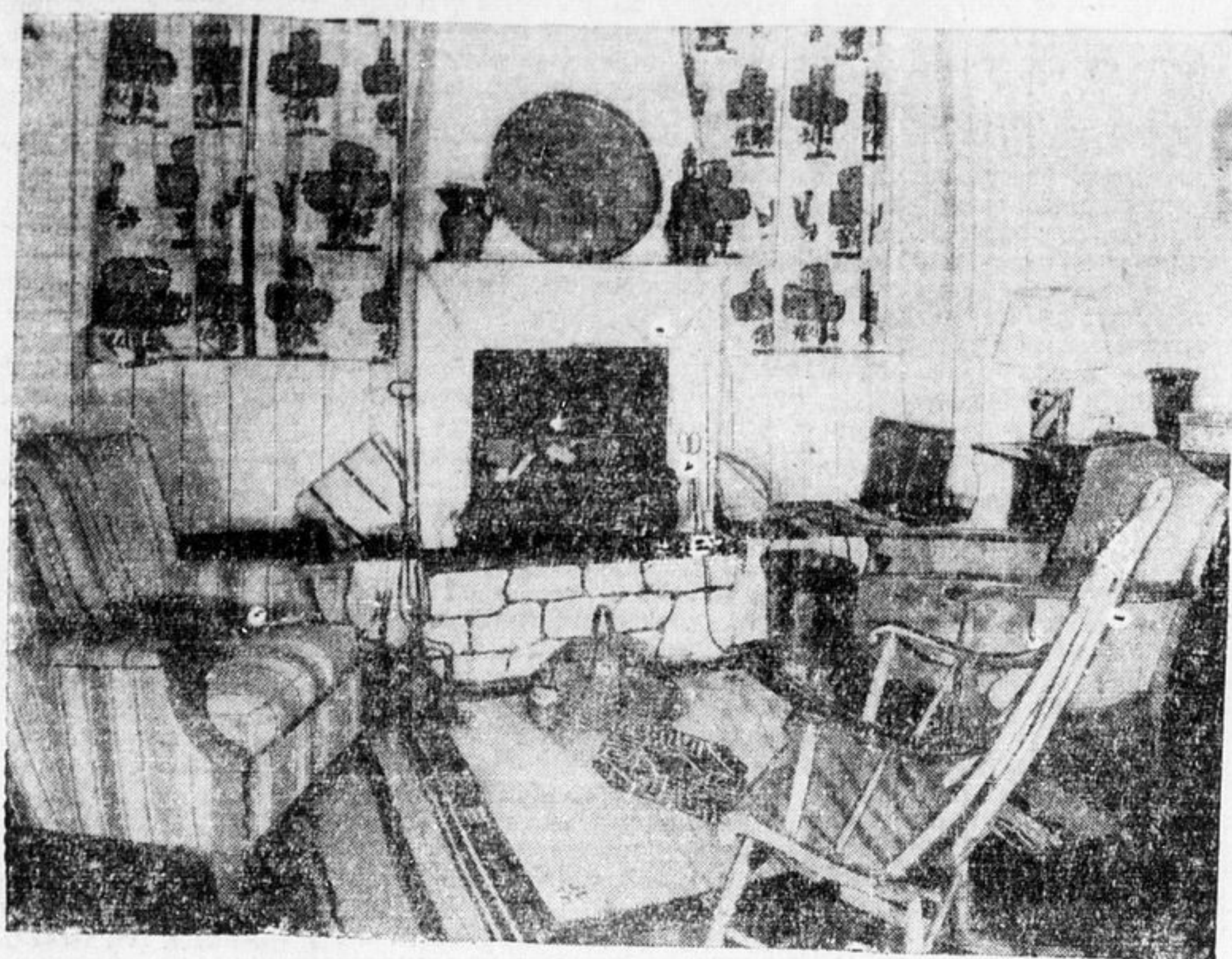




## PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

Suggestions for Saving Fuel with Fireplace or Space Heater—  
New Vertical Grate is a Miniature Furnace—Coal Heater Now  
Has Thermostat—How to Use Coal and Wood



Homely hearths are back in style—for their friendly charm as well as for their comfort. Here a raised fireplace on a stone ledge suggests sociable winter evenings with apples to roast or corn to pop. The

printed crêtone curtains and the Mexican rug and bright notes, while the maple furniture is genial. Walls are painted white,—furniture coverings are in brick tones and green.

