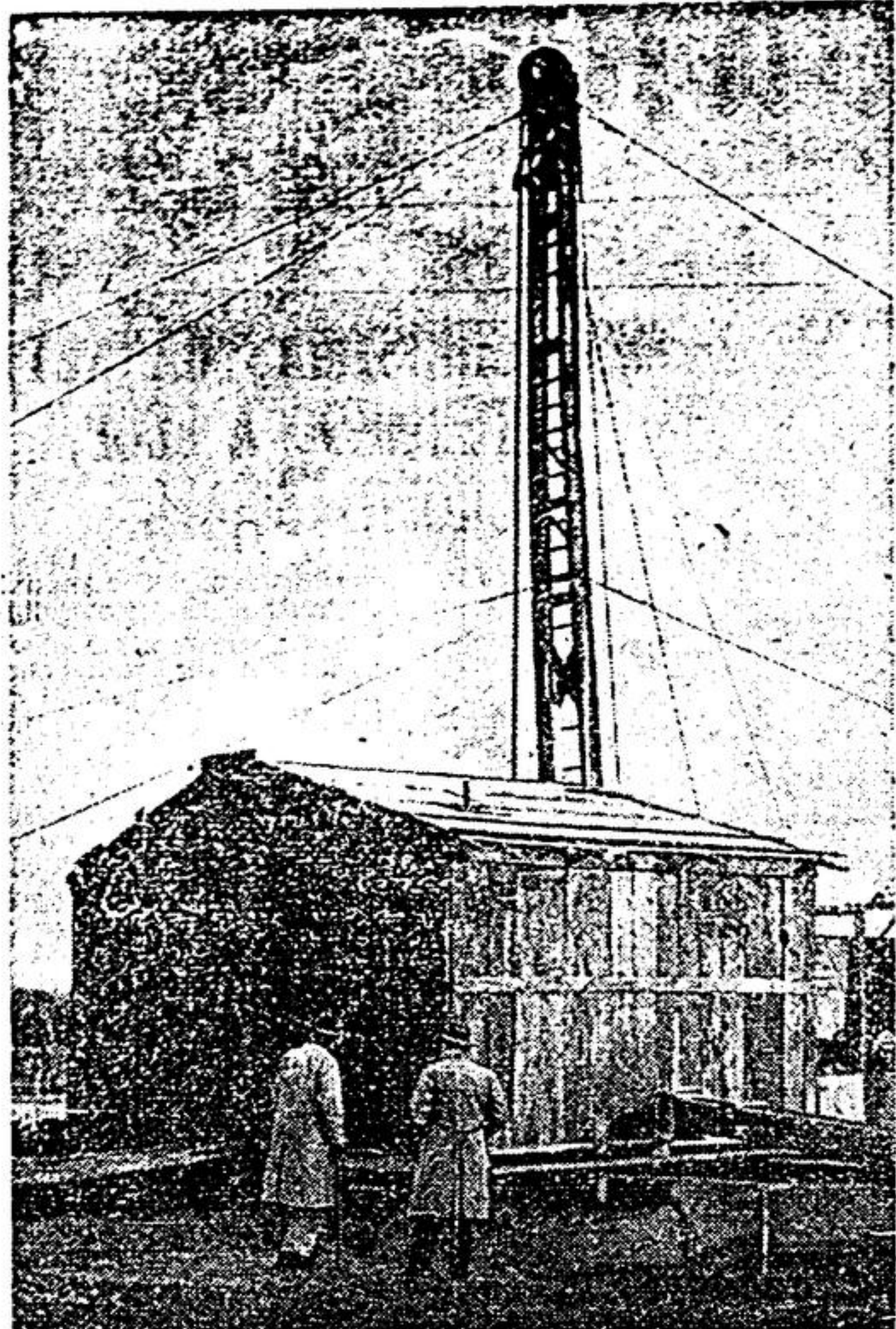


**DRILLERS HOPE TO STRIKE GAS ON HISTORIC MARKHAM FARM**



Several Canadian business men are investing a considerable sum of "risk" capital to explore the possibility of discovering natural gas in commercial quantities in Markham Township. The site chosen for the sinking of a deep well is east and south of Markham Village, near Box Grove, on the



farm of H. C. Coakwell. At left are drill shanty, mast and powerhouse, manned by experienced drillers from Western Ontario. At right is the "rough-neck" of the outfit, term given to general handymen in oil fields. He is Tony Bruggeman, Canadian-born Belgian boy, greasing cam-shaft of massive machinery.

**Widening Search For Oil May Fill Canada's Needs**

Canada may become entirely self-sufficient in the matter of oil production, said Dr. Oliver B. Hopkins, vice-president of Imperial Oil, Ltd., in an address to the Royal Canadian Institute Saturday night. He predicted also that Alberta oil will supply all the needs of the three Prairie Provinces by 1950. "If additional Leduc and Redwaters are discovered as a result of the extensive exploration work under way, oil production in the West will assume much more than local significance as to the area supplied," he said. "It is not unreasonable to anticipate that the volume of production eventually developed may be equal to Canada's entire needs—great as they

are. (Canada consumes 260,000 barrels of oil per day.) Stimulated by the discovery of Leduc, exploratory work by many oil companies is now at an all-time high. "It is estimated that expenditures in exploratory and development work are now at the rate of about \$50 million per year," he said. "Next year, expenditures may reach \$100 million." As a result of the discovery of Leduc and Redwater, he anticipated Alberta production by 1950 will be about 70,000 barrels a day. "This production will be sufficient to supply the needs of the three Prairie Provinces and thus eliminate all imports into that area," he continued. "The saving in foreign exchange as the result of the discovery of the Leduc and Redwater fields is in excess of \$100,000 a day or at the rate of \$40 million per

