

FACTORY LAUNDRY

A machine which makes possible a factory laundry service to increase production is now being taken up by industrialists in Britain. At present 78 per cent of all washing is done in the home. If, therefore, the woman worker is able to have her washing done at the factory for a nominal sum she will not only be relieved of an arduous household drudgery, but factory absenteeism, due to the wash-day will be greatly reduced. A Bradford firm of wool manufacturers, have already instituted a laundry service in order to eliminate "Monday absenteeism." The employees bring their laundry to work with them, hand it in, and collect it the same evening, washed, dried and ready for ironing.

ROAD FACTS

Considering that Canada has a not inconsiderable total of 125,083 miles of surfaced roads, and 427,685 miles of dirt roads, about half of them improved, to which might be added 1,691 miles of Alaska Highway, we reach a total of better than 550,000 miles of road.

Then, add to that 13,679 miles of city, town and village streets, and dot our million and a half motor vehicles over the total, and it figures out something less than three cars to the mile. Seems as if we ought to be able to avoid bumping into one another.

Stars do not twinkle. They only appear to because of atmospheric conditions.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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It would be interesting to really know which created the greater stir last week, Princess Elizabeth's wedding or Canada's "austerity" program. Personally I thought one counter-balanced the other.

I suppose it is hard for some people to understand the British reaction to that wedding, many think it was a dreadful waste of money, money that shouldn't have been spent with Britain lacking so many of the necessities of life, and they wouldn't listen to the broadcast for that reason. I don't think people who have that opinion know very much about real hardship. It is easy to criticize under those circumstances. Naturally people who are hungry want food for the body but if peoples are hungry long enough they also crave food for the soul so that they may endure their physical discomforts more easily.

Princess Elizabeth's wedding gave the British people and many Canadians a colorful, heart-warming romance that is food for the soul. Listening to that broadcast did something to a person one was conscious of a tightening in the throat. One forgot the bride was England's future queen at the moment she was just another girl, marrying the man she loved. And that, I think, was also the feeling behind the cheering crowds on that memorable day. Elizabeth not only symbolized the British throne, she symbolized Romance. I am sure there were many persons who went back to their homes that day, ate an insufficient and uninteresting meal with less resentment because of that little bit of color that had come into their lives. And after, if the Princess had been married in a contrived dress, would it have added one ounce to the average person's ration?

And now, what about Canada's austerity program? That is not so easy to figure out. Personally I think the description "austerity" is a travesty of the word and almost an insult to people who really know what austerity means. On the other hand it is a little early yet to really appreciate what the outcome will be. It will probably affect the farming class less than urban citizens but even in the country it may have unforeseen repercussions. I know it has brought a sudden end to one of my fond hopes for the future that is, an electric refrigerator. And, oh dear, how I was hoping that next summer I might be spared that ever-lasting running upstairs and down with food to and from the cellar. But I suppose if what has to be, must be, and who am I to grumble. Certainly I shall go without a refrigerator a little longer rather than pay an extra hundred dollars to get one. One gets used to disappointments these days. Last Saturday, for instance—Daughter had bought tickets for us for the Royal Winter Fair, then Partner developed some eye trouble, the inflammation just about closed one eye and I had a touch of neuralgia so that little outing was cancelled. By Saturday night Partner was in bed and I was listening to the hockey match, the fact that the Leafs trimmed the Bruins was a little consolation. Then on Sunday morning Daughter came home for the rest of the week-end—and that helped still more.

Well, it looks as if winter is trying to pay us a visit at last. So far we haven't done too badly. Son Bob has got all his ploughing done, and the work is over insofar as our new highway is concerned. It will be even better if we get a frost. To walk down the road means carrying about ten pounds of clay on each shoe. That is hardly conducive to comfort.