The hearth is back in its traditional place as center of family life during these days of fuel shortages. For a bright blaze in the fireplace of an evening means comfort without keeping the furnace going full tilt! Latest requests from Washington are that we increase our fuel savings this winter from ten per cent to twelve and one-half per cent auxiliary or spot heating where you're working or sitting is the best way to do this.

Though the fireplace is not as efficient a way to burn fuel as a stove because in even the best type of fireplace too much of the fuel goes up the chimney, still fireplaces do have their points. For one thing lots of people have them who don't own stoves and can't get them. And a small amount of fuel will make a cheery spot to cluster a round when you're trying to keep the central heating system turned low.

Here are latest tips on the best way to run your fireplace. The new vertical grate we predicted some weeks ago is now a reality. Recently released under the sponsorship of the W.P.B., this grate is designed for maximum heating efficiency with a minimum use of metal and fuel. It looks like a tall rectangular bird cage with grills across the front and a refractory tile back that throws the heat out in the room instead of letting it float up the chimney. It's really a sort of miniature furnace with a crack at the bottom for shaking down the ashes. It burns either soft or hard coal.

Another point about the use of coal grates — the draft wants to come from the bottom and front, not from the sides or back. So the experts again caution if your grate doesn't fit snugly into the fireplace opening—fit bricks into the open spaces; it doesn't matter whether you place them in loosely or with mortar! The proper way to make a coal fire is to start a good blaze first with paper and kindling — then feed in a little coal; when it has caught well, fill the grate to the top with coal. And then don't poke it too much.

As for wood fires, well, here's the essential there — first a bed of ashes, kept level with the andirons. And of course some nice big logs as well as little stuff.

For any fire, good dependable hearth tools are necessary — poker, tongs, shovel, brush. And you'll need a screen too and a carrier for fuel — a canvas affair for wood or a coal scuttle for coal. And if possible a good-sized box

or holder for extra supplies at hand. But if you don't have a fireplace, here are the latest improvements in space heaters or a coal stove; thermostatic damper control now makes it possible for you to operate your stove by thermostat just as you do the furnace; magazine feed enables you to put as much as eighty pounds of fuel in this stove at once which will be fed to the fire as needed but you don't need to bother to refill the magazine oftener than every fifteen hours in the worst weather or every two days in less cold weather.

As for kitchen-fuel conservation, here are suggestions. Don't overcook food for that not only wastes fuel but it spoils the food both on the scores of gastronomy and nutrition. You can clean pots and pans scrupulously but don't polish the bottoms as a dull surface absorbs heat better than a shiny one. Two small cakes bake more quickly than one big one, and individual puddings cook in less time than one large pudding. Boned meats take less time to roast than cuts with the bone left in. Soak dried fruit, beans, cereals to soften them before cooking. When possible club together with a neighbor for baking and roasting so as to make full use of the oven whenever it is turned on.

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### Three Children Die From Suffocation in Matachewan Fire

Blaze Believed to Have Been Due to Defective Wiring.

Last week word was received of a tragic fire at Matachewan, in which three small children — the oldest only five years old — lost their lives. Two little sons and the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Newton, of Matachewan, were the victims of this fire, which is believed to have been due to defective wiring. The story of this tragedy was told in last week's New Liskeard Speaker, as follows:—

"Three young children, the oldest not yet six years of age, were suffocated late last Saturday evening at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Newton of Matachewan, the fire which

was the cause of the tragedy having had its origin, according to a message from the Montreal River community, in defective wiring in the house.

