

Farm Machinery Should Be Checked

Farm machines are now idle after being used during the past year, and troubles encountered during last season's operations are still fresh in mind. Now is the time to check each machine thoroughly, order needed parts, and see that it is properly stored for the winter.

The following points are suggested by Professor C. G. E. Downing, Head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, O.A.C., Guelph, as a guide in carrying out this check-up:

- (1) Check main frame for loose or missing bolts and bent or broken braces. A broken bolt next spring may mean not only the loss of time but the loss of a crop. Many broken parts, such as frame braces, should be repaired by acetylene or electric welding. If repairs are not practical order new parts.

- (2) Clean the machine thoroughly. Caked mud and grease may cover worn or broken parts, but also help to retain moisture which will rust the part which is covered. Fertilizer distributors should be given particular attention and in some cases may have to be disassembled for thorough cleaning.

- (3) Lubricate thoroughly. Clean out all oil holes and grease fittings and give the machine a thorough lubrication. Thus, all delicate bearing surfaces are given a protective coating which will stop rust and corrosion. Chains should be removed and dipped in oil, then put back on, but not tightened.

- (4) Protect all polished metal parts, such as plow moldboards, binder knottes parts and knives, with a coating of oil or grease. Even in the best implement sheds the air is laden with moisture, which will cause unprotected parts to rust and deteriorate.

- (5) Remove all belts and canvases and store them in a cool, dry, dark place. Rubber-tired wheels should

also be removed and stored under the same conditions. If they are not removed, the machine they carry should be blocked up to take the weight off the tires.

Store machines carefully. Every farm machine must be under good cover during the winter. Under poor storage conditions a machine will deteriorate more from rust and corrosion than it will from wear. If your shed has only an earth floor, run the machine in on planks. Avoid piling heavy objects on any machine. Many grain drills have become sway-backed owing to mower tongues resting on them all winter.

It is good business to conserve your equipment, and good sense to be fully prepared for spring operations when the time arrives.

New Drill Speeds Printing Service

To give additional service to our commercial printing department, the Champion has added another piece of new equipment. The new machine is a Challenge drill of the latest design for punching holes in paper for the various styles of loose leaf bindings used in business forms. It replaces a foot power punching machine.

It will drill through a two-inch lift of paper or about 500 sheets, where the capacity of the older machine was about 10 sheets at one time.

The new machine is also equipped to do round cornering and slotting. It gives the office a full range for many forms which formerly had to be sent to Toronto for completion of bindery operations.

New Procedure To Convert Washer

Ontario Hydro in its search for more convenient and economical standardization methods has evolved a new procedure in connection with certain models of direct drive washing machines.

Announcing this today, Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders stated that while it has always been hydro practice to change over belt-driven washing machines on customers' premises, all direct drive washing machines were, until recently, taken to hydro workshops for conversion to 60 cycle operation.

The direct drive type of appliance has to be almost completely dismantled for changeover, the gear case removed and the oil drained and it was originally considered that this operation could be more efficiently carried out in a workshop. But following a series of tests, Hydro engineers are now satisfied that many types of direct drive washers can be changed over right in customers' homes.

Any machine work which may be necessary to the washer will be done in a mobile workshop located in the culover area.

Chairman Saunders said the great advantage of this new arrangement is that many direct drive washers will be available for use on the actual culover day, in some cases within two or three hours of the switch to the higher frequency. Under the former system customers were without the use of their washers for several days while changeover was being effected in hydro workshops, but now that inconvenience to customers will be eliminated to a large extent. The commission will also be saved the cost of transporting the appliance from the home to the workshop and back again.

During the remaining period of the program, it is estimated that it will be practicable to change over in customers' homes some 150,000 direct drive washing machines of various types.

Mr. Saunders said conversion procedures are under constant review by hydro engineers and technicians and this new method is a successful example of an innovation which will give better service to hydro customers and at the same time reduce the cost of standardizing these appliances.

"Sir, I want to marry your daughter."

"What? That child? Why, that's preposterous! I'll..."

"Now, now, sir, calm down. You're just prejudiced against her. She's all right, really."

Council Expresses Thanks To Reeve

The thanks of Esqueping township council to Reeve George Leslie "for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the meetings of this council during the past year" was expressed at council meeting on Tuesday, December 15.

The deputy reeve and road superintendent were empowered to purchase a sand spreader if satisfactory, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. Reappointed members of the North-Halton high school district board for 1954.

Council decided to petition the Department of Highways to have \$6,000 transferred from bridges and culverts account to road maintenance on account of the 1953 appropriations, as set out in a by-law, approved to the amount of \$54,000 by the department.

The tender cheque of Ontario Bridge Company was to be returned. The reeve and treasurer were empowered to pay December road accounts.

Three by-laws were introduced to levy special rates on the east halves of lot 7 and lot 6, on 8, and the south-west part of lot 7, on 8, in the township of Esqueping under the drainage act.

The following accounts were passed:

- Bell Telephone Co. \$13.15; H.E.P. Co. of Ont. Normal street lights, \$90.00; Georgetown Hydro-Electric Commission, \$116.25; Georgetown Herald, \$50.00; Acton Free Press, \$5.00; Denby Duplating and Supplies, \$82.00; The Municipal World, \$5.52; Corporation of Acton, \$39.00; Dep. Health of Ont., \$4.75; The Georgetown Lumber Co. Ltd., \$70.87; J. E. Standish, \$10.55; I. M. Bennett, \$15.75.