Why Mothers turn grey! Daughter decided to stay until the 7 o'clock bus Monday morning. I set the alarm and had everyone up at six except Partner. But you know girls and their last minute fising! While Daughter was swallowing her apology for a breakfast and doing several other things at the same time I thought I would check on the bus time table. It left at 6:45. Thanks to her brother she made it, but only by stopping the bus on the road. It was really the advertisement in our local paper that saved the day. Does it pay to advertise? I don't know, but I know it pays to read them—preferably a little ahead of time!

RECORD HOUSING FIGURES

More than 17,000 houses were completed in Britain during September, which constitutes the highest monthly total since the war. The previous peak was in July when 12,426 permanent homes were built. These facts are given in the Ministry of Health returns just issued. Of the September total 14,203 were permanent dwellings, while new homes were found for more than 21,000 families altogether by means of new buildings.

An interesting aspect of these figures is that the improvement was achieved simultaneously with economy in manpower. The number of houses provided in Britain since postwar building started has now reached 276,000. Nearly 150,000 of these are permanent dwellings.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE IN GUELPH TOWNSHIP

TRUCKING MACHINE, TRACTOR & EQUIP., IMPLEMENTS, HAY, GRAIN, SHORTHORN CATTLE, HORSES, TOOLS & REAL ESTATE

The undersigned have received instructions from IVAN MULLER To sell by public auction at his farm, Elderslea Farm, situated on Highway 86, half mile W. of No. 7 Highway, 4 miles W. of Guelph City Ont.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2nd Commencing at 11:00 o'clock the following: TRACTOR AND TRACTOR EQUIP. New Mount Forest Grain Separator, 1942, 24" rollers, equipped, Ford Ferguson Tractor on rubber, equipped with Plow, Disc, Spring Taut Cultivator, Drill Press, Snow Plow, Circular Saw and Mower, also a new tractor, 30-horse power, 1000 lbs. tractor, Bessell Grinding Grain Grinder, Chev. half ton Truck, Tractor Pulley; all kinds of Belts and Belting.

HOUSE AND TRACTOR DRAWN MACHINERY. 2-furrow 10-hp. Plow, new McCormick Deering Pulver, 10-hp. roller, 11-hp. Scaffer, new Cabot's Corn Cultivator, 1-hp. masher, new LHC Mower, M. H. Under, 7-hp. cut, good as new; M. H. Under, good for repairs; Buck Rake with Buck chassis, 11-hp. Dump Rake, new; Roller, M.H. Drum Rev. Lumber, Harrows; M.H. Side Delivery Rake; Spraymotor; New Iden Manure Spreader; Lumber Wagon; Wagon Boxes; rubber lined Mangers, etc. 2-hp. Trucks, Set of Stone Sleighs; 2 Electric Fences; Grand stone; Delaval Cream Separator with motor; Pulper; Oil Brooder; Range Shelter; Fence Stretcher; Snow Fence. The above equipment is a splendid offering, many new and nearly all purchased in the last 5 years. There is also a very large line of small farm equipment for many uses.

HAY AND GRAIN, ETC. 75 ton of Hay; 4 bus. Timothy Seed; 1200 bus. Oats and Mixed Grain; 5 bus. Alfalfa Seed; a quantity of Exchange, Turnips, Potatoes, Concentrate, etc. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. Auto Kaitter; Diana Banner Kitchen Range and other household articles. HORSES AND HARNESSES. If any gentleman would like to see a fine team of matched Grey Percheron Mares that would make splendid milk wagon horses. Blooded; Black Percheron Gelding, 4 yrs. old, good home; Saddle, Black Grey Percheron, rising 1 year; Set of new Harness with breeching; Set of Backband Harness; Collars, etc.

HOES. Reg. York Four, Mayhew 1 Amby 209234; several Sows with pigs at foot.

GRADE CATTLE. Holstein Jersey Cow, due in Jan; Shorthorn Jersey Heifer, open; Yearling Shorthorn Jersey.