"No inquest will be held. The Speaker was told by Dr. J. S. McCullough, district coroner here, the circumstances having been deemed purely accidental. Officers from the Elk Lake post of the Ontario Provincial Police have been conducting an investigation into the case, and on Tuesday Constable N. Chartrand, in charge there, said that further enquiry would be made later in the present week.

"Victims of the tragedy were James, aged five; Nelson, three, and Betty, 22 months old. In the case of the older boy and his sister, minor burns were suffered, according to information given on the official death certificate. At the time the children met their death, they were alone in the house, it is stated, the report being that Mr. Newton was at work at the Ventures mine, where he is employed, and Mrs. Newton, with whom at the time was the youngest child, a baby of several months old, was temporarily absent from the dwelling.

"The fire, it is stated, apparently started from an electric plug in the wall. A small section of the wall itself was burned, and there was also a hole in the floor directly under the big chair in which the three children are said to have been at the time. Full information is not yet available pending further enquiry by the police, but it is reported that when Mrs. Newton returned home and opened the door, the smoldering blaze leaped into flame.

"The mother ran inside and managed to get the children outside, but they were dead then, according to the report received. The fire had not gained any serious headway, it was reported, and it was possible to put it out with an extinguisher, but apparently it had been smoldering for some time before it was discovered. Dr. F. F. Fitch was called, but the children were beyond aid. Provincial Constable J. M. Farrell went to begin an investigation.

"The funeral of the children was held from the Matachewan Roman Catholic church on Monday afternoon, when a congregation which filled the church gathered to pay respects to the bereaved family. Rev. Father Wells, the parish priest, conducted the services."

### Food Budgets and Price Ceilings in Women's Work Day

Roasting Chickens \$150.00, Butter \$80.00 per Pound in Russia.

(By Edna Jaques)  
Put a food budget in front of the average woman and she can follow it like Montgomery tracing the plan of attack on a war map.

As time goes by I am convinced that the Canadian woman is thinking more in terms of food budgets, price ceilings and price control than ever before, and what is more, she is working hand-in-glove with her corner grocer. They are in partnership, sharing the responsibility for holding the price ceiling.

Armed with her "little blue book" — given out by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. — she knows the ceiling prices, and by studying the newspapers and listening to radio comments, keeps up-to-date on food conservation and price control topics.

She knows that in more than four years of this war, the cost of living in Canada rose 18.1% as compared with a rise of nearly 60% in the last war and that since the imposition of the over-all price ceiling towards the end of 1941, the cost of living has advanced only

### Twenty Years Ago

From the Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago there was some excitement in connection with the Triple Mine in Deloro, three charges being made of perjury against members of one family concerned in the mine management. The charges were dropped eventually after a number of adjournments of the cases.

The first brick from the Night Hawk Peninsular Mine was shipped in the week of Feb. 4th, 1924 according to The Advance of Feb. 13th, 1924.

There were 18 nominations for carnival queen in the popularity contest conducted twenty years ago in Timmins, in connection with the annual Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival.

The annual convention of the Temiskaming Firemen's Association was held twenty years ago in South Porcupine. The various fire brigades of the North were well represented, specially strong delegations coming from Halleybury, New Liskeard, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Schumacher, Ansonville and Timmins. South Porcupine won very general praise for the capable way in which the convention was handled and the pleasant way South End played hosts to the visitors. There were a number of very excellent papers dealing with fire protection and fire prevention. It was decided to hold the annual tournament at South Porcupine in 1924. Ansonville was chosen as the place for the annual convention in 1925. In the evening there was a banquet in the L.O.O.F. Hall, South Porcupine, and it proved one of the best evenings ever held by the Temiskaming Firemen. The menu and service were excellent and there was much merited praise for the ladies responsible. The musical features of the evening were unusually attractive. There were solos by W. R. Dodge, Jas. Geils, J. T. Heffernan, Thos. Huntley and others. The work of the Timmins Male Quartette won very special favour. The banquet speeches were of specially high order. H. M. Wilson presided at the banquet in very effective way. Among the speakers were: E. P. Heaton, Maxwell Smith, Chief Thompson, Reeve C. Gallagher, Chief Lever, C. T. Grills, W. G. A. Woods, A. F. Brigham, A. S. Fuller, Alex. Gillies, Alec Dewar, F. C. Evans, G. A. MacDonald, W. H. Wilson, Sylvester Kennedy, E. J. Mason and others.

