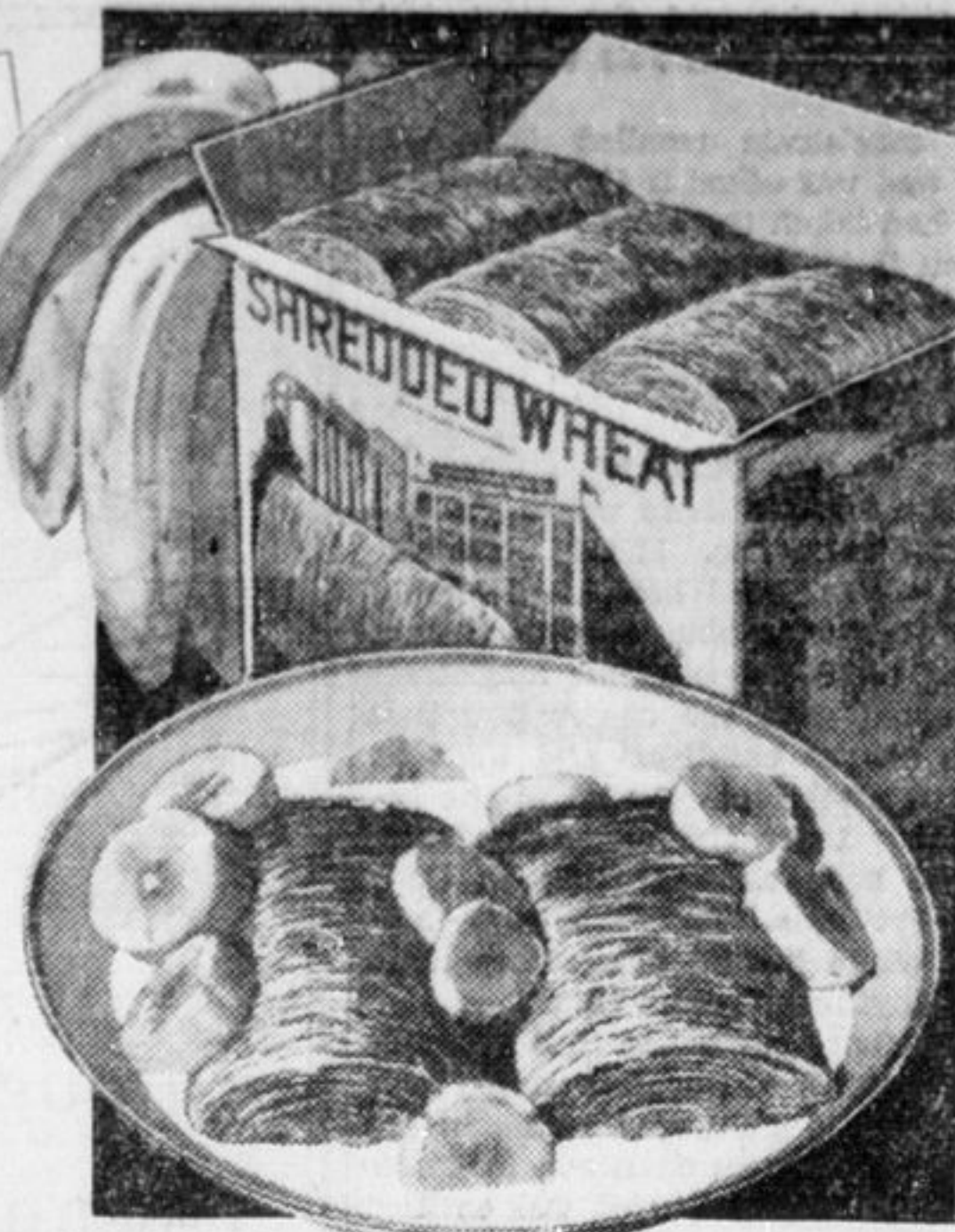


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Perennials Provide Attractive Borders

Succession of Flowers All Summer Will Follow Good Choices.

(By F. J. M.)

