

STREET CORNER POLITICS

The next time a man stops you on the street and, without being asked, undertakes to tell you what is wrong with the government, the democratic system and the way community affairs are run, take a good look at him. Then try to recall what constructive part he has played in the town's affairs.

Chances are—for the fellow is a type—you won't be able to credit him with a single achievement. Before the last election he had some stinging things to say about the town council then in office. But he made the same sort of comments after the present council took over. And he made them in street corner conversation or to a group of cronies on the post office steps.

The places this citizen chooses to do his talking are significant, as he maintains his knowledge of public affairs is second to none. His interest is, no doubt, commendable, but his efforts are not effective. Therein lies a lesson for the rest of us.

With the New Year, which may be a smooth and prosperous one, or could be a troublesome and difficult one, let us all to the best of our ability cooperate with those in authority. We have placed them in positions of responsibility, and now we need to give them our support.

Constructive criticism is one thing and there is always a place for it. But the habit of nagging, fault finding and destructive criticism which some people think expresses good citizenship, is just the reverse.

Study conditions at home and farther afield, the closer in contact and the more you know of conditions, and handicaps, the better for you and for your representative. Loyalty is a fine thing. Let us use it right here at home in all our community associations.

"If we simply sit down on the sands of life we must expect to be caught on the incoming tide of time," say Canadian medical leaders in urging a positive approach to attainment of health.

To secure and maintain health, constant effort is necessary, for, say doctors, if we do nothing, disease and decay will overtake us.

MUSIC FESTIVAL WINNERS



A few pointers by Dad before entering the vocal duet competition for urban boys was caught by the camera at the Halton Musical Festival held recently. Both boys David and Paul Pudwell, 10 and nine years won the class of seven entries. Their father, Alec Pudwell is music supervisor in Milton Public and High School. Both boys entered the class of vocal solo for urban boys 7 to 10 years, with David winning second place and Paul, fifth.

INDIAN CHINTZES SHOWN

Indian Chintzes now on display in one of the textile galleries of the Royal Ontario Museum were selected from the late Harry Wearn's magnificent collection of painted and printed textiles. Cotton fabrics such as these with their exotic designs in gay colours applied by a combination of paint and resist-dyeing, forerunners of chintzes of to-day. Even the name "chintz" comes from a Hindu word meaning spotted or variegated. Although their origin goes back to very ancient times in India, it was not until the 17th century that they were imported in large quantities to Europe. Their popularity grew to such proportions that they became a very important item in the trade of the various East India Companies. Besides those of purely Indian design, there are others designed to please the taste of the country to which they were exported. Some contain tulip and other flowers as seen in Dutch flower paintings; others have dainty floral sprays, so popular in France in the 18th century. The Indian tree pattern appears in many variations on large panels for draperies, while other daintier designs were intended as dress fabrics. All of them contain a wealth of detail which should be a source of inspiration to the designer.

SQUINT TROUBLE

Medical authorities urge those who habitually squint to seek competent advice. A squint isn't funny, they agree, it's a tip to see the eye-specialist. Astigmatism causes blurred or distorted vision, and narrowing the eyelids and contracting the pupils, won't make up for it. Squinting causes strain, fatigue, general discomfort and often headaches.

THE BUCK-MEDVE WEDDING OF INTEREST TO MANY HERE

Against a chancel banked with flowers, fern and candlelight, Madge Medve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Medve, was united in marriage to Bert W. Buck, son of Mrs. V. Buck and the late Mr. Buck in one of the season's loveliest weddings on Saturday afternoon in First United Church, Timmins, Ont.

Rev. W. M. Mustard officiated at the ceremony. The wedding music was played by Mr. Herbert Treneer and during the signing of the register Miss Agathe Chartrand sang "Because."

Given in marriage by her brother, Leslie Medve, the bride was radiant in her gown of traditional white satin fashioned with fitted bodice, long sheath-tight sleeves coming to points over the wrists and sweetheart neckline. The skirt, made in redingote style with shirred rows of satin fell into a graceful chapel train. Her veil of eggshell tulle was held in place with a crown of satin, beaded and trimmed with seed pearls and she carried a cascade of white carnations. She also wore the gift of the groom, a single strand of pearls.

She was attended by Miss Beatrice Francoeur as maid of honor, who wore a frock of peach colored taffeta styled with cap sleeves, fitted bodice and softly gathered skirt featuring three tiers of flounces. She wore elbow length gloves of pink and blue flowers and she carried a colonial bouquet of pink carnations and blue iris.

