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The Rush of Spring

To Honor Memory Of Ospringe Pastor

A Geneva gown commemorating the pastorate of Rev. Dr. John Lindsay, who served as minister of the Presbyterian churches in Erin and Ospringe from 1912 to 1925, will be presented at the morning service in Burns Presbyterian church in Erin on May 2. The presentation will be made by Dr. Lindsay's son, W. Ford Lindsay, news editor of the Oshawa Times-Gazette.

A minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for 50 years, prior to his death in 1946, Dr. Lindsay was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1867 and was brought to Canada as a child of four.

He served his apprenticeship with a Sherbrooke, Quebec, industrial firm but the loss of a hand in an accident in the plant turned his thoughts to the Christian ministry.

He attended Morin college in Quebec city and graduated in theology from the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in 1896. Following his graduation he served on a mission field in the Canadian West and later for a short period was stationed at Banks and Gibraltar, near Collingwood.

His ministry was continued at Kintore and Lakeside, in Oxford county, from 1898 to 1912 when he accepted a call to Erin and Ospringe. He later served as minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Whitby from 1925 to 1931.

Although he retired in 1931 from the active ministry, he continued his interest in the work of the church, serving as clerk and treasurer of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston from 1931 to 1944 and as secretary and later as chairman of the pension board of the church from 1932 to the time of his death.

His many years of service to his church was marked in 1942 when the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Montreal Presbyterian College on the occasion of the celebration of its 75th anniversary.

HARD CHOICE
 Army doctor to colleague at recruiting office—Yes, but on the other hand he's not in shape to be a civilian, either.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm
 Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolyn F. Clarke

Last Tuesday I had my first ride on the new Toronto subway. On the whole, I thought it was grand. Just imagine, I boarded the train at Milton, arrived at Union Station, took the subway to College and was able to keep an appointment without once getting out into the pouring rain. It was wonderful.

Now for reasons for and against the subway. I liked the clean, roomy, fast-moving coaches. I liked the mysterious, distant rumble of the train as it approached the platform. I liked the escalators, but I definitely didn't like the steep stone steps. In some stations there are two flights to climb. Actually the steps are my only objection to an otherwise perfect method of transportation.

There were, however, a few things that worried me that could be prevented—passengers standing too close to the edge of the platform; mothers allowing children too much freedom while waiting for a train; children playing too roughly; could easily push each other on to the track... with fast trains coming every two minutes, the risk is too great.

Of course there are still many people every day taking their first ride and some of them don't realize there is more than one door. There are also people keeping away from the subway entirely, having heard rumors of doors that automatically open and close, hardly giving passengers time to get on and off. That is just nonsense, of course.

Nor is there any need for what happened to Ellen and Mary who were taking their first ride on the subway. Ellen got on the train but Mary was left behind on the platform! But even in a case like that

there is no need to panic. Ellen had only to wait at her destination for Mary to come on by the next train, possibly a matter of five or seven minutes. But this I must say—it isn't wise to read the evening paper as you ride. Far better to watch for your station on the wall of every platform or first thing you know you will find yourself at Eglington instead of Bloor or College or wherever you intended to get off.

Back to the country... spring seems to have been so late in coming the last few years. And a late spring makes such a rush job of seeding. Not enough of the right kind of weather for a long enough time is really what causes the trouble. It just doesn't leave any margin. A breakdown with a tractor for even a few hours can mean a week's delay in getting a field seeded if rain should come before the repair job is done.

No doubt this feeling of having to beat the weather is responsible for a few fields here and there not being worked up as well as they might be. A lot depends on the soil of course and it could be that farmers with clay-loam look enviously on white neighbors, perhaps no farther away than the next concession, work away with very little interruption on their sandy-loam fields. But then comes a dry spell and then it is the clay-loam farmer who reaps the benefit. No one can win all the time. In the long run the law of averages even things up pretty well. And that applies to more than farming...

