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(By Jim Greenblatt)

Because of the importance of farm machinery, equipment and repairs related to the production picture in Canada for 1944, and 1945, we are devoting this week's news letter exclusively to certain phases of the situation. The information herein is, officially on the "up and up" from machinery administration sources and should be of interest to those engaged in agriculture.

Several facts are basic to the overall picture. One is that while there has been an increase in the tonnage of materials for new machines in 1944, there will not be sufficient number of them to meet the needs. Replacements will be greater than ever before because of the extensive use of machinery from 1941 to 1943, and the changes in production that have taken place since that time.

Wide publicity has been given to the fact that 80% of the 1940 tonnage will improve the situation in 1944, but that does not quite give the correct impression, and may lead to over-optimism and eventually hard feelings.

Those who control distribution of available farm machinery and equipment are concerned with the needs of both Western and Eastern Canada. But in the west the purchasing power of the farmer has so increased in the past three years that the 1944 allotments will not nearly meet the need or demand. It will, however, enable agriculture to carry on if repairs are distributed to them in time and if further conservation practices are followed, custom work with machines is adopted, and co-operative use of new machines carried out. That is a prime point.

Let us deal first with Western Canada, and here we may say—as advised by those who know—that the situation applies pretty much the same to Eastern Canada. Comparing 1940 with 1944, here is the lineup of farm machinery and equipment for the West. Haying machinery is about the same, but there is a serious shortage of power mowers. In tillage implements the number of units are all less in 1944 except blade weeders, but these do not amount to very many. Take tractors, for instance, of which there were 12,713 held in 1940, but only 9010 available for sales in 1944. While it is true that livestock equipment is increased it will not meet the demand in view of changes in production.

Regarding repairs, the percentage available is good and some lines are plentiful, yet it is known that repair parts such as motors, roller and ball bearings, malleable castings, steel discs and shapes will be critical as regards supply for some time. It might be, we are told, a year and a half before this particular situation is eased.

There has been quite a changeover to livestock production and naturally this has resulted in a serious shortage of pumps, stationary engines, grinders, etc., despite the fact that there has been an increase in these items for 1944. It is important to know that 52 per cent of the machines we buy are from the United States. Farmers may better evaluate their prospects when they are also told, and with unhesitant certainty, that tractor type and diesel equipment presents quite a different picture, with repair parts hard to get and little prospect of more than ordinary improvement.

In short, official data on available supply of farm machinery indicates that despite the increases set for 1944, and 1945 too, these years are being considered as critical and should be so regarded by those on the production front, although every effort is being made to provide equipment to enable them to carry on in their maximum effort of producing an adequate food supply for the United Nations in the great struggle.

Officials say it is still urgent for farmers, everywhere in Canada, to take all possible steps to prolong the life of their machines. This point they stress without reservation. Only when equipment is found to be in an unrepairable condition should it be discarded or traded in. Discouraged by official sources is the practice of selling workable tractors from the farm with the exception of buying a new one. Tractors should be available for those who need them most, as there are not many for distribution.

This last injunction can better be comprehended when we repeat statistics for Western Canada, as an ex-

Temperance Convention Feb. 4

Arrangements have been made for the annual convention of the North York Temperance Federation at Newtonbrook United church on Friday, Feb. 4. Rules and topics for the oratorical contest, which is one of the principal events of the evening session, have been sent to pastors and Sunday-school superintendents.

The committees are to meet at 3 p.m. on Feb. 4, and the business session will take place at 4 p.m. There will be posts and a quiz contest. Supper will be served at 6:30 and the oratorical contest will commence at 8 p.m.

There will be three classes in the contest, namely: (1) A temperance address, time limit ten minutes, for all who have reached their 15th birthday. The county prize for this class is the Dr. S. J. Boyd silver cup.

(2) A temperance address, time limit ten minutes, for all who have passed their 12th birthday and have not reached their 15th birthday. The county prize for this class is the J. M. Walton silver cup. (3) A temperance recitation, open to all under 12 years of age. The prize for this class is the Dr. J. P. Wilson silver cup.

Anyone may obtain a copy of the rules and topics of the contest from Mrs. Elma M. Starr, R.R.3 Newmarket, convener of the committee for childhood and youth of the North York Temperance Federation, or from any of the following municipal representatives: Ezra Ewart, R.R. 3 Newmarket; Roy Marshall, R.R.1 King; Rev. William J. Burton, Kettleby, J. Rose, Maple, J. N. Kinnee, Maple, Fred Glover, R.R.1 Newmarket, Rev. W.H. Burgess, Mount Albert, Mrs. Bernard Huntley, Sutton West, Mrs. Perry Winch, Keswick, John Moore, Pefferlaw, Herbert Smith, Gormley, Charles Ratcliff, Stouffville, Rev. Alex. H. Halbert, Newtonbrook, W. T. New, Willowdale; John Stephenson and Rev. Henry Cotton, Newmarket, Asa Cook and Erastus Harmon, Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Richmond Hill, Gordon Hutchinson, Woodbridge, Rev. Douglas Davis and Rev. Norman Rowan, Stouffville, and Dr. H. Learoyd and Frank Culverwell of Sutton.

