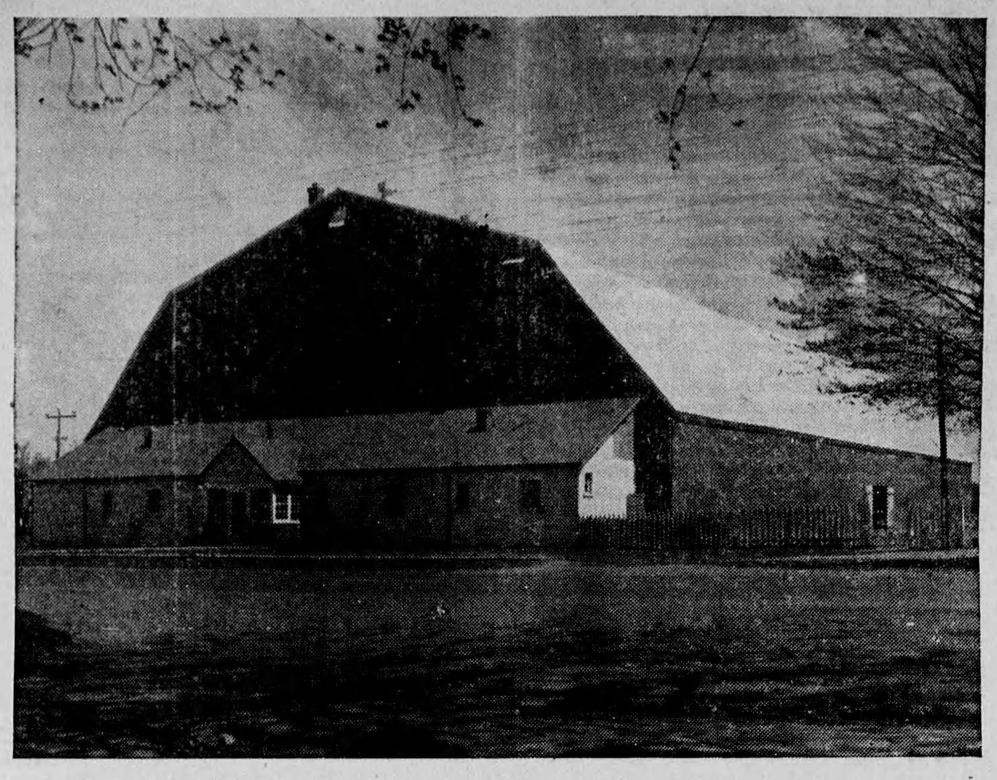

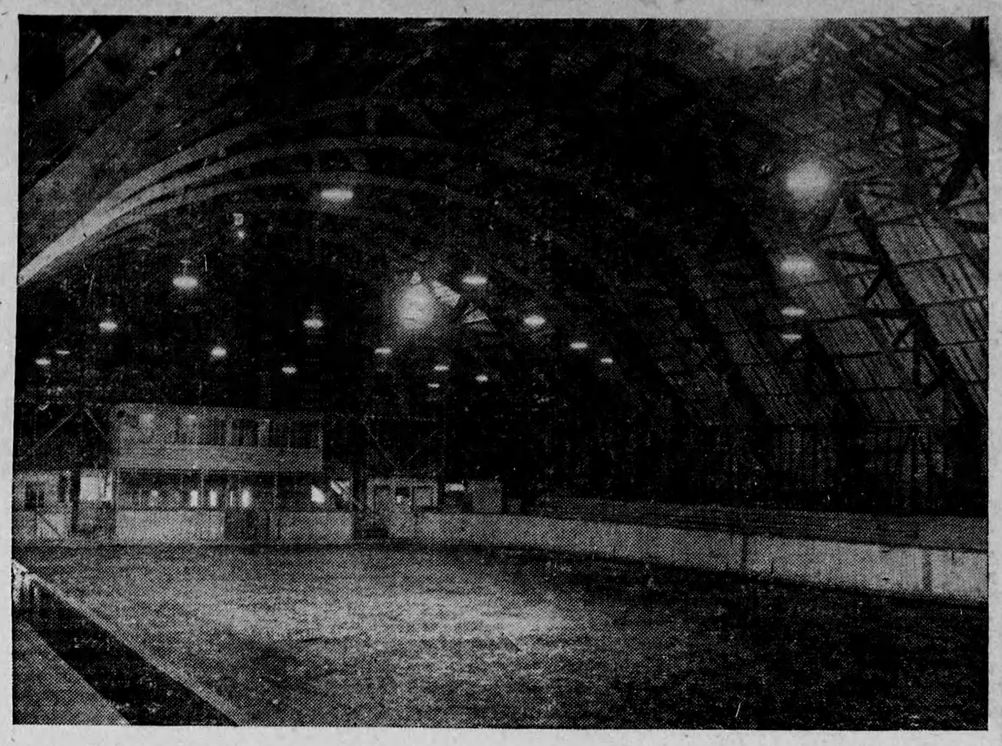

Proper Recreational Facilities For Young And Old are coming to be looked on as one of the most important features in any community, and the best means of fighting juvenile delinquency. West Lorne, Ontario, is only a comparatively small community—some 800 people in all—yet it has just completed this impressive Arena and Sports Centre at a cost of more than $30,000.00. Situated right next to the Bowling Green, the Arena will serve for many community activities during the Spring, Summer and Autumn. In the Winter its ice surface of 100 by 180 feet will be used for Hockey and Skating.

800 Population—$30,000 Sports and Recreational Centre—Above is an interior view of the new Arena Building just completed by the citizens of West Lorne, Ont.—a striking example of what real, live community spirit can accomplish, and one which might well be followed by other Ontario towns and villages.

Average Prices Received by Ontario Farmers May 15, 1948, with Comparisons

		May 15 Aver. 1931-34	May 15 1947	May 15 1948
Wheat, per bus.	c	70.0	127.4	153.3
Oats, per bus.	c	37.1	67.3	96.1
Barley, per bus.	c	45.2	89.4	126.5
Rye, per bus.	c	51.0	203.9	260.5
Flaxseed, per bus.	$	1.20	3.03	4.85
Buckwheat, per bus.	c	49.1	88.2	130.6
Potatoes, per cwt.	c	84.2	172.0	304.1
Turnips, per cwt.	c	32.0	75.7	108.4
Hay and Clover, per ton, loose	$	10.09	13.18	14.58
Horses, per head	$	91.75	94.02	89.07
Milk Cows, per head	$	45.41	129.44	139.81
Beef Cattle, per cwt., live weight	$	4.48	12.56	15.37
Calves, per cwt., live weight	$	5.26	14.28	18.27
Sheep, per cwt., live weight	$	3.40	6.52	7.43
Lambs, per cwt., live weight	$	6.84	14.13	16.80
Hogs, per cwt., live weight	$	6.03	17.10	22.27
Butter, per lb.	c	22.4	48.6	69.8
Chickens, per lb., live weight	c	13.5	24.3	27.0
Turkeys, per lb., live weight	c	....	31.9	34.8
Ducks, per lb., live weight	c	....	24.0	26.7
Geese, per lb., live weight	c	....	24.7	27.9
Eggs, per dozen	c	13.3	32.9	38.9

SHORT SHORT STORY

Always A Payoff

By KATHRYN BEMIS

