



**Hog Producers Consider Purchase of Packing Plant**

In many sections of Western Ontario meetings have been held recently with a view to promoting the purchase by producers of a well known Hamilton packing plant. Much might be said on both sides of the question. An editorial in a recent issue of the Farmer's Advocate briefly presents a viewpoint which may be of interest. The editorial in question is as follows:

"Asking for Trouble"  
Ownership and operation of a packing plant by farmers in the Province of Ontario has been approved by some groups of hog producers and rejected by others. Press reports announce a majority decision to proceed with the project.

While appreciating the fact that hog marketing in Ontario is far from a perfect system, this journal entertains no enthusiasm whatever regarding the proposed co-operative plant that would launch farmers into a highly competitive enterprise at a time when well-managed, long established packing plants of moderate proportions are experiencing difficult times.

A farmer-owned and operated plant would start out now with at least two strikes against it. With little or no export all products must be sold in the domestic market where the big packers have everything pretty much their own way; and the by-products would have to be processed at less profit than those of competitors or sold to the packers already equipped to handle them most efficiently.

That is the position some good packing plants in the minor league are already in. Moreover, they are forced, at times, to sell surplus products to the big packers in order to dispose of what they cannot sell to their own regular customers.

The packin plants that slaughter and process all kinds of meat animals and carry a full line of produce enjoy a distinct advantage against which the smaller plants find it very hard to contend.

Moreover, in the big league there is severe competition—at times ruthless—and smaller packers, though innocent, are likely to be caught in the squeeze."

**Holstein Breeders Plan Twilight Meeting**

The third annual twilight meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders is scheduled for Hays' Sales Arena near Trafalgar, next week states A. G. Hunter, President of the Halton association. This popular annual event will, we understand, be a combined get-together for members of the Halton dairy calf clubs and all Halton black and white enthusiasts. An invitation is extended to all interested in dairy cattle.

Prof. Geo. Rathby, Associate Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry at the O.A.C., is to be the main speaker. His subject will be a most timely one centering around recent developments in hay making. In recent years there has been a strong trend towards "grass silage" in many sections—there are also many advocates for barn hay driers. Both methods involve expenditures for additional equip-

ment and as we see the picture the method most suitable to one farmer is not necessarily the method which would be satisfactory to another farmer under a different set of conditions. For this reason Prof. Rathby's resume should be of interest and value to all dairymen. The program will also include demonstrations and competitions in "Selective registration and judging."

**BOOSTS BACON OUTPUT**

Pressing for an extension of existing bacon factory facilities, the National Farmers' Union reports that the supply of pigs for slaughter will probably reach existing factory capacity in the United Kingdom by the end of 1951, total pig numbers having increased during the last 12 months to reach 2.5 million, according to latest census figures released in September 1950.

**New Features In "Better Living"**

Dominion Stores now offer their customers a brand-new magazine, especially edited for busy homemakers. Its name is Better Living and its goal is to help women do just that.

In a recent issue there are special features on child care, fashions for married women and their teenagers, needlecraft articles, one with a novel suggestion for making glamorous tablecloths out of remnants, home decorations, home repairs, how to get the most out of the vacation dollar and family insurance plans.

Under the guidance of Christine Holbrook, Editor-in-Chief, Better Living also contains scores of time-and-money saving ideas to help housewives faced with spiraling costs of living, get more out of their budget.

All in all, there are about forty features designed to make house-keeping today more exciting without extravagance.

**HALTON HOLSTEIN HAS 135,000 LB. RECORD OTHERS ABOVE 700 LBS. FAT**

Halton County Holsteins have been making big R.O.P. records. One of them is an eleven lactation lifetime record of 135,630 lbs. milk while three others have better than 700 lbs. fat.

Kneland Ormsby Ideal owned by Methuier Dearing, Palermo, Ont., made her eleven lactation record of 135,630 lbs. milk containing 4884 lbs. fat, average test 3.60 percent butterfat on twice-a-day milking. She started on test as a junior two-year-old and made her latest record as a fourteen year old giving 574 lbs. fat from 15935 lbs. milk. In six of her lactations she qualified for the 305 day division. Her owner will receive a Blue Seal Certificate of Longtime Production from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada in recognition of her lifetime total. She is a daughter of King Sylvia Ormsby Piebe who was Reserve All-American Junior Yearling bull in 1928.

