

OAKVILLE

With a view to teaching the youngsters of Oakville how to take care of themselves in the water, the Oakville Branch of the Red Cross Society will undertake a swimming and water safety campaign of instruction during the coming summer.

Syl Apps, captain of the victorious Maple Leaf hockey team, winners of the Stanley Cup, will be the guest speaker at the banquet given in St. Jude's Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, April 30 in honor of all the hockey teams of Oakville. — Record-Star.

BURLINGTON

The first meeting of the newly formed Band Committee was held Tuesday night, and the enthusiasm displayed is a good sign that they are on the right track to something for our young folk in the community.

The annual Boy Scouts' Father and Son night was held in Trinity gymnasium on Wednesday evening last and once again it proved a real treat for the boys and their dads. There was a splendid turnout of Scouts and Cubs and their fathers and about 300 sat down to the banquet tables.

About 9.30 on Monday morning the fire department were called to the Gazette office on Brant Street where fire had broken out in some packing crates piled outside at the rear of the building. The firemen made a quick run and on arrival found the crates blazing merrily and threatening nearby buildings.—Gazette.

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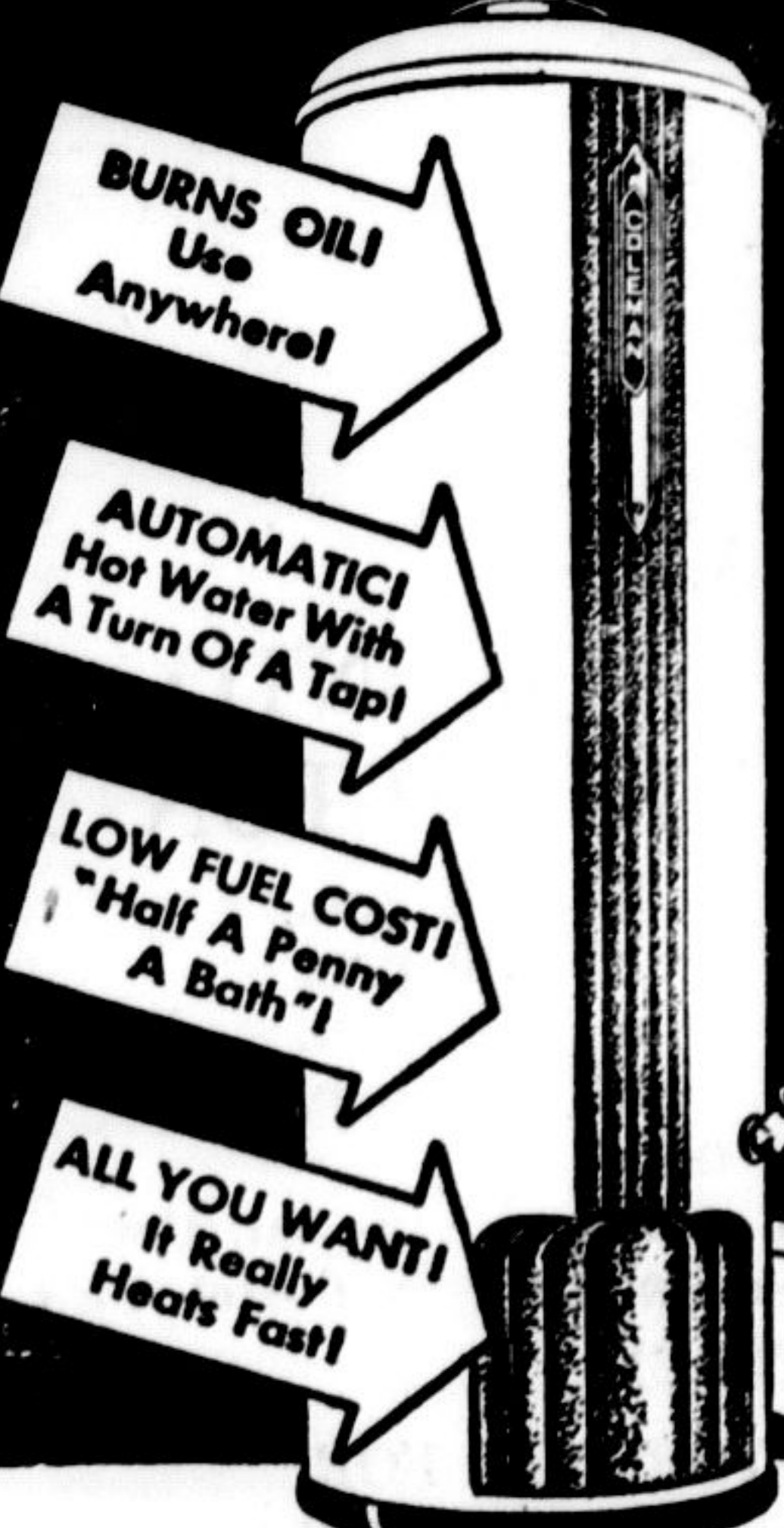
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Halton Presbytery Elected Officers at Georgetown Meeting

