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Congratulations to Maple W. I.

An association which exists for fifty years must have something pretty solid in its make-up and ideals to enable it to continue its uninterrupted service to a community for that long period. And when, at the end of that period, there is no sign of weakening but, instead, a determination to outdistance past performances it speaks well for the leadership which has been given and the support of the membership.

In celebrating its fiftieth anniversary recently members of the Maple branch of the Women's Institute indicated decisively that their interest had not weakened with the passing of the years and that, as far as they were concerned, the outstanding work done by Women's Institutes everywhere would continue to receive their hearty support.

Of thirteen hundred branches of the W. I., Maple was the fourth to celebrate half a century of existence. It is interesting to note that two members present had been associated with the branch for its entire life.

To them and to the officers and members who have played their part in making the Maple Women's Institute what it is today, we extend our heartiest congratulations on their fiftieth anniversary.

Bring Them The Light

There's an old Chinese proverb which says that a picture is worth a thousand words.

By the same token, sometimes a simple demonstration is ten times as effective as a long harangue.

An experiment we have in mind is simple and cheap. It is one which can be tried by every citizen of Richmond Hill and vicinity.

It merely involves going into a room at night and turning off all the lights — bringing into being the utmost darkness possible.

Try it. You will be confused. Even in a room you know well familiar objects will move from their places to trip you as you try to find your way to the opposite wall.

Carry your experiment a step further. Close your eyes and, hard as it may be, force yourself to keep them closed as you try to move around the well-known place you call "home."

What is the purpose of this experiment. Simply to demonstrate to yourself, for a few minutes only, what it is like to live and move and having your being without the blessing of sight. And, in turn, to cause you to open your heart and purse to those who must forever walk without the light of day — the blind of Canada.

They are not beggars — these blind compatriots of ours. They do not sit at home and mourn their infirmity. By and large they exhibit a degree of initiative, a determination to make the most of life, that would be a credit to men and women without any disability at all. But they do need help to help themselves.

On May 7th the annual tag day in aid of the blind will be held in Richmond Hill. Perhaps it is a little early to mention it, but if the extra time results in a little extra co-operation — if that grudging nickel can, by a little forethought and perhaps a little sacrifice, be turned into a quarter, then it is not too early.

The Good Book says: "The people that sat in darkness have seen a great light."
 Those who sit in physical darkness all their days can see a great light too — the light that will come into shut-off lives because their fellow citizens, known and unknown, stretch out a helping hand to them through the gloom and, by their contributions, help them across their road of loneliness and suffering.

"Styling" Gone Crazy

Condemning "the extravagant body styles and designs which add little or nothing but a heavy burden on the owner" delegates to the recent annual meeting of the Ontario Motor League gave expression, in emphatic manner, to their resentment against the "fuss and feathers" with which today's manufacturers are smothering their cars. The resolution which was adopted is similar in character to one recently sponsored by the American Automobile Association.

Many valid reasons were advanced by delegates in support of their objections to the present trend. Added unnecessary cost of new cars, greatly augmented repair bills, fragile construction, increased insurance rates, were all targets of the League's members.

The great majority of motorists and most car dealers will join heartily in endorsement of the Ontario Motor League's stand. It is to be hoped that the long-overdue expression of opinion on the part of those who, in the final analysis, pay the bills will have some considerable effect in halting the present trend. The fact that a similar stand has been taken by the big and powerful American Automobile Association gives some hope that car builders may see the light.

True or not, many people have believed for years that the major purpose of the continual change of style in motor car design has been to make last year's model a "back number" and, by trading on the desire to "keep up with the Jones's," ensure a continuous demand for the later models. In all fairness it must be admitted that mechanical and other improvements have been constantly introduced. But we find it difficult to believe that the costly glitter which embellishes today's new car makes for a more road-worthy vehicle. It strikes us as window-dressing gone crazy.

Once upon a time a damaged radiator was a comparatively minor affair. Today's elaborate grill-work now puts it in the "major operation" class. One has only to watch a mechanic practically have to dismantle a body in order to make a minor engine adjustment to marvel at the designing genius which was devoted to this variety of the "playing hard-to-get" game.

