

Twenty Years Ago

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The recommendation in the report of the Good Roads Committee, that one mill on the dollar be levied this year for maintenance as has been the rule latterly, was strongly opposed by one member who did not dispute the amount of the levy, but proposed financing it out of the government grant received lately for last year. Finally it was adopted.

The annual meeting of the Halton Ploughmen's Association was held last Thursday. Officers elected were: President, H. Wills; 1st vice President, G. Chisholm, Sec.-Treas. J. F. Robinson. High cut work will be limited and plain ploughing stressed.

In the series of debates conducted by the leagues of the Milton district Bethel and Lowville have won the semi-final honors. The final debate will be held early in June.

DIED
BUNDY—At Campbellville on Saturday, May 16th, 1925, Charles H. Bundy, of Milton, in his 57th year.

British Curious About Conditions in United States

Michigan-Born Woman Finds a Great Interest Taken in all Phases of Life in America

NEW YORK (CP)—The tenor of English curiosity about America is changing. Instead of queries about Indians, gangsters, and Hollywood; they now want to know about American workers' wages, the negro's position in U. S. life, and how many Americans live in skyscrapers.

The authority for this is Mrs. Alicia Street, slender blond Michigan-born wife of an English government worker, who has bounced around England for three years, answering questions from sophisticated Londoners and country wives. She was a lecturer under the auspices of the London Regional Committee for Education among His Majesty's Forces, and now is in the United States on her first visit since the war started.

"The interest in the United States is staggering," says Mrs. Street, "and a healthy curiosity it is, since our destinies seem to lie so close and since we have so much to give each other."

English people picture America in two extremes, Mrs. Street reports. One group thinks all American women have automatic dish washers, dusting machines, doors that open by an electric eye and divorces. Another leans toward the "Grapes of Wrath" school and being asked if they'd like to live in America, say seriously, "Yes, out what if one of your depressions came? Would I starve to death?"

Many English women, Mrs. Street learned, want to know how American women keep house when they are away such a large part of the day.

That Sense of Humor

The English are aware of the well-propagated legend in America that the English have no sense of humor and roar with laughter when someone brings it up. To even the score, the English say that Americans take forever to tell a story.

The English wonder over our wise-cracking and gags, insist they never can tell when we are kidding. They are not convinced that we are more democratic in a social way just because the pattern of social rank is less discernible.

English women are delighted and amazed that all American soldiers seem able to repair radio and electrical appliances. And they—men and women—want to know they are aware of their reputation for unhospitality, and are trying to become more hearty because they like us, especially those of us who talk like Gary Cooper.

Having got so deeply into this business of explaining the two Allied countries to each other, Mrs. Street has written a book, "A Short History of the United States," for circulation in England. Now she also is doing all she can to get American books to England through the Books Across the Sea program. Her ally on this project is the English poet-playwright, T. S. Elliott.

SOYA BEAN ASSET TO SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—For two years a school here has been the scene of scientific tests on school feeding.

The first report, compiled by Dr. E. Joki and expert collaborators deals among other things, with the use of the soya bean in feeding both European and Native children.

The report says that the protein content of this bean is much higher than that of any other vegetable food and it is the most nearly perfect substitute for meat.

This remarkable crop, says Dr. Joki, may prove a blessing to South Africa, especially to the native population. The soya bean can be cultivated almost anywhere. It is easy to grow, harvest and handle.

CORONATION, Alta. (CP)—Many district farmers have sold out after decades of farming in this area. Some are retiring and others are going into business in other lines. Some are moving to districts where long-term rainfall is more certain.



Hello Homemakers! May is the month of spring rains, spring flowers and new spring hats. But it is also the month when many people are thumbing over seed packages. This year there is as great a need as in the past two years for more individual garden plots. Many of us in Ontario already have the Victory Garden habit; we like to see things growing and we like to grow our own. Hospitals are taking a tip from Victory Garden enthusiasts by using gardening as a healing means of rehabilitating disabled veterans.

