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Notes and Comments

Hold Your Wrath Better Heat Coming

We may cuss the coal, and fume about the soft grades, but we seldom get heating up about the kind of stove or furnace we are using...

The science of home heating, and it is a science, is making great strides ahead. We learned a great deal at a recent meeting of experts on this subject...

War made us aware that the average farmer was using large quantities of fuel, and experts buckled down to finding out how to get more efficient heat out of it...

Say "furnace" and you think of a hulking monster—an iron behemoth crouching in your cellar. That need not be so in the near future.

Say "soft coal" and what do you think of? Clouds of black smoke swirling toward the little woman's wash line; soot and dirt all over the place.

Ben Franklin figured out a way of turning coal into heat more efficiently than the old open fireplace did. Now we've thought of better ones.

The big news from Illinois is that you can now burn soft coal with no smoke at all. Every bit of oil, gas and carbon is turned into usable heat.

The truth is, there is just as much heat energy in soft coal as in anthracite. But under the firing methods of Ben Franklin's day and our own, 40 per cent of that heat energy goes into smoke and waste gases.

The secret of the furnace invented by Professors J. R. Fellows and J. C. Miles lies in what the inventors call the "down-draft coking principle."

Heat releases the combustible oils and gases in the unburned coal. The draft pulls them under the separating wall into the live coal fire in the back part of the furnace.

A slanting door makes this remarkable furnace easy to fire. Some models will feed themselves from a hopper, and you need look at them only once a day.

Manufacturers have adapted the Miles-Fellows principles in models which are now getting their service tests under actual farm home conditions.

This makes a bright outlook for the future popularity of soft coal as a fuel for the farm home.

people are not disposed to take it lying down. They, too—in co-operative laboratories supported by the mine operators—have developed a revolutionary new combustion principle.

Farming and Racing

Right in the middle of a recent farm news release by the Dominion Department of Agriculture is a report on the amount of betting, some \$42 millions, on the various horse race tracks throughout Canada last season.

"In 1945 the Dominion Department of Agriculture supervised pari-mutuel betting at the tracks of 26 racing associations, which held 35 race meetings for a total of 307 days' racing, nine more days than there was racing in 1944.

Why the Dominion Department of Agriculture ever got itself involved in this job is hard to understand. To the average person certainly National Revenue or the Department of Finance would be much more appropriate.

Surely Department of Agriculture officials have enough to do without attempting to supervise a field so remote from their own, and surely also the sport of Kings needs no false support.

New Tax Collection Setup

The need for establishing 13 new district offices for income tax collection stems from the greatly increased numbers of persons subject to this levy. Prior to the war the average number of taxable persons was 214,000 with average annual collections of some \$80 million.

The fact that Kitchener is selected as the new headquarters to serve the counties of Waterloo, Wellington, Huron, Perth and Bruce isn't a windfall. This city was chosen because it is the hub of a populous district.

The only sad note is the expansion of facilities for collecting income tax is the indication that this levy is here to stay and in no mild form for years to come.

Pipe Smoking an Old Custom in Ontario

A shortage of tobacco would have caused as much concern three centuries ago for the Indians of Ontario, as it would for us to-day. The Indians used a great variety of pipes, as illustrated by the collections in the Royal Ontario Museum.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

There has been a spotlight lately upon veterans' affairs in the drama of events on Parliament Hill to an unusual extent. One report has shown that there is considerable reluctance on the part of many veterans to enter into training for the building trades and one official has attributed this to the fact that "by and large we have paid too little for the difficult and hard jobs in Canada."

It is revealed in this capital that the activities of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in Ottawa is concentrating now mainly in seeking Canadian personnel for work in the Far East has only one significant point and this is that the task of recruiting Canadians to work in Europe is almost ended so that only Canadians qualified for such jobs in the Orient are wanted.

other reasons for this change.

In regard to the serious crime wave sweeping across Canada at the present time, it can be stated that discussions between Federal and Provincial Attorneys-General are proceeding with a view of tightening the restrictions pertaining to the possession of guns and otherwise essential steps in this regard to help curb the crime wave.

With Rt.Hon.Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Privy Seal in Britain, and Gen. Dwight B. Eisenhower, Chief of the United States Army Staff as well as former Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in Europe, being on the list of prominent visitors in Ottawa, this nation's capital is becoming more and more recognized as a "stove over" for famous international figures and this stresses the growth in stature of Canada as a nation amongst nations.

South American sugar costs about double that of Cuban sugar. The former Minister of Poland to Canada, Victor Podolski, has returned to Ottawa after an absence of about fifteen months when he served the Polish Government in Exile in London.

THE HARNESS SHOP

A generation ago the harness shop was a close second to the blacksmith shop as a place of interest. On a stormy Saturday in early winter, when work in the barns and sheds was caught up, father was likely to say after breakfast, "Son, why don't you take those pieces of harness to the village and get them mended? Tell Bill if he doesn't think that trace is worth mending to give you a new one."

from pegs on one side, and old pieces of harness: buckles, traces, breech straps, blinders, check reins, hip straps, choke straps, hames and collars. On long shelves at the rear were pieces of leather from which the harness maker cut parts.

