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Stewart Looks Ahead

WITH DISCOVERY of what may be an exceptional copper deposit to our north, and large-scale plans to harness northern B.C. water power, new attention attaches itself to our neighboring port, Stewart. At the far extremity of Portland Canal which climbs well up the foot of the Alaska panhandle, Stewart is in a favorable position to serve as water outlet for whatever projects develop along the northwest swathe of B.C. which Alaska cuts off from the sea.

So far, Stewart has existed mainly as distribution and supply centre for the Portland Canal mining district. As such, it has had its share of good fortune and bad. If the Granduc copper development proves of real value, Stewart's luck will be on the up-grade again and, if the port can be made accessible to the industry which is expected to materialize farther north in the next few years, its future is assured.

But the citizens of Stewart are looking in other directions as well. In an open letter which they are now distributing, members of the Stewart Board of Trade describe their community as sitting at the apex of a giant triangle with one arm stretching north and the other reaching east to the Peace River country.

Speaking of the brief which Premier Bennett submitted to Ottawa in search of federal assistance for extending the PGE, they say: "We read that it is now necessary for freight to travel 1,255 miles from Dawson Creek to Vancouver via Edmonton to find its Pacific outlet, whereas by extending the PGE north this distance would be cut to 739 miles, or if Prince Rupert were used as the Pacific port, this distance would be rather more or about 767 miles.

"Why, however, do we not read in this brief somewhere that from where a farmer stands in his field at Dawson Creek or Fort St. John to salt water at Stewart is actually less than 350 miles, or under half the distance to any other possible Pacific port?"

Although Stewart's figures are somewhat misleading since those 350 miles are as the crow flies (he would fly about 10 miles or so farther if he landed at Prince Rupert, not twice the distance as suggested), this letter is useful in adding its voice to the argument against developing the north for benefit of the south at the expense of a long haul. If that same crow dropped down at Hazelton, he would have flown only 250 miles and could ride the rods the rest of the way into Prince Rupert. Meanwhile he would have covered some of the most mineral rich ground in B.C. which will never be touched under present plans.

And so we see the fate of our crow taking shape. It will eventually have to be eaten by the provincial government.

Scripture Passage for Today

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Billy Graham Wins

THE TRIUMPH of Billy Graham in Britain is little short of phenomenal.

The youngish American evangelist arrived in Britain under a cloud of well-deserved resentment. His advance publicity had made it appear that the fast-talking American preacher was coming to Britain not to turn the minds and hearts of British people toward a revitalized religion, but to turn them away from socialism, which the majority of the British people freely support.

Mr. Graham's bad advance publicity turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It attracted nation-wide British attention to the mission of the evangelist. Probably a third of the people who went to Billy Graham's meetings, at first, did so either in skepticism or outright hostility. But Billy's old fashioned message converted most of them, at least to the point of conceding that Mr. Graham had a message worth hearing.

Billy Graham's decision to climax his campaign by a meeting in Hyde Park was a stroke of genius. He drew some 40,000 people—which is more than any of the other speakers have ever drawn in that forum of free speech.

THERE is no mystery about the power of what Billy Graham preaches. It is all plainly set forth in his own book "Peace With God," published last year by Doubleday, New York.

Billy Graham preaches the old fashioned, simple evangelical Christian message. He believes that God and the Devil are both living realities—that sin is the greatest human problem. He believes that God will forgive any man who repents.

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GETTING PAID FOR JOKE
The Editor, The Daily News:
In addition to the suggestions re local manufacturing, in my last letter, I neglected to mention the amount of Fraser river water, and bottles, upon which we pay freight; car loads and car loads, year after year, while we produce rye, barley, etc., and will soon produce a tremendous crop of dandelions. Do I have to make any further remarks?

