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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE  
BUSY FARMER**

**Farm and Home Week**  
Several thousands of farmers and their wives took advantage of the Farm and Home Week at O.A.C. to visit this important institution and inspect its various interesting departments. A daily feature throughout the week, the parade of college livestock, was one of the day's highlights. A number of farm organizations took the occasion to hold their annual meetings and election of officers there during the week. Hundreds of poultrymen attended meetings of the Record of Performance Association and Ontario Poultry Federation. Altogether it was the most successful Farm and Home Week in the history of O.A.C. and it demonstrates that farmers are coming to have a new appreciation of the value of scientific agriculture.

**Salt in Hay Curing**  
One tenth of the value of the annual hay crop in Canada is lost, due to fire and spoilage caused by heating, according to an estimate made recently by W. J. Scott, Fire Marshal for Ontario.

Mr. Scott points out that this loss is not entirely the result of actual fires. Much of it is accounted for by heating that does not reach the ignition point but does destroy the food value, owing to fermentation and bacterial action in the presence of moisture. The early stages of heating in hay are caused largely by moulds and bacteria that occur naturally in hay. If this is not checked the temperature may rise to a point where chemical reactions are started and more heat is produced, with ultimate ignition.

As a preventive measure, Mr. Scott advocates the use of salt, which has long been recognized as a preservative and a retardant of fermentation. If used intelligently it will slow down the heating action in hay and prevent dangerous temperatures. The amount of salt recommended is up to 20 or 30 pounds per ton of hay. Salt, he points out, will serve not only as a preventive of heating and spoilage but also will increase the food value to livestock.

**Roguing of Fields**  
The farmer who is saving clover or timothy fields for seed would be well advised to make a thorough inspection of the area to be kept for this purpose and to rogue or pull out any weeds which might be present, particularly weeds, the seeds of which, are difficult to remove from clovers and timothy seed. When one considers the fact that an average plant of Ox-eye Daisy may produce 5,000-8,000 seeds, Bladder Campion 10 to 20,000 seeds, Curled Dock 17,000, Ribgrass 12,000, Canada Thistle 3,500, and False, Flax 40,000 seeds, we can readily understand how the presence of a very few of these weeds would be sufficient to put the seeds into a rejected grade. Every weed destroyed means thousands of seed destroyed. Hand pulling of weeds is one job in which every member of the family can help, including school children. Plan on going through your fields regularly.

It is important that all weeds be destroyed immediately after picking as there is a possibility of them being so far advanced that seeds will

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mature if they are thrown by the fence or left lying in the field.

Roguing will greatly increase the value of the resulting seed crop and may mean all the difference between profit and loss. A reasonably clean seed crop will be easier to clean for market, the costs of cleaning to the grower will be greatly lessened and he will be assured of top grades and better prices.

Include roguing on your farm programme, a job which must be done. Time and money can be profitably spent at this work.

**Sharp Practices in Feed Sales**

Purchasers should beware of feed sold by the bag with no stipulation as to weight. Some unscrupulous feed dealers have sought to capitalize on the fact that the one hundred-pound bag unit of feed is so commonly employed that it is taken for granted. Even with fixed weights the volume of bulk feeds varies according to the nature of the material or the tightness of packing, and so a lack of uniformity in the size of packed bags does not ordinarily arouse suspicion. It is alleged that some dealers guard against suspicion by using bags of the usual height, but less than the usual width, giving the appearance of a full weight package while actually it is a few pounds under weight.

The farmer is victimized not only in the quantity of feed which he receives, but likewise in the price per hundred pounds or per ton which he pays. He is also misled in his ration balancing plans, for he commonly purchases concentrates to supplement and balance farm grown feeds. Even should he detect the shortages he could probably get no redress for the vendor guilty of such practices sells "by the bag" rather than by weight and thus protects himself against charges of misrepresentation.

Farmers would be well advised, therefore, to purchase feed on a weight-basis rather than a bag-basis and also to check sellers' weights whenever opportunity permits. By so doing, they would not only protect themselves against the practices described, but would serve the interests of honorable manufacturers and dealers whose bag-lot prices appear out of line when they must offer a one hundred pound bag of feed in competition with, say, a ninety-three pound bag.

**Fruit Crop Report**

Ontario's commercial fruit crops were rated at only average on June 15. Early spring hopes for good orchard yields were sharply revised by the Department report for June. Varying temperature conditions and frost in the late spring have damaged the fruit prospects.