One of the most attractive gardens may be achieved by the proper selection of perennials for a border, in which there will be a constant succession of flowers from Spring until late Autumn. A knowledge of perennials that succeed each other in bloom is essential, in addition to a well planned layout which will place the flowers in harmonious relationship as they bloom. To have a succession of flowers it is best to arrange the perennials in a border of sufficient length and width to allow of the proper arrangement and planting of the outstanding kind; but not necessarily of all the kinds. The most successful arrangement is one wherein a few of the best are employed,

these being chosen according to their time of flowering and their adaptability (as far as hardiness is concerned) to climatic conditions, soils, and position, whether sunny or shady.

Spring Flowering Plants

In all schemes where a succession of flowers is desired early spring flowering plants should receive as much consideration as the later flowering kinds. Groups of daffodils and Darwin tulips, should be interspersed between the perennials to brighten the border during April and May. Along the edges of the border may be planted in groups other spring flowering bulbs such as chionodoxa, crocus and squills, which flower a little earlier than the tulips and daffodils. Also along the front of the border may be grouped such spring flowering plants as arabis or rock cress, and perennial candytuft, white flowered; phlox amoena, a beautiful little pink flowered plant; alyssum saxatile, golden yellow; iris pumila, mauve and purple; myosotis or forget-me-not, blue. All these flower during April and May.

Summer Flowering Plants

With the advent of mid-May the summer flowering plants will begin to flower. Among the best of these for front of border are the:—

Alpine aster, purplish blue; snow in summer, white; campanula carpathica, blue or white kinds; dwarf columbines; nepeta musini.

For central border positions: Aquilegia, peonies, iris, oriental poppy, shades of crimson; achillea, the pearl, white; astilbe, salmon pink; coreopsis, shades of yellow and gold; pentstemon hispidus; lilac; pyrethrum, double flowered, many colours. All the forementioned flower during summer, embracing a period from mid-May until the end of July.

For the rear of the border: Physostegia or false dragon's head; thalictrum or meadow rue; monarda or bergamot; red and pink, digitalis or foxglove; hemerocallis or day lily, yellow and orange; tall lupins, many colours; sidalcea, rose, white. All the forementioned flower during the period May 15 to end of July.

Autumn Flowering Plants

From July through to the end of

September there are many beautiful plants which will flower and give great satisfaction. For the front of the border, Sweet Williams, and many pinks; funkia or plantain, lily white (for southern localities only) linum or perennial flax; dwarf saponaria, pink.

For centre of border: Anemone Japonica, rose pink, white; betony, purple; pink rose; campanula, persicaefolia; lychnis, tall, scarlet; perennial phlox; rudbeckia newmanni, purple; veronica or speedwell, blue.

For rear of border: Aconitum or monkshood, blue; delphinium or perennial larkspur, chiefly shades of blue; hollyhocks; michaelmas daisies or fall flowering asters, chiefly blue and purple; helianthus, yellow and bronze kinds and perennial sunflowers.

The aforementioned plants are all hardy and may, with the exception of the bulbs, be planted in early May. It may be said that perennials are not adapted to small beds, as only in a fairly large border can a succession of flowers be maintained. If a border proper is to be planted, and kinds chosen as specified for front, centre and rear, respectively, for these positions no difficulty should be experienced in making the border attractive for the entire season. Such a border is always best located at the boundary of the lawn in a sunny position and on a well-drained soil. If possible to have a hedge, trellis or neat fence as a background, so much the better, as anything unsightly will certainly detract from the appearance of the border. Perennials are usually planted in groups of three to five or so in the border, and the spacing between the plants should be 24 to 30 inches, except in the case of the frontal groups, where nine to 18 inches will, according to the nature of the subjects, be found an ample distance.

Perhaps it would be advisable to add that where a long narrow area which is not located at the sides of the lawn is to be planted, and wherein it is desired to see the beauty from both sides, the plants advised for rear position in the border should be planted in the centre; those for the centre on each side of the central planting and those for the front along the front, whether this be the sides or ends of the border.

When planning the perennial border it is well to include the hardiest and most satisfactory of the lilies, such as the regal and the fine new hybrid Geo. C. Creelman; the Tiger; the Madonna, and the lily umbellatum varieties. These are chiefly summer flowering and in clumps are much more satisfactory than when planted singly. Lilies require a light, somewhat moist, but well drained soil. Clay soils, unless properly lightened, are not satisfactory.

