

CLAREMONT

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Claremont News

Mr. Jess Warden was at his home here over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham of Oshawa visited over the holiday with Mrs. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beelby motored to Lynbrook Park on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker of Weston called on friends in town last week.

Mr. Harry Found and his brother-in-law, Mr. John Brown spent a day renewing old acquaintances in Stouffville last week.

Mr. Blake Briscoe has been visiting with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Redshaw and family are taking up residence in part of the house owned by Chas. DeRusha.

Mrs. Wm. Dickson is in rather poor health, we understand.

Rev. Keith and Mrs. Daniels while on vacation called in to see Mr. Daniels' parents, Rev. and Mrs. Daniels of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hinan and family spent the weekend with friends in Galt.

Mrs. Esther Palmer has been entertaining her brother from the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Pilkey have returned from a holiday trip. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Pilkey's health is improving.

Miss Margaret McDonald of Toronto is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd and daughter Freda of Toronto were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Len. Lye have been on an eastern motor trip. On their return they called on Mr. and Mrs. Bryant of Cobourg, former Claremont residents.

The Sinclair Trophy at present held by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Forsyth of the local bowling club, will be contested for here in a mixed tournament on Saturday of this week.

Rev. I. Kennedy took the first union service in the park on Sunday evening, since returning from his holidays. The attendance is still setting a high record at these open-air services, while the Band too, is continuing to lend its able support

We understand Mrs. Thos. Sanderson has stored her furniture in part of the Bennett house, the occupants of which are moving into the Sanderson home. Mrs. Sanderson is staying with Mrs. Bert Hamm in Toronto at present.

Fourteen rinks competed in the mixed trebles bowling tournament here last Friday evening. Fred Evans local foursome carried off first money Gordon Lemons of Stouffville second and E. Goodman of Oshawa, third.

Mr. Oscar Hutchinson who recently underwent two critical operations in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto has been forced to return following a relapse which he suffered a week ago. Mr. Hutchinson's health was apparently not in as good shape as appeared and when he attempted to take on his farm duties again, this true condition revealed itself and he was forced to give up again.

Accident Case Remanded

The Veitch case to be heard in Magistrate's Court, Uxbridge, on Thursday, July 31st, was remanded, with no date set. Court was not held owing to Magistrate Ebbs and Crown Attorney Annis both being on holidays.

Tomato Harvest Promises Well

According to the proprietor of the local canning plant, the tomato harvest is ripening up fast and the plant expects to open within two weeks. Due to the heavy overseas consumption, the price is expected to be good. Last year between 80 and 90c a dozen was paid by the wholesaler for the fruit.

Harvests Alone at 75

The old saying that a man is just as old as he feels still goes apparently, and certainly holds in the case of Mr. John Pallister of the north townline, who has just completed harvesting the entire crop from his 100-acre farm all by himself, but that's not all. Mr. Pallister also celebrated his 75th birthday on Friday, August 1st. He cut and hauled in over twenty-five loads of hay besides his entire grain crop without the aid of a single other hand. This veteran townline farmer, resident of here for over thirty years, is to be congratulated on this occasion and

also for his fine achievement despite the labour shortage.

Mistaken for Roost Raiders

Apparently the recent chicken thieving in the neighborhood has put the nerves of local farmers on edge as two of our younger set narrowly escaped being whisked away to the "coop" last Saturday night when they were mistaken for roost robbers. The couple resident on 8th con. were returning from Stouffville in the small hours when their car failed to function near the Yake Slideroad on the 9th. Leaving their lights burning the two unfortunates set out on foot, a matter of some four or five miles. Several farmers in the vicinity hurried out to look over their poultry, while it is said another phoned for the police, but ere they arrived the identity of the stalled vehicle was disclosed.

Department of Munitions and Supply Tell Story of Munitions Plant.

In view of the fact that the large shell filling plant in Pickering Township is rapidly nearing completion, and since nearly three score local men are working in the construction of the plant, the story of what will transpire when the plant commences operation may prove interesting.

Take a passing look at an explosive bomb—a 500 pound one. It is 36 inches high as it stands on end, and 13 inches across. It is made of cast steel, black and forbidding in appearance, shaped much like the churns in the country in the old days when dairy butter was an article of commerce, and before barrel churns were invented. Loaded with its proper complement of T.N.T. and ammonium nitrate, sealed, with the firing appliance and the directive fins attached, it is not difficult to see in the eye of the mind, the devastating power of this instrument of war produced in Canadian plants.