The second regular meeting for 1947 of Halton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was held at Georgetown United Church April 16th.

The election of officers was held, resulting in one change, that pertaining to the office of chairman.

Chairman—Rev. G. W. Porter, M.A., B.D., of Milton.

Secretary—Rev. N. J. Truax, B.A., of Carlisle.

Treasurer—Mr. R. F. Sanderson, of Oakville.

Convener of Christian Education—Rev. R. C. Todd, B.A., of Georgetown. Convener of Evangelism and Social Service—Rev. R. R. Hare, of Millgrove.

Revs. A. W. Fosbery and G. W. Porter were elected to the Settlement Committee of Conference.

Considerable time was spent discussing certain sections of the report of the General Council Commission on Christian Marriage and the Christian Home. Three resolutions were adopted:

1. We deplore weddings, the setting of which makes them publicity stunts, thereby demeaning the marriage ceremony and destroying its solemnity.

2. We call upon the Provincial Government to enact legislation requiring (a) a premarital examination (health), particularly the seriological test for syphilis, (b) that the issuing of a marriage license be granted only on the satisfying of these health requirements.

3. We request the Provincial Government to make provision for the performance of civil marriage in the Province, so as to relieve ministers of any obligation to participate in marriage proceedings which are not in accordance with the teachings of the Church; also to avoid the necessity of persons not desiring Christian marriage with its obligations participating in such vows and declarations as the Church requires.

It is recognized that in regard to divorce, it is better to try to prevent circumstances arising which lead to divorce than to stress reformation.

The Missionary and Maintenance objective will be higher for 1947 than for 1946.

Rev. E. W. Brearley, of Simcoe, visited Presbytery as Conference representative of the Victoria University Finance Campaign, to present the claims of Victoria.

No changes in Pastoral Relations were announced by the Committee dealing with such matters.

Three successful Teacher Training Schools were held within Halton Presbytery during the last three months.

ACTON

The Acton Y's Men's Club travelled to Kitchener last Monday night by bus to attend the second anniversary of the "K. W. Y's Men's Club." The big night was held in the Kitchener-Waterloo Y.M.C.A.

At a joint meeting of representatives of the Acton Branch, Canadian Legion and Acton Boys' and Girls' Band it was decided to hold a Band Tattoo in Acton Park on Saturday, June 21. Plans are being prepared to make this the outstanding musical treat of the season. Eighteen bands have been invited to participate.

At Acton Public Utilities Commission last week the application of Mr. William Williams for the position of Secretary-Treasurer had been withdrawn by letter and another appointment had to be made.

After considering the applicants for the position, the Public Utilities passed a resolution hiring Mr. John McGachie for the position of Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$1600 per annum.

A number of friends and neighbors met at the Cedarvale School on Monday evening, April 14th to honor Mr. and Mrs. Burt James.—Free Press.

TOBACCO CROP VALUE

According to the preliminary estimate, the value of the record tobacco crop of 1946 is placed at \$47,730,000 and shows a 56 per cent. increase over the value of the 1945 crop which was estimated at \$30,620,000. The increase in value, says the report, is due to a substantial increase in the quantity of the tobacco harvested as well as to an advance of about 2 1/4 cents per pound. The 1946 crop, including all types, is currently estimated at 134,667,000 pounds, or 46 per cent. more than the 92,345,000 pound crop of 1945, and is the largest ever harvested in Canada.

