

# 1956 Farm Census To Provide Data On Farm Sizes

How many acres does a farmer in the Maritimes, in Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia or the Prairie Provinces operate? What changes are taking place on Canadian farms as a result of wider use of tractors, combines and other large-scale farm equipment? The answers to these questions, which are typical of many received by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, will be obtained in the 1956 Census which starts in June next. Comparisons with earlier census data will show the extent of the changes.

According to previous censuses, most farms in Canada are what are commonly called "family-sized" farms. They are operated by the owner or tenant with the aid of members of the family and perhaps hired or seasonal help. There is a growing tendency, however, towards larger farms, especially in the grain-growing areas of western Canada. With the greater use of power equipment on farms, increased size has not necessarily

resulted in the need for hiring more labour.

In 1901, according to the census of that year, the average area per farm in Canada was 124 acres. The size increased during each census period until 1951 when the average was 279 acres. In Quebec and Ontario the average rose from 104 acres in 1901 to 132 in 1951, and in the Atlantic Region from 102 to 123 acres. Increases in the Prairie Provinces have been more spectacular, rising from 279 in 1901 to 498 in 1951. In British Columbia the average declined from 230 to 178 acres.

For Canada as a whole, there were 64,655 farms of 201 acres or over in 1901; by 1951 the number had grown to 239,913. In 1901 the number of these farms accounted for 13% of the total farms and in 1951 for nearly 38%. Farms of 100 acres, or less in 1901 were 58% of the total but by 1951 had fallen to about 34%. The 1956 figures will likely show a continuation of this trend.

# Sixteen of 29 New Sub-Divisions Get Health Unit Approval

Polio Vaccination

A total of 9,943 doses of polio vaccine have been given to school children in York County during the last five weeks and the entire present supply of polio vaccine has been exhausted. A shipment of additional vaccine is being awaited in order to continue the polio vaccination programme to supply second doses for the school children receiving their first dose this year, and to supply third doses for children who received their first and second doses in 1955.

Sub-Division Sanitation

In the first four months of 1956, plans for 29 subdivisions involving 2,160 building lots and providing for a potential additional population of 10,440 persons have been reviewed by the sanitation division of the health unit. Of these, 16 subdivisions have received health unit approval, and 13 subdivisions have been disapproved as not meeting minimum public health standards for sanitation, particularly with regard to water supplies and sewage disposal.

During the whole year of 1955, plans for 71 subdivisions in York County came up for public health review and 56 of these received health unit approval providing for 3,647 building lots or an estimated potential population of 14,588 additional persons.

Field Training

The York County Health Unit continues to provide field training for University of Toronto public health students. At the present time, two student public nurses, Miss Mary Malloy and Mrs. Freda McKillop are taking extended field training in the County of York under the supervision of Miss V. Smyth,

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# Markham Twp. Planners Discuss Land Zoning

(Article 2)  
By F. H. Brennan

Any well-run business organization expects to grow bigger and its officials formulate plans for its future physical expansion and increased diversification. So must Markham Twp., and for this purpose the Planning Board was appointed. The Official Plan recommended to Council last October shows the way in which the Planning Board feels development should best take place. As with a business organization, circumstances will arise which will necessitate constant revision of this Plan.

The Plan, before approval of Council, was presented by Planning Board to various groups of property owners and ratepayers in the Township. Many important suggestions arising out of these meetings were incorporated before the Plan was finalized.

When approved, the Plan will be of great assistance to individuals or firms wishing to move to the Township as it will enable them to choose land in a zone appropriate to their needs.

Perhaps to some present land holders, and particularly during the initial stages of the implementation of the Plan, Planning Board will appear to be "Dictators," "Bureaucrats," and much worse! But what would happen if no controls were applied? There would be an influx of uncontrolled building on unserviced land adjoining town-

ship roads. Interspersed with homes would be gas stations, restaurants, used car lots, junk yards, weed patches, and so on. Eventually these "ribbons" developments would require public investment in sewers, water supply, schools, buses, fire and police protection. Yet the tax revenue from such an unplanned area would in no way meet an investment unnecessarily high because the area is so spread out.

There would be no protection for homes were land use not controlled. A man might build a fine home, and look forward to evenings of relaxation in his garden, only to learn that a stock car racing arena was to be built beside his property.