Shady View Lauretta owned by Max Greenberg, Freeman, has finished her six-year-old record with 17,675 lbs. milk containing 788 lbs. fat average test 4.35 percent butterfat in 365 days on twice-a-day milking.

Morley Watson, Freeman, is the owner of Sylvia DePride whose latest yearly record made as a seven-year-old on twice-a-day milking of 20314 lbs. milk containing 743 lbs. fat, average test 3.66 percent butterfat gives her a six lactation twice-a-day milking lifetime total of 101,835 lbs. milk containing 3816 lbs. fat, average test 3.75 percent butterfat. She thus qualifies for a Red Seal Certificate of Longtime Production. In five of her lactations Sylvia DePride produced better than 600 lbs. fat and in her yearly test made as a six year old she gave 22,931 lbs. milk containing 837 lbs. fat.

**TARGET FOR 1954**

Standing at a hotel desk in a college town last fall, I heard a young lady say to the room clerk:

"I'd like to make reservations for June 1954 for Commencement week-end—one room for my parents and one for my fiance. Of course," she confided in a lower voice, "I haven't a fiance yet, but I expect to have by then." — From "Life's Like That" in the Reader's Digest.

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**Survey Of Highway Proves Tough Job**

Surveying parties have begun work this week along the proposed routes of the Toronto - Windsor highway. University students are being employed for the job. A secondary route between Acton and Milton will be among those surveyed.

Traffic surveys have been taken of all major country and township roads to ascertain which are in most need of a highway. The volume of traffic in this area evidently warranted the proximity of a new highway even though the stretch of land between Toronto and Paris is already causing some concern due to the Niagara Escarpment. It is because of this ridge that preliminary surveys of the area are necessarily taking considerable time.

The traffic surveys of all of Ontario have been taken with the exception of the Brantford area and some of the route of the new highway near London. The highway will certainly be a boon in this district where No. 7 highway is not congested but is always busy in the day time. For industry and farm sales the quicker route to Toronto will be an asset.

Edgar Allen Poe is generally regarded as the originator of the modern detective story.