LESS WOOL PRODUCED

Total wool production in Canada in 1946 amounted to 19,061,000 pounds, a reduction of 625,000 pounds from the 1945 output. The reduction was attributable to a decline in shorn wool production which was 802,000 pounds below that of 1945.

The domestic disappearance of wool in Canada in 1946 amounted to 112.6 million pounds as against 67.2 million pounds in 1945. The large increase was due to importation of slightly over 100 million pounds (greasy basis) of wool.

Gross income from shorn wool in 1946 amounted to \$3,801,000, compared with \$4,015,000 in 1945. Likewise, cash income from sales of wool in 1946 declined to \$3,460,000 from the 1945 level of \$3,656,000.

MILTON CITIZENS ARE URGED TO HELP BRITAIN FUND

The Government of the Province of Ontario is organizing a Province-wide campaign to collect used clothing for relief in the areas of Britain which have recently been devastated by floods. The Honorable Russell Kelly is chairman of the Provincial Committee and he designated the dates 1st May to May 15th, for this drive. Throughout the Province, in Ottawa, Toronto, London and other places, central depots are being set up. The trucking firms, members of the Automotive Transport have agreed to pick up the bales of clothing in the local depots and carry them to the central depots.

In Milton the collection dates have been set for May 15th and 16th. On the 15th the collection will be made in the area north of Main Street and on the 16th the collection will be made in the area south of Main street. Knox Presbyterian Sunday School is the depot and the women of the various church organizations have volunteered to be present on those dates to sort and pack the clothing.

By noon on the date that is appropriate for your area of the Town, you should tie your donation of clothes in a bundle and leave it on your front door step.

It is important that any clothing being donated be clean and in good condition.

Donations of canned goods and of cash are also welcomed. Put your canned goods out with your clothes and send your cash donations to Mayor G. C. Gosland.

Cut out the advertisement that appears elsewhere in this edition and keep it for handy reference.

After the long, weary war years of nerve shattering bombing, hardships and deprivation, the havoc wrought by the recent floods must appear to many Britons to be the last straw. When we on this side of the Atlantic look back over world history and realize for how long Britain has stood on the western edge of the old world as a bulwark against aggression behind which we have sheltered, the donation of a few articles of clothing or some canned goods seems to be a very insignificant gesture. But many insignificant gestures when added to gether will make an overwhelming response that should serve to renew the spirits of our British friends.

GEORGETOWN

Council asked Wartime Housing to build 15 more houses on the present site.

Council reaffirmed the 1946 Council decision that Council is unalterably opposed to establishing a district high school unless it is located in Georgetown, the most central urban municipality in north Halton.

The dinner meeting of the Lions Club in the McGibbon House on Monday was honored with an unofficial visit from Deputy District Governor Arch McDougall of Hamilton. Introduced by Lion Chief Ab Tost, he spoke a few words urging the club particularly to try and raise the attendance percentage which was low in comparison with other clubs.—Herald.

BARFLIES IN SKIRTS

It used to be said that there were more women than men in church and more men than women in jail. A visit to a city in the United States reports on the relative attendance of men and women in the cocktail lounge of the first class hotel where he was staying. The dimly lighted drinking place was open to view as he passed back and forth several times a day attending meetings. During that one week over 90 per cent. of the drinkers were women. There were practically no men drinkers during the afternoon. A few men came for dinner and then again in the evening the women had almost a complete monopoly of the place. The older women were in the majority among the women, but the young girls present appeared to be very young. Both old and young were cost stylishly dressed. Financially they appeared to belong to an over privileged group.

There was no evidence of misconduct of any kind. These were ladies who knew how to take their liquor, that is until liquor begins to take some of them. For the women are creeping up rapidly on the men in the numbers of those admitted to mental hospitals for alcoholism and in the number of arrests of drunkenness. What will be the effect on the nation of idle extravagance and alcoholic indulgence if carried on for a generation or two? Home standards and social customs are largely in the keeping of women. The most respectable and well conducted cocktail bar is no very desirable preparation for motherhood, not even for grandmotherhood.—Temperance Advocate.