CARROT RING

2 cups riced, cooked carrots, 3 eggs, well beaten, 3 tsp. melted fat, 1 tsp. minced onion, 1 cup milk, 1 tsp. salt, pepper to taste.

Mix in the order given and pour into a well-greased ring mold. Set the mold in a shallow pan of hot water, an inch deep around the ring, and bake in oven at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand a few minutes; then loosen edges, invert a large hot plate over the mold and turn out carefully. If desired, melted cheese may be poured over the ring just before serving. Fill the centre with peas, beans, asparagus or creamed fish. Serves 6.

CORN TIMBALES

1 cup canned corn, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, ½ cup of milk, 1 tsp. chopped onion, 2 eggs, slightly beaten, salt and pepper to taste.

Mix the ingredients. Pour into four greased custard cups, set in shallow pan containing about half an inch of hot water, and bake in oven at 325 degrees for about 30 minutes or until a knife blade inserted comes out clean. To serve, loosen the edges and turn out.

Serve with a vegetable plate dinner, including green beans, baked potatoes and broiled tomatoes on toast rounds.

CASSEROLE MEAT AND SPAGHETTI

1 onion, sliced, 1 lb. hamburger steak, 1 can tomato soup, ½ pkg. spaghetti, 1 cup boiling water, salt and pepper.

Cook the spaghetti until tender in boiling salted water, then drain and keep hot. Put a tablespoon of oil or dripping into a hot frying pan and saute the hamburger until brown, stirring occasionally. Brown onion in hot fat and stir occasionally until well-browned. Put in one cup of boiling water, cover and simmer 15 minutes, then add the cooked spaghetti, the salt, pepper and tomato soup.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1½ cups macaroni (broken in 1½ inch lengths), salt and pepper to taste, 1 tsp. dry mustard, 1 cup rich milk, 1 cup or more grated cheese.

Cook macaroni until barely tender in boiling salted water. Drain, add salt and pepper, and mustard dissolved in a little of the milk. Stir well, so that the seasonings will be well distributed throughout the macaroni, then add the milk and cheese, saving enough cheese to sprinkle generously over the top. Turn into a greased casserole, top with grated cheese and bake in an electric oven at 350 degrees until lightly browned.

TAKE A TIP

1. In choosing a new area for vegetables be sure to select an open space where the sun will pour in, and excess moisture will be drained away. Few vegetables flourish in soggy damp soil.
2. Ploughing or deep hand spading should be followed by breaking up the soil until it crumbles finely and until fertilizers are evenly mixed in. Vegetables require well fertilized land. Rake the part of the bed which you are preparing for seeding down smooth, leaving the remainder in semi-rough state until seeding time. Some seeds being more tender than others will not be planted until later.
3. Varieties essential to health can be grown in very small space—for instance, carrots, lettuce, parsley, beans and the all-important tomato.

Even a sunny window box can grow vitamins in the form of parsley or chives.

THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. B. J. says: Tell me how you make crisp popovers stand up.

Answer: When you bake popovers, have the baking pans sizzling hot before you pour in the mixture. Grease them generously and heat in the oven until hot. (Electric oven should be preheated or top element turned off).

Our rule for crisp popovers is this: Sift together 1 cup flour and ½ tsp. salt. Beat 2 eggs. Add 1 cup milk and 2 tps. melted shortening. Add to the flour and beat several minutes. Pour in heated cups and cook in electric oven at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Turn off the oven, open the door and leave in oven 5 or 8 minutes more to crisp.

