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The Sublime Indifference of Smokers

In 13,719 instances last year, smokers were careless and caused \$2,427,000 worth of property to go up in smoke. Fires from this cause are top ranking in the list of causes, as reported to the Dominion Fire Commissioner's office for 1938. Ten years ago this type of fire numbered slightly less than 3,000 for the whole of Canada. But with a steady increase in the number of smokers, principally among the fair sex, there appears also to have developed an indifference to the hazards of fire from carelessly disposed cigarettes, tobacco and matches that is hardly imaginable. With an increase of 430% in the number of fires from this cause, "smokers' carelessness" can now be classed as Public Enemy No. 1 as far as fires are concerned. The question arises, are women more careless than men in the matter of smoking? Unfortunately, there are no statistics to enlighten us on this score, but the fact remains that far too many fires are started through the carelessness of smokers and only a careful disposition of cigarettes, matches and tobacco can stop it. Perhaps if these nearly 14,000 people responsible for this loss could be gathered together in one place and could witness nearly 2½ millions of dollars worth of property go up in smoke with the cries of several entrapped persons mingling with the crackling of the flames, they would exercise more care in their smoking habits.

Hog and Carcass Grading Reports To Farmers

Inquiries are frequently received from farmers requesting information as to the grading of hogs they have marketed. The Department of Agriculture does not, as a general practice, mail hog grading reports or certificates direct to farmers.

It is true that a large number of official reports have been forwarded direct to farmers, but this is only an auxiliary service, necessarily limited in scope, and subject to discontinuance at any time. Provision has been made for the farmer to receive a grading report on his hogs promptly through the regular trade channels, and if it is not forthcoming the farmer should look to his trucker, shipper or agent for it. It may be taken for granted that there is no delay on the grader's part in making grading information immediately available to buyer and seller.

The following is an extract from the pamphlet "The Carcass Grading of Hogs—Information for Farmers" dealing with this subject:

"Carcass Grading Certificates
The grader issues an official carcass grading certificate covering each farmer's lot of hogs identified for rail grading. This may be in either one of the following forms:

1. A statement supplied to the shipper, showing the grading on each farmer's lot of hogs in the shipment. In this case the farmer should make a point of seeing this statement or requiring a record of his own grading from the shipper along with the settlement for his hogs. This system usually applies where the hogs are sold to a shipper on the basis of live weight.

This department is mailing individual carcass grading reports to farmers as time permits but this service is necessarily limited, and such reports are often delayed several days.

2. An individual carcass grading certificate for each farmer's lot of hogs made out by the grader and made available to the farmer through the shipper, commission firm or packer. This system usually applies where the hogs are sold on the basis of dressed weight.

Statement of Settlement
Each farmer is entitled to, and should demand a statement of settlement from the shipper, commission firm or packer. This should show the following:

1. Weight of the hogs or carcasses.
2. Price per cwt.
3. Premiums and deductions due to grade.
4. Any other deductions such as freight, trucking and commission.
5. Net amount of settlement.

In some cases these statements of settlement are combined with the official carcass grading statement as a matter of convenience.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture will, however, forward a grading report to any farmer who makes a request for one within a reasonable length of time after the hogs are marketed. Such requests should give complete information regarding the shipment concerned and be addressed to the official swine grader at the point where the hogs were graded, or the nearest office of the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Division, Dominion Marketing Service.

Hog producers are urged, however, to insist that grading certificates and statements of settlement be promptly made available to them by the agencies through which they market their hogs.

WOODBIDGE

Several roadside posts were snapped off when a car left the highway and overturned in the ditch at the west end of Woodbridge last Friday. According to Constable C. F. Lewis, the mishap occurred when the driver, Miss S. Kerr, Toronto, attempted to avoid striking a dog. She emerged uninjured.

