test run on Lake Louise, near Montreal, in preparation for racing in Canada. The yacht is a present from the Island Sailing Club of Cowes, Isle of Wight, to Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Averages Hiked Three Points By Revived Sacrifice Fly

NEW YORK (AP)—The sacrifice fly, revived after 14 years to hike

baseball's batting averages, is doing its job in a big way.

WIL Drops Spokane And Calgary

TACOMA (AP)—After weeks of uncertainty and financial woe, the far-flung Class A Western International League was down to eight teams Tuesday following the almost simultaneous loss Monday of Spokane and Calgary. The announcement by league president Robert B. Abel at WIL headquarters here that the Spokane franchise had been canceled and the Calgary team disbanded evoked little surprise.

At the time the Spokane civic committee "Save Spokane Indians, Inc." threw in the towel on a fund-raising drive the team was en route from Edmonton to Vancouver and due some time Tuesday.

The committee gave up in its campaign for \$40,000 to insure continued operation of the club after less than \$3,000 was pledged during the week of solicitation. Only two games were played Monday night. Salem topped Wenatchee 5-1 in a rhubarb-filled contest at Salem, and Lewiston edged Victoria 6-5.

At Salem, both teams joined in a fourth inning free-for-all that started when Salem's Johnny Perez swung on Wenatchee pitcher Ted Shandor after Perez said Shandor fired a beanball. No one was hurt and no one was put out of the game.

Victoria rallied in the ninth inning at Lewiston but fell a run short of catching the Broncos. Trailing 6-3 as the inning opened, the Tyees scored twice before Lewiston managed to end the rally.

REMEMBER WHEN

Joe Louis became the second Negro in boxing history to win the world heavyweight title when he knocked out James J. Braddock in the eighth round at Chicago, 17 years ago today. The first was Jack Johnson, champion from 1910 to 1915. Louis had a 12-year-old rein until he abandoned the title in 1949 and then failed in a comeback attempt.

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Furgol Victory Top Example Of Courage

By WILL GRIMSLEY

NEW YORK (AP)—Ed Furgol's surprising victory in the United States national open golf tournament last week-end is a monument to a flaming, unbreakable spirit which wouldn't accept defeat.

Few, if any, national champions have had to overcome the handicaps, hardships and vicissitudes which blocked this lean St. Louis golf pro's road to final success.

"It seems I've always been trying to prove something to myself," Furgol said. "I knew I some day would—and I did."

As a boy of 12, he fell from parallel bars on a playground and smashed his left elbow, leaving a withered arm 10 inches shorter than the right.

He beat his physical handicap by strengthening his hands and his shoulders. He became a good golfer, but not a great one.

But he never quit hoping—"I knew some day I'd win the open," he said.

Feud's End Sees A's Win Seven

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—And so Eddie Joost and Gus Zernial were reconciled, and the Philadelphia Athletics lived happily ever after.

The time element in that statement is somewhat exaggerated, but the fact remains that since manager Joost reinstated Zernial in the A's line-up following their recent flare-up, the A's have won seven of nine games.

Moreover, Big Gus has been playing better than ever. He's hit safely five times in 10 trips to the plate, and was largely responsible for three of the Philadelphia wins. Joost hopes he does as well against the first-place Cleveland Indians tonight.

Some second-guessers are saying the Joost-Zernial tiff was one of the best things that could have happened to the sliding, hapless club.

Their row was a publicly-conducted affair 10 days ago, Gus and his manager were seen in the throes of an arm-waving hassle in front of the A's dug-out in the early stages of a game with Detroit Tigers.

Zernial was more than a little put out about being benched previously, and the fact he was that night put into the sixth spot in the batting order instead of his customary clean-up position. The dispute ended with Gus being sent to the showers.

The next day Joost, after a conference with Zernial in the office of general manager Earle Mack, announced Gus had been fined \$250.

Two days later, a much-cooled-off Zernial stated publicly that he was ready to take orders. He said he was prepared to play when asked, sit on the bench if necessary and keep his mouth closed.

Papeis Remake Front Page Over New Mile

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Australian morning papers remake their front pages today to report in late editions John Landy's record-smashing 3:58 mile at Tanu, Finland.

"Landy does it," said the Sun in its top story.

"Another miracle" said the Daily Mirror in letters 1 1/2 inches high.

For more than a year Australians had been expecting Landy to break the four-minute barrier. They were surprised when Roger Bannister beat him to it, but remained confident that their boy also would turn in the miracle mile.

Landy's mother, Mrs. C. G. Landy, was awakened by Melbourne newspapers telling her of John's feat.

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Tribe Confident of A's But Ponder Yank Series

By ED CORRIGAN

Associated Press Sports Writer
While the New York Yankees stagger and flounder five games off the pace, the Cleveland Indians confidently awaited an invasion by the Philadelphia A's tonight. In fact, they weren't even thinking much of the A's. The week-end series with the Yanks occupied their thoughts.

Casey Stengel's New Yorkers also were thinking of the Cleveland series, but they were far from confident.