The man who put this continent — and a great deal of the rest of the world — on wheels had as his original concept the mass production of a car which, by virtue of price and quality, could put cheap and easy transportation within the reach of all. His successors appear to have gone to the opposite extreme. It is high time that they returned to some of the principles of an earlier day and placed product, both with regard to original cost and cost of operation, in easy reach of all.

The elimination of the unnecessary frills of today might go far in achieving this. We repeat that it is to be hoped that the definite stand taken by both the big Canadian and U. S. motorists' organizations will have a considerable effect toward this end.

TEMPERANCEVILLE

Tuesday, April 19, the Women's Institute held its final social event of the season, when thirteen tables enjoyed an evening of progressive euchre.

First prize for the ladies was won by Miss Edith Buchanan, second by Mrs. T. Dibb and consolation by Mrs. Nichols.

First prize for the men was won by Mr. H. Clark, second by Mr. D. Palmer and consolation by Mr. C. Graham. The travelling prizes were won by Mrs. C. Graham and Mr. Pete Beckett. All these prizes were kindly donated by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark.

Mrs. Fred Hare wishes to thank all who helped to make these euchres such a success, by faithful attendance, generous donations and kindly assistance with the necessary tasks of arranging tables and cleaning up. We especially wish to thank Mrs. Everett Phillips, our faithful coffee maker, who was present to make delicious coffee for every euchre. Her loyal co-operation was certainly appreciated by everyone.

Thursday afternoon, April 21, the W.A. and W.M.S. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Hudson. The Worship Period was conducted by the W.M.S. The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Rumble.

A few weeks ago the Sunday School members decided to contribute their Birthday money to the Missionary Fund, that is one cent for each year of age. Those who have had birthdays during the first four months of the year will have the opportunity of presenting their gifts next Sunday, May 1.

Monday evening, April 25, the New Health Aluminum Dinner was sponsored jointly by Temperanceville W.A. and St. John's W.A., Oak Ridges. The ladies appreciate this opportunity of adding to their funds.

VICTORIA SQUARE

The fifty-second W.M.S. service will be held next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. D.S.T. There will be the installation of officers. Guest speaker will be Miss Beatrice Wilson of St. Christopher House, Toronto. There will be special music. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. Harold Klinek and Mr. Barry Collard are home after completing their term at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Miss Grace Boynton spent Monday at her home.

The Young People have been invited to the home of Misses Ruby and Viola Avison of Lansing Monday evening, May 2nd. Cars will be leaving from the corner at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Morton, Wayne and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morton and Miss Joy Morton, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins visited with Mrs. Morton Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. C. Stong of Edgeley.

Miss Betty Glover spent the Easter holiday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barker of Headford.

Miss Joan Paul visited with friends in Toronto during the Easter holidays.

Messrs. Norman Tyndall, Nelson Buchanan and Misses Kathleen Barber and Bertie Forster were delegates to the Junior Farmers Conference at the O.A.C., Guelph, April 24 to 26.

GORMLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Climenhage of Fort Erie spent last week end with Mrs. E. Jones.

Well over three hundred people enjoyed each of the services held in the Brethren in Christ Church last Saturday evening and Sunday. The Sunday School Convention brought folk from New York and many parts of Ontario. The various speakers were very interesting.

We welcome to our community Mr. and Mrs. Noble from Toronto who have occupied the former Bond home.

Misses Myrtle and Ruth Steekley of Tillsonburg are spending the holidays in their home here.

Miss Velma Brillinger of Granton, Penna., and Miss Mildred Brillinger of Fort Erie spent last week end in their home here.

Miss Shirley Doner holidayed with her Grandma and Grandpa Doner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Grove, Joy and Harvey moved last week over to the sixth line into the Hutchinson house.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Barker and son of Toronto visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harvey and Dean.

Miss Pauline Barley spent the holidays with Miss Joan Barrett.