Ontario's 1936 yields of apples, sour cherries, pears, plums, peaches, grapes and strawberries are now rated generally below average in tables prepared by S. H. H. Symons, Agricultural Department Statistician. Only bright spots in the fruit forecasts are sweet cherries and raspberries.

Snow apples are reported to be showing the poorest prospects. The bulk of the apple varieties are just a little below the average mark, and Spy and Stark get the best ratings. Bartlett and Keifer pears are reported in below-average condition, especially in Eastern Ontario, where almost all the fruits are below the figures for the rest of the Province. With 3 the average index, grapes are rated at 2.4. The department estimates the grape crop was reduced about 30 per cent. by late frosts and hail.

The sweet cherry and raspberry crops are best in Southern and Western Ontario. Throughout the Province the Departmental figures report there has been a 10 per cent. increase in raspberry production and a 9 per cent. increase in bearing acreage. The acreage of bearing strawberry plants is well below the figure for a year ago.

Frost and cut worms have been working havoc in vegetable farms but vegetable prospects are better than fruit prospects. Only cauliflower is rated in a below-average condition. Asparagus, beans, cabbages, carrots, celery, corn, lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes, spinach and early tomatoes are rated average or above average.

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Willowdale United Church School which was organized in 1816 and has continued ever since celebrates its 120th anniversary this year. A fitting feature for this venerable old institution will be its special summer sessions this year. Under the direction of its superintendent, Wm. Dowson, Willowdale, will endeavour to present a series of Canadian Indian mission work talks illustrated with coloured slides each Sunday morning in place of the regular lesson period. Other changes will also be made in the order of service.

In days gone by Willowdale was a centre of evangelical work of the early Methodist church among the Indians of the then Canadian wilderness, and many are the records of camp meetings lasting for days held in the clearing behind the old church to which Indians from as far away as Penetang and Scugog attended.

Willowdale was also a centre of worship for patriots of Wm. Lyon Mackenzie, an association which was epitomized at the last Christmas session by a play by the boys of the Sunday School which was dramatized from the records of the old community.

Some of the lectures during the summer months will be given under the direction of the superintendent who has spent more than 12 summers and winters in the north working as a logger, riverman, homesteader and prospector.

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**MOTORING HINTS**  
At this time of year many of us are taking long motor trips and may journey far from beaten paths. A few health hints may be appropriate. Carry a first aid kit in your car. One never knows when it will be needed to save a life—perhaps your own. This should contain at least a recognized disinfectant for wounds, sterile gauze, cotton bandages, adhesive and a twist of heavy cord for applying improvised splints.

Keep dark glasses in the car. They will save much eye fatigue, a splitting headache and perhaps a spoiled day.

In long drives, rest ten minutes every hour. Change drivers every hour, if more than one can drive. Be eternally vigilant against insidious drowsiness.

Maintain good ventilation despite dust or rain. Unsuspected carbon monoxide poisoning has caused many fatalities. Because of the outward direction of so-called "no draught ventilation", other windows should be open to minimize the drawing in of monoxide charged air from below.

Carry thermos or other containers with your water supply for occasional meals. This is safer than dipping the water from wayside streams, no matter how sparkling they appear.

Unless quite sure of your drinking water, it should be boiled before use or sterilized with the chlorine drop outfits now available from departments of health.

Outside of large centres—and not always there either—it is uncommon as yet to find milk pasteurized. Ask if the cows are tuberculin tested. Moreover to minimize the danger of acute dysentery (cholera infantum) milk should not be given to small children unless it is absolutely fresh, or has been brought almost to the boiling point.

