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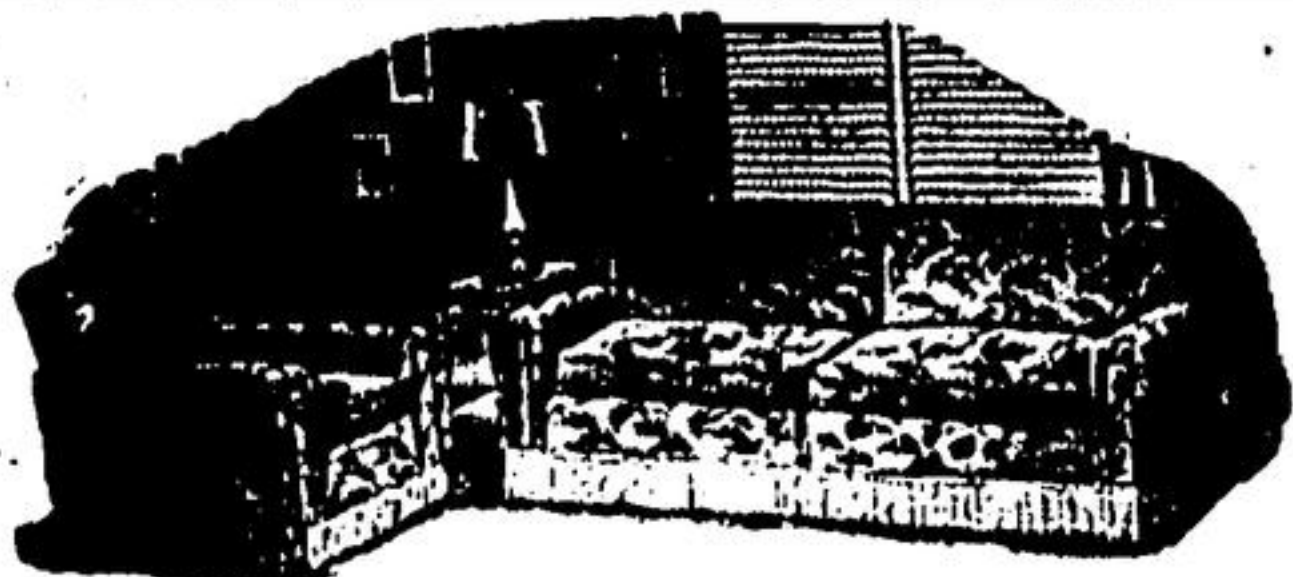
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by M.H.B.

Sure missed the strawberries this year, didn't you? Fresh strawberry pie, warm and fragrant from the oven—we love it, and needless to say didn't have a chance to make one. Oh well, a good rain will bring on the raspberries, so maybe we'll be eating fresh berry pie this summer yet.

And talking about "fresh" things, but in a different sense, heard an amusing story the other day about a "fresh" squirrel. He had been scampering around the attic of a local household for a few days, but no one paid much heed, until a neighbour noticed that one of the rawsilk curtains at the attic window was about six inches shorter than the other. The curtain had been snipped off as evenly as the scissors had done the job. Discussing the odd occurrence the neighbours strongly suspected "Reddy" Squirrel, but had no proof. But the culprit was caught red-handed the following day when the neighbour, happening to glance up at the attic windows again, saw a big fat squirrel in full view, busily working away at shortening the other curtain. And he was making a good job of that one too. He must have been lining his nest, and you have to give him credit—he knew a good thing when he saw it.

The Roy Hansons and their baby daughter have moved from the apartment above the Georgetown 5c to \$1.00 Store to a home in the country. They are living in half of the Harold Barber home on the 4th Line.

Roy's brother Ralph, and his wife, of Toronto, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Parker, over the weekend. Ralph, a member of the Engineering Department of the C.N.R. at Union Station, is building a new home in Kingsview Village, a suburb of Toronto.

A holiday in Ireland will be realized around the middle of July, for Miss Anne Lake, a member of the Smith & Stone office staff. Mrs. Ted Arnold entertained Miss Lake and members of the office staff at a "bon voyage" party on Tuesday night.

Next to see Bill Armstrong around town this week-end. He'll be getting home a lot oftener now, having obtained a position with the A. V. Roe and Company, Malton. Bill was formerly at Duval, Quebec.

On the way to a cousin's wedding in Toronto, last Wednesday, noticed two more new houses along the town limits on No 7 Highway, nearing completion. Frank Carter's home is on your left, beside Bill McDonald's house, and Jim Collier's is the two-storey cement block home on the right hand side of the highway. Georgetown is certainly stretching out. Seems only a short time ago that land was just in fields and now it's gradually being built up.