In order that all angles may be taken into consideration, I shall just mention the little joke which our U.S. and Canadian statesmen are playing on us, and getting paid for it. Of course it could not be done for us, but we are sending experts, and machinery, and patents, and millions of our 40 cent dollars, to many foreign countries, to show those people how to produce the things which we produce. When they get into production, they will want to sell those things to us, and as they will be produced at a very much lower cost, they will be available to us at a lower price than we have to pay for the same thing made in Canada. That is the only way I have yet figured out where we will get some of our money back—but what will our poor Canadian government do with the same articles which are being subsidized by us, and given away free? Of course, when those countries get into production they will not permit Canada to give things away free because it will compete with their own manufacturers. It may have the result that our subsidized products will have to be given away free to the Canadians who pay for them in the first place—for a change.

I believe that Rupert, most of the towns along the line, and many rural folks are short on power. I have been wondering if it could be possible that our late unlamented B.C. government slipped up a bit in not having a slice of this power generated at Kitimat set aside for the use of the public which owned the power.

It also might have been a good idea to have made some provision whereby some of the aluminum manufactured in British Columbia should have been fabricated here, instead of being shipped elsewhere for manufacture. This might also apply to the outfit which uses our timber, but sends the product to Edmonton and other places for fabrication.

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PLEASED WITH PLAYS
The Editor, The Daily News:
It seems that the minor few have been objecting to the profanity in the recent play "Born Yesterday."
I was amazed to discover that such narrow mindedness existed in Prince Rupert, and would fully back Mr. Dobbie in his choice of plays and his production of them.

As a theatre goer in London, New York and Montreal, I can appreciate the tasks that confronted Mr. Dobbie. To work with such limited facilities, and limited talent that Prince Rupert offers—Mr. Dobbie has done an excellent job in his productions.

If a few of these people had an opportunity to see—maybe some of Noel Coward's original productions in London, or even some first class plays, they would understand the cleverness of portraying a character. To cut a script is merely ruination of a play.

These productions bring true to life people to us, and the people portrayed in "Born Yesterday" really do exist—believe it or not. If we condemn the author for profanity in his script, we are condemning the living, and who are we to condemn?
Bravo Mr. Dobbie, you have done a fine job in your productions of "Street Car Named Desire" and "Born Yesterday." Prince Rupert has much to thank you for.
D. M. CRESWELL,
Prince Rupert.

PLUG FOR DIRECTOR
The Editor,
The Daily News:
It is time that someone in Prince Rupert put in a plug for Mr. Dobbie. Until his arrival here, the Little Theatre group seemed to have difficulty in obtaining members and there was a decided lack of public interest in the plays presented.

Now local thespians have had the chance of professional instruction in acting, stage-managing, directing, make-up, etc. The plays recently presented were thoroughly enjoyed by all those I have spoken to and Rupert is lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy first-class plays. We are, after all, not a very large city.

As for the so-called "offensive" language—many people in Rupert do not understand the theatre and certainly must be extremely narrow-minded to give this criticism.

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"Too many parents," says Danny Kaye, the actor, "try to make children into what they themselves wanted to be, and that's the surest way to ruin a child's life. The only rule for child-raising I have, if any, is to try and behave myself so as not to become a delinquent parent."

Back in the good old days plenty of people entertained the strange notion that they could not afford to buy something that cost too much.

RUPERT TO SYDNEY
G. F. Johnston, Australian traffic manager for the Canadian National Railways at Sydney, Australia may plan on remaining in that distant land. He retired on pension in February, according to recent announcement. He will be well remembered by many old timers who began a 44 year career in his native Quebec in 1909. He has travelled across Canada, including passenger and freight trains. Prince Rupert, it was said, went to Australia.

