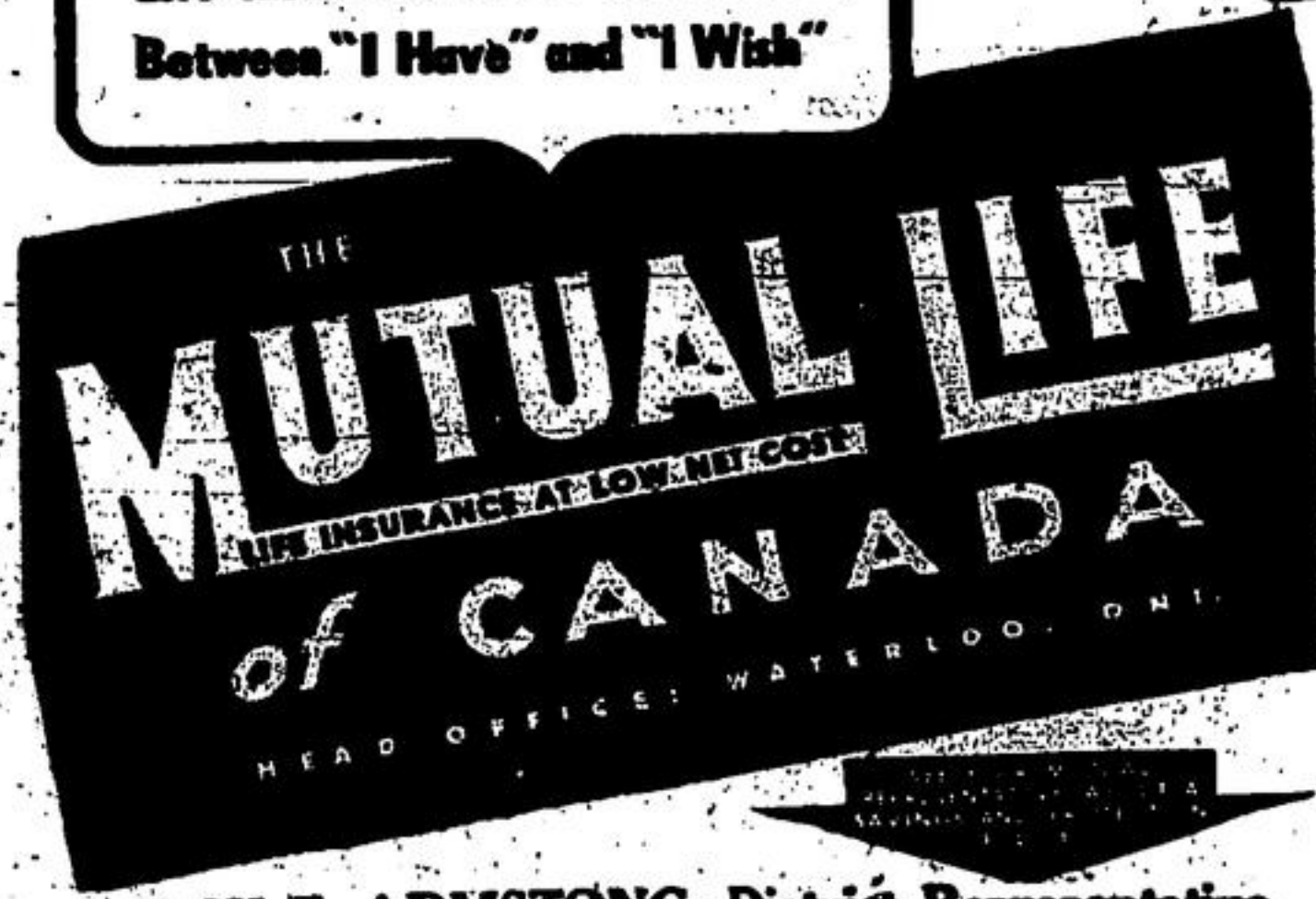


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FARM NEWS

**CROP TOUR IS AN
OUTSTANDING SUCCESS**

The third annual bus tour sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association was the best yet according to many of the participants. This year's tour was a three day event to eastern Ontario. The bus with every seat filled left on Sunday morning last following the No. 2 Highway. Stops were made the first day at the Quinte District Artificial Unit near Belleville; Old Fort Henry near Kingston; the eastern Ontario Artificial Unit near Kemptville. The party also enjoyed the scenic drive along the St. Lawrence from Gananoque to Brockville with a brief stop at the Ivy Lea bridge.