Woodbridge A.Y.P.A. members joined with others from Schomberg, King, Kettleby, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Oak Ridges and Toronto for an 8 a.m. corporate communion and breakfast at Trinity Church, Aurora, last Monday morning. The event was one of a chain of similar activities throughout Canada. The Rev. Blake Wood, assistant at Christ Church, Deer Park, addressed the gathering following breakfast. Celebrant was the Rev. G. O. Lightbourne, Aurora, who was assisted by Rev. F. V. Abbott, Schomberg; Rev. E. Worrall, King, and Rev. A. J. Patstone, Newmarket. President of the deanery council, C. J. Beauclerc, King, was chairman and Miss Evelyn Heard, Aurora, convener in charge.

Judge: "What made you steal those socks?"
Accused: "I don't know, sir — I must have been wool-gathering."

Farmers are Urged To Obtain Seed Now

Do not leave this important work until next spring, advises J. D. MacLeod of Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

In view of the present situation in Europe, it is of vital importance that every effort be made to increase crop production, particularly crops which are necessary for the sustenance of those actively engaged in the defence of the Empire, says J. D. MacLeod, Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

Ontario farmers have a duty to perform, that of making a special effort to produce more bushels per acre than has been customary in the past. It is possible to do this without increasing materially the costs of production by maintaining and building up soil fertility; adopting greater efficiency of implements and labor; better cultural practices and by sowing the very best seed obtainable.

Farmers are urged to make sure that they have their 1940 seeding requirements on hand. Clean and grade a sufficient amount of seed for your own use. Do not leave this important work until your bins are low.

Do It Now. If you have not got sufficient or suitable seed of your own, purchase high quality seed from your neighbour. This should be done while prices are reasonable and before there is a scarcity.

The sowing of clean seed is the first step in profitable farming and the first step in weed control, Mr. MacLeod declares.

Clean seed should be a bright, plump, uniform sample, pure as to variety, free from all foreign matter, including seeds of other cultivated crops, diseased grains, small shrunken grains and weed seeds.

The man who sows weed seeds is his own worst enemy and is laying down a job for his children and his grandchildren. Weeds lower yields; the quality of crops; the market value of crops and the value of farms; they add to the costs of production; they crowd out cultivated crops; they rob the soil of plant food and moisture; they prevent the farmer from following a proper rotation; they attract injurious insects and fungus diseases. Some weeds and weed seeds are poisonous to livestock.

WEDDING

McKAY-WILLIAMSON
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. McLean, Schomberg, was the scene of a pretty wedding when their niece, Inez May Williamson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson, became the bride of W. Herbert McKay, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. McKay, of Brant, Alberta. A cousin of the bride, Miss Vera Williamson, was bridesmaid and Walter C. McLean was best man. Following the ceremony the couple left for a motor trip. They will live in Nelson, B.C.

WATTS-BROWN
Mrs. Jas. A. Brown's home at Woodbridge was the scene of a Wedding Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, when her adopted daughter, Lillian Caroline, became the bride of Charles Harry Watts of Woodbridge, son of William Ellis Watts and the late Mrs. Watts. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. S. Roe, assisted by the Rev. H. Kidd. Palms, pink dahlias and asters decorated the home; wedding music was played by Miss Maybelle Harris, and a solo was sung by Mrs. J. W. Dalziel. The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Edward Farrington of Guelph, was attired in the wedding dress worn by her mother when she was married 25 years ago. It was of pale blue chambray with shadow lace and pearl trimming, matching coronet and finger tip veil. She carried a shower bouquet of Supreme roses and lily of the valley and was wearing a diamond set wrist watch, the latter a gift from the groom. Miss Fern Berry was bridesmaid and Floyd Hendry best man. Following a reception the couple left by motor for Ottawa, Montreal and other eastern points. They will reside in Woodbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Johnston of Vaughan Township observed their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 28th. Several friends and relatives gathered at their home to offer them their best wishes and all had a very enjoyable evening.