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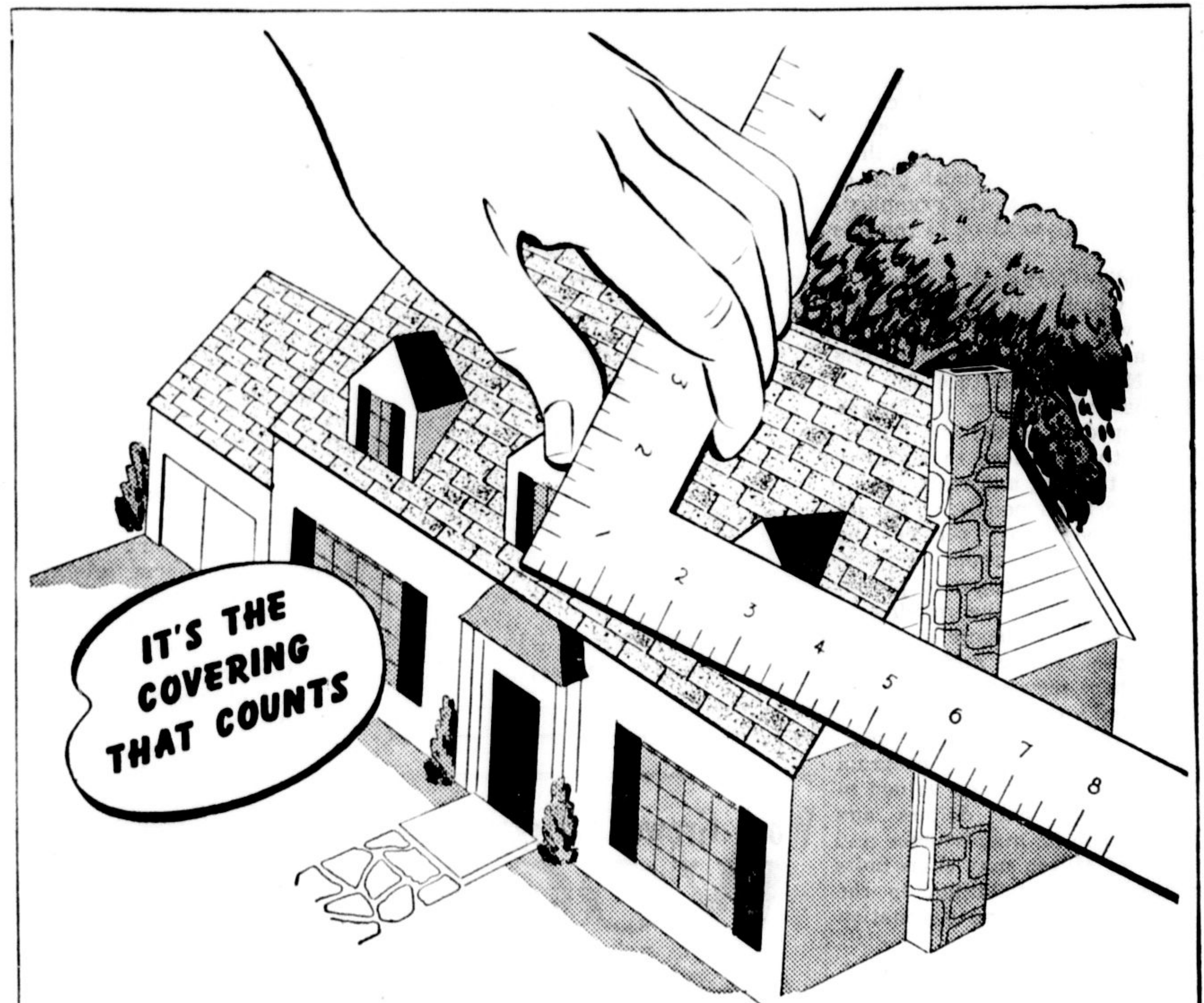
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