Overnight accommodation was secured at the Kemptville Agricultural School. Despite somewhat unfavourable weather conditions the party enjoyed the opportunity of inspecting experimental and demonstration forage plots at this institution before proceeding to the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa. Conducted tours were made to see some of the highlights of the experimental work being conducted in the Forage Division, Field Husbandry Division, and the Cereal Division. The Field Crops tour also included an inspection and explanation of their work with Pit Silos, and their soil erosion plots. Last but not least was an opportunity to view their ornamental gardens which to say the least were a sight to behold and one which will be long remembered.

Following a tour of the Parliament Buildings, the members of the party were dinner guests of Halton's popular Federal member, Mr. Hughes Cleaver. Needless to say, a trip to Ottawa would not be complete without seeing some of Ottawa's beautiful boulevards, the Governor General's gardens, the Royal Mint, etc.

Another feature which will long be remembered by the members of the party was their visit to the Ottawa Dairy Farm where the manager, Tom Dickinson, is an enthusiastic booster of grass silage. Operations had started to fill the four 20x40 foot silos and many innovations in connection with the harvesting and ensiling of their hay crop were ably and clearly explained during the tour. It will be of interest to our readers to learn that their herd of 100 cows (Holsteins, Jerseys, and Guernseys) on the average receive 105 lbs. of silage (one-third corn and two-thirds grass) per day during the winter months. Only one and a half pounds of dry hay are fed to each cow per day plus an average of eight pounds of a grain ration made up of bran, malt sprouts and oats. Speaking of innovations, we were all familiar with deep litter for poultry but it was the first time the members of the party had heard let alone seen the deep litter idea tried out with dairy cattle. Their cows are bed in stanchions. Along the edge of the gutter is fastened a 2x4 scantling cut straw and shavings are used for bedding, and as a result of the scantling previously referred to this material gradually built up

under the cattle somewhat along the same idea as in a loafing barn. According to Mr. Dickinson the idea has almost eliminated mastitis trouble in his herd.

These are but a few of the highlights of the trip, but according to those participating they picked up many ideas which compensated many times over for the loss of time away from the home farm and the very nominal cost of the trip. "Where are you going to take us next year" was the inquiry asked Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitelock many times on the way home via the No. 7 Highway from Perth, through Peterborough, where they visited the famous lift locks, and other points of interest.