REGISTERED SHORTHORNS. 17 Cows and Heifers, most of them have been bred to O.A.C. bulls. Eppermill Royal Millhills, Brud Archer; Lady Rodney Ocala, 2nd, 30153, bred April 1, 1947; Miss Billyard, 305629, bred May 31st; Romeo's Princess, 2nd, 323581, calf at foot; Lady Rodney Ocala, 3rd, 323925, calf at foot; Miss Rodney Ocala, 323926, bred June 12th; Hillmore Mary B 318451; Daymondale Rose Leaf 327919; Daymondale Broadhocks Flower 318690; Daymondale Broadhocks, 3rd, 328492; Daymondale Ocala, 2nd, 312019, bred Nov. 8th; Daymondale Rosewood, Lady, 323595, bred Oct. 15th; Elderslea Blossom 32105; Elderslea Rose, 312118, bull calf at foot; Elderslea Belle 320191, bred in Sept.; Elderslea Patricia, 320192, bred in Sept.; Elderslea Eppermill Princess, 326214, born Jan. 1947; Elderslea Snowball, 326215, born Jan. 1947; Elderslea Holly, 326216, born Jan. 1947; Elderslea Stella, 326217, born Jan. 1947. The 1947 calf crop were sired by Eppermill Royal Millhills, Brud Archer. Some of the cows are hand milked.

REAL ESTATE. At the same time the farm, if not previously sold, will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid. This fine 200 acre farm is situated on 86 Highway only 4 miles from Guelph. There is a comfortable 13 room stone dwelling, steam heated with hydro and bath. There is also a steel roofed barn with new cement stabling and litter carrier. The water supply is a drilled well. Terms on Real Estate 10 per cent of purchase price down on day of sale, terms on balance made known on day of sale or by applying to the proprietor.