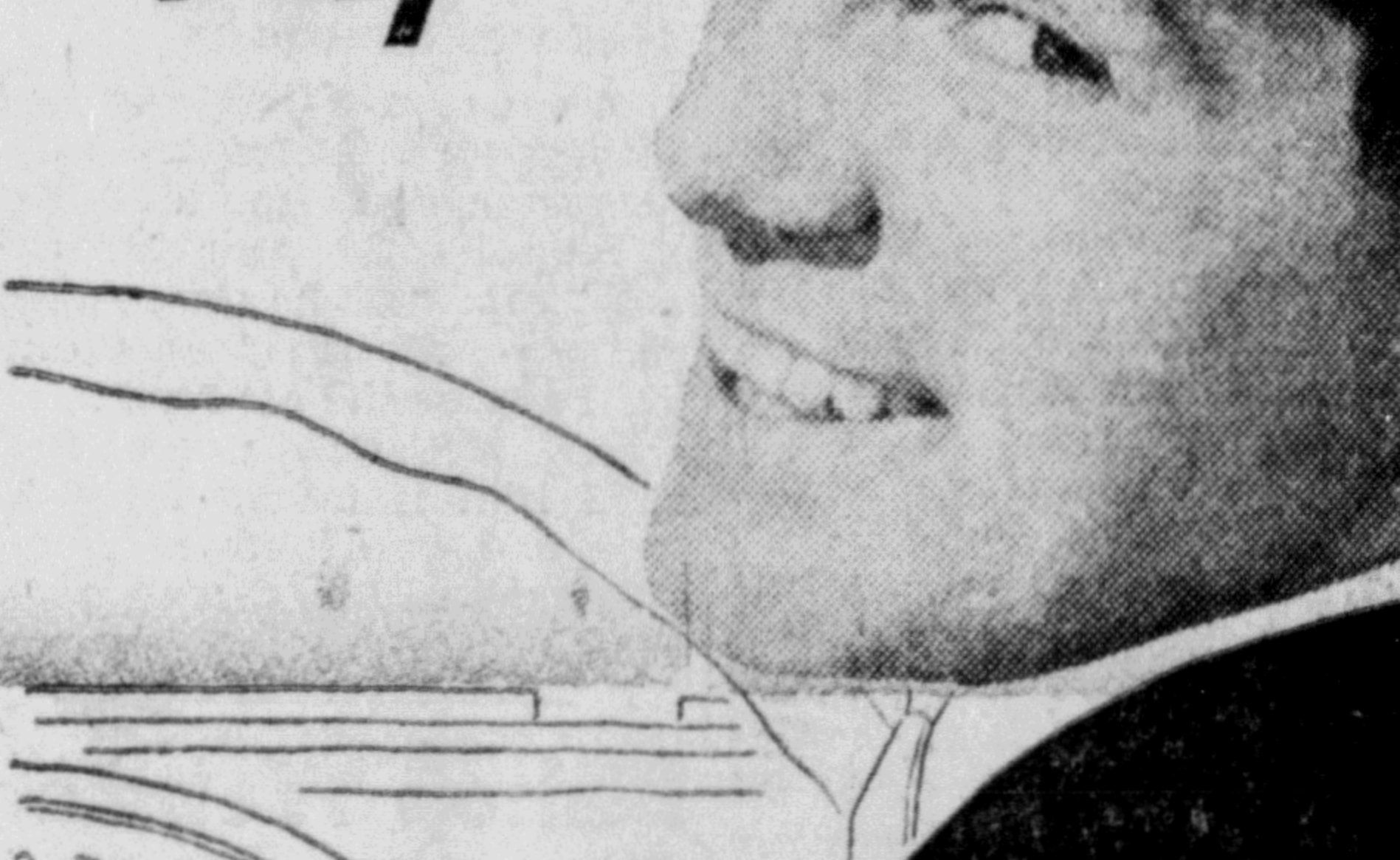
The farmer said he had run of maple syrup, because he could not think of anything easier to think of.

Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, after being married about half the world, are still as young as ever. Everywhere there was a reception in the capital, Spain. And from all things today, there is to be the slightest of hostilities from now.