Henry Hall came breezing into his suburban bungalow. No Mandy in the kitchen, no wife Grace in sight. "Grace will warm up something and call it dinner!" he sputtered. "Why does she play bridge on Mandy's day off?" But after living ten years with a bald-headed, flat-chested little scrimp of a man like himself, a modest-salaried manager of a women's apparel shop, he couldn't blame Grace for craving entertainment.

He switched on a lamp in the living room and settled into his chair by the radio. His gaze lighted on his encyclopedia.

He took out the first volume his hand touched. Perhaps a little Shakespeare would brighten his talk. He started as something flew out from a leaf, zigzagged to the rug.

A ten dollar bill! He snatched it up, stuffed it into his billfold. Grace, hiding her money in books! He yanked out another masterpiece, shook it. Two more tens fluttered before Henry's eyes.

Within a few minutes, he had shaken down $200 instead of meaty knowledge, from the awe-inspiring tomes.

But from that night on, Henry was worried. The allowance he gave Grace was small. She must have scrimped on household expenses a long time to save that money. What sinister project was she planning?

So he was greatly relieved one evening when she met him at the door and quavered, "Oh, Henry, I've been robbed!"

Henry managed to look concerned. He asked, "Robbed? What's gone?"

"Two hundred dollars I saved from the house-money! I hid it in the encyclopedia! I've slaved — done without Mandy days on end — saved what I would have paid her—"

Her bitter disappointment overcame his desire to punish her. He jumped up, saying, "Wait! Just a minute!"

He raced upstairs to his clothes closet. He reached into its dark confines for his old brown coat. The brown suit had unaccountably disappeared!

"Where in the dickens is my old brown suit?" he called downstairs.

"That moth catcher? I warned you I'd give that rag away or burn it up! But I did even better. The old clothes man gave me 50 cents for it!"

From now on, Henry was a changed man. Finding that old brown suit had become his obsession. Then one morning when giving instructions to one of his saleswomen, he abruptly wheeled about, dashed out to the street. He grabbed a passing man by the collar of his shabby brown coat, demanding, "Where'd you get that suit?"