Raising the Plants

Perennials may be raised from seeds sown indoors, that is in the greenhouse or frame during spring, or outdoors during early summer. Many kinds may also be propagated by division in spring or autumn. Seedlings should, upon germination, be pricked off into other flats or into prepared beds in the frame and later be transplanted in nursery lines outdoors. The transplanting of the seedling perennials from the boxes or areas in which they were pricked off to nursery lines where they will stay over winter should be undertaken by late July or early August. The point to bear in mind is that time should be allowed for them to become fully established and make full growth before the ground freezes up.

Hydro Contract Signed for Moffat-Hall Mine

A contract for the supply of 1,000 h.p. to the Moffat-Hall Mining Company, Limited, whose property is in the Kirkland Lake district, was approved at a meeting at Toronto last week of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Approval also was given to construction of a short transmission line extension to serve this customer, and construction of 41.5 miles of rural primary transmission lines in various parts of the province, including 10 miles from the Big Chute Generating Plant to Honey Harbor. This Honey Harbor line will cost approximately \$21,800.

Approval also was given construction of a sub-station at Honey Harbor with a capacity of 100 kv-a, which will cost approximately \$2,500.

Toronto Mail and Empire.—It is rather revealing that a play called "Idiot's Delight" should also delight the Pulitzer Prize judges more than any other American play of the season.

Pioneer Telephone Company of North

Interesting Review of the Life of the Northern Telephone Company, Limited.

At a recent meeting of the New Liskeard Kiwanis Club Fred Thompson, plant superintendent of the Northern Telephone Company, gave an interesting review of the story of the Northern Telephone Company, the pioneer telephone company of the North. The New Liskeard Speaker gives an extended report of the address, and because it is of more or less historical importance to the North, The Advance is re-producing the report in The Speaker in full. The Advance would like to add to this story of the pioneer telephone company in the North the true account of the pioneer telephone company of the Porcupine—the Porcupine Telephone Company. B. V. Harrison, now vice-president and general manager of the Canada Northern Power Co., but in the early years manager of the Porcupine Telephone Co., could give that story, if he would, but probably he would prefer not to remember all the troubles he had in those days trying to give perfect service to the people with a decidedly makeshift system. It was remarkable and a proof of his ability that he was able to keep the people as well satisfied as they were.

In the meantime, however, here is The Speaker's account of Temiskaming's pioneer telephone company, as outlined by Mr. Thompson:—

"Mr. Thompson devoted his time to an interesting address on the life of the company, thus showing the wonderful advance which has been made since the original company was organized in New Liskeard, on April 5th, 1905.

"The present president of the company, Mr. Thos. McCamus, was the first president of the Temiskaming Telephone Co., Ltd., and he has held that position continuously. At that his position has not been a bed of roses, because the company experienced many reverses, largely through the disastrous fires which caused heavy financial loss on frequent occasions, and even financial embarrassments. However, the company survived all temporary reverses and was now the largest independent company in Ontario.

"Mr. Thompson expressed a very warm tribute to the president of the company, when he said that Mr. McCamus was very popular with the employees, and the unanimous wish of all was that he would be long spared to hold the position of head of the organization.

"There was rather a race between two telephone propositions in the early days, the Temiskaming Telephone being organized at New Liskeard and a similar company being undertaken at Haileybury. However, later the New Liskeard company purchased the Haileybury telephone project and had complete control of telephone communication for and between the towns of Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard. A fire played havoc at Haileybury during the first year of operation, and this proved much of a hardship to the company. However, December 31st, 1906, found the company with an increase of from 125 phones and two towns, to 321 phones and five towns: Cobalt, Haileybury, Latchford, Ville Marie and New Liskeard. Since 1906 the progress has been steady and most satisfactory. Englehart and other centres conveniently near New Liskeard were gathered into the fold while distant pastures were invaded, with the securing of franchises in Kirkland Lake, Matheson, Amos, Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine, Noranda, Rouyn and other important centres. Rapid progress has been made in many of these places, for example, when Kirkland Lake was taken over from the T. N. Ry. there were 50 phones on the list. To-day there are 1571. Some other places carry similar increases.