Miss Anne Gomiero was bridesmaid and was frocked in turquoise colored taffeta featuring moulded basque, cap sleeves and a hooped skirt. She wore elbow length gloves of daffodil yellow and a turquoise colored Juliet cap trimmed with yellow flowers. A colonial bouquet of yellow roses and Boucardia completed her ensemble.

James Buck, brother of the groom was best man and Bob Ross and Ellis Matson were ushers.

After the ceremony a banquet was held in the dining room of the Grand Hotel. Toasts to the young couple were proposed by Mr. James Buck and Mr. Bert Pike and were fittingly responded to by the groom. Later a reception was held for the many friends of the young couple. The bride's mother received, wearing a smart afternoon dress of blue grey crepe with navy accessories and she wore a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother, who also received, wore a chic afternoon dress of midnight blue crepe, navy accessories and corsage of pink carnations.

Many congratulatory telegrams were received by the young couple from out of town relatives and friends and Mr. and Mrs. McCaffery of Kirkland Lake were present at the wedding.

Gifts to the attendants included pearl earrings to the maid of honor, a bracelet to the bridesmaid, a lighter to the best man and to the ushers.

Prior to her marriage the bride was entertained by Misses Beatrice Francoeur and Anne Gomiero. — Porcupine Advance.

GRASSLAND FARMING

Climatic conditions throughout the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, although very favorable to the growing of pasture and hay crops, cannot be considered as ideal for grain production says the Dominion Experimental Station at St. Anne de la Pocatiere, P.Q. Accordingly plans have been made to enlarge the program of grassland farming investigations in which alfalfa and Ladino clover are featured in seed mixtures to build up the soil fertility. Methods of harvesting and storing forages are also being studied.

Bees Do Much More Than Produce Honey

Bees are kept principally for the production of honey and wax but these two products do not represent the true value of the bee in the economy of the country, says C. B. Gooderham, Dominion Apiarist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The raw material from which the honey and wax are made is nectar secreted by flowers of all kinds and taken from them by bees. Flowers are part of the reproductive system of plants, enclosing the stamens or the pistil which are the male and female organs respectively. In many varieties of plants the stamens and pistil are borne in separate flowers or even on separate plants, in others the two are enclosed in a single flower. So as to bear fruit, seed or vegetable, pollen must be transferred from stamens to the pistil. This may be done in several ways, but the chief agent in performing this service are insects. Of the insect agents, the honey bee is the most important, because she is the only one of them whose numbers can be controlled and who can be transported to any place where her services are required.

The transfer of pollen from stamens to pistil is termed pollination, which in itself is not sufficient, fertilization must follow. In many cases, especially in fruit-bearing plants, the flowers of one plant cannot be fertilized by pollen of the same plant—self pollination—consequently, pollen must be brought to it from some other plant of the same species, cross pollination, before fruit or seed can be formed. Cross pollination is considered to increase production even though the flower is capable of self pollination.

The honey bee, spending most of her active life among the flowers and gathering practically all of her supplies from them is the most active and efficient agent in transferring pollen from one flower to another. Because of this fact, many fruit and seed growers either rent bees or become beekeepers themselves solely for the increase of crop that can be secured from the service rendered by the bees to the flowers alone. It has been estimated that honey bees are of far greater value to the producers of fruit, seed and vegetables than to the beekeeper himself.

WARM WEATHER TIPS

"Don't demand too much of your body. Take it easy. Don't eat too many heat-producing foods and, your liquid intake should be increased too." This is advice for Canadians at this season of the year.

Medical authorities point out that when warm weather is on the way, special steps should be taken to conserve health.

