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been stated by the management of the proving grounds that its operation could not function without the efficient service of our local airline."

The airline official goes on to explain that Ford has other proving grounds and that the operations he has just described are on a competitive bases, i.e., the more successful the tests on one unit, the more testing assigned to that unit. The testing ground in his town -- served by his airline -- has held top honors in this respect for some time.

Small communities now have an opportunity to compete with large communities in bidding for industries looking for a place to locate. One

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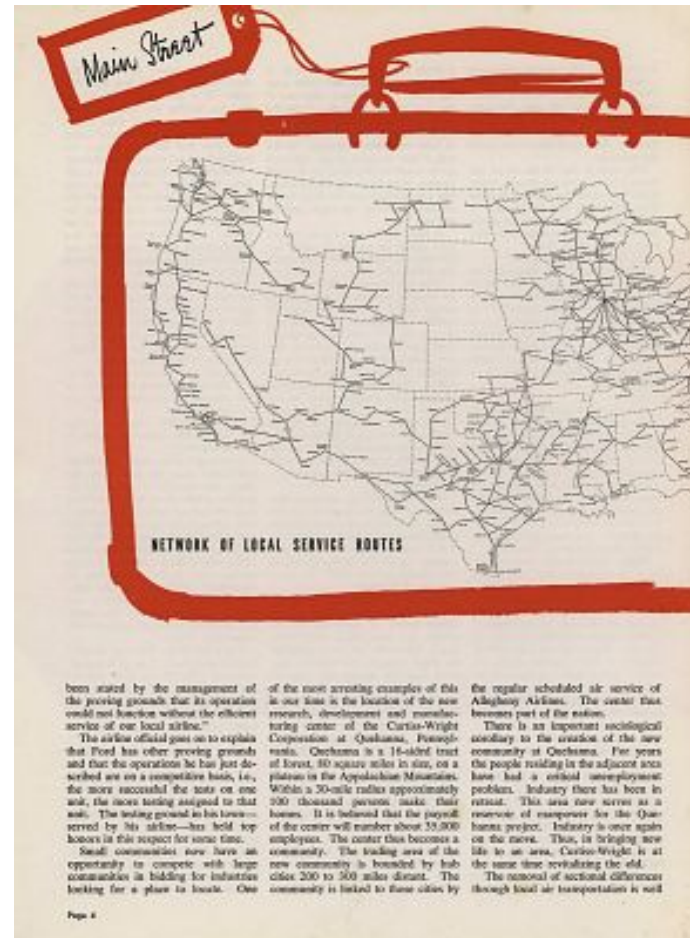
of the most arresting examples of this in our time is the location of the new research, development and manufacturing center of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation at Quehanna, Pennsylvania. Quehanna is a 16-sided tract of forest, 80 square miles in size, on a plateau in the Appalachian Mountains. Within a 30-mile radius approximately 100 thousand persons make their homes. It is believed that the payroll of the center will number about 35,000 employees. The center thus becomes a community. The trading area of the new community is bounded by hub cities 200 to 300 miles distant. The community is linked to those cities by

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the regular scheduled air service of Allegheny Airlines. The center this becomes part of the nation.

There is an important sociological corollary to the creation of the new community at Quehanna. For years the people residing in the adjacent area have had a critical unemployment problem. Industry there has been in retreat. This area now serves as a reservoir of manpower for the Quehanna project. Industry is once again on the move. Thus, in bringing new life to an area, Curtiss-Wright is at the same time revitalizing the old.

The removal of sectional differences through local air transportation is well



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