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Editorial Comment

Digging Too Deep is no Help to Crop
 Have you ever argued about the proper depth plowing should be done. The writer has done so on more than one occasion, but we were always beaten out because the argument with our "better half." Now comes a bit of information that will be of interest to many of our readers because most of them are interested in plowing. The Publicity Dept. of the Dominion Department of Agriculture had this to say last week concerning this question:

"Little or no difference in yield of crops following different depths of ploughing has been observed in an experiment carried out over a long period of years by the Field Husbandry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, comparing the yield of crops from land ploughed 7 inches and 4 inches deep respectively. Ploughing at the two depths has been done following corn and timothy in a rotation of corn, oats, clover, and timothy."

Tax the Merchants and Remove the Snow

The unheeded snow storm which made motor traffic very bad on our Main street business section, recalls the fact that every winter there is more or less trouble about keeping the roadway free for motor cars in the business section. Indeed, the councils are cursed and condemned because they do not remove the snow. On the other hand the councils frequently rebel because they do not want to spend the tax payers' money, and so there is a dead-lock.

Some consideration should be given to doing a better job over business section of the street, and to meet the cost a special frontage tax might be levied against the business firms who would likely willingly pay a reasonable share of the cost. We hope the new council for 1941, whoever they may be, will not longer delay solving this issue. Yea, it might well be done by the present incumbents of the office.

Apple Juice Now Popular Beverage

Apple juice has made tremendous gains in popularity as a Canadian beverage. This is due in part to advertising, and also to the improved quality of the juice being offered for sale. This quality has been enhanced by improvements in methods of processing and containers, so that now apple juice is conveniently available in attractive bottles as well as in several sizes of cans. People are drinking more apple juice not only because they are told that it is nutritious, but because they like it.

Considerable research by several agencies and investigators has contributed to the production of better quality juice. Improved methods of selecting and handling the fruit, deaeration and flash pasteurizing of the juice have all assisted in producing a fine flavoured apple juice of good keeping qualities. Advancements in the treatment of tin can for use with apple juice have also been beneficial.

While it is now possible to give the public a really good apple drink, additional research is still desirable. Present methods of manufacture may be further improved with a view to producing not only a uniformly attractive and appetizing apple juice, but one in which the maximum nutritive properties have been retained.

The Government Gives and Takes Away

The Ontario Government is gradually withdrawing its otherwise splendid support given the municipalities in helping them pay their annual local taxes. Everybody hailed with satisfaction the announcement a few years ago when Mr. Hepburn decided to rebate a mill and a half of the tax rate of every municipality. Then this was dropped a year ago to one mill, and it will be the same for this current year of 1940.

However, it is worth noting that the government this year has scaled down the public school grants to the extent of about one half a mill so that in the case of Stouffville we are not receiving very much from Queen's Park, less than \$350 to be exact.

It works out this way: The government is rebating us one mill on the general tax rate, amounting to around \$630. At the same time the government reduced our public school grant by \$309, which must be passed on to the tax payers. If Secondary School grants should be reduced correspondingly, with public school grants, then Stouffville would be deprived completely of any benefit from the gasoline tax rebate the government had aimed at giving us.

A Buy-At-Home Christmas

Christmas is just four weeks away and already Stouffville store keepers are preparing to cater to the gift needs of the people of this town and district. Stouffville has some of the finest stores you would wish to shop in, and prices are well down to those offered in larger places.

It is vital to the progress of any community that its citizens buy the bulk of their purchases at home so that they may eventually find their way from one to the other.

Watch for the advertising of your local merchant and if he offers suitable ideas, then patronize him. After all it is really up to the merchant to hold the business at home, for the majority of people will not go elsewhere, if the home merchant offers equally attractive goods as the city stores.



That recruit from out West is awful stubborn."

ESTATE OF H. W. FLEURY ALMOST A HALF MILLION

Many Generous Bequests Made

The probated value of the estate of ex-Mayor Herbert W. Fleury, Aurora manufacturer, who died last month was \$420,702.89. Mr. Fleury, who was a son of the founder of the Fleury-Bissel Co., of Elora, and Aurora, was a director of the company until a few years ago when he retired from active life in the business world.

The estate is made up of \$3,186,50 of personal effects, book debts and promissory notes total \$67,554.45, life insurance is \$20,000, stocks and bonds, \$201,737.75, securities, \$90,448.25, cash on hand, cash in banks, \$14,910.28, miscellaneous is valued at \$20,000.96.

His daughter, Miss Marguerite Fleury, resident in France, who last visited Aurora in 1939, is bequeathed an income of \$5,000 per year, a house here, house furnishings and other personal effects.

William E. Fleury and Elinor M. Fleury, a niece and nephew, are left certain stocks and bonds. Mrs. Blanche E. Macdonnell, housekeeper to receive the income on \$20,000. Certain other friends and employees receive cheques of varying amounts.