At the town council meeting twenty years ago the chief item was the adoption of the report of the fire and light committee. — Mr. Leduc, of the Star Cafe, had written the council claiming that the firemen had left his building after a fire and later another fire had

broken out. He thought he was entitled to damages, but the committee after a very careful investigation decided that he had no grounds for his claim, and that the firemen had been justified in their action in the matter. C. E. MacDonald asked council for billboards, etc., and this was granted, the license to be effective only while conditions were agreeable to the town engineer. The council was told of a workman who was ill in a private hospital suffering from tuberculosis. The room was so cold, it was claimed, that the man had his feet frozen in bed. Dr. McInnis knew the case and said the part about the frozen feet was absolutely untrue. The room was cold but this was needed in such cases. A letter was received from Geo. W. Lee saying that the T. & N. O. would not take further action in regard to the spur line to the Fesserton mill until there was agreement as to the route.

Vipond production for January, 1924, was \$53,500.00, according to The Advance twenty years ago. The physical condition of the mine had improved very considerably in the previous six months. The Advance noted.

The radio station 3 — GG, Sandy Falls, near Timmins, was heard in West Virginia, U.S.A. twenty years ago. The station at Fairmont, West Virginia, was just as plainly heard at Sandy Falls and as a result there was some interesting correspondence between the two wireless stations, this correspondence being published in The Advance at the time.

Reference was made in The Advance twenty years ago to revolting conditions under which children were living in one family in a newer section of the town. The article was not for the purpose of making a morsel for the morbid, but to assist the authorities in cleaning up conditions that were most undesirable and evil. The case was brought to police court the next week and the children made wards of the Children's Aid Society, this being given a chance for life and happiness.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following: "The pro. clubs are still after the North Land hockey players. It is understood that Cain, of Sault Ste. Marie, has signed up with the St. Fats. The pro. clubs have also been after Rene Fournier and Bellefeuille, of Iroquois Falls." "Timmins Rebekahs had a very pleasant social evening last Thursday evening after the work of the lodge." "Nine different citizens were fined \$4.00 and costs each for obstructing the sidewalks by piling wood there." "With the road from South Porcupine to Timmins in such good condition as it has been recently, thanks to the good work of the new tractor snow plough in use by the township of Tisdale and with autos in constant travel over this road, it was specially interesting to note last week in the despatches that the roads around Hamilton were blocked by snow and service on bus and electric lines, suspended as a consequence. When they are eventually able to get out of the Ambitious City the residents of Hamilton are cordially invited to come to Timmins where they may spend the winter in comfort and without foregoing city conveniences of transportation and so on." "Miss Alice Ryan is visiting at Kingston, Ont., being one of the guests at the Science dance of Queen's University." "All will be pleased to know that Mrs. Geo. S. Drew is making excellent progress to recovery from her recent illness." "A. G. Carson left on Sunday for Pembroke to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law. He was accompanied from Swastika by W. Anderson of that place." "Gene Colombo, recently of Detroit, but formerly one of the popular early residents of the camp and well remembered as a first-class violinist and an all round good fellow is renewing acquaintances here this week." "D. B. Curtis, of

3.1% during the same months of the last war. She knows which side her bread is buttered on, and she also knows that were it not for price control and rationed butter, at times she likely would not have it on either side.

She knows too, that in over four years of war, the cost of living increased far more in the United States and Great Britain. I know it isn't nice to crow about ourselves and what we do, but it doesn't hurt once in a while to remind ourselves how lucky we are.

In Russia a roasting chicken costs \$150.00, butter is \$80.00 a pound, a pint of milk costs \$7.00 in our money. Russians don't expect to live well. . . they just expect to live . . . and to fight, and fight hard.