Claims for foxes destroyed in Esqueping were: Geo. Bayless, Acton, \$9.00; S. A. Morris, Georgetown 4, \$3.00; H. Beers, Georgetown 2, \$3.00; John Chisholm, Acton, \$12.00; Alfred Bruden, Hornby, \$3.00; Linton Taylor, Milton, \$15.00; Floyd Varty, Georgetown, \$3.00; Edward Robertson, Hornby, \$6.00; Wm. Tuck, Georgetown, \$3.00; Elwood Snow, Georgetown 1, \$3.00; James Presswood, Georgetown, \$3.00; John Verlis, Norval 1, \$30.00. A total of 31 foxes and \$93.00.

The treasurer was to pay the town of Milton \$25.00 for fire at A. Raddell's, also \$50.00 payable to the town of Georgetown, re fire at Wm. Hyatt's and both charged to Milton Fire Area No. 2. Also \$25.00 to the town of Milton and charged to the Georgetown Fire Area No. 1.

A. W. Benton, \$30.12; Black and Shoemaker, re Glen Williams Municipal Drainage System, \$1,230.00; Scott Motors, \$67.78; charged to Es-



To you who read this column Christmas is now just a memory. It is with us too but a more recent one.

I promised to tell you how we fared at Ginger Farm, too. First I would like to thank my column friends who sent cards, letters and kindly greetings at the holiday season. It was nice of you to think of us and we do appreciate your interest and good wishes. It is things like that, the little unexpected touch that gives to Christmas that warm Christmas feeling that is just a little different from any other time of the year. So again I say, "Thank you for helping to make our Christmas a happy occasion."

And now back to the big day itself. The turkey was so large in the oven the plum pudding bubbling on the stove, the Christmas tree was bright with trimmings and gaily wrapped gifts as I began setting the table for nine, confident that everything was proceeding without a hitch. For this I was extremely thankful as, for several days previous, to Christmas an uncomfortable feeling had possessed me, a feeling that things would not be quite as we had planned. The thought bothered me as I couldn't shake it off. Then as I set the table I laughed at my own fears, what was I afraid of? Bob and Joy had been up the night before, Doc had planned that everything was all right there and the weather was good, so what had I to worry about? Then the telephone rang. I was

Daughter. My sister and Klara would not be coming with them as sister Kathleen had taken a chill waiting too long for a street car the night before. Not only that but Arthur was having car trouble so they might be a little late in getting here.

But I am glad to say even though the motor boiled they arrived safe and sound. And how they arrived! Bob and Johnny went out to help them unload. There was David and his baby carriage, shawls, blankets, presents, baby equipment and two half-grown kittens in a crate. Families who take a pet dog often have to take it alone but how many bring a cat, to say nothing of kittens. Too often the poor cat is left to fend for itself.

Finally we all sat down to dinner mother and father, son and his wife, daughter and her husband, and our grandson. Also Johnny. Yes, our family started out as one couple. Partner and myself. With the passing of time Doc and Bob were born, and thus our children made us a family of four. These same children grew up and married and increased our family to six. Then came David, and now we are seven. And the same thing is happening all over Canada, as each family tree, in most cases, grows and grows.

Sometimes part of the old root dies, but younger roots survive, giving health and strength to the ever-spreading branches. These are sober reflective thoughts, thoughts, I must confess, that were not much in evidence during the family celebrations, which, I suppose, were much the same as in other families. However, in our case, a few unscheduled events took place, the chief of which happened about 5

am the day after Christmas. Partner and I have a bedroom downstairs. Doc and Art and the baby were immediately above us and we were all still sleeping. Suddenly there was a terrific crash. I wanted breathlessly. Had David's carriage-bed fallen off its improvised stand? Was he hurt? I listened for cries. I heard sounds all right, but it wasn't the baby crying. "Good Lord," said Partner, "that darn bed must have collapsed!" That is exactly what had happened.

The bed, a lovely antique, of the spool variety, a family heirloom given to us by a descendant of a pioneer family. This bed had wooden slats, on top of which, to give it modern comfort, we had placed a steel spring and a coil-spring mattress. Thus it had given us good service for a number of years. But alas, the bed had evidently reached the limit of endurance. All the nails on one side of the slats gave way. The slats dropped to the floor, as did the spring, the mattress and its occupants. As I said to Daughter afterward, it was a mercy it happened after the baby was born and not before.

The second major accident was this morning. At night we always leave a 7 watt bulb and it gives enough light for anyone to find their way around the house in safety. But light bulbs don't last forever either. This morning it was burnt out and Partner walked straight into the sharp edge of an open door. He now has a bruise and slight cut over one eye, giving him the appearance of having celebrated not so very hot too well.

Now everything is quiet. Doc and family are home again. In addition to all the bulky stuff they brought with them they had equally bulky presents to take back table, bottle, sterilizer, blanket and half a dozen jars of fruit. The kittens were crated and almost escaped before they reached the car. Looking at the loaded vehicle I made one earnest request. "Phone us when you're really home. We would like to know if you arrive safe." The call came through about three hours later.

Gifts Distributed By Children's Aid

Donations along with a number of well-packed food hampers, have been distributed among some of Halton County's needy families, the Children's Aid Society reported this week. If those who made all this possible could have heard the words of appreciation expressed by the children and their parents, they would feel that their contributions were well worthwhile, a representative said.

Gifts of money, clothing, toys, food and other articles were received by the Society at Christmas time.

ADS, IDEAS GALORE IN FIRST '54 BOOK

With the paper as the first issue of 1954 it's time for advertisers to get their creative art work now at the Free Press office. That is the new book of newspaper illustrations to make advertisements sparkle.

The January, 1954 issue of hundreds of illustrations and ideas in penning all over Canada, as each family tree, in most cases, grows and grows.

The illustrations of food are in much-watering and the clothes include the latest styles from the fashioning of children's frocks. As well as illustrations of the many goods on sale in town, there are special headlines designs and sub-stated cartoons. Advertisers are welcome to use these illustrations which may be seen at the newspaper office. Cost of the ad is not increased.

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