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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, and so we say to the good people of Whitchurch, and all other too for that matter, hold your wrath, there is something good in store for us.

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, and so pass to you our

findings.

Wilson

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. Now they are popping up with a dozen different answers. All these answers point in one general direction - far more comfort at a far smaller cost.

Say "furnace" and you think of a hulking monsteran iron behemoth crouching in your cellar. That need not be so in the near future. "Furnace" may mean a neat little gadget that's only half the size of a steamer trunk, yet furnishes more than enough heat for a large farmhouse on the coldest days.

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. A sickening smell every time you have to throw on more fuel. That nuisance looks to be on the way out too.

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. Two professors at the University of Illinois have discovered an entirely new combustion principle. Research men are coming up with other ideas for better heat for less money.

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." A vertical baffle wall reaches down as far as the fire bed. It divides the firebox into a front and a back section. You pour your coal by the scuttleful into the front part of the firebox. There it is heated by the flame on the far side of the dividing wall.

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. To get to the chimney they must pass through the fire bed, where they are raised to burning temperature.. So instead of going up in oily smoke they furnish additional heat. The coal remaining—with its volatil oils and gases removed becomes coke. So it burns down to a fine ash and leaves no clinkers.

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. Old-style furnaces can be changed to the new system with a low-cost converter that can be installed in 10 minutes without even letting the fire go out.

Manufacturers have adapted the Miles-Fellows principles in models which are now getting their service tests under actual farm home conditions. They should be on the market in time for next winter.

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

people are not disposed to take it lying down. They, tooin co-operative laboratories supported by the mine operators - have developed a revolutionary new combustion principle. Individual manufacturers are now perfecting designs that will make it possible to heat a large house with a complete furnace only two feet wide, two feet high, and three feet long. Due to small size and simplicity of design they expect it can be sold and installed for far less than present coal furnaces.

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. Other items tell about boys' and girls' farm club contests,-how to feed brood sows during the winter, farm management, seed potatoes and how to grow berries, all very appropriate, no doubt, in a publication of this kind. The inclusion of the other story is explained in its second paragraph which reads:

"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. Trotting or harness racing do not come under the supervision of the Department."

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. True, years ago there was some nonsense aired about the benefit conferred on agriculture by horse racing through "improving the breed." Actually there is as much difference between a thoroughbred racer and a purebred farm horse as there is between a racing automobile and a 10-ton truck. Cross them and the result is worthless for either racing or work. Before the automobile there may have been some faint connection between harness horse racing and farming but in Canada there has never been any with the other kind.

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 coll ction 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. Today the individuals filing returns total more than two million and the collections have mounted to over \$1.5 billion. Tax collection machinery hadn't kept pace with the increased volume of business. Hence the machinery became jammed, resulting in annoying and often inconveniencing delays in checking for possible errors and making refunds.

The fact that Ktichener 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 designation as a collection centre adds prestige to this industrial city and creates new opportunities for employment.

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. Many of them are of baked clay. These run the gamut from very simple forms, resembling our cheap clay pipes, to elaborate moulded designs which represent squashblossoms or tobacco-blossoms, or a strange face or creeping lizard. Still more cherished are the stone pipes, some of which bear intricate carved figures. In size they range from tiny miniatures to large, impressive ornate pieces, They vary, also, in details of construction. In some the stem and bowl are carved out of one block, in others the stem was a separate, wooden piece. The stemless pipes were usually suspended from a piece of cord which was worn around the neck of the owner. Absent-minded smokers of to-day might copy this idea to their advantage.

other reasons for this change.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean are proceeding with a view There has been a spotlight lately upon veterans' affairs in the drama