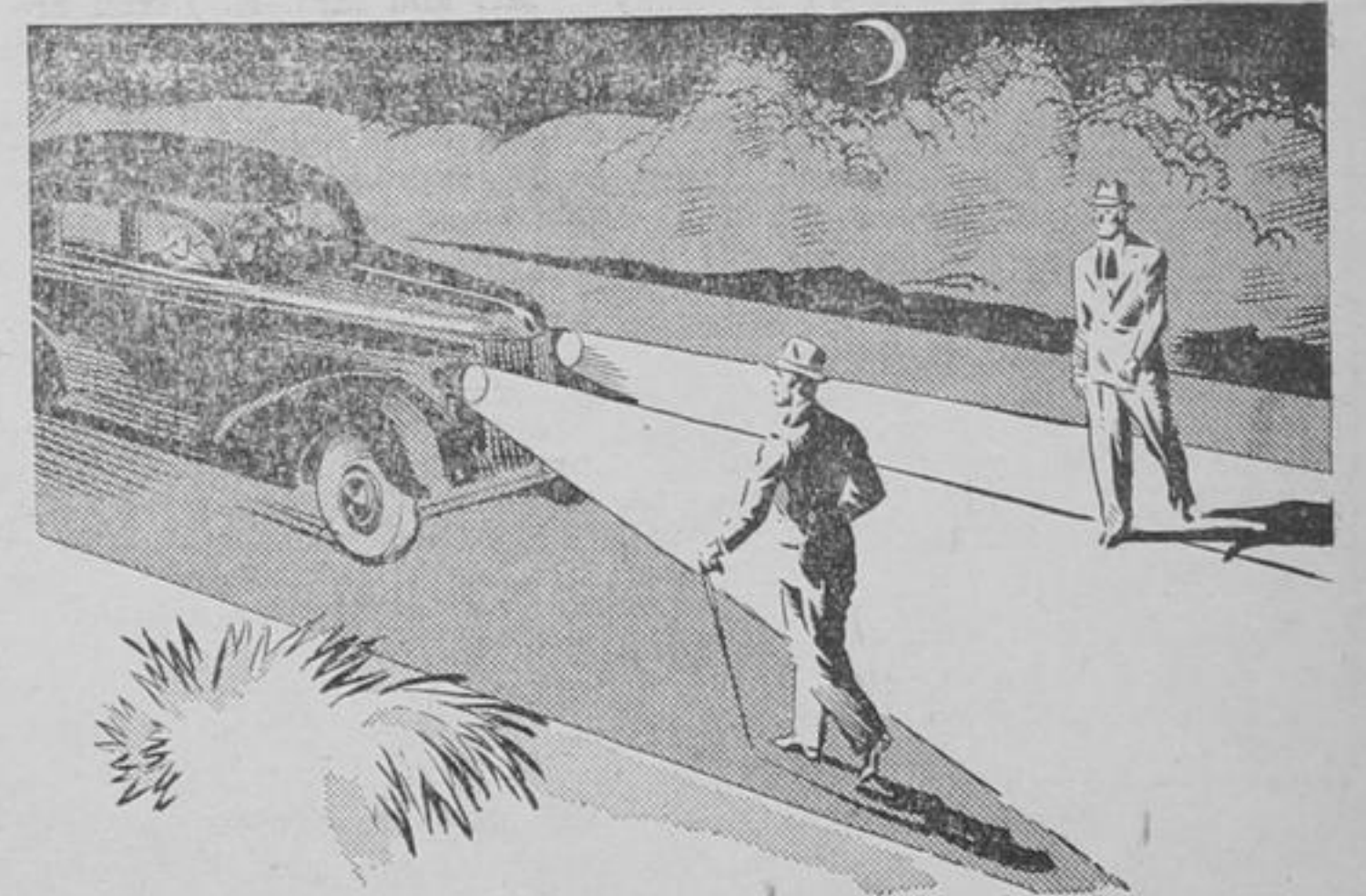
Unless you know the source of the ice, do not put it directly into liquid refreshments.

In addition to the first aid kit, carry a few handy medicines along; soda-mint tablets, your favorite laxatives; acetyl-salicylic acid tablets for headache; 10% neo-silvol or argyrol for inflamed eyes or a cold in the head; an eye dropper, rubbing alcohol, sunburn applications, spray and solution for warding off mosquitoes.

If sickness comes on when travelling it is but natural to endeavour to "push on" for home or familiar destination. Sometimes this may mean dangerous delay and it is much safer to consult a local doctor, even though a stranger, than to waste precious hours. The local public hospital could submit a list of competent doctors for your choice.

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Let us make it an infallible rule to dip or dim our lights when meeting other cars. It will soon become almost automatic for us to do so. Oncoming drivers will respond. Within a very short time, this "deliberate gesture" of Courtesy (as it now is) will become a fixed habit.

Do not crowd the other Fellow when meeting or passing. If he is inclined to be a nervous driver, he may easily misjudge distance at night. We don't know. And it costs us nothing to give him several feet of clearance.

Let us give pedestrians MORE than ample space for walking. We have all the advantage when we are driving and the other fellow is afoot. Let us not use that advantage in a bullying way.

On the other hand, when we are walking, let us show true courtesy to those who are driving. When we walk WITH traffic, we place ALL the responsibility upon the motorist. Always walk facing oncoming traffic, and wear or carry something light that the lights of oncoming cars will pick up, even if you carry only a partly opened newspaper.

These are a few instances only, to demonstrate the SPIRIT of Courtesy which I am suggesting and recommending to the people of Ontario.

Practise and preach the golden rule of the road — "Show to others the same courtesy that you would like to have shown to you".

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