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**Editorial Comment**

**The Rural Auctioneer**

"This is the last call! Going! Going! Anyone give me another bid? Gone! to John Youno for a song."

This has been the stereotyped last-minute sales talk of the auctioneer as far back as any of us can remember. And it is still so today, although there have not been so many sales in this district as before 1929. It is still one of the best sales districts in Ontario, however.

An auction sale in village or country is a cross between a social event, a bargain sale and a vaudeville stunt. A good auctioneer like Alvin S. Farmer, or like the late Fred W. Silversides, combines the qualities of host, salesman, and actor. About the only improvement we can think that would improve the method of the auctioneer is a loud speaker.

However, when we started this editorial, we intended to tell our readers about an article in the Christian Science Monitor, giving their slant on the question, and here it is:

"As he swings into articulate action, it is just as well to remember he has on occasion, proved himself a master at discomfiting repartee. His shafts of wit, however, like the plow he is about to offer, though they may bite deep, are intended to leave no lasting scar, but merely to expedite the business in hand. For your true vendor-master makes it a point never to let the sun go down on any unfinished business.

"Methods in agriculture have altered considerably since the crier of farm sales and his seasonable services came to be recognized as an important factor in rural regions. The threshing machine which replaced the flail has in turn been succeeded by the combine. The scythe has given way before the mechanical reaper, while the lumbering farm wagon has been supplanted by the motor truck. But the rural auctioneer seems not to change. His flow of language and his methods are much the same as in post-Colonial days. His voice continues to exude a convincing air of optimism, while his cheery greeting to one and all rings just as heartily as it did a century ago. May he, like Mr. Tennyson's brook, go on forever."

**Plan Improvements**

When the annual convention of the Ontario Vegetable Growers Ass'n, with a membership of 900, gets under way in Toronto, January 7th, there will be considerable discussion of marketing matters. Members of the executive plan to bring before the meeting eighteen recommendations of the Canadian Food Distribution Council.

One of these recommendations calls for a joint committee of wholesalers and growers to examine wholesale charges with the object of putting everyone on the basis of equality; eliminating secret agreements and special rates; arranging periodic examination of commission trucker and wholesale records.

Another recommendation would prohibit the re-packing of imported produce, especially potatoes, in Canadian containers, while another would clearly define the basis of retail advertising of fruits and vegetables making it compulsory that all imported produce be designated and all domestic produce be clearly defined with grades clearly indicated.

The vegetable men will also be asked to give consideration to the sale of asparagus, bunch beets, carrots, etc., by weight, and no longer leave these products open to rebunching by retailers or pedlars.

**The Two-Year Term Again**

It is surprising the number of people who still do not know what the two-year-term means for councils, despite the continual explanations in the press. The Ontario legislature has enacted that every council in Ontario shall sit for two years instead of one year when returned on January 6 next. However, the municipal council may take a vote on the issue at the coming January election, as so many of them are doing (including Stouffville,) and if a majority vote "nay" on the question which will be placed on the ballot, then you will retain the usual yearly election.

Under the two-year term any vacancies that may occur by reason of the reeve or members of the council resigning or passing off the scene of life, the office shall be filled by the remaining members, the ratepayers having no voice in the matter at all.

Under the yearly election plan, most municipalities return their council for a second year by acclamation, and if they do not, there is generally a good reason for not returning them. Thus there is no saving on this point. However, under the two-year term the voters list would be prepared only every second year, which is a small outlay to any municipality, and one that would not change the tax rate.

It is estimated that in those municipalities holding early elections last week two-thirds of the municipalities voted against the two-year term, no doubt on the ground that the ratepayer prefers to retain to himself the right to say whether he wants a council for the second year or not. Electors should acquaint themselves with this situation, and be able to vote intelligently on the issue on Monday, January 6.