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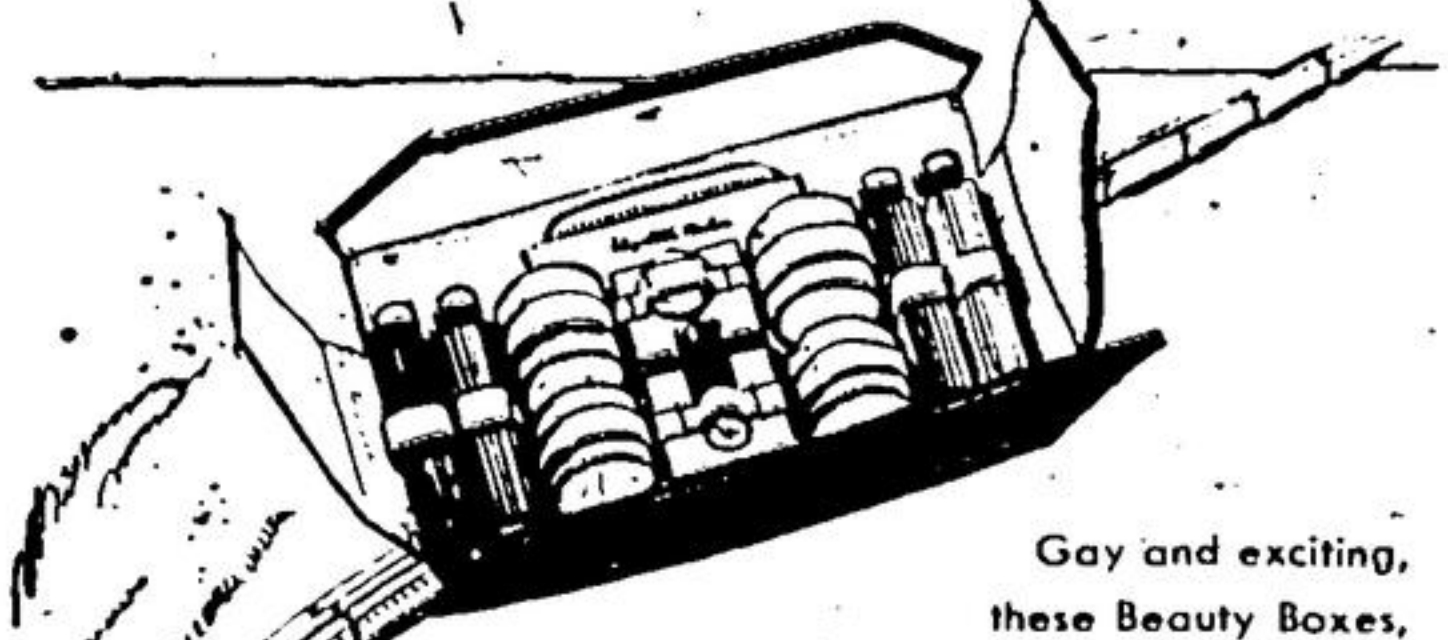
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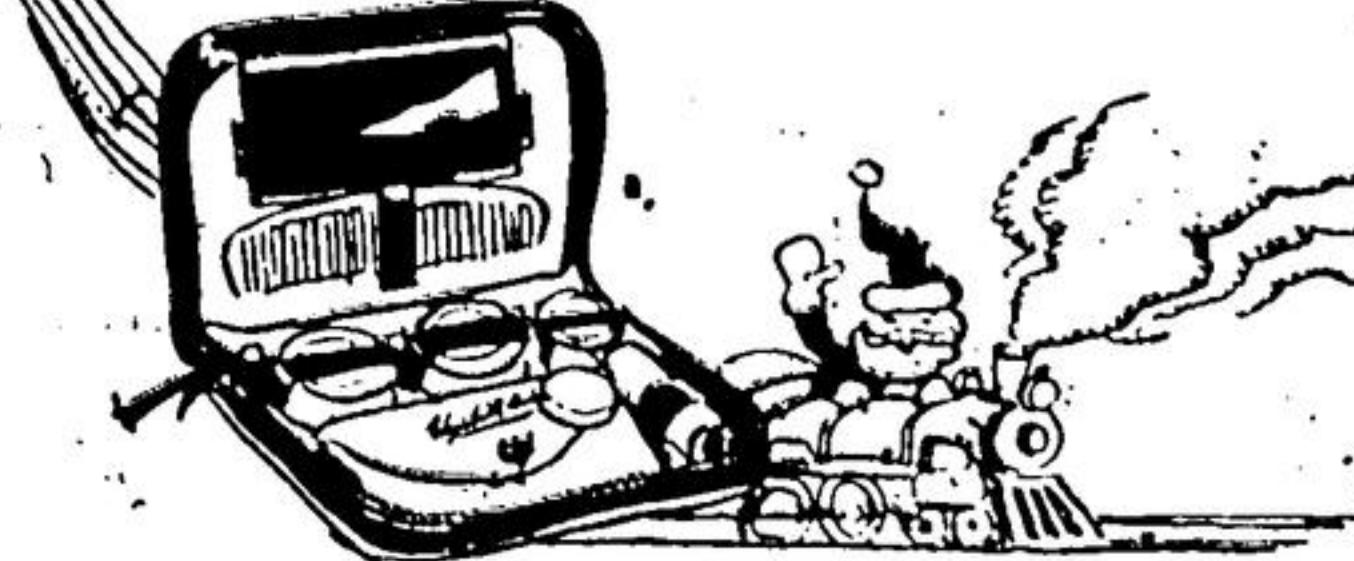
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES For sale for immediate possession, large brick building approximately 25'x80', two storeys, with front office or store with display windows and large room for craft work or small factory, self contained with conveniences. Hot water heated. Building includes a self contained newly remodelled living quarters with modern kitchen, bathroom, etc. Large lot, approx. 60'x132'.

Another commercial property, right on the front street in the heart of the town, consisting of two storey frame building with two apartments and large garage, front store, good condition, in business section.

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