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**Editorial Comment**

**On The Lake**

We sometimes wonder if our friends here in town, particularly the merchants and members of the town council, realize the size and importance of the summer population at Musselman's Lake. They might get a real eye-opener some afternoon if they would take a stroll around from the Rose Farm on the west side to Cedar Beach Drive on the north taking in all the new avenues on the south side which is probably the most thickly populated section on the Lake. Between these two points there are over 250 cottages of all sizes and designs. It is estimated that the population at this popular resort during the month of July and August varies from 1,000 to 1,500 people. That's a lot of citizens to feed and provide the necessities of their temporary camp life here. An ever-increasing share of this business should be spent with the merchants of Stouffville. But are our municipal bodies and citizens doing anything to create a spirit of goodwill and friendliness to make every one of these visitors a booster for Stouffville. Think it over, friends.

**Tractor On A Hundred Acres**

Can a man on a hundred-acre farm afford a tractor? Will it be a good investment for him? This problem came up for consideration when a group of farmers were passing the time-of-day at a recent field day held in Waterloo county. "There are hundreds of farmers buying tractors who have no licence to own them," declared one man with emphasis. "They will be in the position of selling cheap feed to buy expensive fuel. It seems to me, too, that every tractor bought is increasing the amount of grain being offered on the market and still further depressing the price. What would happen to grain markets if all farmers decided to sell their tractors and buy horses? This man went on to tell us that he had put in 65 acres of spring crop with "five old horses" and had it in ahead of the rain, which was as well as his neighbors with tractors had been able to do.

James Rettie well known as one of the veteran Helstein breeders held that on his 160 acres of good Oxford county land he has six horses and a small rubber-tired tractor. "It speeds-up the work and makes farming easier," was his comment. He added that he was satisfied that heavy field work could be done cheaper with the tractor than with horses. He instanced one field of eight acres that was plowed eight inches deep last summer when plowing conditions were decidedly hard. It took gas to the value of just \$1.60 and was done in a day and a half. For lighter work, Mr. Rettie prefers to use the horses and from now till (after-harvest cultivation states the tractor will be little used. On 100 acres? Well, Mr. Rettie could not speak from experience but he had his doubts.

**Water Hose No Help To Your Garden**

Watering gardens from the hose in Stouffville, is for the most part so much waste time. Authorities at experimental stations assure us that the gardener's blind faith in the watering can is pathetic. Beyond little momentary refreshment of the leaves, the sprinkled contribution is wasted or worse. The moisture that helps a crop materially is the moisture that gets down to the seeds or the roots. It takes quite a wetting to do this, and the chill water from the Stouffville system is not good for other reasons, chiefly because it chills the plant too much.

We are delighted to read this instruction from an authority in the statistical department at Ottawa, because we have had many an argument about the merits of using the hose here in Stouffville on our gardens. The hoe and the scuffler are the best means of conserving soil moisture because for one thing they kill the weeds that sap the moisture from the soil that might go toward maintaining the plant. Even during a continued dry spell a hill of corn may continue to thrive if assured all the moisture in a square yard of ground. If obliged to compete with a mat of weeds, the corn is stunted.

The Peace River region of Northern Alberta and Northern British Columbia is subject to lengthy periods of dry weather, yet the Dominion substation at Beaverlodge, Alberta, has never had a complete failure of its vegetable garden and usually has a flourishing one, though no vegetable crop except celery is ever watered after the transplanting stage. Transplants are occasionally watered when being set out—not afterwards. It is strictly against the rule insisted upon by the Superintendent, W. D. Albright, who wishes to see what can be grown by the means within anyone's reach. Incidentally, clean cultivation conserves all the plant food, as well as the moisture, for the crop.

A university psychologist is advising people to ignore the heat. "If you keep talking about it," he is quoted as saying, "and opening your cellar and wiping your brow, you'll notice it a lot more." We knew that some people during a heat wave do go down and sit in the cellar as the coolest spot in the house but the context in this particular story showed that "cellar" was a typographical error for "collar." This expert does not seem to think much of the prevalent habit of men unfastening their collars. It shows they are paying attention to the heat instead of forgetting it. But we imagine the practice will persist.



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**CEDAR BEACH SONGSTER THRILLED  
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Although people who visit Cedar Beach Dance Gardens at Musselman's Lake are always loud in their praises for the smiling-faced young tenor who warbles each evening for Jack Evan's swing band, they are possibly all unaware that this energetic personality they are listening to, holds an exceedingly high position in the song world.