year. With steadily increasing production, the saving in foreign exchange within a few years will increase to \$100 million or more per year." The importance of Canada's possible self-sufficiency is oil to national defense as well as national economy was stressed by Dr. Hopkins. In recent years Canada's oil imports have been coming more and more from South America and the Middle East. Long rail haulage of crude from American fields to the Prairie Provinces added as much as 50 per cent to the cost per barrel. To facilitate distribution of Leduc oil in Western Canada a pipeline is planned from the Edmonton refinery to Regina, a distance of 435 miles at a cost of \$35 million. It is expected that this line will be completed in 1950, said Dr. Hopkins. "We cannot foresee the future,"

he said, "but there are reasons for hoping that the key to the problem of locating new oil fields in the West has been found, thus making future exploration work more productive than it has been in the past." **AVERAGE CANADIAN CATCHES COLD THREE TIMES YEARLY** Statistics reveal that Canadians on the average have three colds a year. Very few escape this common menace to health. Unfortunately so far science has not been able to pin down the cold virus. It cannot be seen under a microscope

and not much is known about it. With literally millions of colds to study the best guide to preventing them seems to be in fairly simple common sense precautions. The principal thing is to keep the body's resistance high by observing a sound diet and other hygienic rules. Chilling, wet feet, drafts, damp clothing, exposure to bad and permit the cold virus which is always present in the nose, throat and mouth to invade the body tissues. A cold results. It costs \$500 to ship an automobile return across the Atlantic. Belgium is the first European country to quit food rationing.

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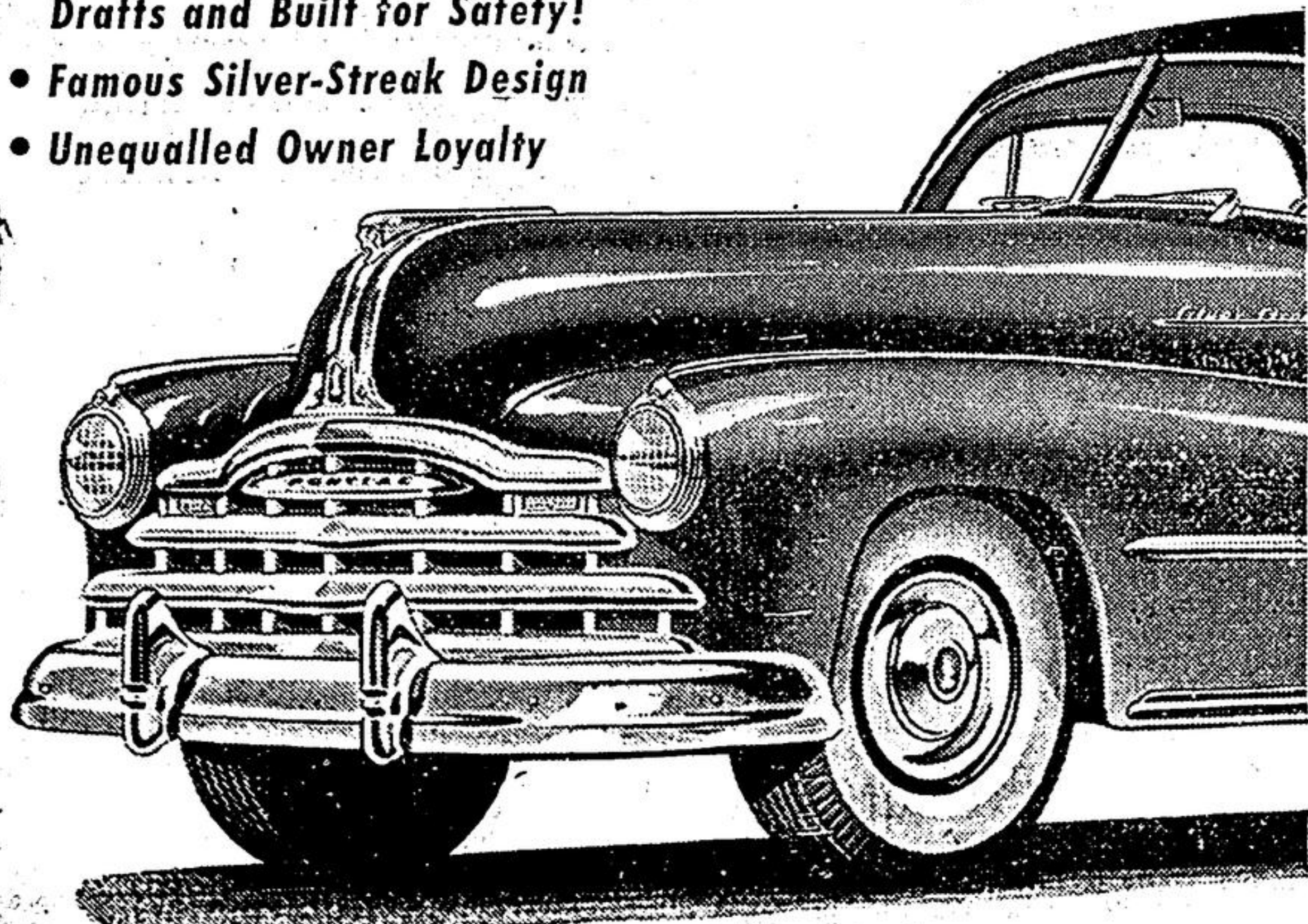
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