**JIM HUNTER  
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**W.I. MEMBERS TO  
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A thirty-two-bed ward in a Canadian Army hospital in Great Britain is to be furnished at a cost of \$3,000 by the individual contributions of members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. Each member of local institutes is being asked to contribute what she can—no donation is too small and none too large, and should be sent to Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, Ont. Mrs. Leatherdale is Secretary-Treasurer of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Women's Institute members are being encouraged to continue the support which they have been giving to the Red Cross and other patriotic organizations, the Provincial Board states, pointing out that donations to the Canadian Army Hospital in Great Britain are entirely separate and of a personal nature as compared with other war work.

**NATIONAL RAILWAY  
 SERVES GOOD GRAIN  
 LANDS**

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 10—Farm lands which produced the wheat and oats responsible for bringing this season's championships to Canada after keen competition at the International Live Stock Exposition's grain show at Chicago, are in territories served by the Canadian National Railways. The farm of Francis Lloyd Rigby, three-time winner of the wheat crown, is at Wembley, Alberta, in the Peace River country and served by rail out of Edmonton. The farm on which Paul Francis Pawlowski grew the grain to win the oats championship, is at Vilna, on a National System branch one hundred miles east of the provincial capital. Mr. Rigby is a neighbor of Herman Trelle, now in the Canadian Army who was a five-time winner of the North American wheat championship.

Send The Tribune to absent friends.

**MISS CONDY TAUGHT  
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The funeral for the late Miss Elizabeth Condy aged 77 years, was held on Friday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Milton Harris, Rev. L. E. Atkinson of Stouffville and Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Claremont conducting the service. Interment was made at Stouffville cemetery, attended by many old friends of the family. Pall bearers were Messrs. Samuel, William and Christie Armstrong, Harold, Norman, & Douglas Dickinson. Born in Pickering, Miss Condy attended school in Uxbridge when the family lived on the 4th concession, she being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condy.

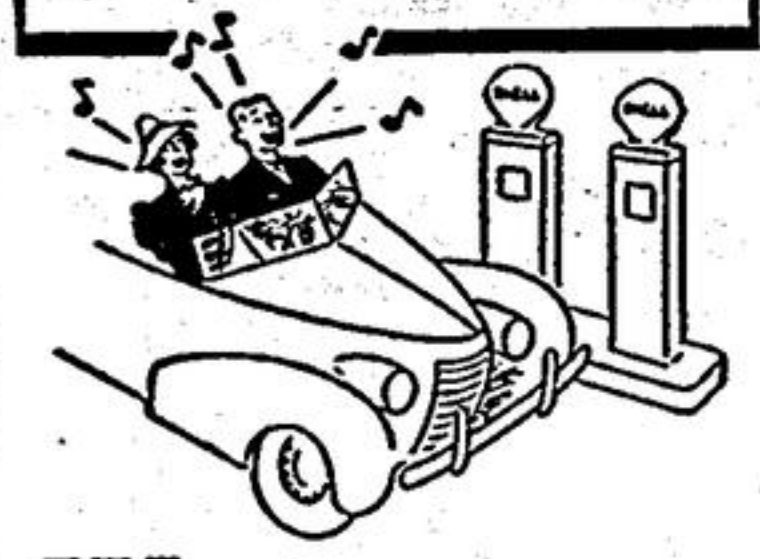
When a young woman she went to Buffalo, N.Y., where she took a normal school course and taught in the Buffalo High School for seven years. She then entered the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she obtained her B.A. degree and took a position on the staff of the Lucy Webb Hayes Missionary and Deaconess Training School, where she remained for twenty-four years. When she resigned from her position in Washington she returned to Canada and has spent the past ten years in the vicinity of her birthplace.

Miss Condy is survived by a brother, Thos. Condy, and a sister, Mrs. William Dickenson, of Claremont, also a brother, Johnston Condy of Melfort, Sask., and a sister, Mrs. E. Smith of Calgary, Alta., and a number of nephews and nieces.

