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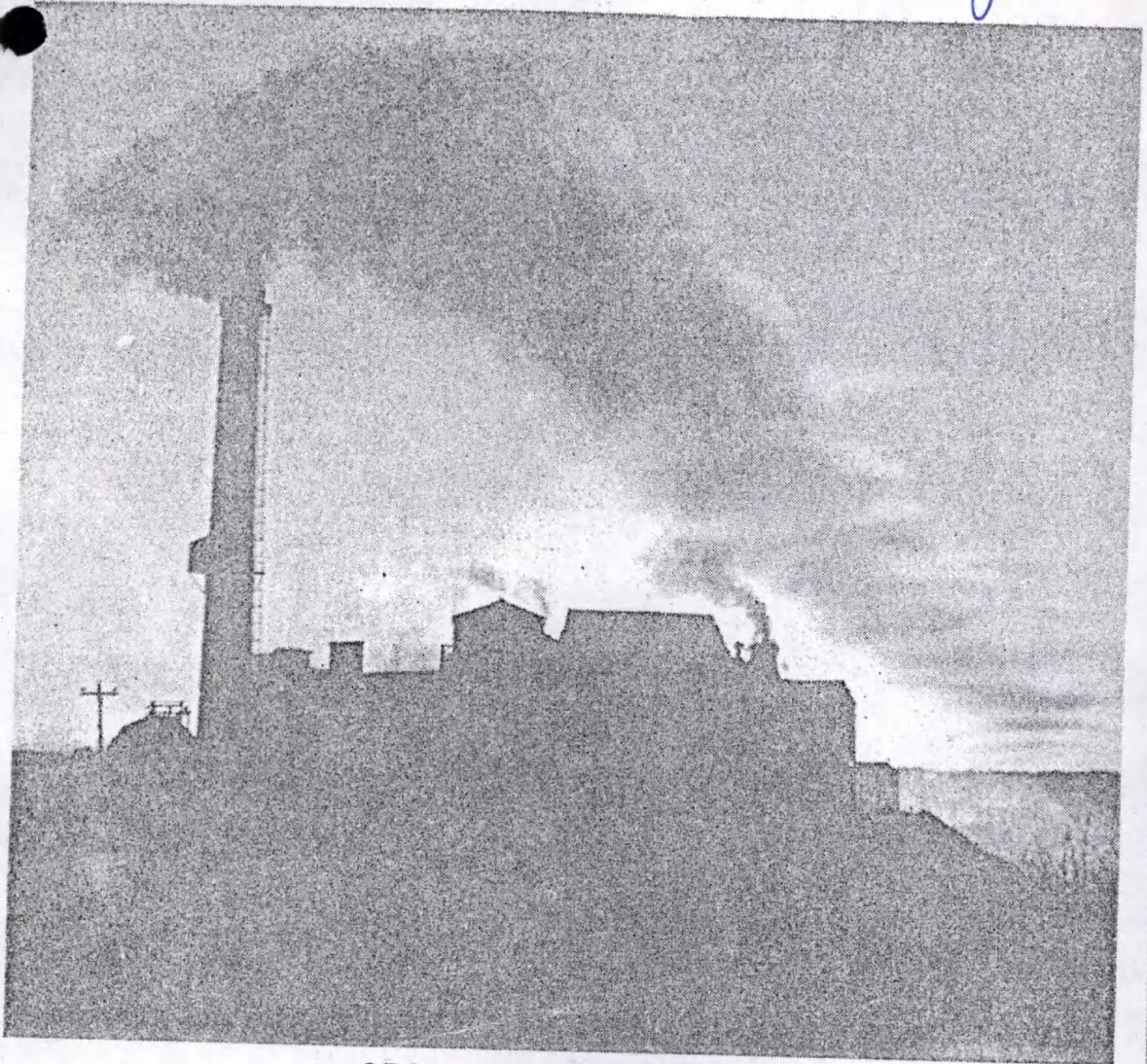
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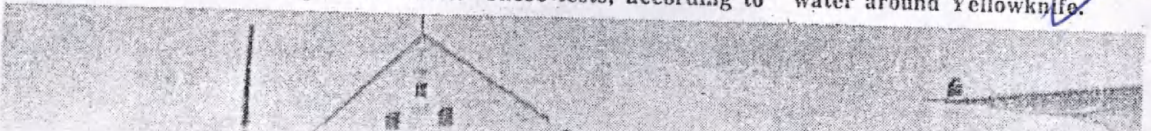


CBC causes "arsenic scare"

The first major news story of 1975 was the "arsenic scare." Early in January the CBC radio program "As it Happens" broadcast a report that arsenic pollution from the Giant Mine was endangering the health of Yellowknife residents. It said a 1969 study, describing the

danger, had been suppressed by the federal government. The story led to the testing of 700 Yellowknife residents who volunteered to have samples of their hair cut and analyzed. A few were found to have higher than normal levels of arsenic in their hair, and underwent more tests. Those tests, according to

the federal department of health revealed no abnormally high levels of arsenic and apparently ended the "scare". But the controversy may flare up again in January, when the federal Environment department releases its study of the amount of arsenic in the air, soil and water around Yellowknife.



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