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The Scouts have again been invited to attend a week-end camp at the Camp of the Crooked Creek near Agincourt. Some twelve boys and leaders attended last year and all enjoyed themselves. Although not sleeping outdoors, you won't find the comforts of home and you will need an extra blanket with a sleeping bag. Each scout must provide his supper for Saturday and breakfast Sunday and must cook it himself. Sunday dinner will be "Hardman" stew. Also you will need cookies for the campfire. Cocoa will be provided.

As soon as milder weather comes the Cubs will be taken for a hike and bun feed.

Don't forget Father & Son banquet on Thursday, February 24th. The charge will be \$1.50 for father and son, and what a feed the Ladies Auxiliary has planned!

This Saturday there will be a paper drive. Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, but the need of people wanting to get rid of their accumulated paper, we ask everyone to please have their paper out on the street before 10 a.m. We ask the cooperation of citizens so that the boys won't be out too long. We ask you not to stop the boys to get paper from the cellar, as this uses a lot of time. If you have lots of paper, ask a couple of boys on Friday. Your neighbour boy may be a cub or scout and will be glad to help you.

How many dads can help us with the Drive on Saturday? The more dads, the easier the job and you will have fun helping your boy.

### ROXY ATTRACTIONS

Roxy Theatre proprietor Bill Leslie is particularly pleased with a contract signed this week with Paramount Pictures which will bring five of the season's top movies to the Roxy screen, starting in March. First booking in March brings White Christmas, the Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye movie currently filling city theatres. Following this, comes Rear Window, Sabrina, Three Ring Circus and Bridge of Toko Iti.

## A New Service Club

Addition of a second men's service club in Georgetown is another indication of how the community is growing.

For 25 years, the Lions Club has served in many ways, particularly helping children behind the scenes, ranging from buying eyeglasses to major operations.

Now Rotary International is added to the picture, with 26 charter members pledged to also lend a hand to those in need. The club will particularly promote sales of Easter seals, a national endeavour to raise money for crippled children.

There is plenty of scope for the two clubs in town, and while there may in future be some healthy

rivalry for the attention of the public, it should be tinged with no malice. Even in the good times we now enjoy, there are always people who need help. Service clubs should particularly search out those who need, but who are too proud to ask, always remembering that it is their aim to see that no child is deprived of necessary medical skill because his parents cannot finance it.

We salute the new club and wish it a successful future, with the hope that when public appeals are made, people will be generous and appreciative of the efforts of those who give their time for others.

## Public Speaking Rebirth

It is fine to see an awakening of interest in public speaking in the local public and high schools, particularly so among high schoolers who all too often can solve geometry problems, translate Latin phrases and parse a sentence, but cannot get up at a public meeting and introduce a speaker, let alone make a speech of their own.

We know the agonies which an untrained speaker goes through, for we belong to this great majority who have not been trained to speak or to think on their feet. And we hope that public speaking in the schools will not be confined to a few public contests, but will become part of a greater plan to produce speakers as well as students.

Book learning is highly important. But it is a

pity that we do not adequately train people to impart this learning to others by spoken word.

Public speaking, like any other accomplishment, does not come overnight. It is a product of training and practice, and where better can young people get this practice than in the schools themselves?

We can thank the Lions Club for their high school effort and the public school principals for similar activity in county public schools. We hope their efforts will not be used just to produce a few champions. Public speaking should be a definite part of the curriculum, to encourage all people to develop an art which will stand them in good stead whatever their future career.

## Cheap at Twice the Price

Need for a rise in water rates this year is one council problem which should not require much debate and which should not draw the ire of any taxpayer.

At present Georgetown enjoys one of the lowest rates in the district. While technically on a metered system, it is a fact that we have been really using a flat rate system for a year, with householders paying \$12 a year for unlimited supplies of water.

There is some logical argument for a meter system. It is undoubtedly the fairest way of apportioning costs of operating the system. But when one realizes that an installed meter costs about \$25 in a home, then money must be spent to have it read at

regular intervals, repaired when necessary, and the bookkeeping which this involves in the town office, it becomes a question of balancing costs against the

cost. Reeve Stan Allen, who chairs the council water committee, said at a recent meeting that 1100 water users must pay \$22,000 in upkeep charges to have the system break even. What could be easier than charging these 1100 people \$20 apiece for supplying them with water for food, cleanliness and gardening? Compared with what people spend on entertainment, on milk, on alcoholic beverages, soap, gasoline, or any one expenditure that you can name, the cost is still ridiculously low.