The cousin, incidentally, was Merton Lake, son of a former resident of town, George Lake, who now makes his home at Langstaffe. Merton and his bride, the former Norah Cummings Sharpe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Noble C. Sharpe, Toronto, were married in St. Chant's Anglican Church, North Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Feller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNally and the Eshens attended the wedding and reception afterwards at the "Kay-lwen", Langstaffe. Were interested to learn that one of the guests, Mrs. Harry Reid of Toronto, is a daughter of one of the first publishers of the Herald. Their name was "Bastedo".

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carney, Sandra and Doreen will be well settled by now, in their home at South Deerfield, New Hampshire. The Carneys sold their farm, on R. R. 4 some weeks ago.

Having found an apartment, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cohen, are now living in town. Mr. Cohen is night operator at the CNR here, having replaced J. W. Lucas, whose new post is at Colling' Bay. New-comers to town are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Birchall who moved from Toronto to occupy the George Tizard apartment at Berwick Hall. Mr. Birchall is employed with Provincial Paper, Ltd., under a trainee scheme by which the company hires recent university graduates and trains them in the various departments of the paper industry. He is a graduate in Political Science of the University of Toronto. Another new man at Provincial under the same scheme is Fred Masterman, a graduate in Chemical Engineering from McGill University.

Modern Egyptian mothers believe that an evil eye accounts for many sickly appearances in their babies.

Major Cities Open Drives

To Combat Crime Waves

Major cities in the United States have started vigorous drives against crime, American Municipal Association reports.

Local law enforcement campaigns are being stimulated by a national crime increase which the Federal Bureau of Investigation has estimated at 17 per cent since 1939. In many big cities, armed robberies recently have increased alarmingly. Boston police have put in action a new "bandit squad" ordered to "stop with a bang" the current wave of stickups in that city. Fifty-seven selected officers are spearheading the drive on banditry. Led by FBI-trained captains, the squad is working a three-shift schedule, round the clock.

In Chicago, police are striving to cure a similar rash of armed hold-ups. More and bigger detective squads are operating at night in an effort to halt robberies. During 1947, there were some 450 robberies in Chicago, compared to 322 in 1946.

Denver also is confronted with a wave of banditry. Police activities have been spurred especially by two of the largest holdups in recent Denver history. Lone-wolf robberies have increased markedly as well. Organized lawlessness is feeling the edge of all-out enforcement drives in several cities. Philadelphia's department of public safety has doubled its vice squad to increase effectiveness of raids on gambling and unlicensed liquor joints. Five thousand policemen are working on the Philadelphia crime cleanup.

Foreign Nations Promote

Postwar Air Development

While the United States government in studying pros and cons of promoting aviation's growth, reports from many foreign countries show that they are also active, as a commercial as well as a defense measure.

Among the countries already embarked on broad programs to develop their air potential are Britain, Canada, France, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, India, China, Australia, the Philippine Republic and New Zealand.

On the question of how much emphasis should be given to aviation research—Britain's defense establishment, reorganized in 1946, put Sir Henry Tizard, a leading air authority, in charge of all research. Britain also has taken initiative toward standardizing her air weapons and munitions to U. S. sizes and patterns.

Russia has announced a five-year research program, aimed primarily at aviation, to cost hundreds of millions of rubles.

On the question of government support for personal flying activities—movies arriving in 1947 show Eastern European states now provide flight training to civilians. South American countries long have subsidized flying clubs.

Rural Recreation Gains

Rural recreation is on the upswing because rural people are changing their ideas about a desirable balance of work and play, according to M. L. Wilson of the U. S. Department of agriculture. "Years ago," he says, "work was one of the things held in highest regard by rural people. Play was looked down upon. It was unheard of for a farm family to take a vacation." Today this attitude is changing so that 10 times as many farm families plan and take vacations as did so a generation ago. The extension service in many states now promotes vacation camps for farm women and children. Camping in state and national parks and forests draw more and more farm people of all ages. More and more of the automobile tourists are from country homes.

Mechanization and technology are reducing the working hours of American farm families. A two-man farm a generation ago is a one-man farm today. The farm and home work of women and children is lighter than ever before; all of which provide time for needed vacations.

'White Collars' Stay

Stability of employment—sticking to one job—is a distinct characteristic of the white collar worker in New York City, according to a study made by Commerce and Industry Association of New York. The average length of service of clerical workers presently employed by the business men of New York City is 12 years, based on a computation of 32,003 employees of 243 companies. The survey shows another section of the compilation shows that 33 companies studied only 12 gave their employees formal cost-of-living bonuses. Other firms apparently incorporated cost-of-living adjustments directly into their rate structures.

Physicians Per Capita

If the population of the United States could be so geographically arranged that each physician would have an equal number of persons to treat in the event of sickness, the per physician population would be approximately 800. Next to the United States, Great Britain has one physician to 1,850 of its population, while in central European countries there is one physician to each 2,350. There still is a crying need for physicians in rural America.

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