A filling plant is as clean as a hospital ward. It is absolutely cen. The visitor wears clean rubbers provided by the plant. These rubbers are used for nothing else but walking on clean floors. Matches, lighters, and other trinkets are left behind when the visitor starts on his trip of inspection. The clothes of the workmen are clean. They wear a standard uniform. The men leave their suits behind when they leave the plant. They are trained to quiet, efficient work. In a place where carelessness might mean loss of life and serious danger to property, carelessness becomes an ingrained characteristic.

The enormous size of the plant, the extent of the operations, the movement of traffic in and out, gives a profound and lasting impression of the tremendous activity developed in Canada as a result of the war.

When the shells leave the factory where they are made, they are clean. The filling plant cleans them again—they might have taken on some extraneous substance on the journey. They are then poured. This is done in several operations. A smoke box is added. The men who are matching the firing of these shells want to know where they hit. Smoke will prove the indicator. When the filling operation is complete, they are sealed, varnished, ready for shipment. They are stored in arsenals, ready for the journey to their final destination. When they explode on the field of battle they exert a pressure of 50 tons to the square inch.

All munitions plants have certain common characteristics. They occupy large ground areas. The buildings are low. They employ large numbers of men—3,000 in a shift—two shifts to the day in one plant. They are away from large business centres; but life seems to go on a good deal more calmly in a munition plant or shell or bomb loading plant than in the ordinary busy hive of industry.

The guns of Napoleon fired one shot per hour at Waterloo. The 75's of the French in the Great War ran 20 to 25 per minute. The Bofors anti-aircraft gun fires 120 per minute. Time, which brought these modifications, changed also the relative size of munitions plants from one war to another—put six men at work on the home front to one on the war front. These are the factors that have increased tremendously the material contributions to this war in comparison with the wars of the past.

PROMINENT HORSEMAN GEO. McMILLAN DEAD

On Monday Messrs. George Watson and Hugh Anderson motored to Port Perry for the funeral of the late Geordie McMillan who passed away in the Port town on Saturday at the age of 84. Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. Watson and in his younger days was a frequent visitor to Stouffville as a buyer of horses.

Mr. McMillan was known from coast to coast as an expert judge and lover of horses. He was in the business of buying these animals for 60 years.

To ship some carloads of horses to Montreal, Halifax or Vancouver was an everyday matter in those early days.

Deceased was known far and wide for good judgment and fair dealing. He was highly esteemed among horsemen throughout the country.

Mr. McMillan was born at Hagersville and spent his boyhood and young manhood on the farm. But his interest was always with the horses.

On November 20th 1880, Geordie McMillan was married to Agnes Watson, of Unionville. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Carey of the Anglican Church, Port Perry.

Six children were born of this marriage, Samuel, James, Isaac (who died in 1914), George, of Toronto Telegram, Sarah (Mrs. Earl Cook), of Oshawa; and Margaret at home. Mrs. McMillan is still living.

BACON, HAM CONSUMPTION FURTHER CUT 25 PER CENT

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appeal to Canadians to eat less pork, but apparently the voluntary curtailment in pork purchases was insufficient to meet the increased British requirements.

In announcing that Britain has asked to have this year's contract filled by about Sept. 15, Mr. Gardner said:

"The increased rate of shipment necessary to comply with this request will require that every hog market in Canada during the next two months be available for export to the United Kingdom or for distribution on the domestic market.

"On the completion of the present agreement for 425,000,000 pounds of bacon, hams and other cuts on Sept. 15, 1941, it is anticipated that the agreement for the following 12 months will call for the delivery by Canada of 600,000,000 pounds of bacon, ham and other cuts.

"The larger order will necessitate a substantial increase in the Canadian production of hogs."

Mr. Gardner said the increase in price payable to packers for export bacon is "in order to bring the value of bacon in Canada closer to parity with the present price of hogs in the United States."

It is the fourth increase since the agreement was signed last autumn. Britain financed the first, May 1, increase of \$1 and Canada has financed the three subsequent 75-cent raises.

"Hog prices in the United States have continued to advance sharply, inducing a flow of live hogs and dressed products to the United States thereby jeopardizing the quantities required for export to the United Kingdom," Mr. Gardner said.

