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SECOND SECTION

ALEX GREIGS SELL HOME ON HIGHWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Greig have sold the last remaining part of their wildwood property to a Toronto couple, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Finbow, who expect to move into the Greig home on No. 7 Highway in April.

Wildwood was an old J. A. Willoughby development purchased by the Greigs in 1925. Parts of it are now owned by Earl Trow, Brigadier John Girvan and Ern Batkin, the Herald "weatherman."

The Greigs will be moving to their Muskoka property in the spring and expect in future to be spending the winters near Sarasota, Florida.

LIMEHOUSE

LIMEHOUSE W.A. ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers were elected by the W.A. of Knox Church, Limehouse, when Miss Winnifred Ivens was host to the group at their meeting on January 31st.

Officers are Mrs. Jack Crichton, president; Miss W. Ivens, secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Patterson, treasurer.

Plans were discussed for a Valentine tea which is to be held tomorrow afternoon at Mrs. Crichton's home.

DOWNTOWN GLOWS WITH NEW STREET LIGHTS



—Prince Charles Studio, Georgetown

A hydro face-lifting in the downtown area was in progress when this picture was taken a few weeks ago. The hydro commission is completing installation this week of a new street lighting system, replacing the old-fashioned lamp-posts with modern mercury-vapour bulbs, mounted much higher and casting considerably more light on Main and Mill Streets. The job was partially completed when this picture was taken, looking down from Main St. hill, and the new and old type lights are both visible.

Horse Group Honours Western Horse Breeders

Two Ashgrove natives were prominent at the annual meeting recently of the Manitoba Horse Breeders Association.

Austin Brownridge, Brandon, was presented with an honorary life membership by his brother, McClure Brownridge, Portage la Prairie, who is president of the Canadian association.

The brothers are sons of the late John Brownridge and attended Ashgrove School when their father farmed there. The family went west in 1912, except for Ellery, who now lives in Brampton. They have many relatives in this district.

EASTERN CONFERENCE HEARS MAC SPROWL

At the Eastern Ontario Junior Farmer conference held at Kemptville last week, Mac Sprowl of Acton was guest speaker. He spoke to the gathering of 300 Juniors on Nuffield scholarships. On Friday evening he showed some slides and spoke at a banquet.

Hancock's mother in Burlington was keeping the children while the young couple holidayed in New York, and needless to say was one of the most excited viewers of the program . . .

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with M. H. B.

● IF YOU HAPPENED to be watching the Big Payoff show on television last Wednesday on Thursday afternoon you probably had a nice surprise when they introduced a young couple from near Hornby, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hancock, as contestants. On the program, which comes on at 3 in the afternoon, several couples are chosen from the studio audience to answer a quiz of four questions, and if they are successful, in addition to winning for the "day of his choice" many lovely fashions, luggage, jewelry, the couple can win a mink coat and a trip for two to any place in the world. The latter of course is "the big payoff," and the couple wins this only if they have correctly answered the four questions . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock were spending a week's vacation in New York City and as part of their entertainment, decided to take in a live TV show. Mrs. Hancock had frequently watched the Big Payoff, so that was the how they chose to see . . .

● AS THEY ENTERED the Billmore Theatre where the Big Payoff is televised, Mr. Hancock was handed a card on which he filled in his name, address and the reason why he would like to win the Big Payoff for the lady of his choice. All the other men in the audience were also handed cards to be similarly filled in, because on this show it is the husband who has to answer the

questions, while the wife sits back and gathers in the prizes . . .

Just before the program went on the air, the cards were collected and a few names were chosen and asked to stay after the show for an interview. There were about ten couples originally chosen, but this dwindled down to about three or four by the end of the interviews. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock weren't definitely told then that they'd been chosen to go on the program, but the director said he would call their hotel that evening if they were to be asked to compete on the show. Our Hornby couple didn't think they had a chance, but sure enough the call came through for them that night. They were to appear on the show the following day, Wednesday . . .

● MRS. HANCOCK told me they were quite nervous in Wednesday's show, for in addition to appearing on TV, they were also competing before a very large studio audience which packed the theatre. No special TV makeup was required, but it was suggested that pastel coloured clothing photographed better than bright colours. Before the show they had a little rehearsal when the director told them when and how to make their entrance, where to stand and so on, and also helped the husbands a bit with telling their story of why they wanted the Big Payoff for their wives . . .

And if you saw the show you already know the little story Mr. Hancock wrote on his card to show why his wife deserved a mink coat and a wonderful trip. For the benefit of those who didn't, however, may we tell you that Mr. Hancock gave as his

reason the fact that a few months after they were married he went hunting in their living room, and actually shot a pheasant there. In addition to this, when Mr. and Mrs. Hancock first moved to their home on the 7th Line a mile down from Drumquin Corners, the house was just a shell and they lived in it as they finished it. Consequently Mrs. Hancock, who was a city girl originally and found adjustments to country life rather difficult at first, in addition to her other problems, discovered it not at all uncommon to be chasing squirrels and other small animals around and out of their house on occasion . . .

● THE DAY THE HUNTING party took place in the living room, a pheasant flew through the kitchen window and landed on the kitchen floor, to the amazement of a much-startled Mrs. Hancock. It then flew into the living room, whereupon Mrs. Hancock screamed for her husband to come quickly. Luckily he was home at the time and appeared in short order to put an end to the pheasant with a well-aimed shot from his gun — and this right in the centre of the living room . . .

● TO GO BACK TO THE TV show itself, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock happened to be the last contestant on the Wednesday afternoon show, and time ran short, so that they actually had to appear again on Thursday afternoon for the actual competition. Mrs. Hancock said they were not nearly so nervous the second time they appeared . . .