The tenderfoot, new on the ranch, thought he would show the boys that he was tougher than they imagined.

"Fetch me a broncho," he cried, "I'll show you how to ride 'em, cow-boys."

They produced one of their best and the newcomer mounted it. In twelve seconds, after some remarkable gyrations, he was hurled to the ground.

"What happened?" asked one of the boys, as he picked up the tenderfoot.

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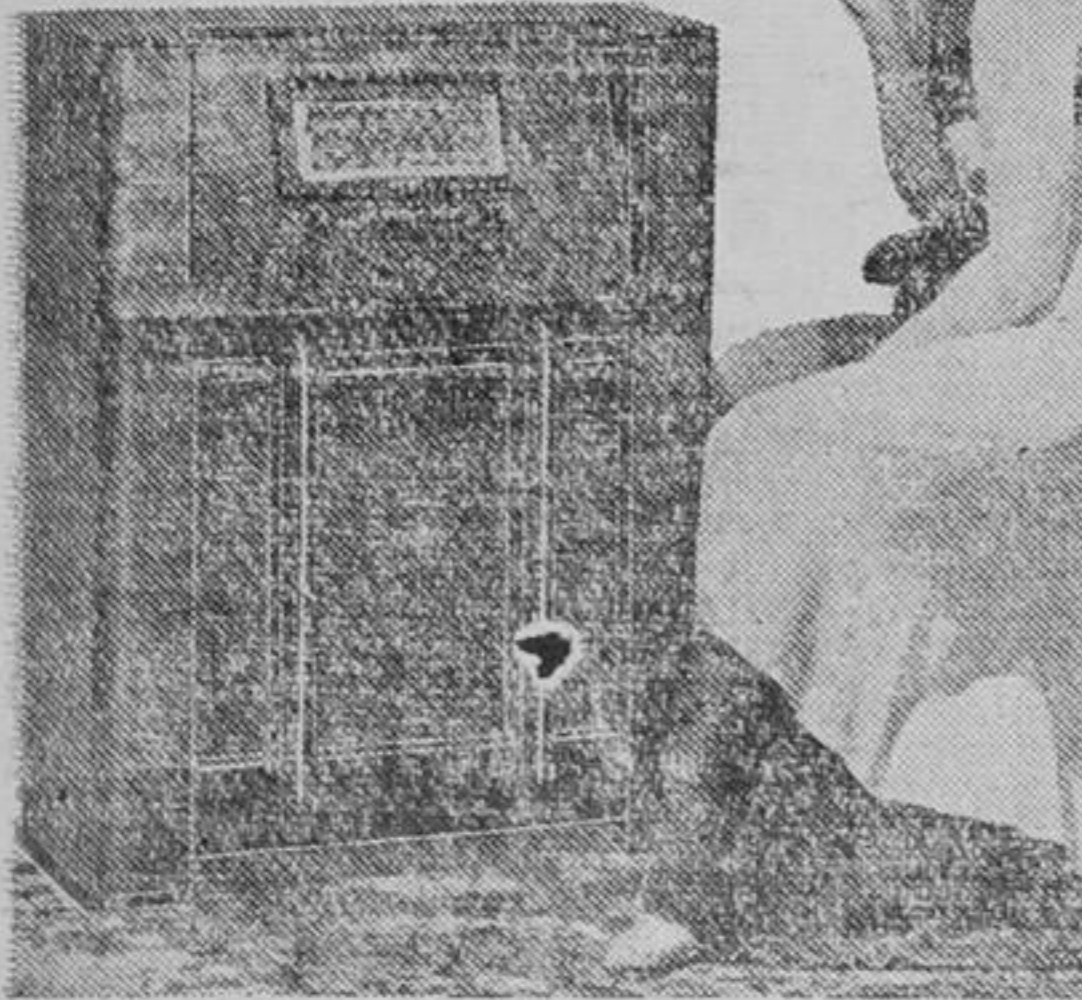
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