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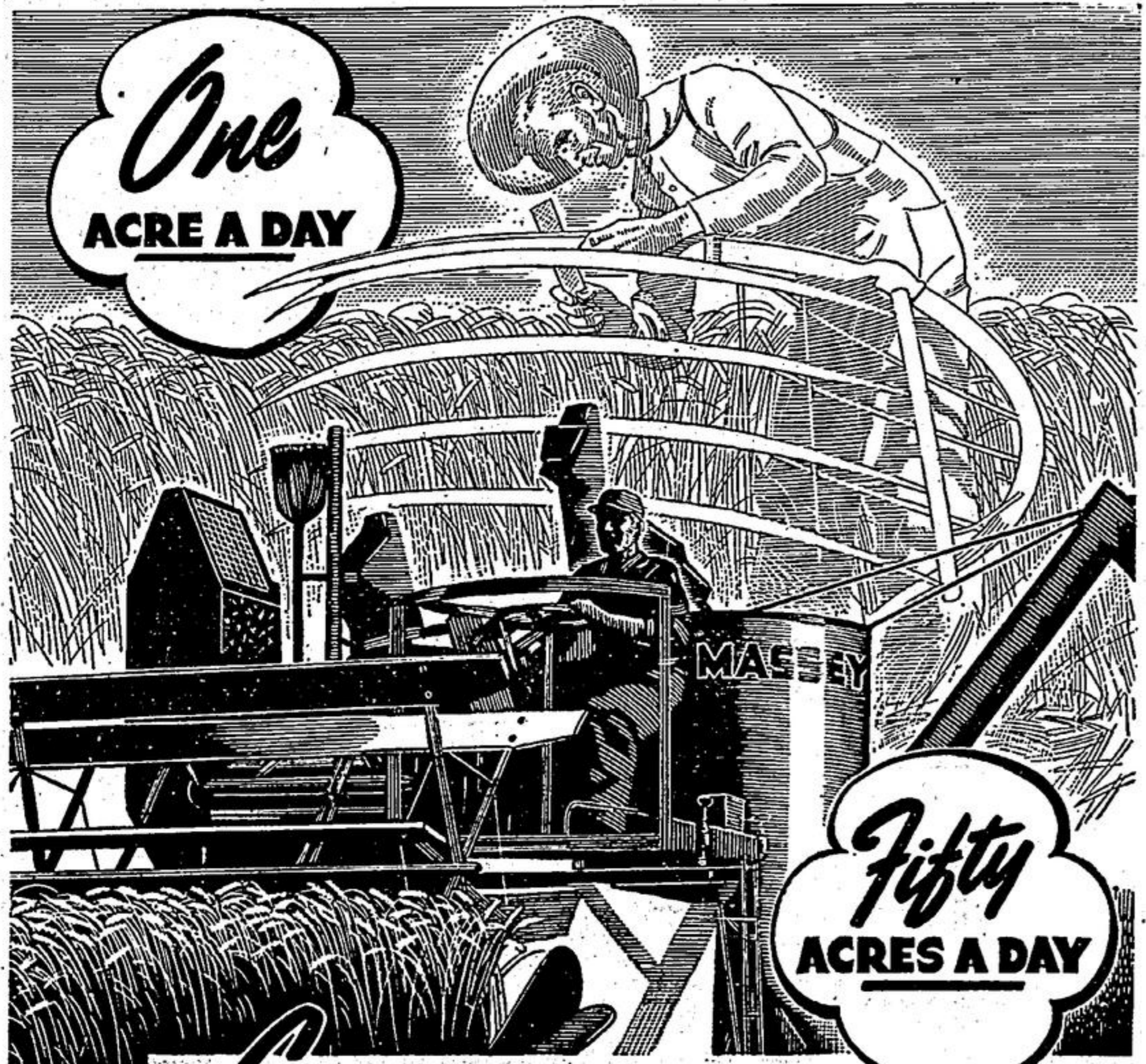
Probate has been granted of the will of the late John Henry Prentice widely known auctioneer in these parts over the last half century or more, who died in Toronto this spring. The late Mr. Prentice left an estate totalling \$78,598. The will provides that Abbie Georgina Prentice receives a legacy of \$1,000 and a life interest in the \$78,598 estate of her husband who died last April 27. Aaron A. G. Prentice, John H. Prentice, Fred Victor Prentice and Ernest M. L. Prentice, sons and Almira P. Robinson, Ina R. Stump and Eveline M. A. Lea, daughters, each receives \$1,000 and an equal share in the residue of the estate. The estate comprises clothing and jewelry, \$25; household goods, \$200; car, \$375; book debts, \$903; money on mortgage, \$12,120; bank and other stock, \$50,747; bonds, \$3,731; cash in bank, \$4,293; other personal property, \$1,600.

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