SEE GRAIN SUPPLY SHORT THIS YEAR

Attributing shortages of feed grain and delays in shipping during recent years to an overloading of Canada's railroads as well as heavy shipments to European and U.S. market, Arthur Cooper, Toronto grain broker, addressing the monthly meeting of the South Ontario Retail Feed Dealers Association at Brooklin stated that this situation should begin to better itself, although he held out no hope that any noticeable improvement would become apparent, at once.

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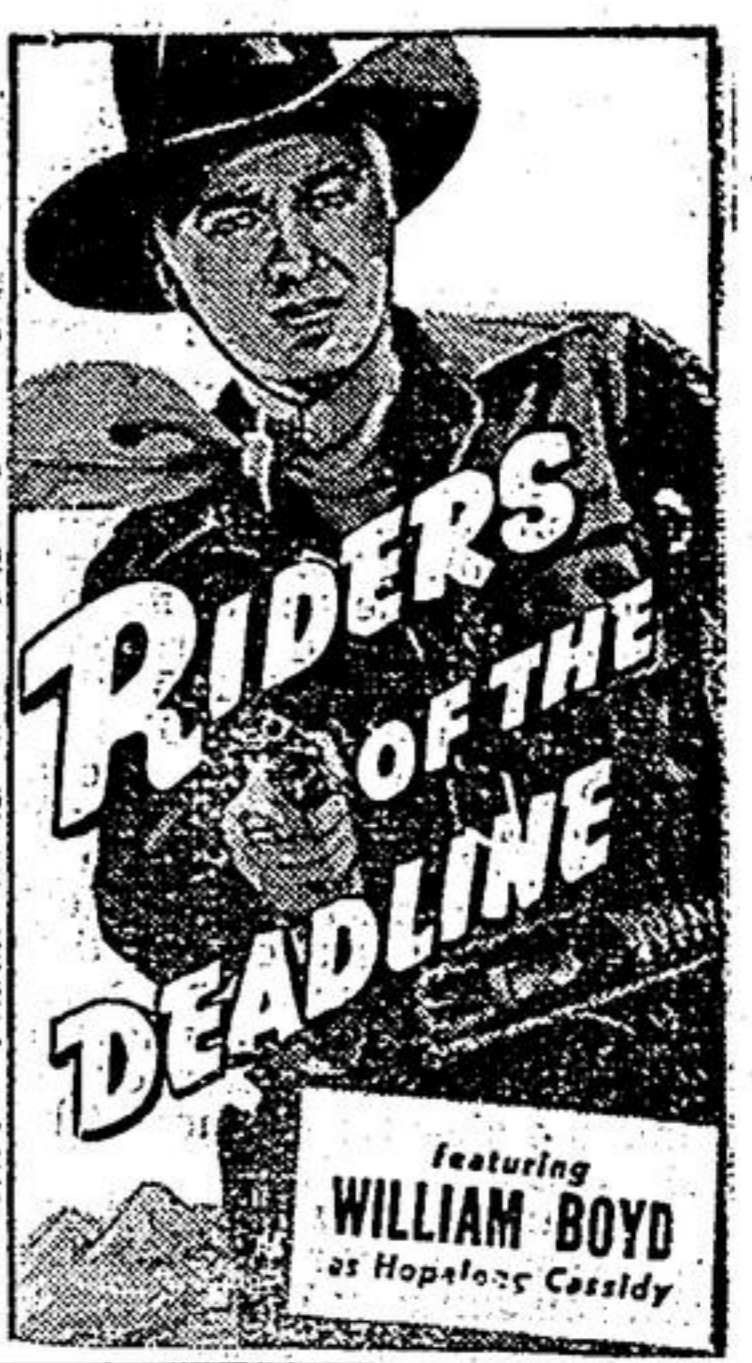
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INNOCENT DOE LANDS IN JAIL

Bedded down on warm straw with a bowl of hot soup inside of it, a yearling doe is recuperating in Oakville police station after an icy swim in Lake Ontario at the foot of Thomas Street at Oakville.

27 PIGS BORN IN FREAK LITTER NEAR WELLESLEY

An amazing freak birth is reported from Berlet's Corners, near Kitchener, where a sow owned by Oscar Wagner gave birth to 27 pigs in one litter.

ONLY 7 TO ADMINISTER FAMILY ALLOWANCE

It will come as a definite surprise to many people across Canada to learn that the Administration of the Family Allowance division has engaged only seven persons on its staff in Ottawa, this being due to the almost complete decentralization of the work whereby the main offices are distributed in the various provincial capitals.

LABOR TROUBLES IMPEDING RE-ADJUSTMENTS

It is admitted in well-informed quarters on Parliament Hill that threatening unemployment and labour unrest across Canada are two of the most serious obstacles in the path of the present progress being made in this period of re-adjustment.

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the "alarmists' stories" being circulated in this country. Indeed, it is held in Ottawa that the placement machinery in Canada is far more efficient and able to handle the situation to-day than anything which has existed in this country at any other time in our history, with official views being that the conditions now are somewhat better than "some agents of gloom predicted a few months ago" that they would be, these being the exact words used by a spokesman for the Government who declared that at the time there were predictions that half a million people would be out of employment in Canada by the end of October, 1945.