of events on Parliament Hill to an otherwise essential steps in this and less traditional in their employ- The smell was an integral part of unusual extent. One report has regard to help curb the crime wave. ment of music than other producers. the shop. When a hot fire was going 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 mander-In-Chief of the Allied Ladies"....... Canadian casualties in shop was an important institution. An amazing freak birth is report-"by and large we have paid too in Canada," with the disclosure that Armies in Europe, being on the list World War II totalled 104,925, in in the countryside's economy. It ed from Berlet's Corners, near between April 1, 1944 and October of prominent visitors in Ottawa, cluding 41,371 dead, as compared was a place of business. But more Kitchener, where a sow owned by 31, 1945, of approximately 16,000 this nation's capital is becoming with casualties of 190,092, including than that it was a spot where a lad Oscar Wagner gave birth to 27 pigs veterans enrolled for training only more and more recognized as a 62,817 dead, in World War I. This could spend pleasant hours listening in one litter. about 1700 were in the building figures and this stresses the growth trades, even if there was a strong figures and this stresses the growth trades, even if there was a strong figures and this stresses the growth it was also shown that of the three local community and the outside piglets, about a normal litter, but demand for such workers. Another in stature of Canada as a nation services in World War II the army world—a world into which a boy none of them lived. Eight days later, story heard in Ottawa is that there amongst nations......Two prominent had the greater number killed and dreamed he would go one day and 16 more appeared, and of this numis much dissatisfaction amongst officials of the Department of Trade died, 22,712, with the air force be- take his part. veterans regarding their employ- and Commerce, John H. English ing 16,694 and the navy 1,965. ment opportunities as these are and C. M. Croft, have been appointdeveloping after their return from ed Senior Trade Commissioners to THE HARNESS SHOP overseas and discharge from the south Africa and Australia respect A generation ago the harness armed services, including many appear to be marely routine appear to be marely routine appear. compliants, in whispers at times, at appear to be merely routine appoint blacksmith shop as a place of the salaries offered to married men ments is the story that the Can- interest. On a stormy Saturday in who have to maintain a family; at adian Government is entering upon early winter, when work in the the kind of jobs offered, such as a drive to strengthen vastly this barns and sheds was caught up, woods jobs far from home, in mines, country's representations in the father was likely to say after grain and delays in shipping duretc. Meanwhile, another report other important British Dominions breakfast, "Son, why don't you take ing recent years to an overloading to many people across Canada to for the arrival of game warden D indicates that since "V-E" Day, Trade and Commerce, Hon. James lage and get them mended? Tell heavy shipments to European and Family Allowance division has animal's back was broken. repatriated 4,000 men approximate- A. MacKinnon, has gone to Britain Bill if he doesn't think that trace is U.S. market, Arthur Cooper, Torly from the navy, about 162,000 the and on a tour of France, Belgium worth mending to give you a new onto grain broker, addressing the and the Netherlands in order to one."

personnel. It is revealed in this capital that complained bitterly lately against there from other farms; farmers had of an embargo against shipping RE-ADJUSTMENTS the activities of the United Nations the almost impossibility of export-dropped in on the way to the grain grain to the U.S.A. should be of Relief and Rehabilitation Administing certain articles due to restrict mill; villagers had come to pass the help to the domestic market, the quarters on Parliament Hill that conditions now are somewhat better tration (UNRRA) in Ottawa in tions and other obstacles .... While time of day. The shop was a fascin- pledge of the Canadian Wheat threatening unemployment and than "some agents of gloom preconcentrating now mainly in seek- there is a shortage of sugar in Can- ating place. The small one-room Board to move twenty million labour unrest across Canada are dicted a few months ago" that they ing Canadian personnel for work in ada as in many other nations, yet building was heated by a vase-bushels of wheat to the seaboard two of the most serious obstacles in would be, these being the exact the Far East has only one signifi- a public relations counsel for a shaped cast-iron stove and the this winter, to be shipped to starvcant point and this is that the task group of South American sugar rusty stove pipe made a detour ing Europe, will tax our transporof recruiting Canadians to work in interests has made a statement in around the ceiling to give additional tation facilities to the limit." Europe for this international body Ottawa that "there is no longer any heat in cold weather. There were The pointed out that the railways adjustment. However, Canada's the time there were predictions that is almost ended so that only Can- adequate justification for sugar broken-down chairs and nail kegs had been unable to replace worn- Minister of Labour, Hon. Humphrey half a million people would be out adians qualified for such jobs in the rationing in Canada," though it is for the use of the forum members, out cars during the war, that as Mitchell and others in Ottawa seem of employment in Canada by the

wave sweeping across Canada at ada, Victor Podoski, has returned hip straps, choke straps, hames the present time, it can be stated to Ottawa after an absence of about and collars. On long shelves at the that discussions between Federal fifteen months when he served the rear were pieces of leather from and Provincial Attorneys-General Polish Government in Exile in Lon- which the harness maker cut parts. itghtening the restrictions pertain- ties in Canada for composers since bits of leather, dust and accumu- short supply. ing to the possession of guns and Canadian film makers are bolder lated debris.