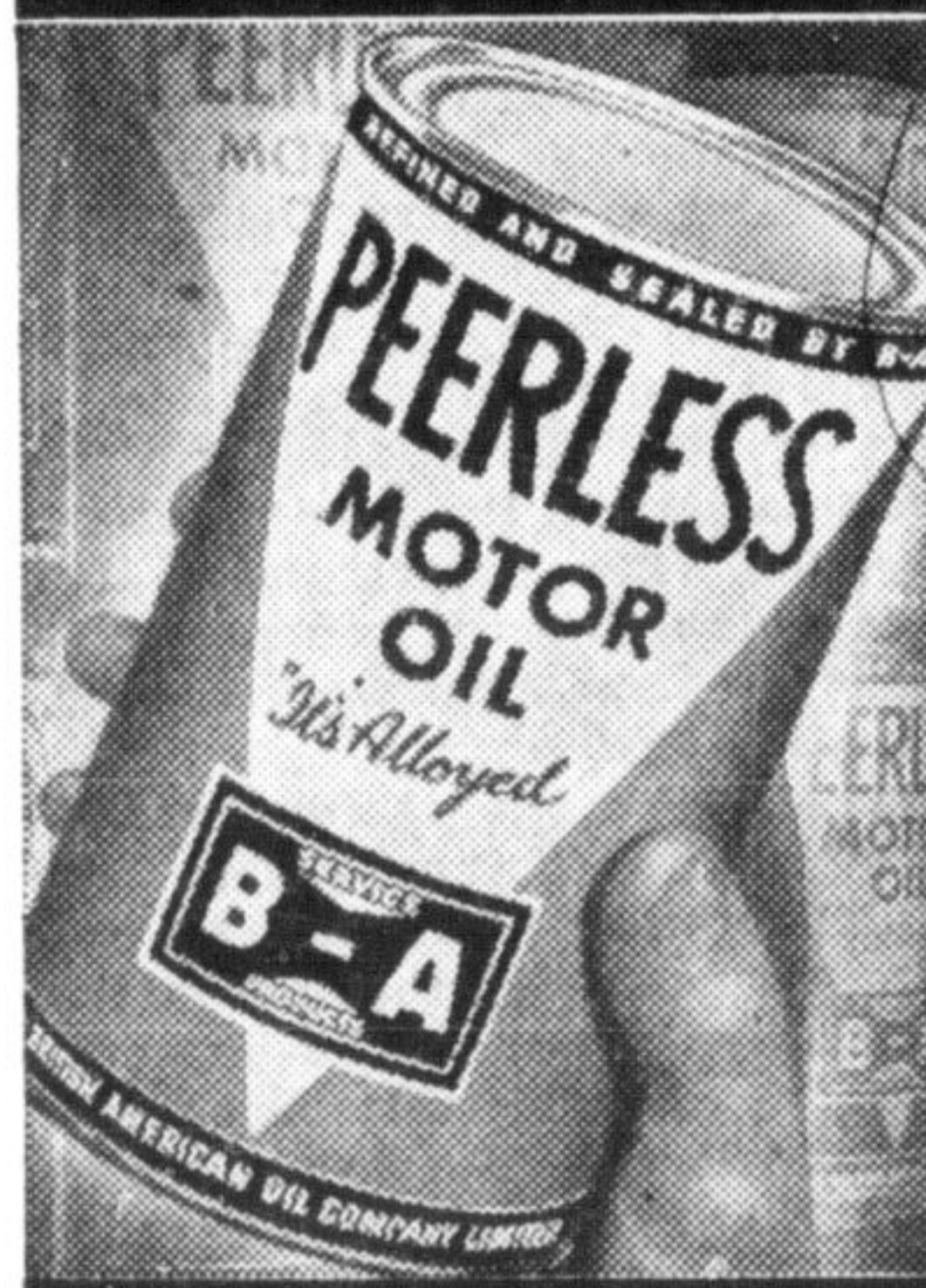
Mrs. N. D. says: We're very fond of vegetable loaf for supper. Chopped mixed vegetables are thoroughly mixed with egg and crumbs. Use 2 eggs and ¼ cup dry crumbs for a quart of vegetables and don't forget to season well. Bake in a moderately heated electric oven for ¾ hours.

Mrs. J. M. says: Ever try flavoured bacon—roll back bacon around a section of dill pickle, then broil it. It takes on a pleasing flavour.