The voice of the stranger shook with fear of the madman he judged Henry Hall to be. "Griss and Griscom made it for me — five years ago," he said conciliatingly.

"Ha!" jeered Henry, not relaxing his hold. "Griss and Griscom made that suit for me—the label's inside! Smart, aren't you?"

"What's coming off here?" snapped a policeman, thrusting Henry aside.

"This man's wearing my suit—he's got the money—he's—"

After the matter had been talked out before the police sergeant and Henry was convinced that the stranger had once been affluent enough to buy custom-made suits and now was clothed in one of them, he returned to the shop, a chastened man.

Mandy's black face wore a broad grin that night when she placed the beef roast before Henry. She said, "Mr. Hall—you know what? My boy fren' looks swell in your old brown suit he bought off'en that ol' clos' man. He's sure generous, too."

"What's that?" asked the suddenly alert Henry.

"You see, we's fixin' to git married, Mr. Hall. Not havin' steady work, I ain't saved much, but that man's makin' up fur it! He's already boughten me a white 'lectric 'frig'rater—big as two like you'all's got!"

The End

SOME NOTES FROM THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

So much interest was aroused by Ontario's first Grassland Day, held last July at Woodstock, that it was decided to hold three of them this summer in different parts of the Province. Their purpose is to demonstrate best methods of handling the hay crops on our farms.

The first of the three was scheduled for Thursday June 24 on the farm of W. H. Ruthven of Alliston. Eastern Ontario's demonstration will be on Thursday, July 22 at the Kemptville Agricultural School, Kemptville; while Western Ontario's Grassland Day will be at the farm of George Innes, Woodstock, on Wednesday August 4th.

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Before putting tile in any of your fields, it's a good idea to check on the acidity of the soil before deciding what type to use. Either concrete or clay tile will give good service under normal conditions; but it is said that in high-acid or high-alkali soils, concrete tile shows a certain tendency to deteriorate.

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If you have a cattle-beast that shows signs of lameness, maybe you're overlooking something valuable. Anyway, that was the experience of Millard F. Holcomb, a New Mexico farmer. He had a cow that had been limping for six years and recently he found—and dug out—the cause. His wife's long-lost diamond ring was firmly wedged in its hoof.

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A great many hens stop laying in July, and that's a good time to cut down wastes by culling the sluggards, as they will eat six or seven pounds of feed a month in spite of their non-production. Birds with bright combs and uncolored beaks are the layers—and should be kept.

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Some chicken raisers say "I always get more eggs when I turn my chickens out for the summer." But the records say that this shouldn't be the case, and that if your flock gives more eggs when turned out, the chances are that they're not getting a proper diet indoors.

"I used to turn my chickens out but haven't done so for years," says Mrs. Harvey Rostat. "It just doesn't pay to do so."

She should know because since she has kept her hens shut up, yearly egg production has jumped from 113 to 189 per hen. And careful records kept of the Iowa Demonstration Flock show that with confined hens the profit per bird was $1.82 as against $1.12 each for those that were given a "summer outing".

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This is about the time when many grain fields throughout the Province will be showing evidence of mustard—one of the greatest "robbers" we have. This bright yellow weed, if allowed to get thick, shades the grain besides competing with it for plant food and moisture, thus cutting down the grain yields considerably.

A light infestation of mustard in the grain may be controlled by hand pulling; and with the advent of 2-4-D, mustard in wheat, barley flax, oats, etc. can be controlled without injuring the grain crop, if properly applied. It is not recommended, however, where fields are seeded to clover.

Best methods of controlling and eradicating mustard by cultivation, as suggested by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, are as follows: Give thorough and repeated after-harvest cultivation to destroy successive crops of seedlings; put in a hoed crop—either roots or corn—the following spring, then sow with grain the next year and seed down with clover.

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Canadian cattle are certainly "seeing the world" these days. At the end of May forty purebred heifers left Malton Airport to be flown to Quito, down in Ecuador. This was the first shipment of any importance to that particular area, but more dairy cattle are scheduled to follow.

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Much interest is being shown in the findings of a New Jersey cattle raiser who discovered that by adding salt and molasses preparation, potatoes could be made just as palatable and fattening to steers as corn. If his idea works out, as it seems likely to do, it may accomplish future wonders both in easing grain shortages and in providing a profitable method of getting rid of surplus potatoes.

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Then there's the old one that Joe Weber and Lou Fields used to pull in vaudeville. "See that cow over there," Joe would say, "She's worth a thousand dollars." "Is that so?" Lou would reply. "My goodness—I wonder how a cow could ever save up that much money!"

Egypt has an area of 363,200 square miles and a population of about 16,000,000.

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By Margarita