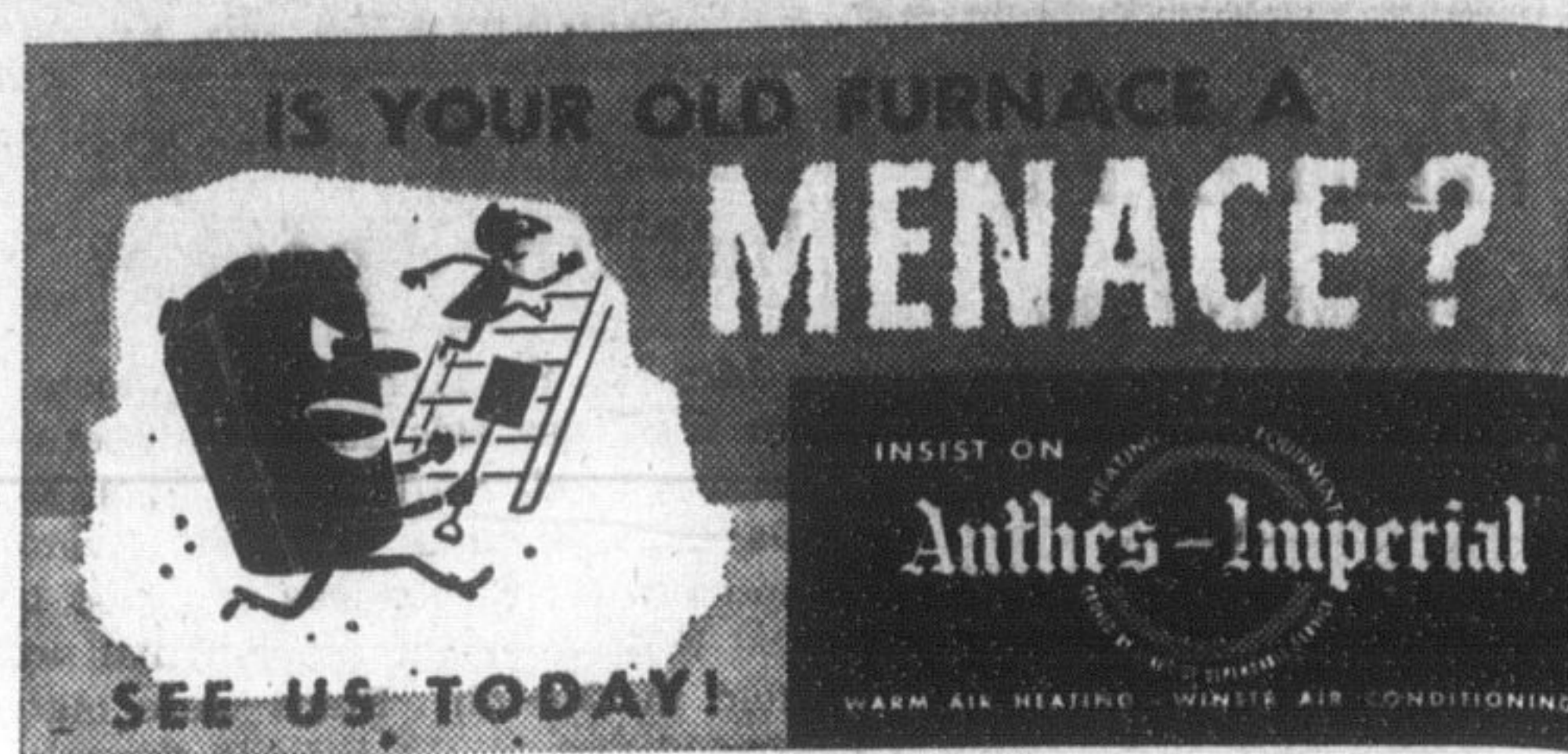
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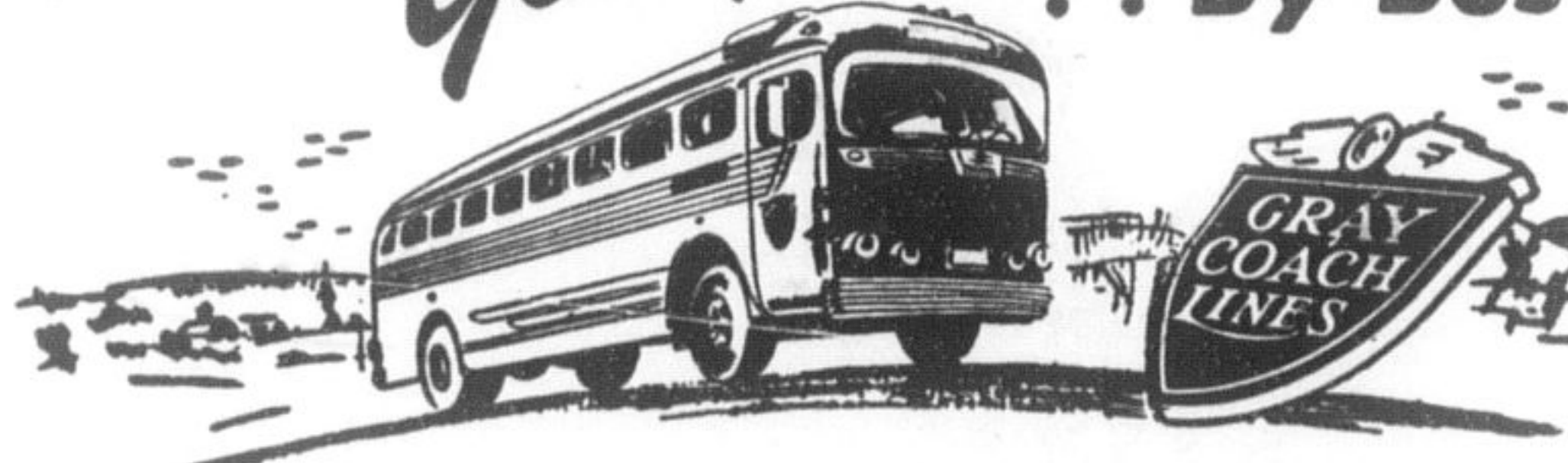