TWO BREAKINS AT PORT PERRY

On Monday night someone broke into Murrell Goode's Bottling Works at Port Perry and proceeded to do some damage by smashing a great many bottles of pop. When leaving the building, they left the doors open which caused the water pipes to freeze. Apparently nothing was taken, but a great deal of damage was done. Mr. Goode is well known in Stouffville, being a brother-in-law of Mr. L.E. O'Neill.

Gaining entrance through a window at the skating rink on Tuesday night, thieves broke into the booth there by smashing window and made off with gum, pop and popcorn, owned by Mr. George Channell, who is operating the booth during this season. The loss was not discovered until Wednesday morning, and Constable Holmes is investigating.

ample for Eastern Canada, as well. There are 9010 tractors available to distribute in the west section which has to serve some 300,000 farms, or a ratio of one in 33. Many farmers will expect to make application for a tractor for the first time because of labor shortage, horses getting old and generally to operate the farm efficiently. Such real needs, obviously are deserving of primary attention.

A bright spot, nevertheless is that the supply of repair parts is gradually improving and the time factor in distribution has been overcome. But and this must be recognized, there is still a shortage of critical materials in the United States for some repairs. As we are dependent on the United States for some of our supply this condition may affect Canadian farm production for some time. All farmers are strongly urged to order their repairs early, which will help machine, trade and the machinery administration to plan ahead and get repair parts distributed on a more equitable basis.

But most farmers have not given much thought to tools, including pliers, wrenches, etc. Well, a survey shows that the need for such tools is becoming felt more and more as time goes on, and so far there has been little general improvement in distribution. Until some relief is in sight farmers should conserve their present tools with the greatest care. When you take them out, remember to put them back, is a good rule to follow in this wartime shortage.

Send The Tribune to absent friends.



Found Dead in a creek by his home near Thornhill, 16-months old David Jackson is shown here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jackson, and brother Douglas. Picture was taken when the baby was four months old.

CROSS SHOWS WHERE BABY FOUND UNDER ICE



The body of 16-months-old David Chas. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Bayview Ave., Thornhill, who disappeared from the backyard of his home on Wednesday last week was found Thursday afternoon in the Don River. The discovery was made about 1500 feet from the rear of the Jackson house.

A party of 50 searchers, including police officers, neighbors and school children broke through

the ice with grappling irons all morning. The child was last seen by a three-year-old brother, Douglas.

Police of York County, North York township, provincial police and a posse of neighbors renewed the search.

Chief George Stuart of York county police announced that the slot-machine inquiry scheduled to be held that day had been postponed. All the officers had joined the search for the baby.

AURORA'S GRAND OLD CITIZEN

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Milton Fleury of Aurora, who on Saturday, Jan. 8th celebrated his 92nd birthday, says the Banner.

Before his retirement some years ago, Mr. Fleury was superintendent of the J. Fleury's Son's Agricultural Works, and has spent all his life here.



You Don't Need a Chef

To Provide a Good Meal

If you have BREAD from the Stouffville Baker, morning—Noon—and Night. This delicious White Bread is a real cereal food that everyone likes, and it does a real job in bringing top rated war-time nourishment to the entire family. Bread, the oldest favourite cereal food of man, reaches a highly perfected form in Stover's White Bread.

As your 3-meal-a-day cereal it brings you the precious ingredients of the wheat, those energy-building properties you need. For flavour—for economy—for good nourishment, serve STOVER'S BREAD three times a day.

THE STOUFFVILLE BAKERY

Ambrose Stover, Prop.



The Baby was playing with this wagon in the yard of the Jackson home on Bayview ave. near Thornhill, when last seen

AGRICULTURALISTS PLAN FOR GET-TOGETHERS

During the month of February the city of Toronto will be the mecca for thousands of farmers from all over the province. Throughout the month the majority of the agricultural associations and societies will be holding their annual meetings and conventions, with serious problems of wartime production confronting the whole agricultural industry, these sessions are expected to be of more than usual interest. In addition to the meetings and conventions the Ontario Department of Agriculture is to conduct exhibitions of labour-saving devices for the farms at the Royal York Hotel from Feb. 1st to 5th, and at the King Edward Hotel from Feb. 7th to 11th. The Ontario Crop Improvement Association is to hold a seed display from Feb. 7th to 11th. The list of meetings and their dates scheduled for February, is as follows:

Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, annual meeting, Feb. 2; Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, joint convention on Feb. 3; Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, annual meeting, on Feb. 4; Ontario Plowmen's Association, annual meeting, Feb. 8th; Ontario Crop Improvement Assoc.; potato growers special meeting Feb. 7th; business meeting, Feb. 8th, annual meeting, Feb. 9th; Class B' Fairs Association, annual meeting on Feb. 9th; Ontario Assoc. of Agricultural Societies, annual convention, Feb. 10 and 11; Ont. Horticultural Association annual convention, on Feb. 24th and 25th.