The two appearances had another advantage as well. It gave all their relatives and friends back home an opportunity to see them on the Thursday show. And from the calls and comments received since they arrived home a week ago Sunday, Mrs. Hancock thinks that very nearly everyone they know saw the show . . .

● UNFORTUNATELY, Mr. and Mrs. Hancock didn't win the Big Payoff, but by answering the first two questions correctly, Mr. Hancock won for his wife a lovely suit, hat, bag, dress and sweater. The first question they asked him was "if it is 5.15 here what time is it in London, England?" to which he answered correctly that there is five hours' difference. The second question was — "what do the terms 'whistlers' and 'trumpeters' mean in the bird kingdom?" — and Mr. Hancock again replied correctly that they referred to a breed of swans. The third question — and it was a tough one was: "In what country is located the great salt lake desert?" Mr. Hancock answered Mongolia, but the correct answer was Iran . . .

But appearing on the program was a most interesting experience and a real thrill for the Hancocks. They say if you're in New York and would like to see a "live" TV show it's a good one to take in.

● ONE OF THE NICEST things about appearing on the show was meeting the program personalities — Bess Myerson, singer Betty Anne Grove, the beautiful fashion models little page girl Beverly Bentley, the producer, Mr. Gottlieb and the director, Sid Tanber. Mr. Tanber did all the interviewing of applicants who wished to compete on the show. Randy Merriman, the usual master-of-ceremonies was away on vacation at the time . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have just lived in this district for the past five years. Just to avoid confusion, I might add they are not related to the Hancock family in Glen Williams. They came to Hornby shortly after their marriage. Mr. Hancock is part owner of the Woodland Nursery on the 7th Line. They have two little boys, Michael, who will soon be three, and Stephen, one year old. Mrs.



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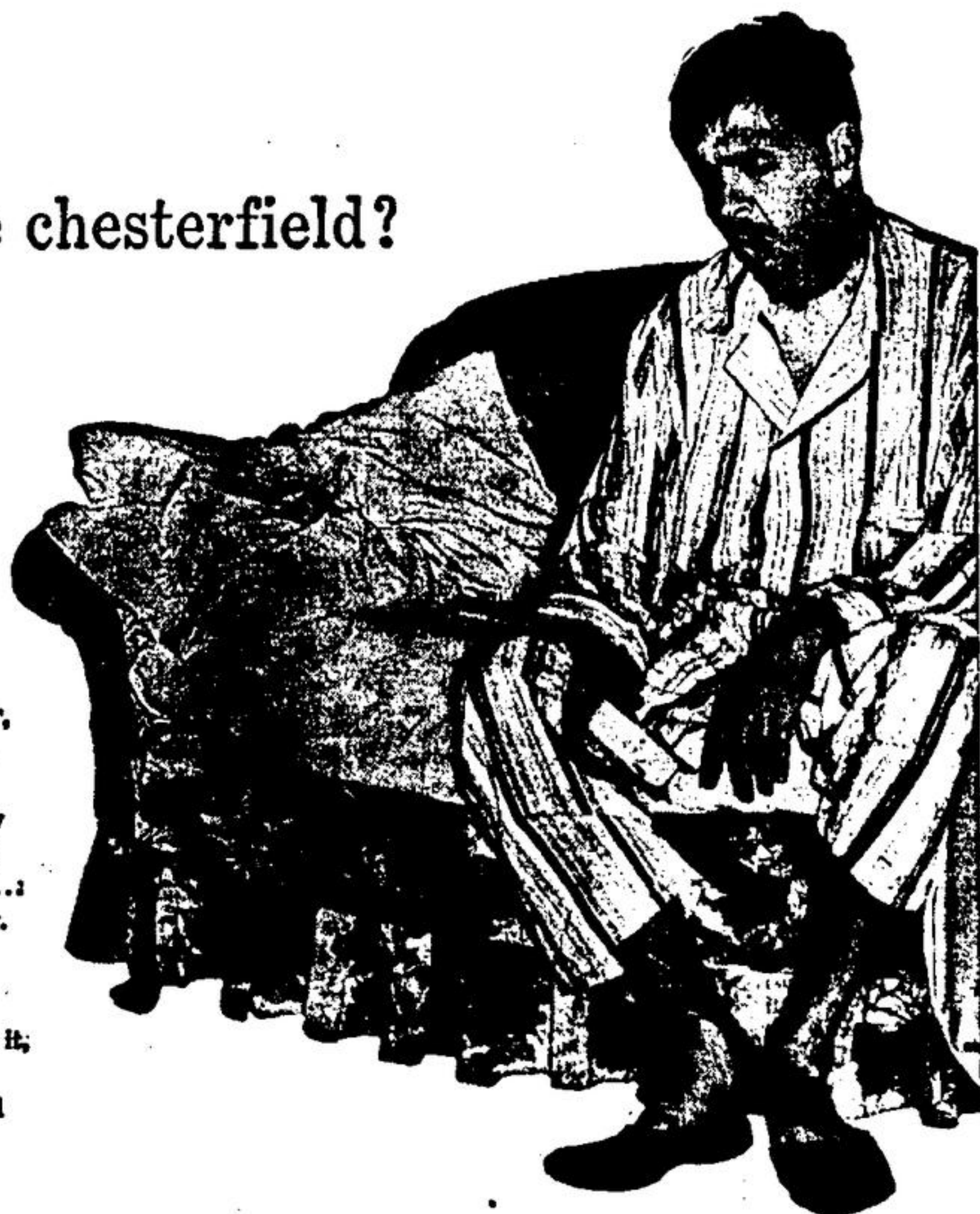
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