DON'T INTERRUPT ME

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—An unnamed lifer in penitentiary here asked that he be allowed to remain behind bars for a while longer when his sentence was reduced. He was bookkeeper at the penitentiary and wanted to complete his books for the fiscal year before leaving.

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Maybe Noah Laughed at These

The speaker had thundered through an impassioned address.

"And," he shouted, "if a lie has passed my lips this evening may a thunderbolt from the skies fall on my head."

As he spoke the platform collapsed in a cloud of dust, and the orator disappeared from view.

The audience sat spellbound. After a few minutes the speaker emerged from the wreckage.

"Gosh," exclaimed a voice from the rear of the hall, "it's missed him."

"I object to all these jokes about my race being stingy," said the young Scotsman: "we're not really close, only thrifty."

The Irishman agreed with him. Presently they stopped at a tobacconist's.

"Come in and have a cigar," invited Pat. But when he felt in his pocket he found he'd left his money at home.

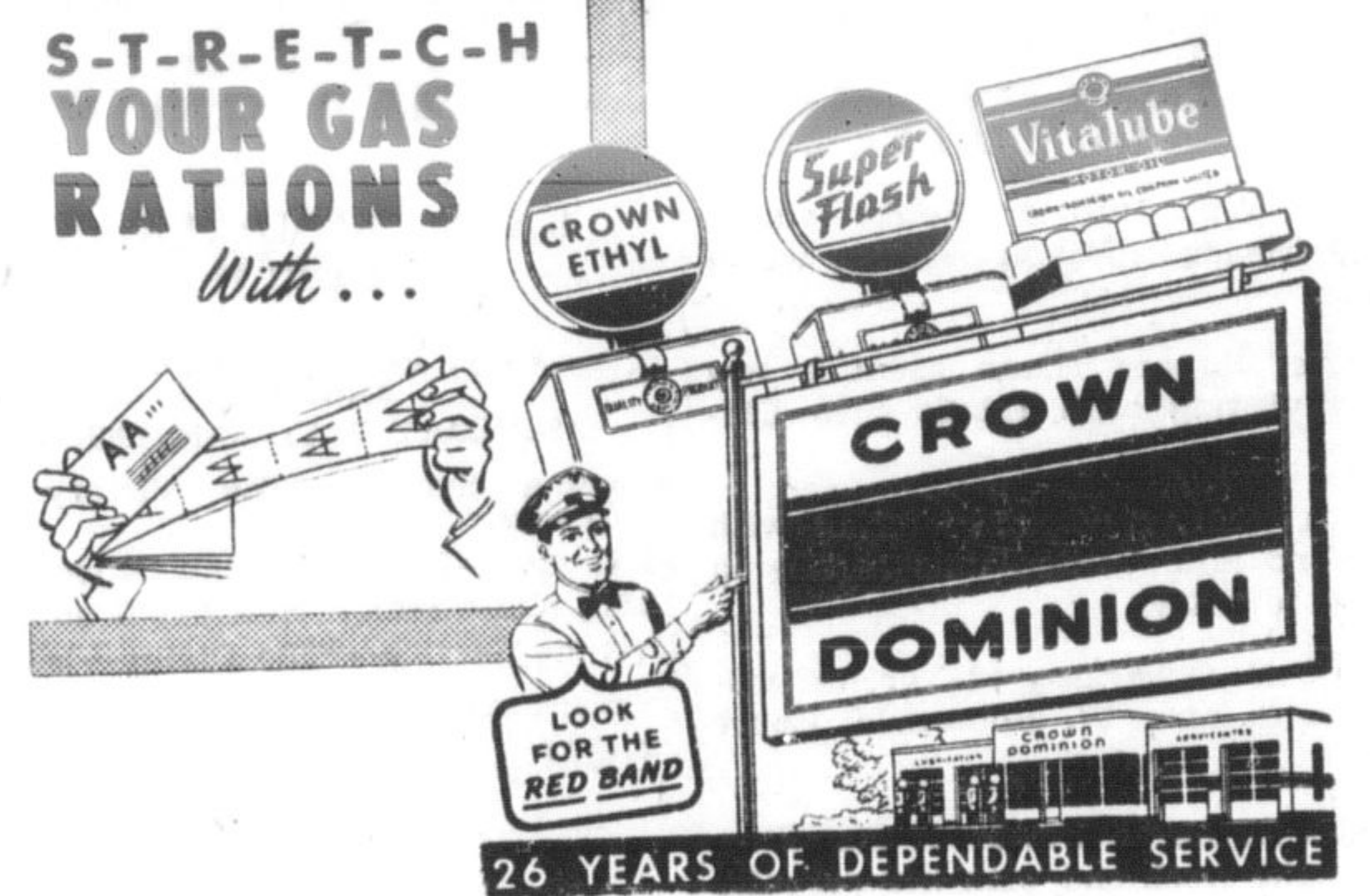
"That's all right," said Mac. "The day's young; I don't mind walking back with you to get it."

