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**SCOUT CODE ABOVE INDIAN  
CASTE**

A further tribute by the Chief Medical Officer to the work being voluntarily done in the quake-destroyed city of Quetta by Indian Rover Scouts: "Yesterday I went in the morning to watch a group of Rovers take a dead sweeper's body from a house. The swapper had been an outcast, yet the Rovers, high caste Hindus and Mohammedans, did the work which the authorities did not desire to ask the soldiers to do. It was a magnificent effort on the part of the Scouts." Photographs of the Rovers at work show them, in gas masks, carrying bodies from the wreckage, digging graves for hundreds of victims, and giving a last salute to the unknown dead.

**A NORTH BRITISH SCOUT  
JAMBOREE**

Next year's district Scout Jamborees planned in England include a Northern Counties Jamboree, to be held at Baby Castle, the seat of Lord Barnard, County Scout Commissioner for Durham.

**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE  
BUSY FARMER**

**Convention Dates**

Arrangements have been completed by the Agricultural Associations concerned to hold their Annual Meetings and Conventions, as announced below (1936):

Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (formerly Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions)—Annual Convention, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4 and 5, commencing at 9.30 a.m., King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Plowmen's Association—Annual Meeting, Thursday, February 6th, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Directors' Meeting at 9.30, King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers' Association—Annual Meeting, Friday, February 7th, commencing at 9.30 a.m., King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association—Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 11th, commencing at 9.30 a.m., Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Convention, Wednesday, February 12th, commencing at 9.30 a.m., Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Horticultural Association, Annual Convention—Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14, commencing at 9 a.m., Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

**Must be Abortion Free**

A ruling which was not unexpected has been made by the Health of Animals Branch at Ottawa. Effective January 1 all cattle six months old or more of dairy or breeding type to be exported to the United States must be accompanied by a certificate saying they are free from Bang's disease, also known as infectious abortion.

The certificate signed or endorsed by an official veterinarian of the country of origin must show that the animals are free from the disease and have been subjected to a test within 60 days of the date of exportation showing negative results of the disease.

Official advice received from the United States Federal Department of Agriculture by Dr. George Hilton, Canadian Veterinary Director General said the order does not include cattle exported for immediate slaughter, steers and spayed heifers and cattle for grazing or feeding which are not of the dairy breeding type. Dr. Hilton said the Health of Animals Branch is prepared to assist farmers in taking necessary measures to free their herds from the disease.

**Alsike Seed Production**

A survey at the end of October would indicate the following commercial alsike seed production in Canada this year:

Central and western Ontario 200,000 pounds, which is a decidedly light

crop when compared with the eight to ten million pounds which used to be produced annually in this part of Canada. A negligible crop is reported in north-western Ontario which ordinarily supplies a fair quantity of seed, and only about 5,000 pounds of reasonably pure alsike is indicated in the Timiskaming districts of northern Ontario and Quebec. About two carloads are reported in the Prince George production district of British Columbia. In addition there may be some 1,000,000 pounds of timothy containing more or less alsike in the Timiskaming districts of Ontario and Quebec.

A shortage of alsike for normal Canadian requirements, which approximates 1,500,000 pounds per annum, seems inevitable for next spring, although there may be some importations from the United States and Europe to increase the supply.

The crop this year in Ontario is only fair in general appearance and in freedom from weed seeds, but any alsike that will grade under the Dominion Seeds Act should be in strong demand.

Prices paid growers in 1935 have not yet been established, but in 1934 when alsike was scarce also, growers received from 20 to 25c. per pound for No. 1 grade.

**Avoid Scab in Potatoes**

There is more than fertility of soil to be considered in crop production. Potato growers can increase their yields by the application of fertilizer, this crop being one that responds readily to the right formulas. Markets demand more than volume, however, and a scab-covered lot of tubers are likely to be rejected by dealers. The germs of this disease are usually present in soils on which potatoes have been grown for some years, the continuous planting adding to the trouble. The seed may be treated with formaldehyde or corrosive sublimate, but if placed in infected ground the scab will promptly appear. If lime has been applied within the previous year or two the conditions are even more favorable for the development of the disease.