### FARM NEWS

#### Which is Weakest Link in Farm Business?

J. E. W.  
 The above caption was the title of what we considered an excellent exhibit in the Farm Business Section of the recent Royal Winter Fair exhibit, sponsored by the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. In the display were six large links and the idea behind the pictured display was this — that while each link is important it must be integrated correctly with all the other links, to balance the farm operation. In these days of lower returns for most farm products and with considerable loss possibility of reducing expenditures than was the case in the 1930's, we believe that farmers generally, in 1955, would do well to consider where their weakest link is. A searching and frank appraisal of (a) Size of Business; (b) Use of Investment; (c) Use of Labour; (d) Yield of Crops; (e) Produc-

tion of Livestock; and (f) Combination of Enterprises, may assist the farm operator in pin-pointing the weaknesses and strengths of his own business.

(a) Size of Business — In an Ontario farm study of 1953, it was found that as tillable acres expanded the operator's earnings substantially increased.

| Tillable Acres | Operator's Earnings per Farm |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| 85             | \$804                        |
| 111            | \$1104                       |
| 132            | \$2073                       |

(b) Use of Investment — Here is the approximate capital distribution of a group of mixed livestock farms in Ontario in 1953.

| Land and Buildings      | Livestock              | Equipment (depreciated) | Feed and Supplies     | Total                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| \$14,000 or 50 per cent | \$8,400 or 30 per cent | \$3,360 or 12 per cent  | \$2,240 or 8 per cent | \$28,000 or 100 per cent |

(c) Use of Labour — On mixed livestock farms where choring is important, and improvement expense saving of ten minutes per day, is worth up

to \$45.00, if you hire labour at 75c per hour.

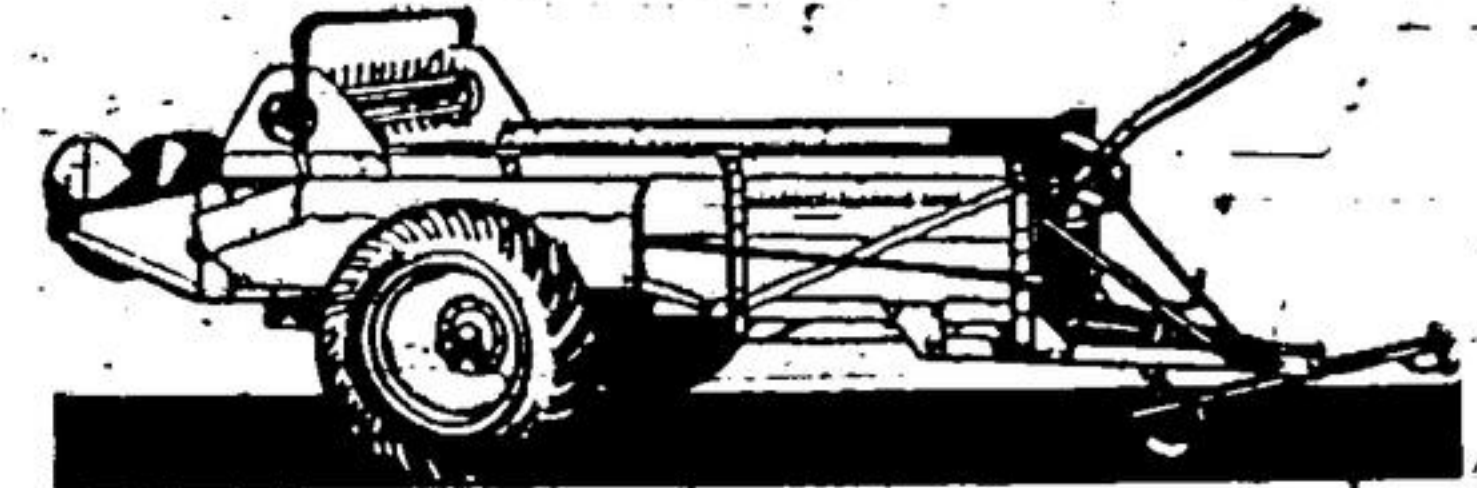
(d) Yield of Crops — Compare your yields with County averages (see Statistics of Ontario).

If you are low, check crops for — 1. Crops suited to Soil; 2. Soil Fertility; 3. Weeds and Insects; 4. Moisture Control.

(e) Production of Livestock. Your objective should be — 7 cows producing at least 3 cans daily; a thousand lb steer in 18 months; an average of 10 pigs per litter.

(f) Combination of Enterprises — Recommended, 2 or 3 enterprises, suited to soil, each more than 20 per cent of income; Favorable, a single good enterprise. We understand the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association is planning to sponsor some township meetings on this important and extremely interesting subject.

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