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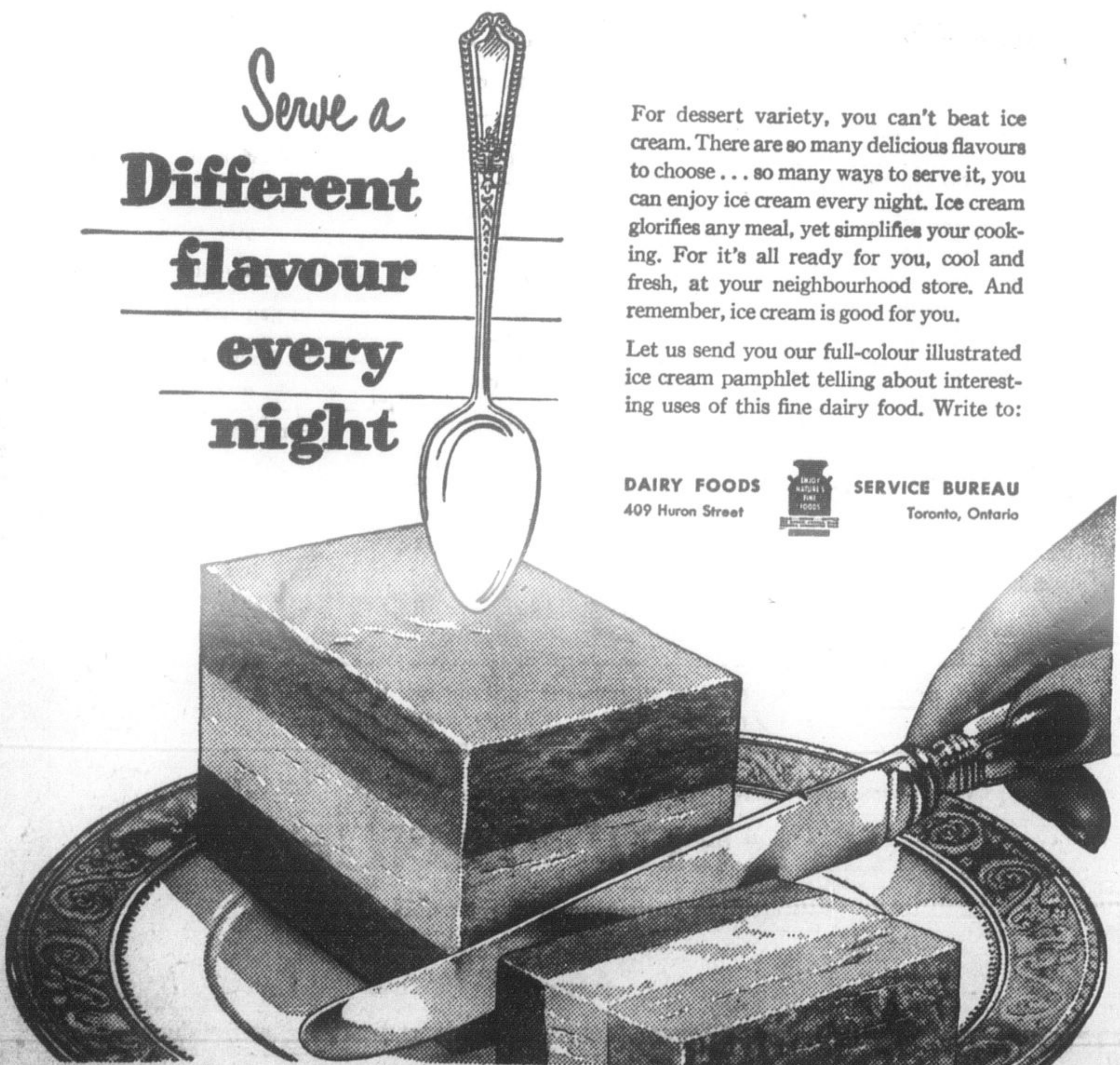
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