"The New Liskeard business was commenced on May 17th, 1905, with but a few phones and the first office was in a building partly used by Mike Abraham on Armstrong street. Later the company moved the telephone office to the O'Brien block, and still later in 1907, the company secured the site of the present head office, where a small building was erected, into which the equipment was then placed. The growth of that property is, therefore, an indication of and the story of the growth of the Northern Telephone Company, Ltd. in Temiskaming, Cochrane and the Northwestern Quebec districts.

"In passing, Mr. Thompson said McCamus and McKelvie, from whom the site and the material for the first building were purchased, were largely paid by telephone stock, and it is pleasing to know that their optimism was not a disappointment to them.

"At the end of 1905 there were 93 telephones in the local exchange. This has increased to 758, most satisfactory for this town under the conditions in which we live. Expert assistants have been added as time has passed. In the early days, a 'jack of all trades' was expected to do everything necessary. To-day the head of every department had to be an expert, and in this connection Mr. Thompson paid a high compliment to Mr. M. G. Hansman, the company's switchboard expert, as well as to several other valued employees. He also referred to a new department which was presided over by Miss Brown, whose duty it was to supervise the operators' work for all the branches.

"Mr. Thompson stated that the company now has some eight hundred miles of pole line and approximately fourteen thousand miles of wire circuit. The regular staff numbers some 144, of which 25 are either employed constantly at the local head office or make their homes in New Liskeard. At present the total number of phones was 7666, a net gain of 882 during the past year.

"The territory covered by the company extended from Latchford in the south to Hearst in the Northwest and to Senneterre, Que., in the Northeast, service also being given to D'Apparquet, Que., and the Beattie mines area.

"The speaker said it had been suggested that the company should sell out to the Bell so that the same call services may be secured. In reply to this the plant manager said the local company could and would supply any service the patrons of the company were willing to pay for.

"Co-operation has been the keynote of the success of the company, and the operators are given credit for being in the position where co-operation is most necessary for the well-being of the organization. In one department of the service—the long distance branch—nearly a quarter of a million messages were sent out over the company lines.

"During its many years in business in the North, the company has found the fire hazard the most dangerous. Fires at Cobalt in 1909, at Haileybury in 1905 and the district wide fires of 1911-16 and then the big fire of 1922 had been disastrous to the company. Fortunately, to-day the company was able to secure blanket insurance which protected shareholders, and now directors could sleep in peace, so far as worries in that line were concerned.

"Mr. Thompson made many references, which we are unable to refer to owing to lack of space, but one item is of special interest. What would we do without the telephone? Well, some years ago Cobalt demurred about granting a franchise. The citizens did without the service for half a day and decided they had had enough. The one big event to Dr. Robertson and Alfred Scadding, while entombed in the Moose River mine, was the receiving end of a telephone equipment which was passed down to them. Contact with the friends 141 feet above was the greatest tonic they had received. Canadians want communication with their friends and the telephone service is the great factor to that end."

Says: Include Milk in the Spring Menu

Advice of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture and Some Recipes.

From the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa there come some notes and recipes that should be of interest to housewives here as well as elsewhere. The communication from the Ottawa Department of Agriculture says:—

Include Milk in Spring Menu

More care is necessary in planning and serving meals at this season than at any other time of the year, for appetites are probably not as keen as usual and bodies may need toning up after the winter months. A good rule to follow for the springtime menu is to include in the meals every day about a quart of milk for each child and a pint for each adult. To please the children fruit juices or chocolate syrup may be added to milk occasionally when serving it as a beverage. Other ways, in

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The following receipts prepared by the Milk Utilization Service, Dairy and Cold Storage Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, are recommended:

Cheese Soup

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
3 cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup grated cheese.

Melt butter, blend in flour and seasonings. Add milk. Stir until thick. Add grated cheese and cook over hot water for 5 minutes. Chopped fresh spinach or cooked spinach formed into small balls may be added to the soup before serving.

Eggs a la King

4 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
6 eggs, hard cooked
2 tablespoons pimento, chopped
2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
1 cup mushrooms, cooked
Seasonings

Melt butter. Blend in flour, then add milk gradually. Stir until mixture thickens. Add eggs cut in eighths, pimento, green pepper and mushrooms. Season to taste. Serve on toast points or in patty shells.