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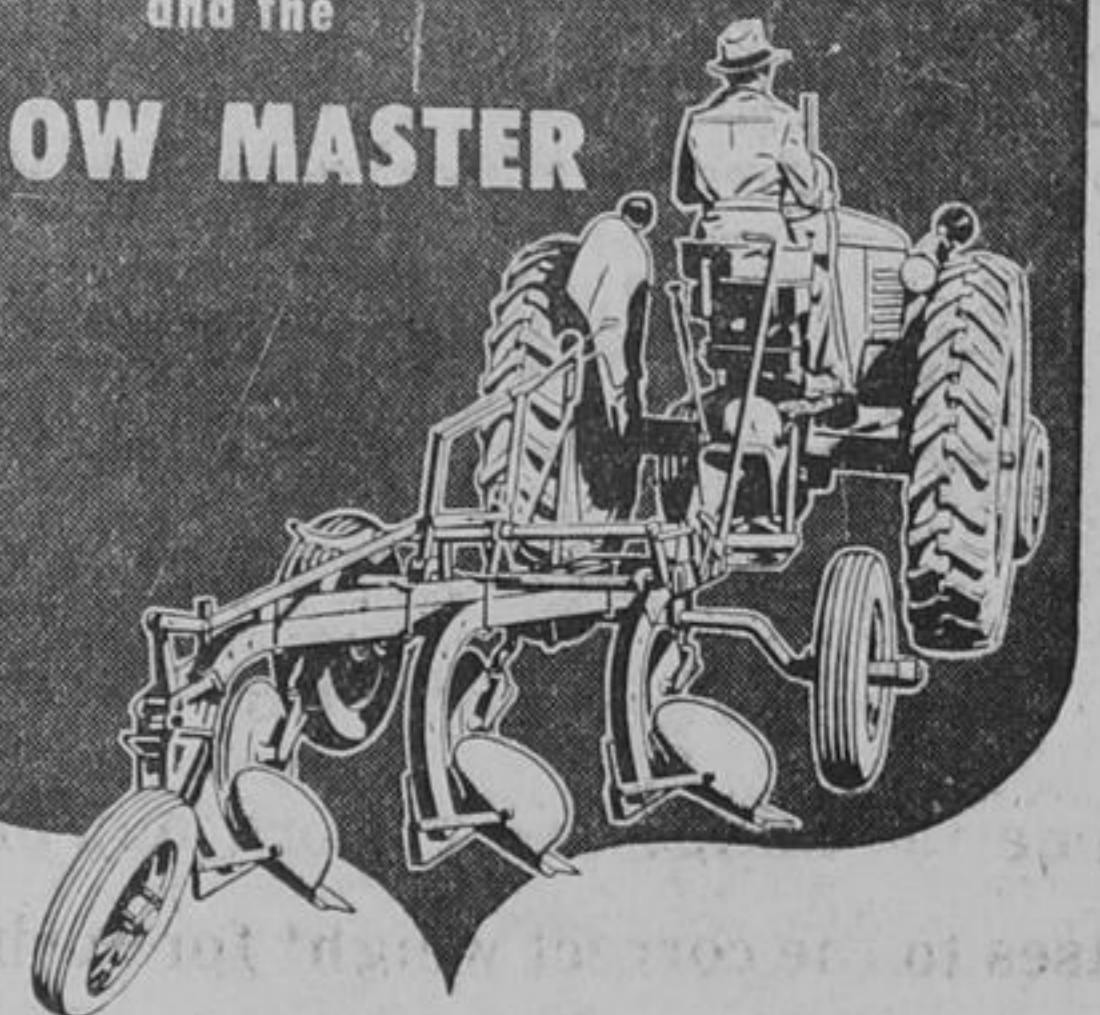
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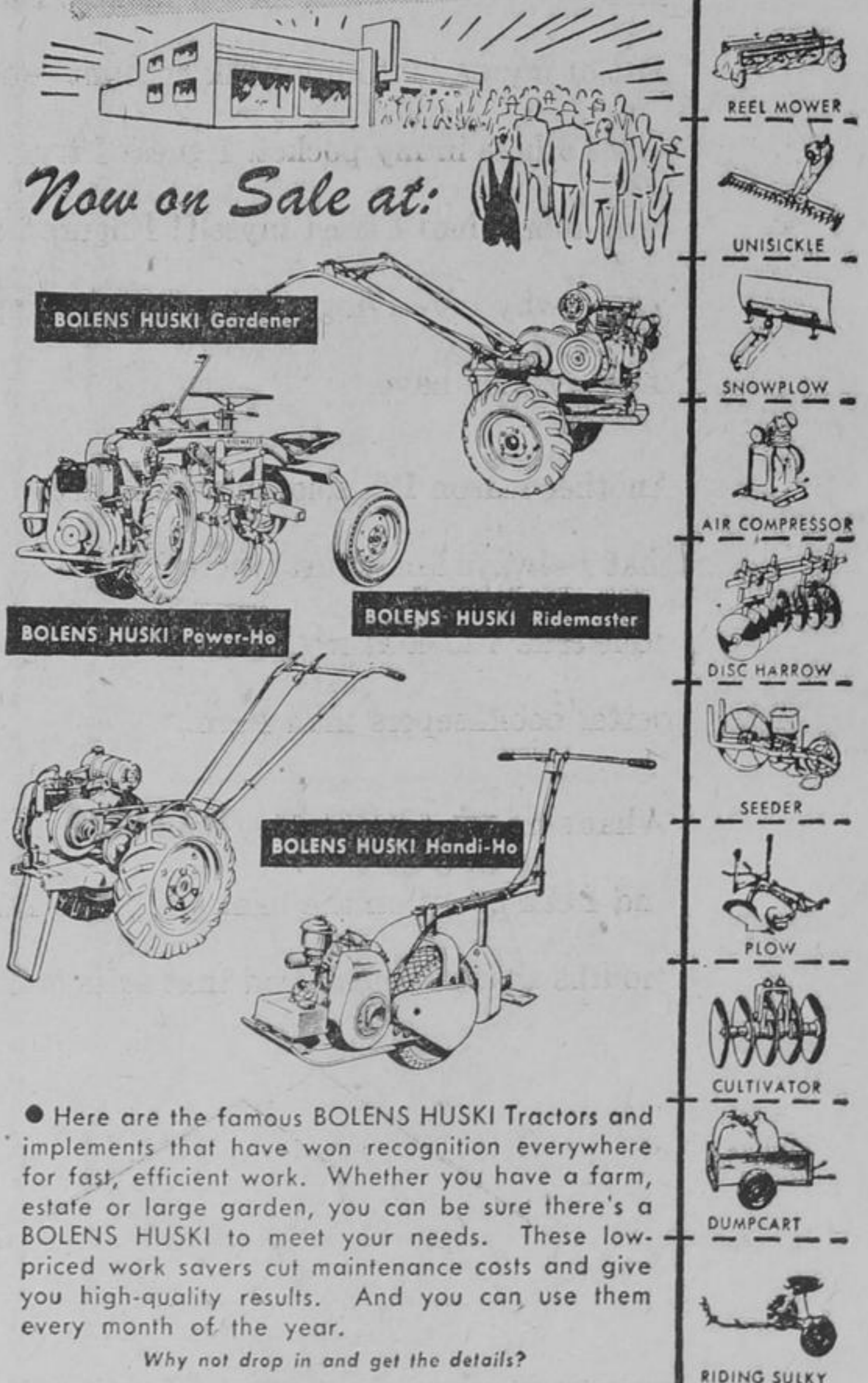