The application of lime is recommended in order to stimulate the growth of clover and alfalfa, the two crops that are well fitted to improve the soil when turned under. The problem of the grower is to decide whether to continue to grow potatoes without this green manuring and avoid scab or to lime the ground and take chances. Where potatoes are not a main crop it is possible to plan a rotation in which liming is done for other crops and potatoes included after a five year period. Another plan is to choose scab resistant varieties of which there are a few offered. Unfortunately these are not such high yielders though in course of time strains may be developed that

combine productiveness with disease resistance, as already accomplished in wheat.

**Expansion in Poultry Industry**

The poultry industry in South-western Ontario has undergone rapid expansion in recent years, growing slowly from the small farm flock of a dozen or two hens to the large flock, and some instances to the larger specialized poultry farms. At one time all the operations of breeding, incubation, egg production, fattening and preparing for market were carried out on the farm under single management, but now in many instances we find major operations carried out at some specialized plant. However, the general-purpose poultry farm where all or nearly all the operations are carried on still remains the safest undertaking and the backbone of the industry.

In conformity with other farm products poultry has had its lean years, but a well-managed flock could generally be relied upon to return some profit. The rule that only the best will survive under keen competition may be seriously applied to poultry-keeping due to the small profit per unit; a hen may lay one egg or she may lay 350 in a year, and the overhead expense of the poor hens is remarkably close to that of the high producer, but there is a vast difference in the revenue.

A glance at the laying contest reports will disclose the remarkable difference between flocks, and probably more than any other factor, these contests, held in all the provinces under Dominion Government management, have done great service in stimulating selective breeding and pointing out the difference in the production of a good flock and a poor one.

**DIDN'T BELONG**

"So you're out of work and want help? What's your trade?"

"I'm a painter, mister."

"Painter, eh? Well, now, my car needs painting. What would you charge to do that job?"

"Two dollars an hour."

"Two dollars an hour? Why, I wouldn't pay Michelangelo two dollars an hour in times like these!"

"Well, mister, I don't know this Michelangelo; but if he paints cars at less than two dollars an hour he don't belong to the union."

Please, do not spell it "Xmas." There is no such word in the English language.

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**A BLANKET HUNG  
OVER HER ARM**

Editor,  
Dear Sir:

I see by the paper that the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto is now sending out its Annual Appeal for funds to enable it to carry on successfully for the next twelve months. This brings back to my mind the last time I had occasion to be in that Institution. An incident impressed it very vividly on my mind.

A bewildered sad-faced woman preceded me down the low, wide stone stairs leading to the front door of the Hospital. A blanket hung over her arm. "Ah yes," I said to myself, "that signifies only one thing. She has just left her child here for treatment. The poor thing!" I wondered if I should try to comfort her, or if anything I might say would only make her feel worse. I overtook her as I debated, just in time to steady her as she stumbled on the last step. It came naturally enough that we should drop on a hall bench; and there, seeing my sympathy, she brought forth her desperately tragic story in broken sentences:

It was wash day. She had just stepped out of the kitchen into the dining-room to take off the tablecloth that she had decided, at the last minute, to add to the wash. There was a sound of some heavy object striking the floor, a swish of falling water, a childish scream of fright and pain. In a split second, a bright sunny morning had become a nightmare of unbelievable horror. Her three-year-old child had pulled over her a huge pot of boiling water. Her little body was terribly scalded. Her face had miraculously escaped. "Will she live, will she live," sobbed the distracted mother. Touching the blanket on her arm she said, "I can take this blanket home that we brought her in, but I have to leave her, my baby, with strangers. I want to hold her in my own arms and soothe her, poor frightened little one!"

I hesitated as to whether I should tell her of my hospital experience, but, although terrible for me at the time, I knew it was nothing compared with hers. However, I thought it would help, so I forced back my tears and holding her hand in mine, I told her how very good the nurses and doctors had been to my small son when I brought him to them at the age of seven with a broken leg to mend. "They will be so tender with the baby and nothing will be left undone," I assured her, "not only to save the little life, but to prevent ugly scarring." We left the Hospital together and, parting at the corner she thanked me sincerely for my sympathy. I think I had managed to comfort her, a little, at least.

Each day for weeks I telephoned the Hospital to learn how the child was. For many days its life hung by a thread, but they would not let it go. At last one morning it was joyfully told it would recover. I have since had the great pleasure of seeing this little one, who is now a happy, laughing school girl.

