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**Weekly Crop Report**  
Fall wheat and meadows made wonderful growth during the early part of May, which was featured by exceptionally high temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Spraying of orchards was carried on throughout the fruit growing districts, as the bloom came on very rapidly. A great amount of spring seeding was accomplished during this period, and all kinds of garden crops transplanted. For instance in Lincoln County in one district alone there will be over 300,000 transplanted beets. Clover crops have also come along rapidly and it is safe to say that crops generally never looked more promising at this time of year. Down in Frontenac County many farmers are complaining of heavy attacks of the flea beetle, injuring both vegetables in the field and in the hot beds. Seed cleaning plants were running at full capacity and there has been a keen demand for commercial fertilizers.

**Lime Not a Fertilizer**  
Strictly speaking, lime in any of its forms, is not a fertilizer, but rather belongs to the class of soil amendments. It does not contain any of the three essential plant foods: nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash. Its main element is calcium which is required in relatively small quantities for plant growth and most soils contain sufficient of it naturally.  
An abundance of lime is harmful to grass, bulbs such as gladiolus, potatoes, and numerous other plants which thrive best in an acid or mildly acid soil condition. On the other hand, it is helpful to the legumes, such as the clovers, peas including sweet peas, asparagus and some other crops which soil acidity harms. The main use of lime, therefore, is in correcting soil acidity and improving the physical condition of heavy clay soils. It does the latter by its action on the substances that cause the clays to become sticky and bake hard. Lime should therefore be used rather as a soil amendment and not primarily as a fertilizer.

**Stopping the Corn Borer**  
Several suggestions were advanced at the recent convention of corn borer inspectors regarding treatment of standing corn. They were as follows:  
1. The use of a road scraper on a frosty morning; 2, the use of a heavy beam about 8 to 10 feet long drawn across the field; 3, the use of a broad heavy hoe (one man can sometimes cut two acres a day with this tool); 4, in some cases a mower may be used. The corn should be cut when dry and burned the same day.

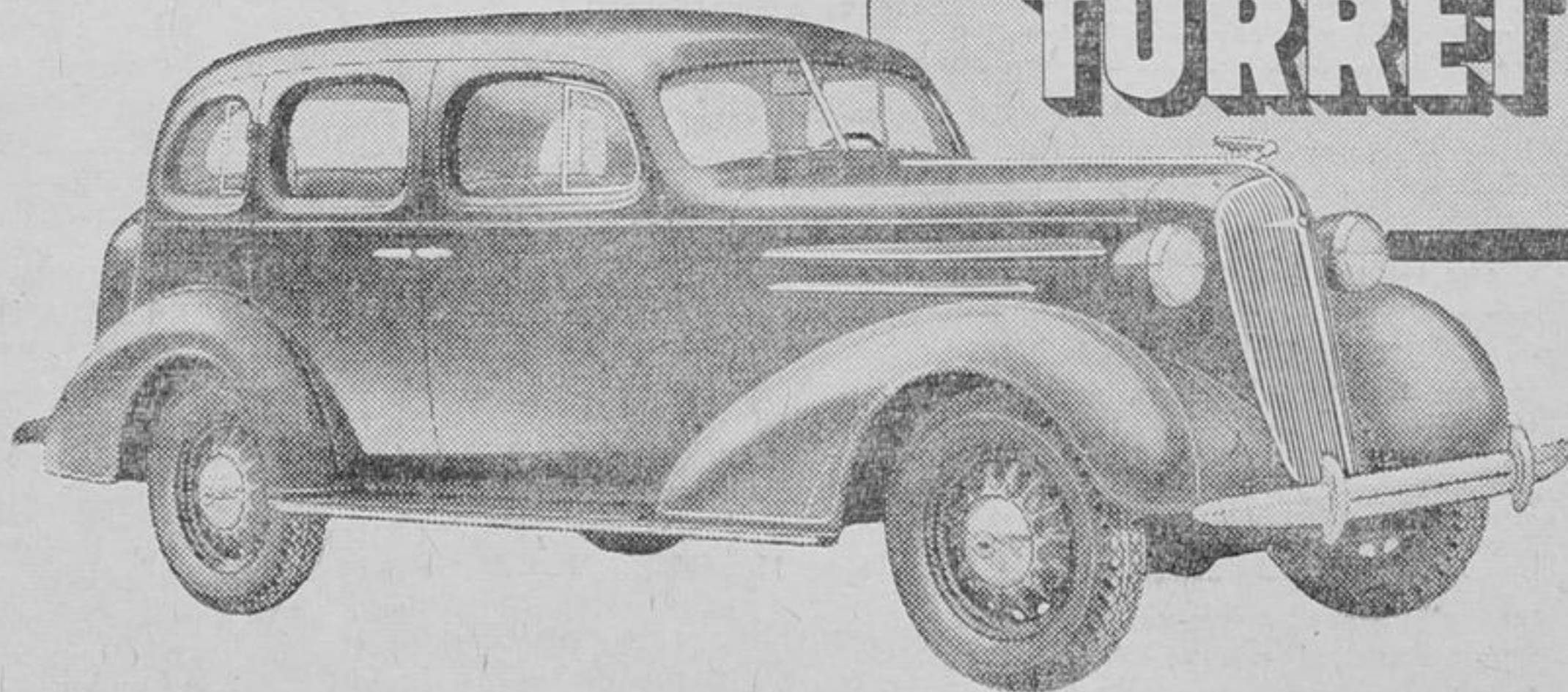
A number of suggestions were made regarding the treatment of corn stubble. It was agreed that stubble over 4 inches long ought to be crushed or broken off before ploughing. A plank or leveler was suggested for this purpose; it was admitted that a disk run over the rows twice might do the job, and, in May, when the roots are rotten, a harrow turned upside down and run both ways over the stubble will drag almost all of it out.

Suggestions re ploughing were to use a broad bottom plough that will turn a 10 or 12-inch furrow. The furrows should be at least 5 inches deep, or better, 6 inches deep. The plough should be equipped with a skimmer and a chain, and sometimes also with a number 9 wire 8 to 10 feet long. Ploughing should always be done lengthwise of the rows, and the last round before the stubble row should be run within 2 inches of the stubble so that on the next round the stubble will fall flat into the furrow.

After ploughing it is very necessary that in working the soil a disk should be used instead of a toothed implement.

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**SLATS' DIARY**  
(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Had to go to S. S. & the teacher sed children who go to S. S. are libel to grow up & be good peepul. Witch is okey doke I reken. But I doant see as goin feeshen would make no boddie grow up & be bad. Any ways I tride it in the p. m. Fees her man's luck.

Monday: Jane's Ma give a partie for sum littel boys & girls & when Jake's littel brother Danny's Ma told him when he arived home she hoped he diddent take 2 helpings of cake he sed no he diddent but he was glad he had 2 hands when it was past the first time.

Tuesday: A ossifer stoped Jane for speedin & she sed she was a student hurrying to skool. The ossifer sed ignorants is no excuse. That's 1 on Jone. Good sez me.

Wednesday: Here's one on Blisters all so. He broozed his arm slidin to 2d & when the teacher put sum liniment on it he sed it made his arm smart. I otto rub sum on yure hed then, she replide & everyboddie laft.

Thursday: But today I found out laffins ketchen. The teacher was sayen feesh is a brane food & I sed what kind & she sed well as to you I xpect you otto eat a whale. & agen all the silley kids laft. Xcept I.

Friday: Abe Spilkins hauled off & maryed his 1st wifes sister & Pa got off a joak on gramma when Ma wondered why. Pa replide he gest it was becoss Abe diddent want to brake in no 2d mothern law.

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