It applies to every aspect of life. We can all think of people we know who are blessed with plenty of this world's goods but there may be ill health in the family, disunion in family circles, tragedy or loss of life. Or we may know others who appear to have so little but yet seem so happy. Because of their religious beliefs, or their philosophy of life, to them every day is a new beginning. A beautiful sunset means more to them than a movie; a well written book better than a television show; a friendly call from a neighbor more than a bridge party. There are also people so busy all the time that physical tiredness and a mind at peace with itself brings sound sleep at night. And there are those with too much leisure, and too much social life who hardly know what it is to get a good night's rest without the aid of sleep pills. The law of averages again... what you gain on the swings you lose on the roundabouts.

Well, it is raining again, but Partner says there is nothing for farmers to worry about. He says according to what he has heard from old-time farmers if Easter is early, seeding is not likely to start until a week or two afterwards. And in these days seeding looks six weeks. Now our modern tractor-farmers expect to get the job done in two weeks anyway.

Antibiotics, commercial fertilizers and weed-destroying chemicals were unknown at the turn of the century but I think everyone will agree that the old-time farmer was as weather-wise as a swamp frog.

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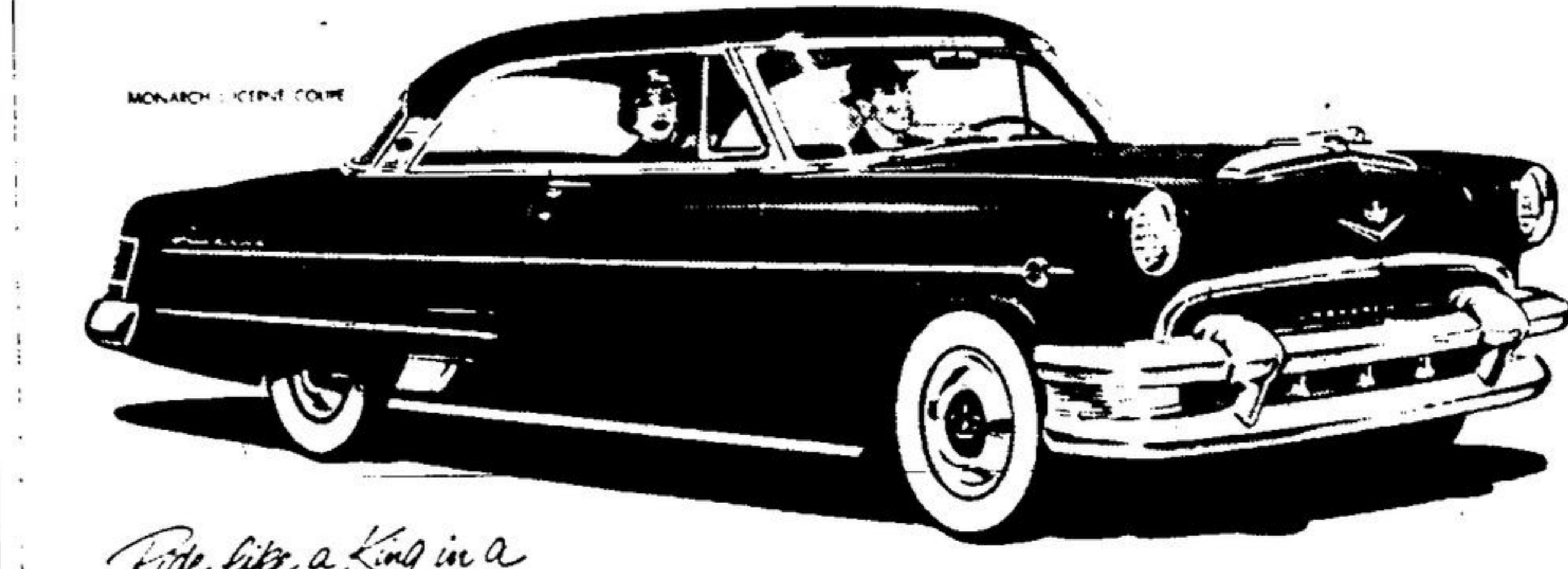
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