This is my remembrance of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Yes, I'm sending the Hospital my gift of money to-day, the largest I can spare, and I do trust others will do so, too, for I think it is worthy of help from everyone.

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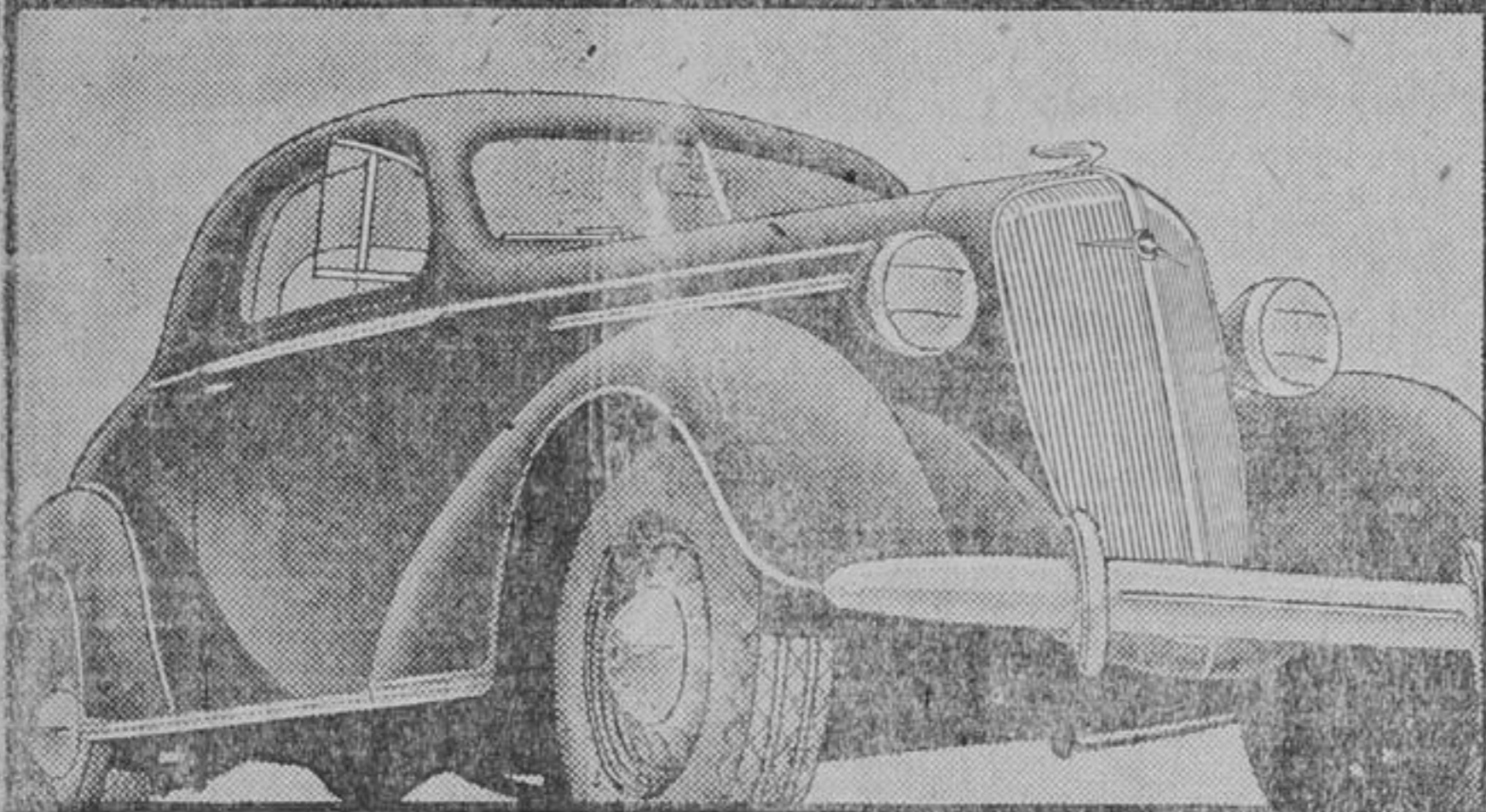
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