The manager of the expensive hotel bowed his American customer out. "I hope you were well looked after in spite of war conditions," he said.

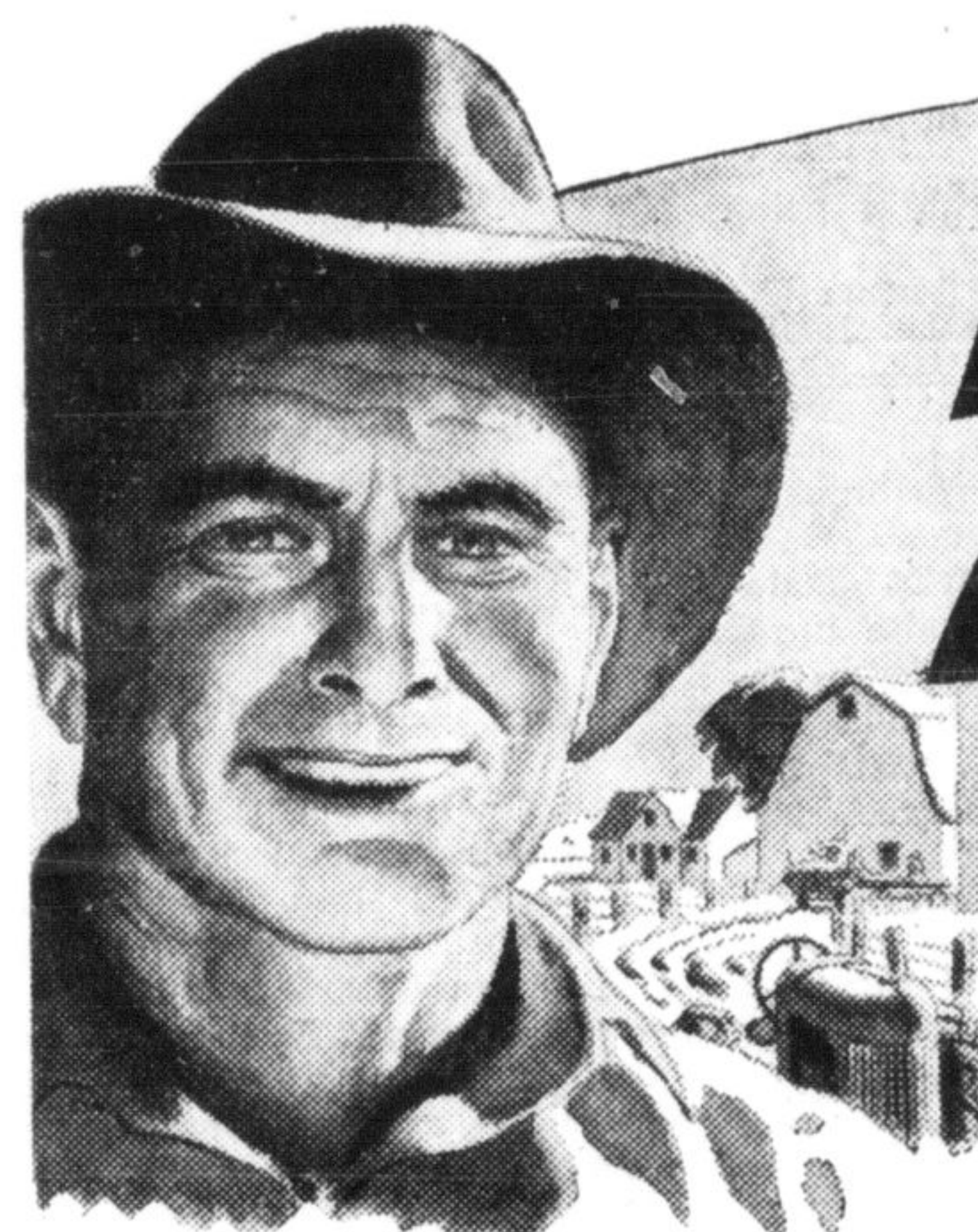
"Admirably," replied the client. "And that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you again."