Britain, and Gen. Dwight B. Eisen- come to the capital where he will a heavy ,pungent, satisfying frahower. Chief of the United States prepare the music for the National grance, and on a day of lashing rain Army Staff as well as former Com- Film Board's production," To The the smell was at its best. A harness

army, and about 45,000 the air force, leaving overseas and away from home about 3,000 navy personnel, approximately 100,000 army personnel, approx sonnel, and about 20,000 air force rumours about Canada's trade re- lump of sugar, a lad draped harness self, although he held out no hope vincial capitals pieces over his shoulder and headed that any noticeable improvement ceding his departure, especially for the harness shop. Probably a would become apparent, at once. since many Canadian firms have group had gathered. Lads were "While the recent establishment LABOR TROUBLES IMPEDING

South American sugar costs about from pegs on one side, and old double that of Cuban sugar......The pieces of harness: buckles, traces, In regard to the serious crime former Minister of Poland to Can-breech straps, blinders, check reins, of don ...... There are great opportuni- The floor was always covered with

This was the statement in Ottawa it helped emphasize the satisfying With Rt.Hon.Herbert Morrison, of the "rominent organist and com- aroma compounded of oil, new Lord President of the Privy Seal in poser, Eldon Rathburn, who has leather, old harness and dust. It was

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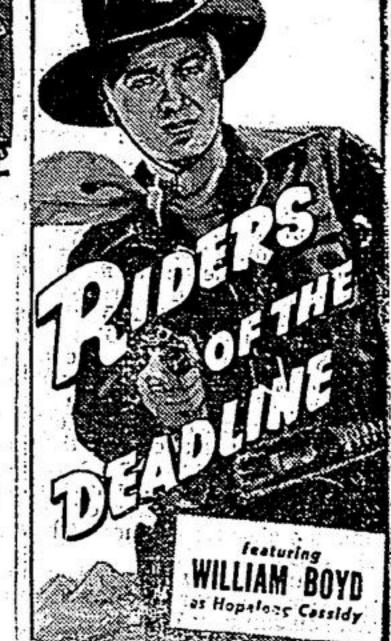
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were in operation on U.S. lines and INNOCENT DOE LANDS that apparently nothing could be IN JAIL done to get these cars back into the country. In addition, due to troop trains of returning European veterans, locomotives were also in

"However, I do think that the conditions of last summer will apply again," he stated. "While consumption of feed grains is much by dogs, a frigid swim, a rescue by heavier in the province, adequate police and a citizen and a ride to stocks are expected to be available."

27 PIGS BORN IN FREAK LITTER NEAR WELLESLEY

ber 14 survived. No one has yet recalled a bigger

litter, although one man states that he knew of a sow giving birth to 24 pigs at one time.

The sow in this case had previously had four normal litters.

ONLY 7 TO ADMINSTER Attributing shortages of feed FAMILY ALLOWANCE

It will come as a definite surprise

the path of the present progress words used by a spokesman for the being made in this period of re-Government who declared that at Orient are wanted. There are not pointed out in this capital that New glistening harnesses hung many as 15,000 Canadian box cars to be inclined to discount some of end of October, 1945.

Thomas Street at Oakville.

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

In a few hours it survived a chase the station wrapped in a blanket in Chief John Derry's car. Apart from exhaustion, the only outward sign of the experience is a scratch on her neck. "Either a dog nipped it or it ran into barbed wire," the chief thinks.

The animal was first noticed by Mrs. Ralph Young, Jr., who saw it struggling toward the shore. When police were notified, Chief Derry. Constable Lou Patterson and Thomas Smith, Dundas St., rushed to the lakeshore and carried the deer up the bank to the chief's car-"We had a little trouble getting

it in the car and wrapping it in an old blanket," . he related. "Tom Smith had to sit on it while we took it to the pound. A woman gave it a bowl of soup there. Then I bedded it down in warm straw." "I may get pneumonia," he wor-

ried. "It's pretty well tuckered out." In the meantime while awaiting

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. It is admitted in well-informed with official views being that the