A survey of job opportunities in Markham Township shows that there are more workers than jobs. The Township might easily become a dormitory for Toronto. If a depression were to come, to whom would the unemployed look for relief? If the Township is to become more and more urban, then we must endeavour to at least parallel the residential development with suitable industrial development, and/or limit residential development largely to the type of homes that more than pay their own way.

Careful planning can make this Township a better place in which to work and live. Sound planning will be in the ultimate best interests of all residents of the Township.

# News from Buttonville

May 24

Neighbourhood Notes

Congratulations to Beverley Burr who was acclaimed Girls' Intermediate Track and Field Champion when Thornhill High School held a Track and Field Day recently. Other local prize-winners were Nancy Brown and Frazer Craig.

Mrs. Wm. Gibson of Strathroy is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. R. Patterson, at present.

Mr. Leslie Hood enjoyed a fishing trip on the holiday weekend in Muskoka.

Richard Tribbling is the new proprietor of the White Rose Service Station at Don Mills Rd. and No. 7 Highway. Jack Stephenson, the former operator, has found it necessary to return to his home in Western Canada and will leave immediately. His many friends here will miss him.

Dorothy Hood spent the holiday weekend in Muskoka.

David Ford spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ford.

Mrs. G. Purves has advised us that with several canvassers still to be heard from, the eastern section of the Richmond Hill District Unit of the Cancer Society has contributed more than \$3,000 to date.

Have you noticed the fine new fence which surrounds the playgrounds at Buttonville School? School property now amounts to three acres, and on Tuesday of last week an Arbour Day was held when the school children had a general clean-up in readiness for the Parents' Night on Wednesday.

C.G.I.T. & Explorers are completing plans for their Lilac Tea and Sale which will be held in Victoria Square Church on Saturday afternoon of this week. There is always a very good selection of Home Baking and handmade articles at this tea, so don't miss it.

W.I. Meets at Buttonville Hall

Mrs. Charles Hooper was in the chair on Thursday evening of last week, when Buttonville Women's Institute held their May meeting in Buttonville Hall.

Business discussed included plans for a Strawberry Festival to be held July 4, at Buttonville Hall. The ladies also will hold a quilting in the Hall this week. Programme was impromptu, and concluded with a friendly tea hour. Hostesses were Mrs. Clara Aubrey Stephenson and Mrs. G. Arrott.

Wee Donna Lee Bennett, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bennett, (nee Lois Clarke) was baptized in a Mother's Day ceremony held at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Agincourt.

Farwell Party held for Boyntons

A large gathering of friends met at Leitchcroft Hall on Monday evening of last week when the community held a party to honour Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boynton, their daughter Ellen, and Mr. Mathew Davis, who last week moved to their new home in Thornhill. The family farm was sold recently after having been held in the Boynton name for more than 80 years. It was a comfortable evening of reminiscence conversation and cards. Mr. Aubrey Stephenson read an appropriate address and gifts were presented to the guests of honour by Mr. Elgin Sherman and Mr. Tim Patterson. Mr. Boynton received a chair; Mrs. Boynton's gift was a coffee table; Ellen was given a radio and Matt an electric shaver. The best wishes of the community go with them to their new home.

At the conclusion, tea was served by the hostesses — Mrs. Tim Patterson, Mrs. M. Sherman, Mrs. Elgin Sherman and Mrs. Douglas Hood, and others.

Parents' Night at Buttonville School

What was probably the first Parents' Night at Buttonville School was held on Wednesday evening of last week, and from

# CARS ARE MY LINE

by Neil Patrick

Most people around here know, writing a newspaper column isn't my line. As it says at the top, Cars Are My Line. In handling anything as important as cars, though, you get to know something about them. You get to know how the sweet purr of a good engine should sound, you hear stories about old cars and you get to know how to look after a car.

You get to know a good car from a lemon because, if you think about it a minute, you'll see that we have to BUY cars, as well as sell them. So we have to know what a good car is. And while we're about it, we pick up a lot of interesting stories we think are worth passing along.

It's our shop talk... just like the talk of the railway men who remember the record set by Old No. 550, or sailors who remember the Big Storm, or army buddies who remember the Big War which is, of course, the one they fought in.