On the death of Miss Marguerite Fleury, \$80,000 is to be divided equally among several nieces and nephews, and one-half of the residue goes to his brother, William J. Fleury, while the other half goes to the persons entitled under the Devolutions of Estates Act "as if I had died intestate."

Always noted for his charity, in death Mr. Fleury made notable charitable bequests. The Royal Ontario Museum receives his French inlaid secretary, a notable piece of antique furniture. The Salvation Army social service department, Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives and York county hospital each receive \$1,000. The Aurora war memorial association, of which the deceased was chairman, also receives a like amount. Bequests of \$500 go to the Hospital for Sick Children, the Home for Incurables, Toronto, the Orange True Blue and Orange Home, Elgin Mills, and the Aurora cemetery company.

Executors named are his brother William J. Fleury, Harold L. Steele, and the National Trust company. Solicitors for the executors are McMaster, Montgomery and Fleury

Overseas Mail

Somewhere in England,
October 21, 1940

Dear Mom. & Dad,

In your letter you said September was nearly gone and now I can safely say October is nearly gone. How are you all feeling. I hope the very best as I sure am myself.

Yes, I see all kinds of air-fights and have heard all kinds of bombs. In fact I hear one whistling right now. I had one drop about 10 feet from me on Saturday night. I went up to Epsom to a show and missed the last bus. It left at 10 p.m., and I had to walk 8 miles back to camp. There are no cars running at night during air-raids and they last all night.

When I reached Epsom race track I heard this shrill whistle so I flopped down in the middle of the road. I thought it was never going to land and I didn't think it was going to land so close to me. As luck would have it, it was a D.A. (delayed action or time bomb). Well if you ever wanted to see anyone run a mile in nothing flat, you should have seen me.

Some friends I known in London had their office bombed the other night and they had to move to Croydon. On last Tuesday night that office was flattened to the ground and all the records and everything lost. Three weeks ago we had a German plane brought down almost in our back yard but it was burned so badly I could not get any souvenirs from it.

The Tribune arrives every week, and I read every word from back to front.

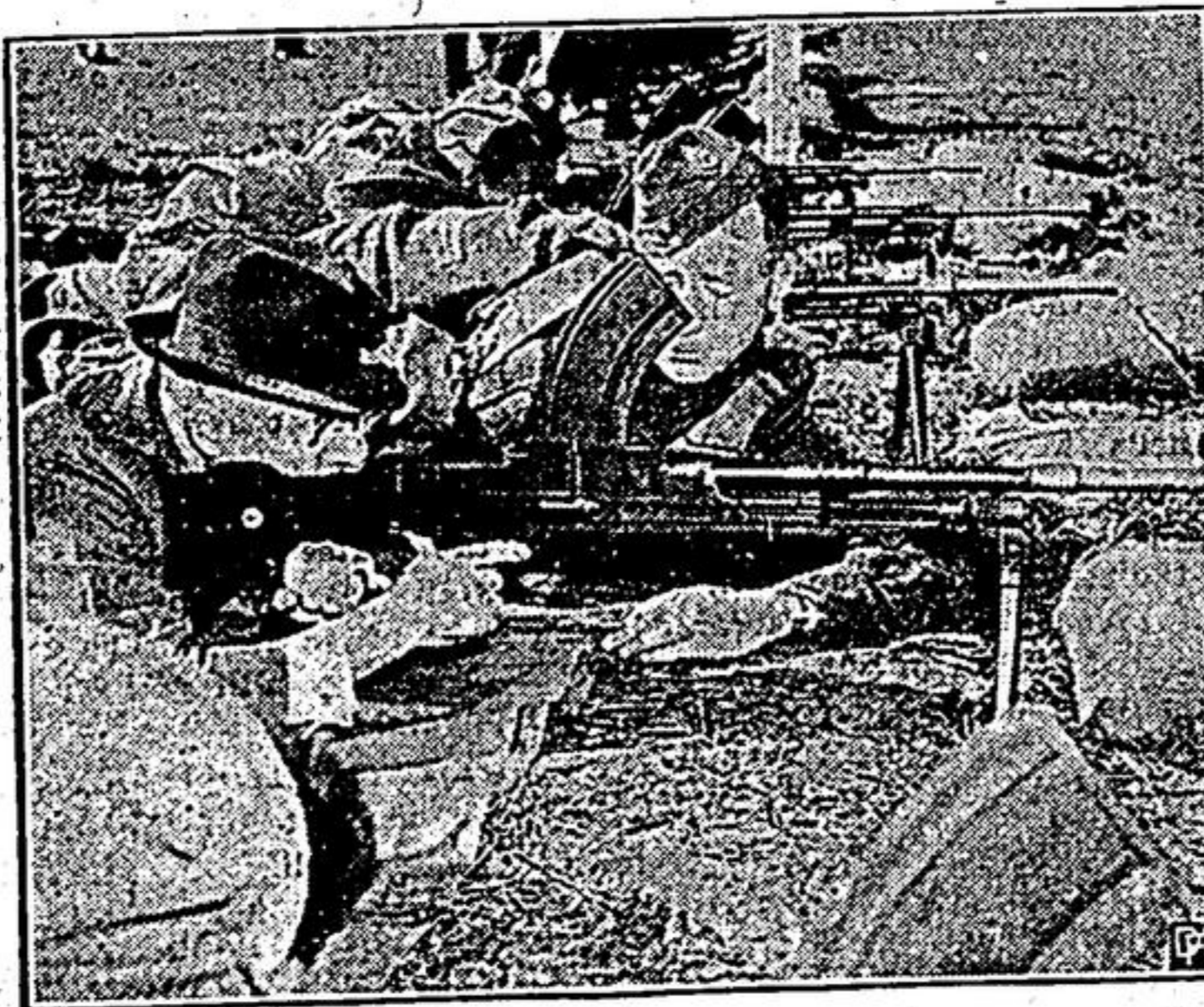
Yes, you can send me socks anytime you like for if I can't use them some of the other lads can. Must close now for I have to get up at 2 a.m.