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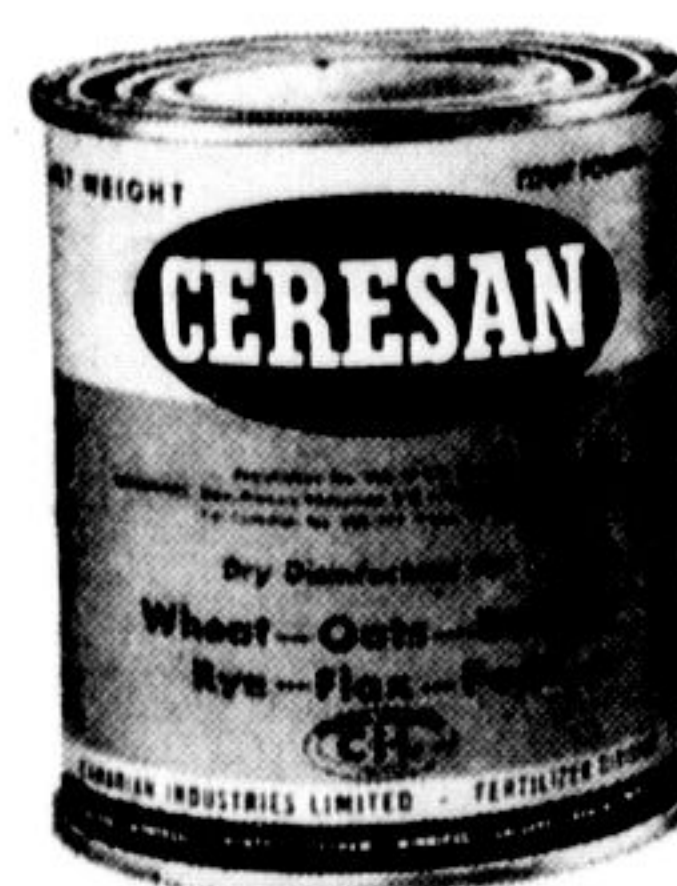
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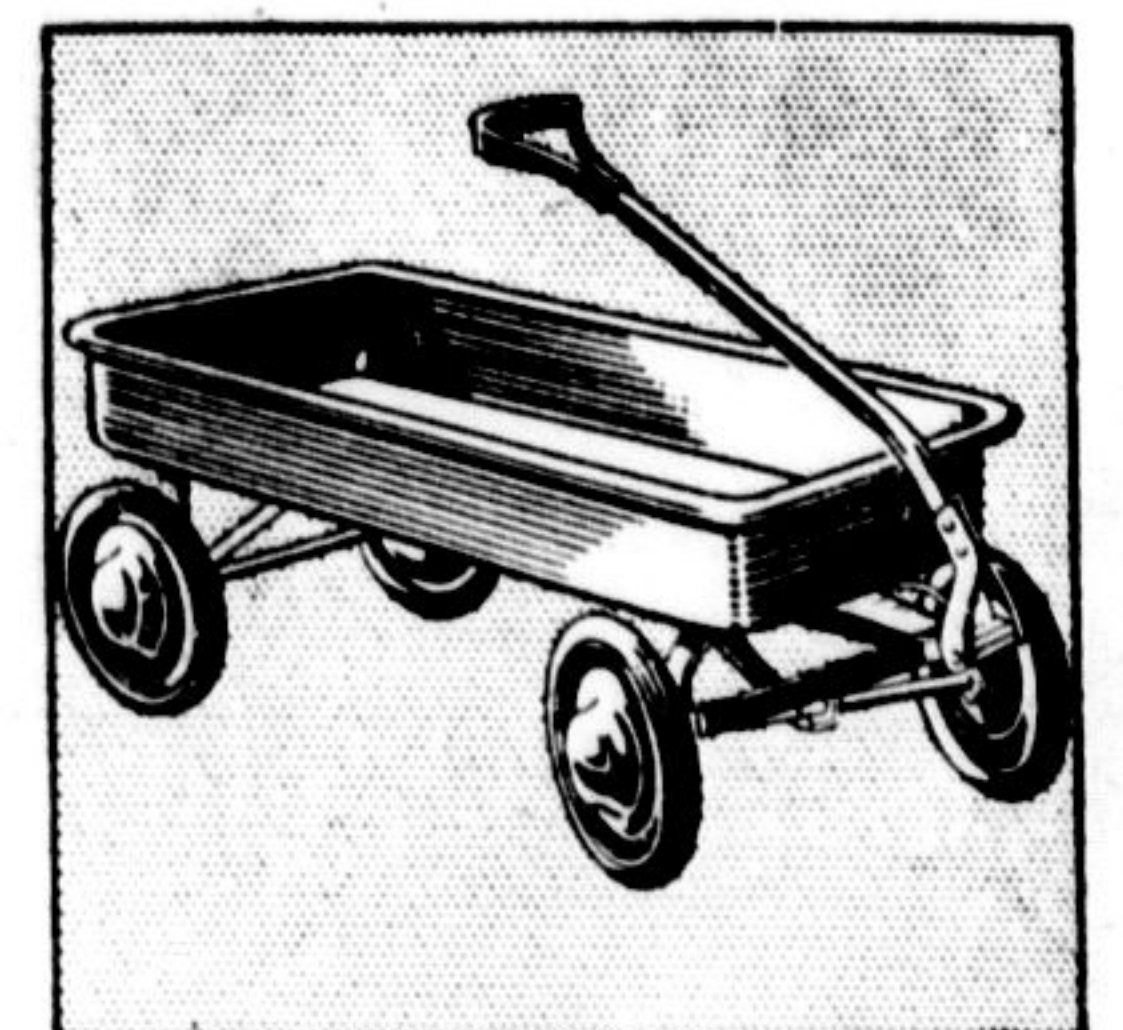
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