"Sure—if I can manage it." "If there was anything you didn't quite like—"

"Well, there was that notice put in my room this morning. It asked: 'Have you left anything?' Should it not have been 'Have you anything left?'"



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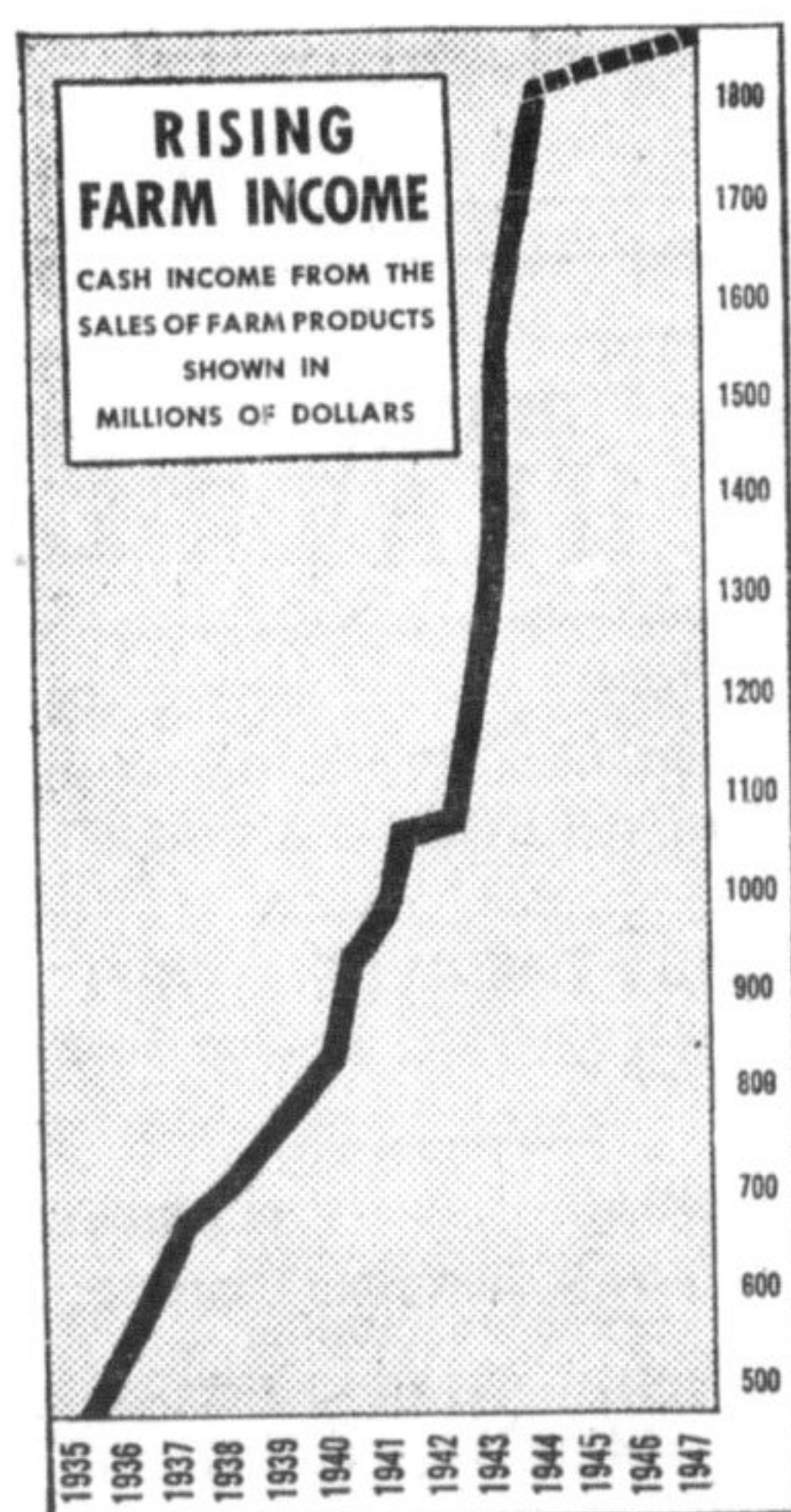