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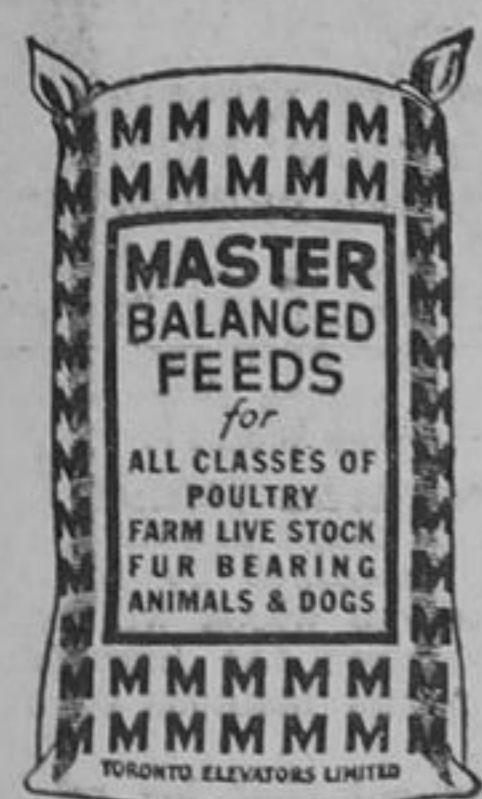
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