Details of the programs for these meetings and conventions are now being arranged and will be made available to members in the near future.

WESTERN FEEDS NOT TO BE USED FOR SEED

Due to low yields and unsatisfactory quality of the 1943 grain crops throughout Ontario much suitable seed will be required for the spring of 1944. With large quantities of Western grains being brought in for livestock feeding there may be a tendency on the part of some farmers to use such grain of good appearance as seed.

This practice would decidedly be a step in the wrong direction, says J.D. McLEOD Director of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. In the first place, there is no assurance as to the variety of grain, whether it is early or late maturing, resistant to rust or adapted to local conditions. In the second place, Western feed oats are usually a mixture of early and late varieties and crops grown from such seed would mature unevenly. Furthermore, the varieties may not be suitable for growing in Ontario and the grain may have been frozen previous to harvest resulting in a low germination and poor yields. There is also the possibility of introducing new weeds, such as wild oats, into Ontario.

For these reasons, if home-grown or local seed is not available farmers are urged to consult their local agricultural representative or to write to the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, for a list of available seeds.

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Toronto - Goodwood FLASHES

At New Years' a happy night was spent at the R. Maye home when the following were entertained; Mr. and Mrs. Redman, of Sandford, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Maye and family from Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maye and Johnnie, also Mrs. Hattie Dawson. We know them all, and to our friend Mrs. Wm. Maye we say happy birthday to you, Jan. 8th.

Having caught up with his correspondence with dog owners, Morley Symes went out and skidded on the ice, Dr. Darling tried the same thing, and both got hurt. Sorry.

Ross Watson is in very poor health.

Goodwood branch raised \$41 for the Bible Society. That was a nice collection to make.

Owing to gasoline shortage the truck taking High School pupils to Stouffville had to be taken off. Surely if proper representation is made gasoline could be bought for so important work. On the other hand how about a bus service. One from Gornley carries eighteen students to Stouffville. The section pays half the cost and the department the other half.

George Todd received a car of wood recently from the north country. Good stuff to have just now.

Harvey Feasby has returned to Ottawa.

Fifth line ladies recently met at Mrs. Geo. Coppins and quilted three quilts. That was good work.

Shinny on the Taylor pond is providing good fun for the young people. How we loved to play it one time.

How does the yellow sticker on your paper read. The Tribune cannot carry subscribers in arrears very long since their paper quota enables them to get more subscribers than paper—largest circulation in Ontario of towns up to 1600 population.

Thank you ladies, who handed in such a fine lot of knitting for our boys' Christmas boxes at Goodwood. It was a grand job you did.

Our sick on the 4th line, Mr. Ross Watson, Geo. Redshaw and Doras Woodland, also Mrs. Henderson and Jean Slack, Reuben Maye and wife and baby, have our hope that they will soon be better.

Airman Clarke Hill from Brandon visited the correspondent's home on Tuesday and started on his return journey the same night.

Buy your extra Tribune copies at Chas. Watson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davey and family wish to thank the Goodwood Women's Institute, the Goodwood War Workers and all kind friends, for their letters and cards of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hockley and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and family, spent New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and family.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist Church met at Mrs. Harry Woodland's on the first Tuesday in Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wagg and family of Port Credit spent the New Year holidays at Mr. D. Wagg's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alsop spent New Year's day with her parents in Sunderland.

Mrs. Ed. Lewis of Altona district is on the sick list.

Edna and Gladys Pugh of Sunderland, visited with their sister, Mrs. G. Alsop.

Frank Wagg spent the holiday with his sister, Mrs. Watson.

Mr. William Morgason is staying with his sister, Mrs. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Coppins spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. F. Riddle and Nelson.

Mrs. Martin Gall of Brougham, and Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Wilson, spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ashenhurst.

Misses Mae and Francis Eaton of Toronto, spent the New Year holidays with Mrs. Taylor and Marjorie.

Messrs. Ronald Taylor, Joe Forsyth and Sammy Wagg were in Toronto last week for a couple of days undergoing their army medical examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bacon and family, spent New Year's at the home of Sam Whittleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Latham of Uxbridge, also Miss Vida Knight of Toronto, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Knight over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cooper visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell.

Fire Brigade

DANCE

at BROUGHAM on FRIDAY, JAN. 14th

Come Along and Enjoy the good Music