Under Canada's price ceiling, a chicken is a happy reality; we send our children to school in strong leather shoes, and we have sufficient fuel to keep our houses comfortably warm.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board have a big job on their hands, keeping the cost of living down for every home in Canada. Are you doing your share?

### Some Hints on How to Use Rationed Articles in Cooking

Prunes May Do Double Duty. Recipe for Snow Pudding.

(By Agnes Adams)

You will find that Thursday morning's breakfast calls for stewed prunes. However, it is suggested that you cook these one day early, and use the juice therefrom to flavor the baked apples for Wednesday's breakfast. If you use lemon peel and a bit of mace in cooking the prunes, this flavoring will permeate the apples, in addition to that of the prunes themselves, and an old standby will have a slightly new tinge.

You can get two different desserts — from two eggs in the meal schedule: Use egg yolks in making a simple custard for the chocolate bread pudding for lunch. Save the whites, and make them the basis of the snow pudding which is suggested for supper. If easier both puddings may be made at lunch time, since only one requires cooking, and the snow type can be chilled.

#### Snow Pudding

- 1 tablespoon gelatine
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1½ cups boiling water
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon sherry (optional)
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten.

Soak gelatine in cold water, then mix with hot water. Add sugar, lemon juice and sherry. Set to cool, stirring occasionally. When it begins to thicken, beat until frothy. Add stiffly beaten egg whites. Serve with a sauce made by heating mixed fruit with a

Hamilton, is on a business visit to the camp." "R. Pearce, of the Northern Miner, was a visitor to the camp today." "Rose Way, manager of the Imperial Bank at South Porcupine leaves this week for a month's vacation in the South, being granted leave of absence on account of poor health." "With the entry of A. E. Brazeau (Gil) into the firm, the business of A. Brazeau will hereafter be known as A. Brazeau and Son. A. Brazeau established the first plumbing business in the Porcupine camp, being first at South Porcupine and then coming to Timmins. Here he has built up a big business, and improvements and extensions are being made in the office and the shop and preparations under way for the continued and increasing extension of the business both locally and throughout the whole North."

little honey or corn syrup and half a teaspoon of grated lemon peel.

Menus to serve four:—  
Breakfast  
Apples stewed in prune juice  
Scrambled eggs  
Bread Butter  
Milk Coffee  
Lunch  
Vegetable soup on grilled toast  
Milk  
Chocolate bread pudding  
Dinner  
Frankfurters with sauerkraut  
Steamed sweet potatoes  
Bread Butter  
Snow pudding with fruit sauce  
Coffee Milk  
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### W. M. S. Of First United Plan To Hold Supply Tea

Annual Event to be Held On February 26th.

The regular meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the First United Church was held in the church on Thursday, February 10th, at 2:30 p.m. The ladies had as their guests the members of the W.M.S. of Mountjoy United Church. Mrs. J. Harnden was in the chair.

Plans were made for the annual W. M. S. Supply Tea to be held in the church on February 26th, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Following a business meeting, Mrs. A. Jackson conducted a splendid worship programme on the theme "Our Christian Attitude Toward Other Races."

Mr. Trener delighted all present with his rendition of a negro spiritual.

An illustrated lecture on "The Canadian Japanese" was presented by Mrs. A. Rose in a most capable manner and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The lecture illustrated a recent trip taken by Mrs. M. Loveys, Dominion Board Secretary of Home Missions, to the Canadian Japanese who have recently been dispersed to various inland areas of British Columbia.

The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments and a social half hour.

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| ½ tsp. salt                  | 6 to 12 chopped stewed prunes, as desired |
| 1 c. whole wheat flour       | ½ c. brown sugar                          |
| 1 c. whole wheat flour       | grated rind 1 lemon                       |

Sift together first three ingredients. Add whole wheat flour, lemon rind. Cut in shortening until mixed. Add milk to make soft dough. Roll out ½ inch thick, spread with well-drained chopped prunes; sprinkle with brown sugar. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut in 1-inch pieces; stand on end in well-greased muffin pans. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) about 30 min. Makes 15. Costs less than 1¢ per average baking.