Morley Pugh,
48th Highlanders.

FORSYTH'S MARIONETTES IN STOUFFVILLE, DEC. 23rd

Halifax Chronicle, Nova Scotia
 It is a breath-taking side-tickling business into which is packed an infinite variety of fun. If you haven't seen Forsyth's Marionettes you haven't seen the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition.

Send The Tribune to absent friends



OLD SOLDIER LEARNS NEW TRICK

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, is shown here as he tried a Bren machine gun during a recent training camp visit. Col. Ralston, a veteran of the last war, took a delight in trying the new weapon.

FARMERS SHOULD BE ON BACON BOARD

York County Council Tells MacKenzie King—Packers Have Unfair Racket on Horned Cattle

York County Council has appealed to Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his Cabinet, to give farmers of this country adequate representation on the Federal Bacon Board.

Reeve Leslie Cockburn, who moved the resolution, declared the board was cluttered with representatives from meat packing houses. Farmers, he said, had received a bad deal in the bacon trade, and there was increasing dissatisfaction throughout the country.

"Farmers are as patriotic as any other true Britisher," he said. "In fact we would gladly give all our produce to Great Britain free of cost if the government would assure us of a fair living. But we won't tolerate unfair treatment from packing industries."

Council appointed Mr. Cockburn to investigate insurance and other charges to farmers shipping stock to large stock yards.

"There are plenty of injustices in the present system of charges," declared Reeve Cockburn. "Take, for instance, the charge on horns. If an animal has horns the farmer is docked one dollar per head. This extra charge is made on the ground the animal might injure other animals. But if other animals are injured the stockyards immediately collect insurance. They collect twice at the expense of the farmer."

Reeve Cockburn contended that approximately \$80,000 was collected from horn fees in Toronto within the past year. "In Western Canada that money is used in the interest of farmers, but not in Ontario. We get nothing in return."

Reeve F. J. MacRae wondered if it would be possible to operate a customs killing of beef in Toronto. "Some place a farmer could have his beef killed and sold directly to the retailer. This might break the combine."

Reeve Wright thought it would be a losing proposition.

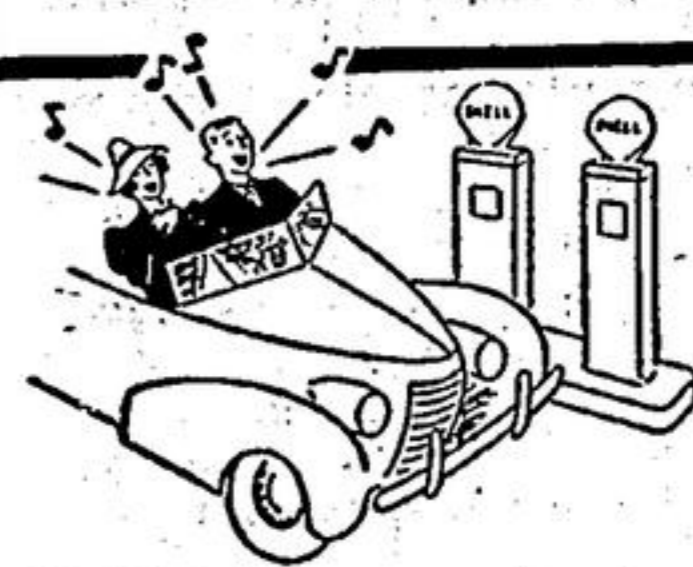
Agricultural Representatives W.A. Cockburn reported that farms throughout York County had been given the T.B. test and the area was T.B. restricted.

"A test was made in 1936 and 15.5 per cent. of the animals showed positive reaction," he said. "In 1938 only one per cent. showed positive reaction, and the county now is almost free from the disease. We are very proud of this accomplishment."

Reeve Vogelman of New Toronto wanted to know whether there was a labor shortage on county farms and whether relief labor was of any use.

"There is a decided shortage of labor on the farms," replied Mr. Cockburn. "The Department of Education, however, is considering plans to line up youths under military age for farm work. This will be a great help."

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