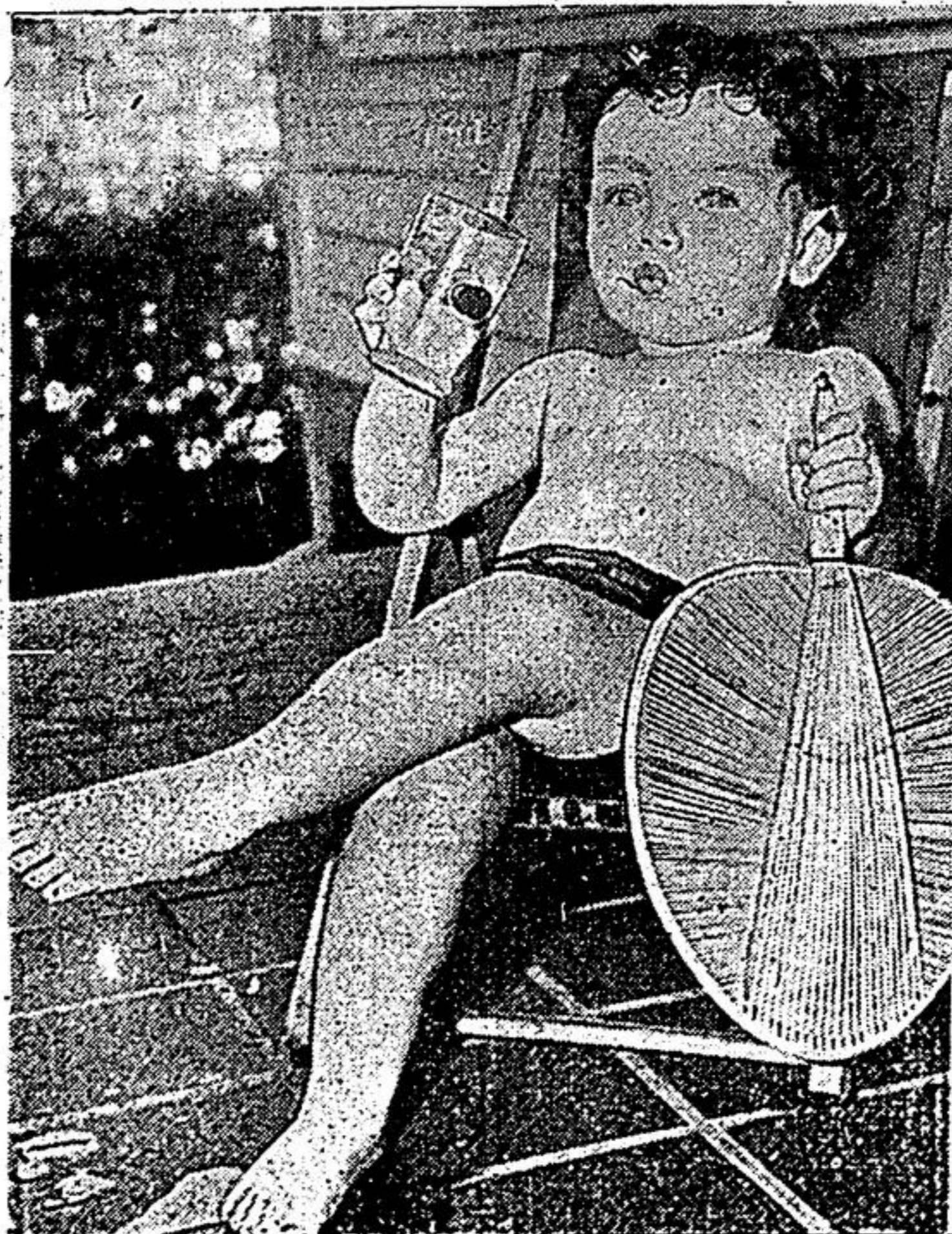
The lad we're talking about is Rex Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doyle of Toronto who is just completing his eighth year as a successful singer. Rex opened his tender-foot career at the Silver Slipper in Toronto and stepped along from there up to the Savarin on Bay Street where his popularity reigned for three years. Following this successful campaign his engagements came thick and fast. Montreal claimed him for eight months, also Columbus Hall and even radio, where he starred as the Golden voiced Boy Singer on the Sun Dried Coffee Programme.

Overshadowing all these stages on the road to singing fame was a one hundred week engagement in New York City where he worked as a leading soloist for Benny Davis and his Star Dust Review on Broadway. Brooklin and the Bronx was also thrilled to the rhythmic song versions of this young Canadian star.

But home has always looked good to this Toronto boy and he has just signed a contract for another year as feature soloist at Columbus Hall. It matters not whether it's a dreamy waltz or the slappiest jazz, Rex gives his singing everything he's got and that's certainly plenty, with a smiling delivery that makes everyone forget they ever had a care.

Still another member of the Doyle family who has made a place in the entertainment world is Marion Doyle, sister of Rex. Marion is a radio soloist and has been blues singer for five years on the Weston's programme.

**Hot Days at Musselman's**



"PHEWEE--THIS IS SOMETHING LIKE!"

**A LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER**

I get a little paper from a little country town—  
 A far cry from the dailies, that on Sundays weigh us down;  
 It's printed every Thursday, and it has no supplement,  
 Nor colored rotogravure, but I'm always glad it's sent.

It gives no clever verses by the syndicated bards,  
 But states that Mrs. Williams entertained some friends at cards;  
 "Ye scribe" saw Judge McArthur shaking hands with friends to-day—  
 It says the Curtis family sold out and moved away.

On Boulder Dam it's silent, and there's nothing on finance.  
 It tells that the Rebekahs gave an installation dance.  
 That Miss Day is returning soon to open up her school,  
 That Alexander Hargrave lost a valuable mule.

It's glad that Jimmy Gallagher can be around again;  
 It claims that the alfalfa crop is much in need of rain;  
 The supervisors voted for the road for his new garage and for his new gargage and fence

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