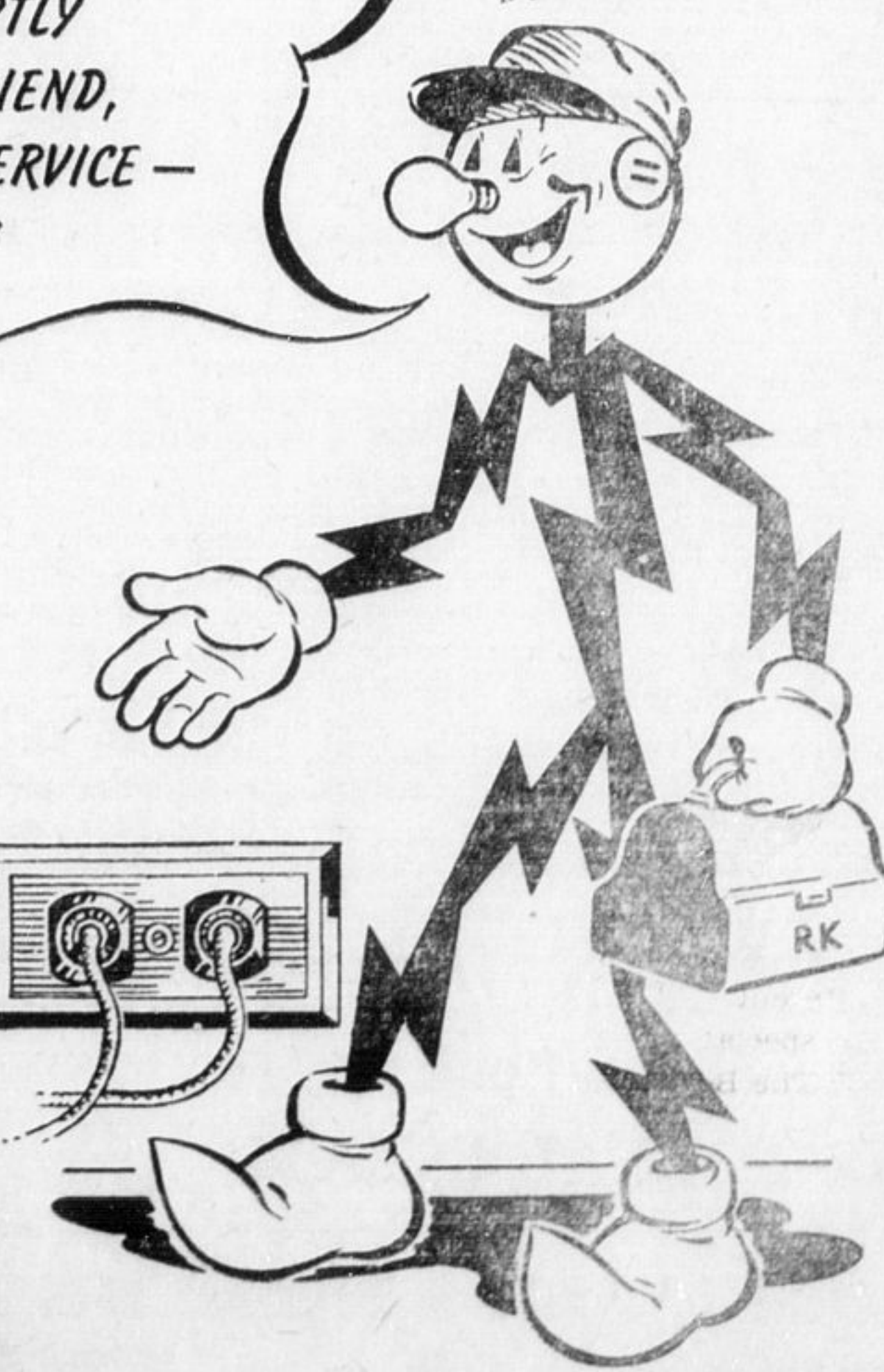
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