This is the year the Indians' Al Lopez has been waiting for. No one in Cleveland thinks the "club will fold as it has in annoying habit of doing in the late stages. Silenced are the critics who have been howling for Lopez' scalp because he insisted on using Bob Lemon, Early Wynn and Mike Garcia both as starters and relievers.

Now, when the stretch run comes Lopez will have a couple of good relievers to send in when the going gets hot. Both Don Mossi and Ray Narleski have filled a big void in the bullpen.

As for the Yankees, Stengel is saving his aces, Allie Reynolds, Whitey Ford and Ed Lopat for the Indians, but he doesn't even know who is going to take the hill today against the Detroit Tigers, ordinarily a club against whom the Yanks fatten their averages.

IMPORTANT TEST
If the Yanks can get past the Tigers, the coming series with the Indians will be their most important since they swept that two-game set from the Boston Red Sox on the final days of the '49 season.

In the National League, the New York Giants pulled a game

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Italo Scorticini, 154, Italy, outpointed Pedro Gonzales, 159 1/2, Rankin, Pa., 10.

BROOKLYN—Frankie Ryff, 138, New York, outpointed Brian Kelly, 140 1/2, Niagara Falls, Ont., 10.

SALT LAKE CITY—Grath Panter, 158 1/2, Salt Lake City, outpointed Mickey Rhodes, 153, Boise, Idaho, 10.

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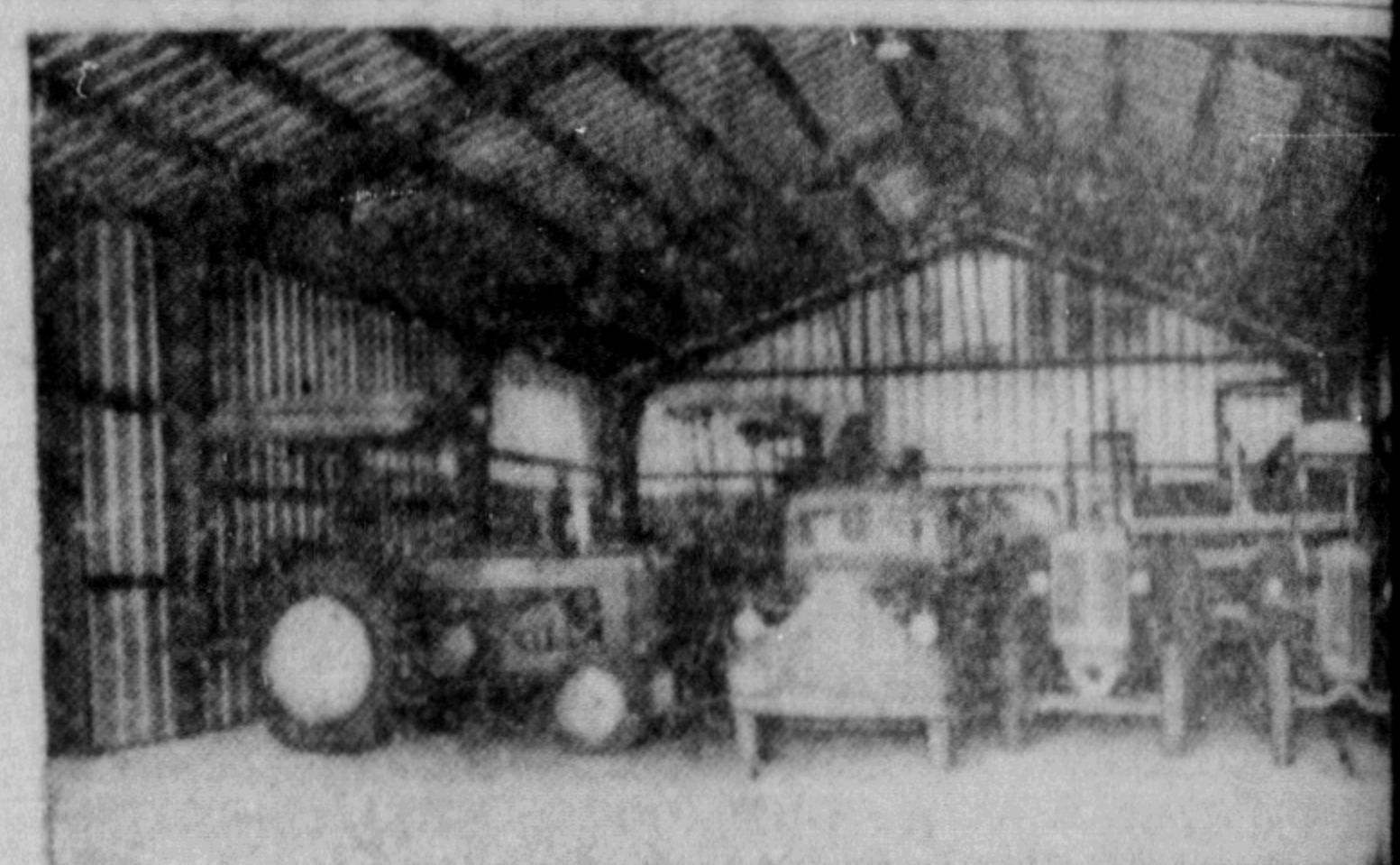
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