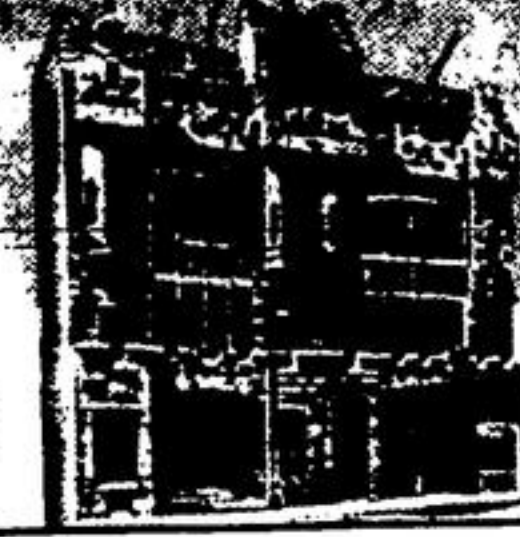
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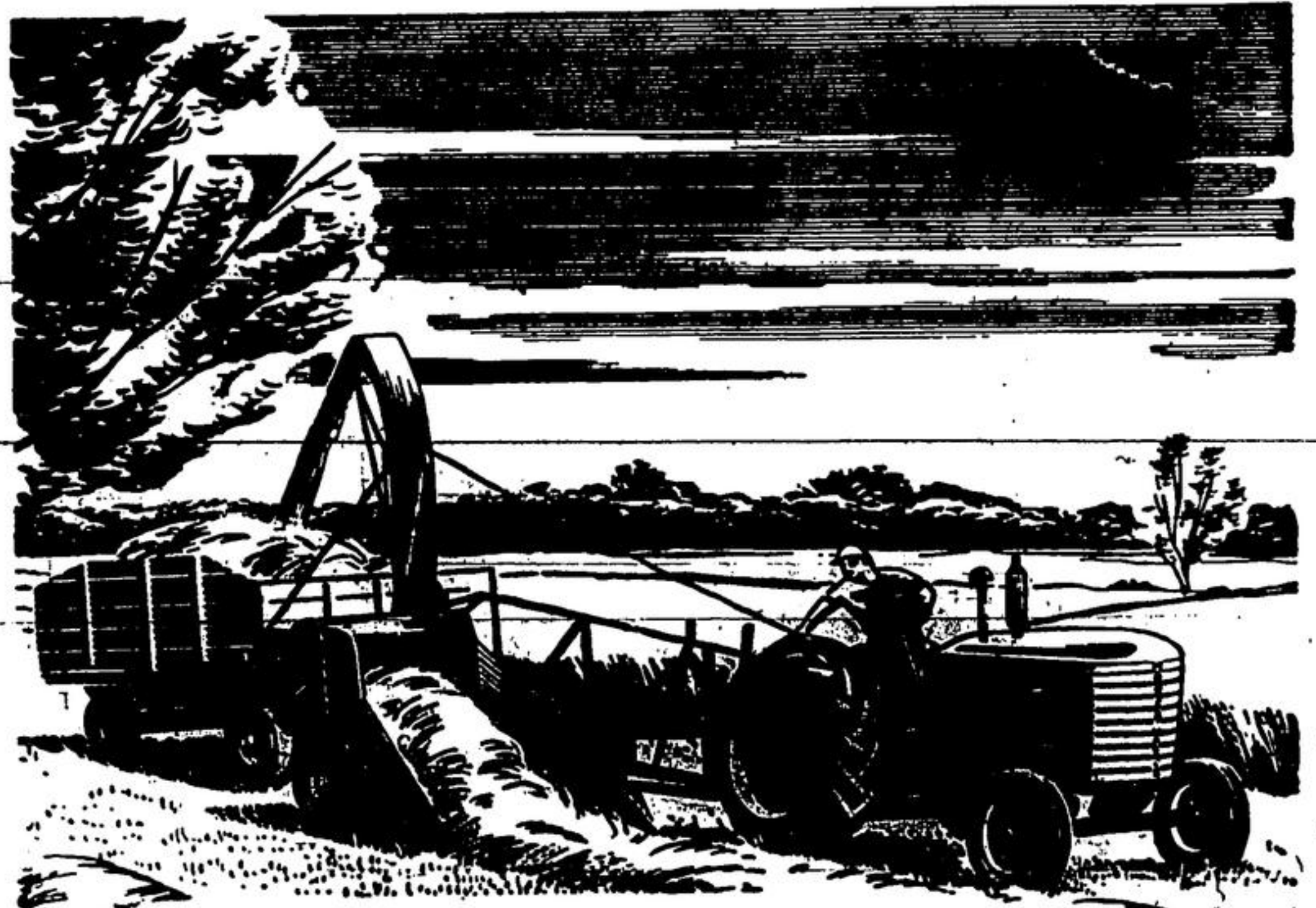
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**Local Man's Brother
Marries in Toronto**

A wedding of local interest took place in Earlscourt United Church on June 2nd, when Joyce Gwendoline Valiant, daughter of Mr. E. D. Valiant, 195 Millwood Road, Toronto became the bride of John Gordon Shortill, son of Mrs. L. Shortill 38 Howick Avenue, Toronto. The groom is a brother of Harry Shortill of town.

Rev. Carmen He officiated at the evening ceremony and the church was decorated with snapdragons for the occasion.

The bride wore white lace over moire taffeta. A finger tip veil was caught with a headdress of orange blossoms and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses. Her bridesmaid, Miss Marion Fraser, wore mauve taffeta with gloves and a headdress to match and carried yellow roses and sweet peas. The groom's niece, Karen Shortill, Georgetown, was junior bridesmaid, gowned in yellow taffeta and matching bonnet and carrying yellow roses and sweet peas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. During the signing of the register, Mr. L. Manning sang "Because". The bride's brother, Mr. E. W. Valiant was groomsman and ushers were Raymond Kemp and Jack Stevenson.

At a reception at the Edythe Ward Tea Room, the bride's father and the groom's mother received the guests. Mrs. Shortill wore navy blue sheer with navy hat and accessories and corsage of pink roses.

For a honeymoon trip, the bride chose a grey wool suit with navy and pink accessories and corsage of white gardenias. They will live in Toronto where the groom is employed with the Fairglan Dairy. The bride, before her marriage worked for the firm of Parkinson, Gardner, Willis and Roberts.