NOW THERE'S A FUTURE IN FARMING

Liberal Action for Agriculture

Here are some of the practical steps which your Liberal government has taken for your benefit:

- 1 Guarantees of minimum prices for farm products.
- 2 Trade agreements with 20 countries.
- 3 Debt cancellation took \$225 millions debt off farmers' shoulders.
- 4 Took import duty and war exchange tax off farm equipment.
- 5 Saved apple industry by special marketing agreements.
- 6 Premiums paid on high grade cheese and grade A and B1 hogs.
- 7 Wheat Acreage Reduction and Prairie Farm Income payments made in 1941 to tide farmers over until market for wheat found.
- 8 Export contracts, operative until 1947, act as floor prices under farm products.
- 9 The above, with the Export Credits Insurance Act, will maintain farm incomes throughout post-war period.
- 10 Appointed (August 1944) Agricultural Prices Support Board to guarantee for post-war security to farmers' incomes.
- 11 To enable farmers to improve their working and living conditions, your Liberal Government has provided for intermediate and short term credits by amending the Bank Act and passing the Farm Improvement Loans Act, and further, has arranged that those wishing to build new homes or repair, extend or renovate their present homes can borrow the money under the National Housing Act.
- 12 Inaugurated annual farm production programmes through co-operation between the Department of Agriculture and farmers' organizations in every part of Canada.



Cash income from the sale of farm products (millions of dollars)

Under Liberal Government, Farm Incomes Rose Steadily

ONE out of every three men working in Canada is on the farm. Agriculture is the nation's most important industry. Since 1935, your Liberal Government has kept farming at the top of its list for action. Look at the panel (left).

Although 23% fewer men have been available for farm work, production has increased more than 40%—a splendid record of achievement for victory!

Even before the war, by securing foreign markets, taking off surpluses and stimulating home consumption, your Liberal Government assisted in raising total farm income by 45%.

During the war, the farmer for the first time

was put in the sound position of knowing exactly how he stood financially. He was protected against increases in his costs of production and guaranteed a market at fixed prices for a specified volume of produce. In 1939 farm income was \$772,000,000; in 1944 it was \$1,817,000,000, an increase of over a billion!

After the war, your Liberal Government has arranged to keep farm incomes up by floor prices on farm and fish products, and by foreign trade... to improve farm living conditions by Family Allowances, National Housing Plan, Farm Improvement Loans Act, and other social measures... and to secure agriculture's future by conservation of soil and other natural resources together with farsighted projects for irrigation, road and other improvements as soon as manpower and materials are available.

When you vote Liberal you act for your own and your family's continued welfare.

KEEP IT UP!

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