I hope you'll enjoy stopping at this spot every week and I hope I can pass along some shop talk that'll be useful. I'm not going to get complicated or technical, there are too many people today trying to bamboozle others with big words and fancy phrases.

All the fancy adornment hasn't been able to change some things. Like honest trade, a dollar paid for a dollar's value. Whatever you may think about the dollar today, it won't buy more sound motoring than at our used car lot. As I said before, we have to buy cars & sell as well and before we take a car in we make sure it's a sound, tight, clean car. We make doubly sure after we have it, and then we offer it on our lot.

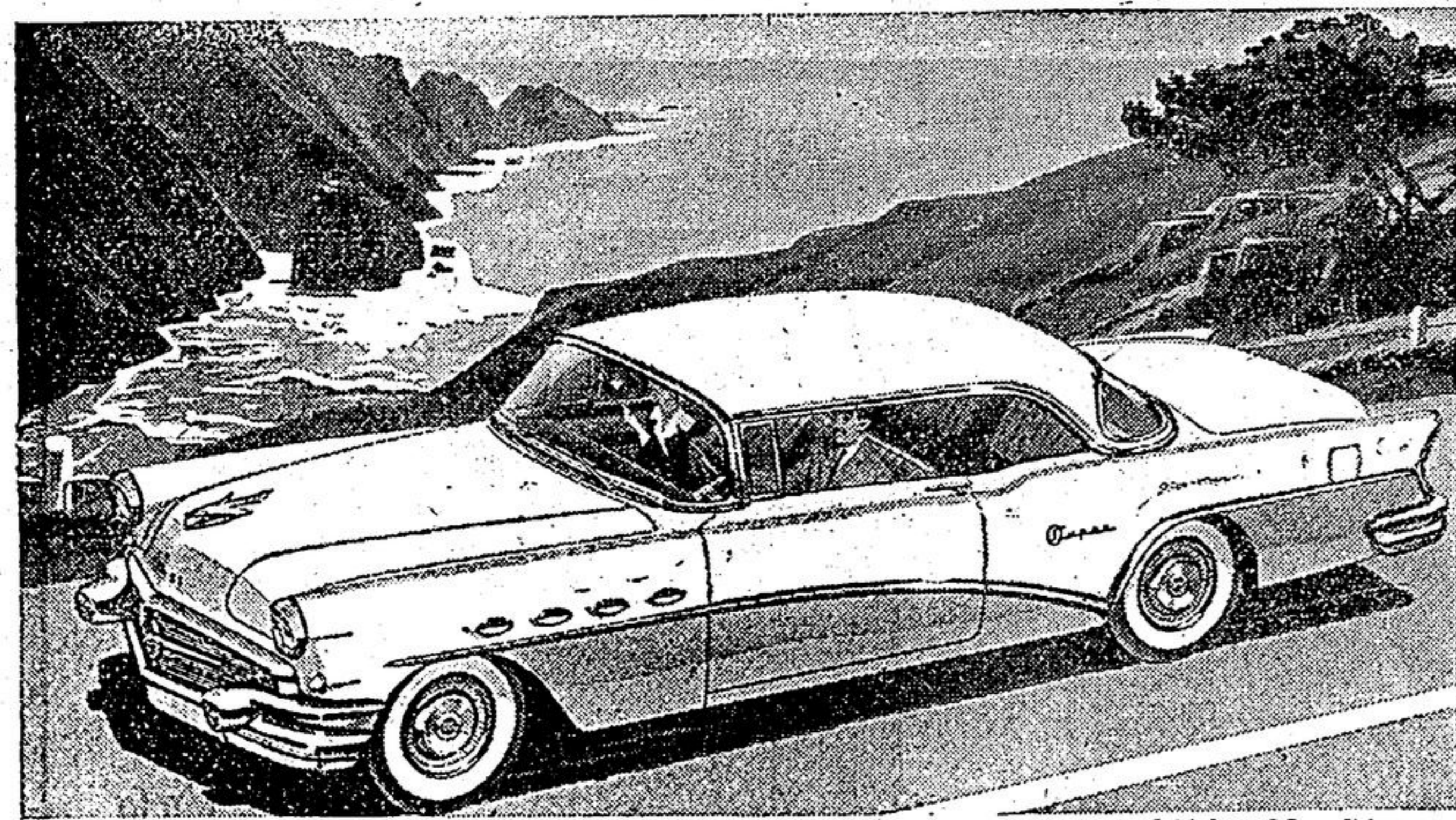
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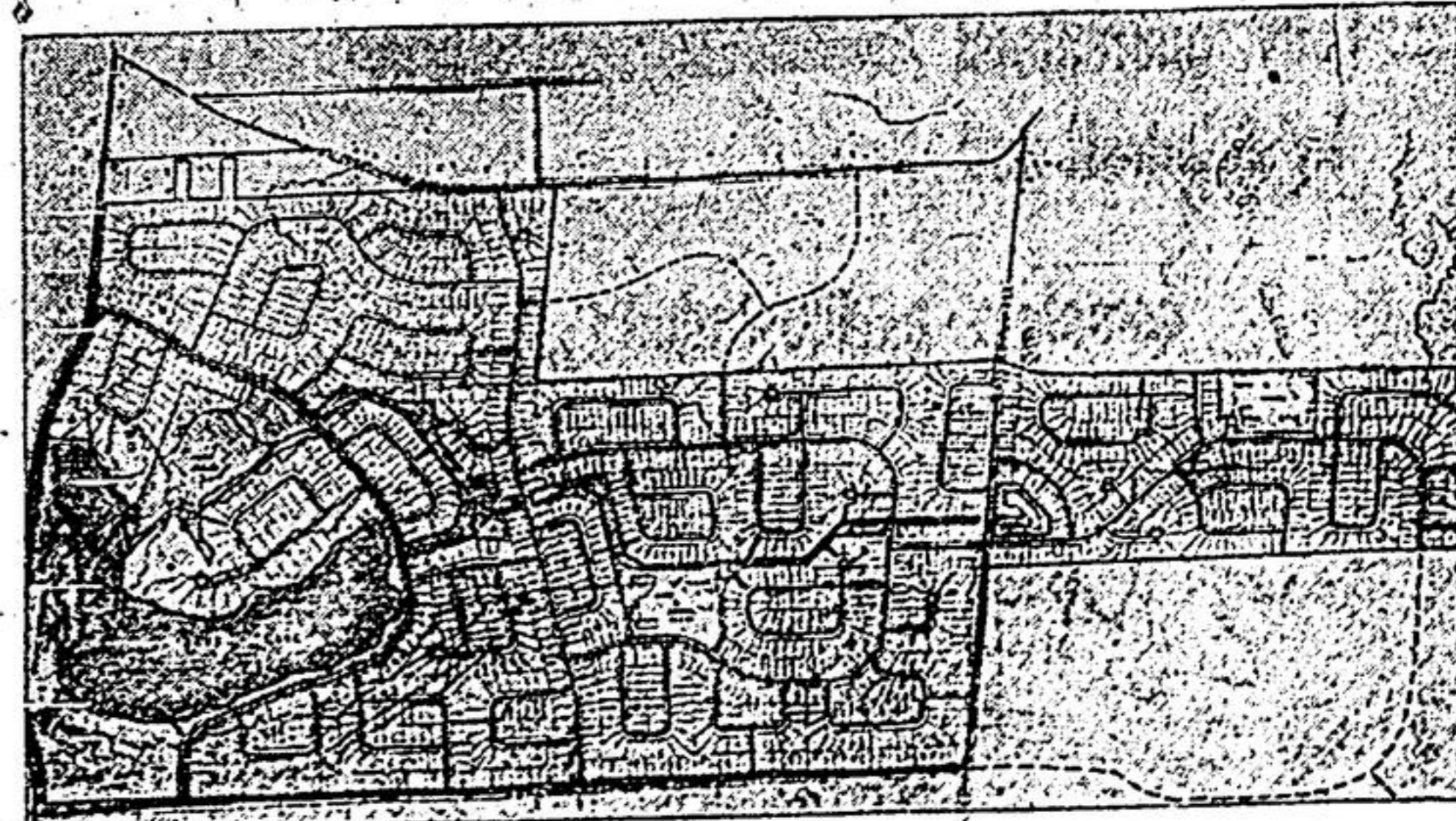
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