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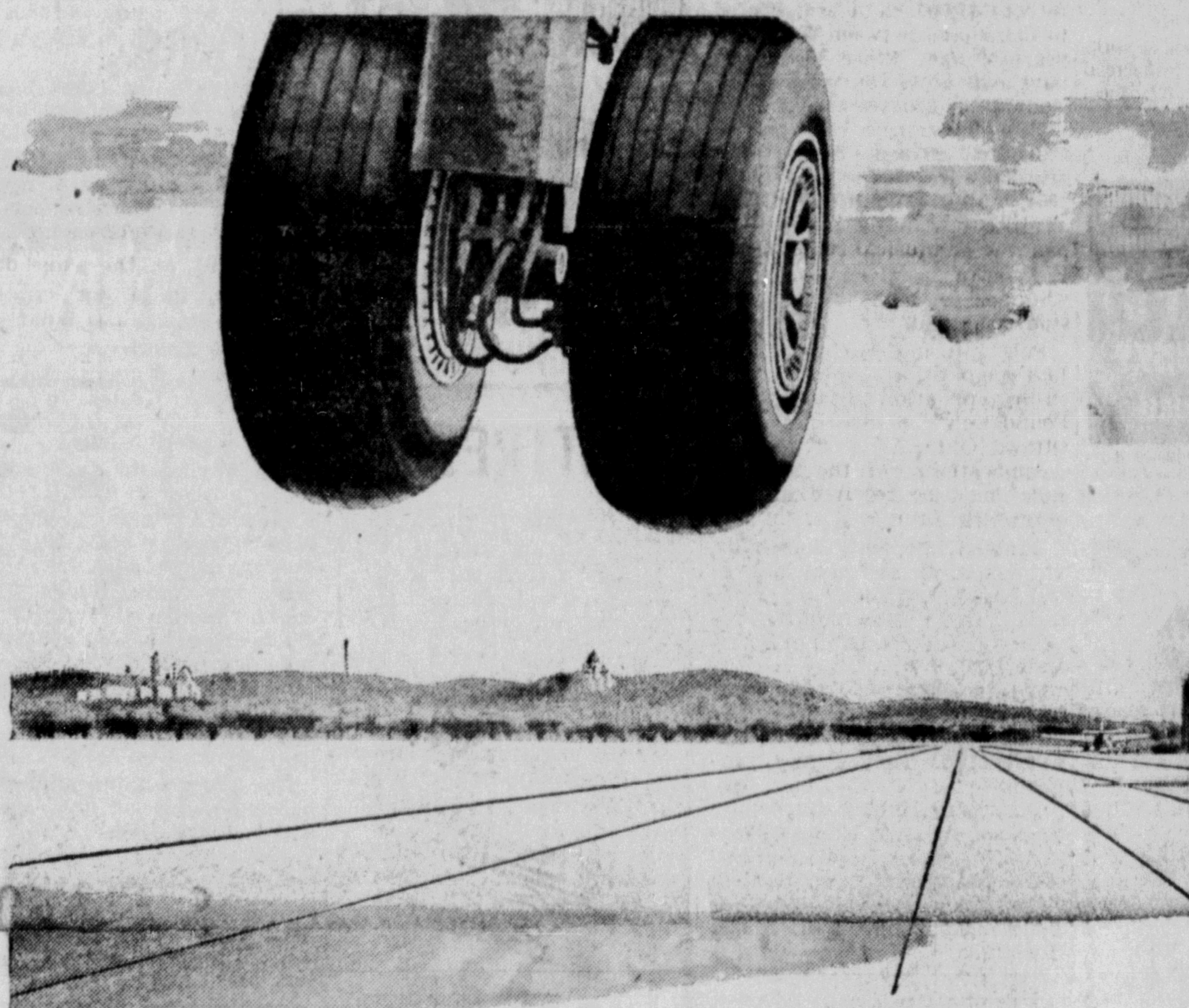
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