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 Daily Star, Toronto

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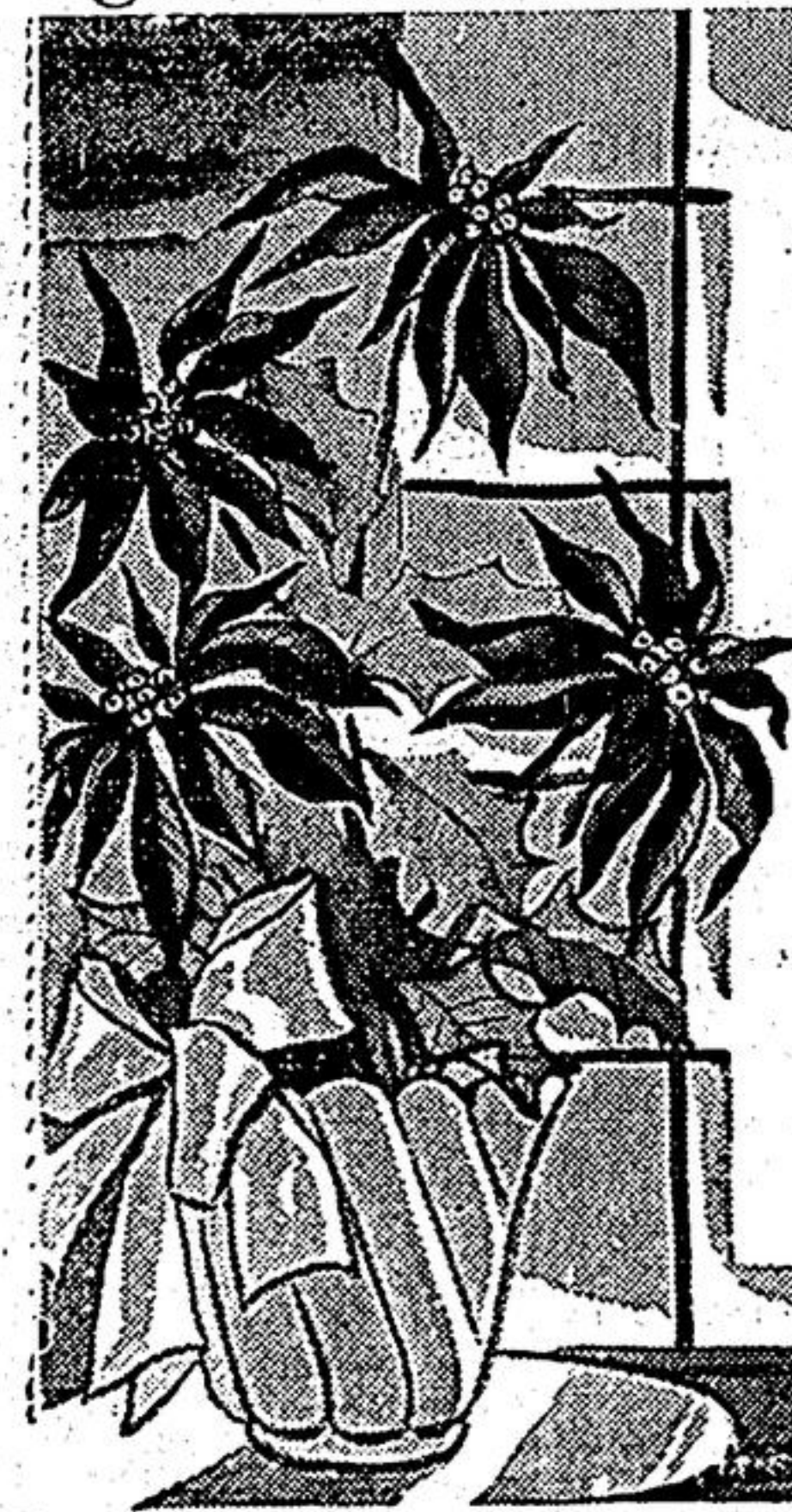
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