

**Fashion Hint**



The fashion headlines from Paris reveal that a great deal is being made this year of nothing much to worry about. There's no new look to contend with—nothing terribly drastic. Although there was quibbling about skirt lengths, they stayed about the same. It was in the hem that there was the biggest variation, and extreme variation "within the ranks," so to speak. It all boils down to: skirts—either (one) very full, or (two) very slim... and both are attractive. Here's one of the almas. It's romantically called an "after five" frock. If "after five" entails anything more glamorous than supper and dishes for an hour or so... A decollette of gold brocade over the slim pegged skirt of crepe will be a hit after eight, anyway.

If you have a bundle buggy or a golf caddy cart you might try storing the cylinder type vacuum cleaner and its attachments in it. Seems to us that either of these gadgets could be put to better use during the winter time.

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**Chronicles**



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Of course it is just my imagination but it just seems to me that we haven't had any really short days this winter. It could be that with so many dull days, and having to turn on the lights so often, the change between daylight and dark hasn't been so noticeable.

What a difference hydro makes! Looking back through the years I remember how we used to dread the short days—how we hated having to light the coal-oil lamps before supper. And what a chore it was if we needed something from upstairs or down in the cellar to have to carry a lamp or flashlight around with us. And doing chores at the barn with only the dim light of a lantern to see by. Or going to and from the barn in a high wind, keeping the lantern on the ice-side so the wind wouldn't blow it out. How we ever got along as well as we did is a marvel. We still complain when we have a lot of dull weather but when we stop to remember those pre-hydro days our complaints ease off a bit.

Sometimes when I speak in praise of hydro I wonder if there are any homes in which this column is read where hydro has not yet come along. If so, I hope no one will think I am "rubbing it in". If hydro is not available—well, there isn't much you can do about it until the line comes through. If it is available, and you don't take advantage of it, then that is just plain foolishness.

Perhaps you may say—"That's all very well, but we can't afford to have the hydro put in." To that I would answer—"You just can't afford not to have it!" Install it and you have the use of it as long as you need it. List your farm for sale and hydro helps to sell it. These days, who do you think will buy a farm if electricity is not already hooked up and ready to use?

But even with hydro winter still has its problems, and chief among them is snow. After a storm snowploughs are busy day and night clearing the highways and byways. And making a wonderful job of it too... especially at the entrance to farm lanes! But there are still those farm lanes to contend with. There are a few little-used lanes around here that have been impassable since November.

It seems to me keeping farm lanes open is a problem that will have to be solved sooner or later. How well a farm lane has been kept open up to the present has depended upon the amount of traffic coming in and out, the length and lay of the lane and what means have been taken to keep it open.

An elevated lane does not fill in as quickly as one that is level with the land. A short lane can be shovelled without too much trouble. But a long lane needs a shelter belt or snow fence against the prevailing winds. Many farmers have hired snowploughs to clear their lanes—only to have them fill in again, sometimes within a few hours, which, to say the least, is discouraging.

A small plough does a good job but if it is followed by more drifting snow farmers know from experience that the lane fills in worse than ever. Snowploughing to be effective has to be continuous for lanes as well as roads.

But how is that possible? Seems to me that is a question that might well be discussed by radio farm forum. Perhaps there is an opportunity here for co-operative enterprise. Or perhaps each township might have one or more ploughs

specifically for clearing lanes, especially where such lanes run out to provincial highway or county roads.

Naturally such an undertaking costs money—and if we want extra service we have to pay for it—a condition which we are sometimes inclined to overlook. But some means of keeping farm lanes open would save wear on cars and trucks; it would eliminate the need and expense of a tow-truck or tractor, and save many man-hours of shovelling.

It might even save lives when a doctor is needed in a hurry or an emergency arises necessitating the removal of a patient to hospital.

Well, maybe I haven't come up with the right answer—and I know the problem is a difficult one to solve—but I still feel that some organized effort should be made to keep farm lanes open in winter.

Last week saw another improvement in this district... our party telephone line was literally cut in two. Now we have only ten on our line, three of whom hardly use the telephone at all. Before the change-over the phone was ringing all the time and it was almost impossible to use the line without interruption. Now the bells hardly ring at all. Now we shall have a little peace—until more houses are built and more telephones are added to our party line!

**LETTER TO EDITOR**

**Appreciates Aid Given By Firemen**

R.R. No. 1, Acton, Ontario  
Dear Mr. Editor:

The writer, F. Wilson Barrett, who recently took up farming on the Blue Springs Road, in Nassagaweya, Halton County, would like to publicly express, through your newspaper, a deep felt gratitude to the Acton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Wilf McEachern and Fred Dawkins for their unselfish response when called to our farm home about 2 a.m. Christmas morning. Their prompt action probably saved another of the all too many fires in unprotected areas.

We were awakened by my daughter, who was aroused by dense smoke. Our own amateur efforts were not sufficient to find the actual source, therefore we phoned Chief Dawkins. Braving deep snow and cold, and sacrificing Christmas eve entertainment, they arrived promptly and rendered invaluable aid.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain,  
Yours truly,  
F. W. BARRETT

"Here Comes the Groom" to chase away gloom!

**ACTON SCOUT GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS RECENT DONATIONS**

The regular scout meetings at Hordenogaweya, are again on schedule after the holiday break.

The Scout Group Committee gratefully acknowledges donations as follows:

Thomas Cook	\$10.00
Triple T Club	10.00
Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E.	50.00

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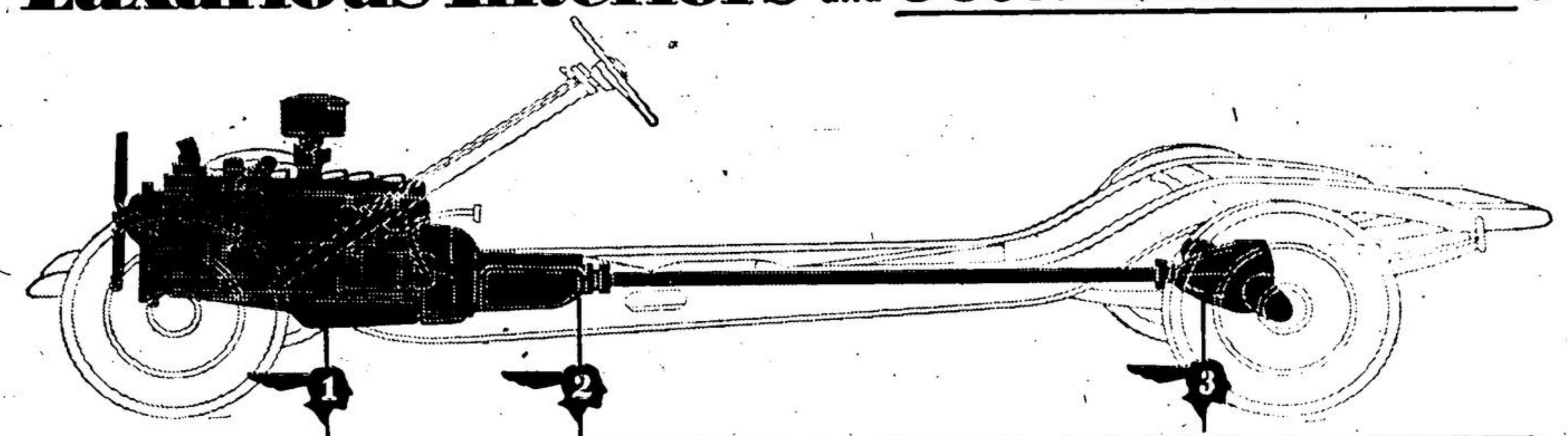
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