Maple Rice Pudding

1/2 cup rice
2 cups milk
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup maple syrup
2 egg yolks
2 egg whites
1/4 cup maple syrup

Boil rice in salted water until tender. Scald milk in double boiler. Stir cornstarch smooth in 1/2 cup maple syrup and add gradually to the hot milk. Stir until mixture thickens and cook 15 minutes. Add rice and well-beaten egg yolks. Beat egg whites until stiff, gradually add the 1/4 cup maple syrup, and spread over pudding. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) until delicately browned (about 15 minutes).

Fruit Custard

2 eggs or 4 egg yolks
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups scalded milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Fruit

Beat eggs slightly. Add sugar and salt. Gradually add scalded milk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and coats the spoon. Cool. Arrange fruit, sprinkled with sugar, in desired, in bottom of serving dish. Pour cold custard sauce over fruit. Sectioned oranges, sliced bananas, cooked apples, canned pineapple, canned peaches, or a combination of fruits may be used. Garnish with whipped cream.

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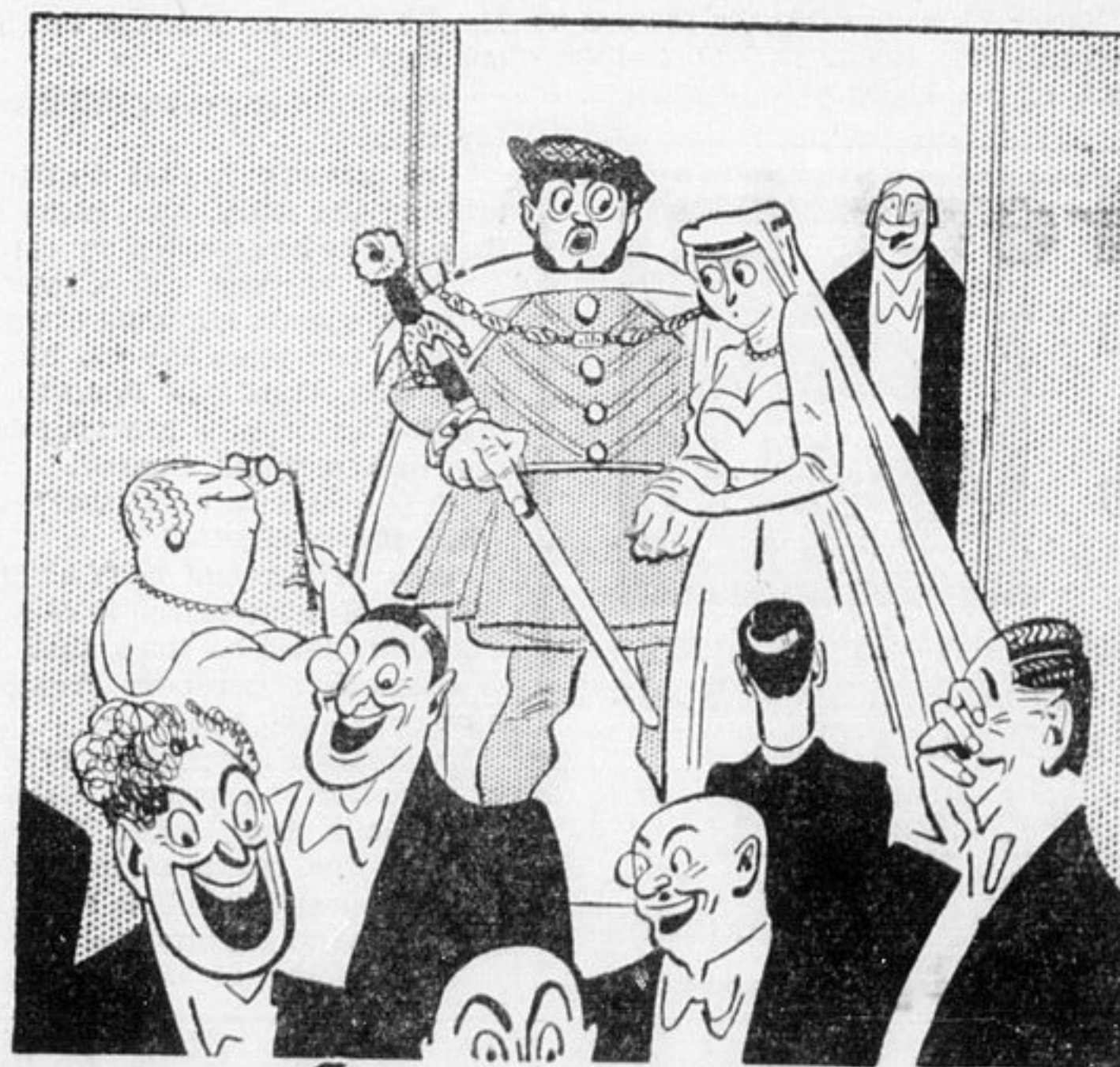
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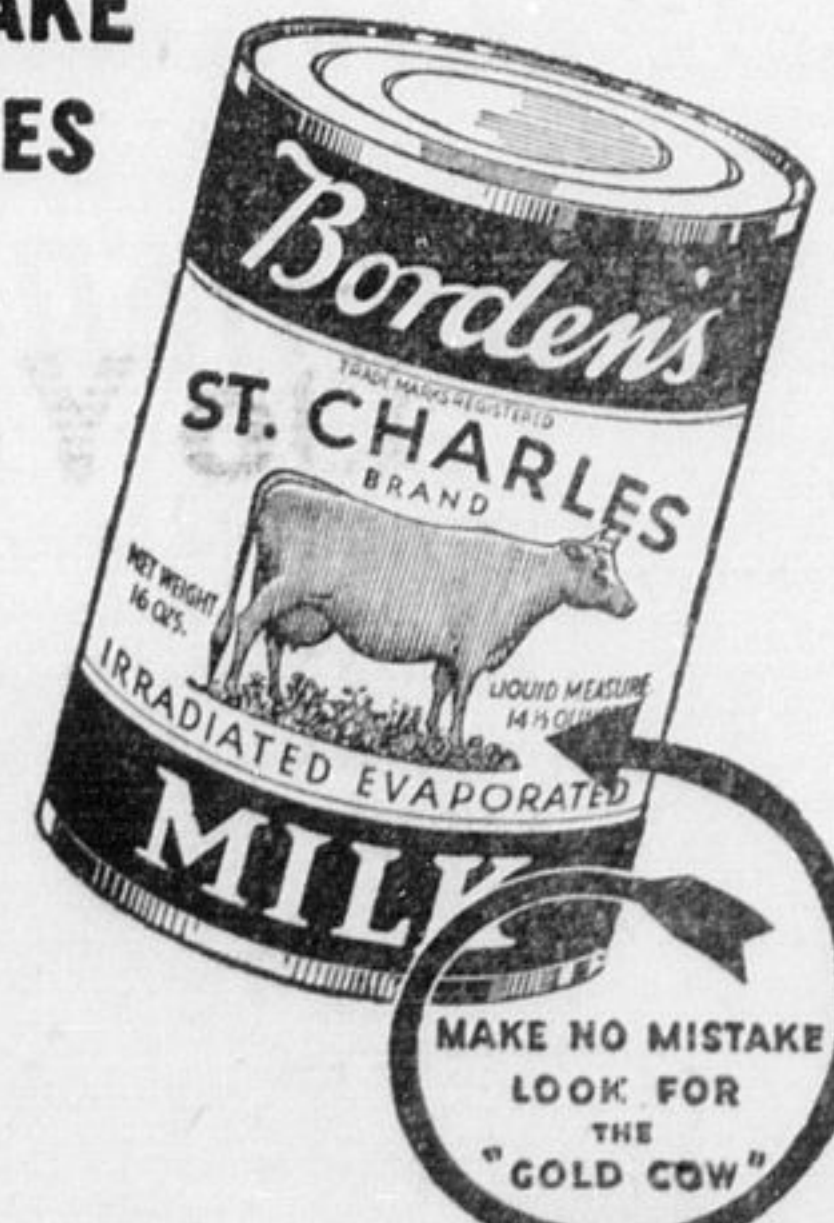


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