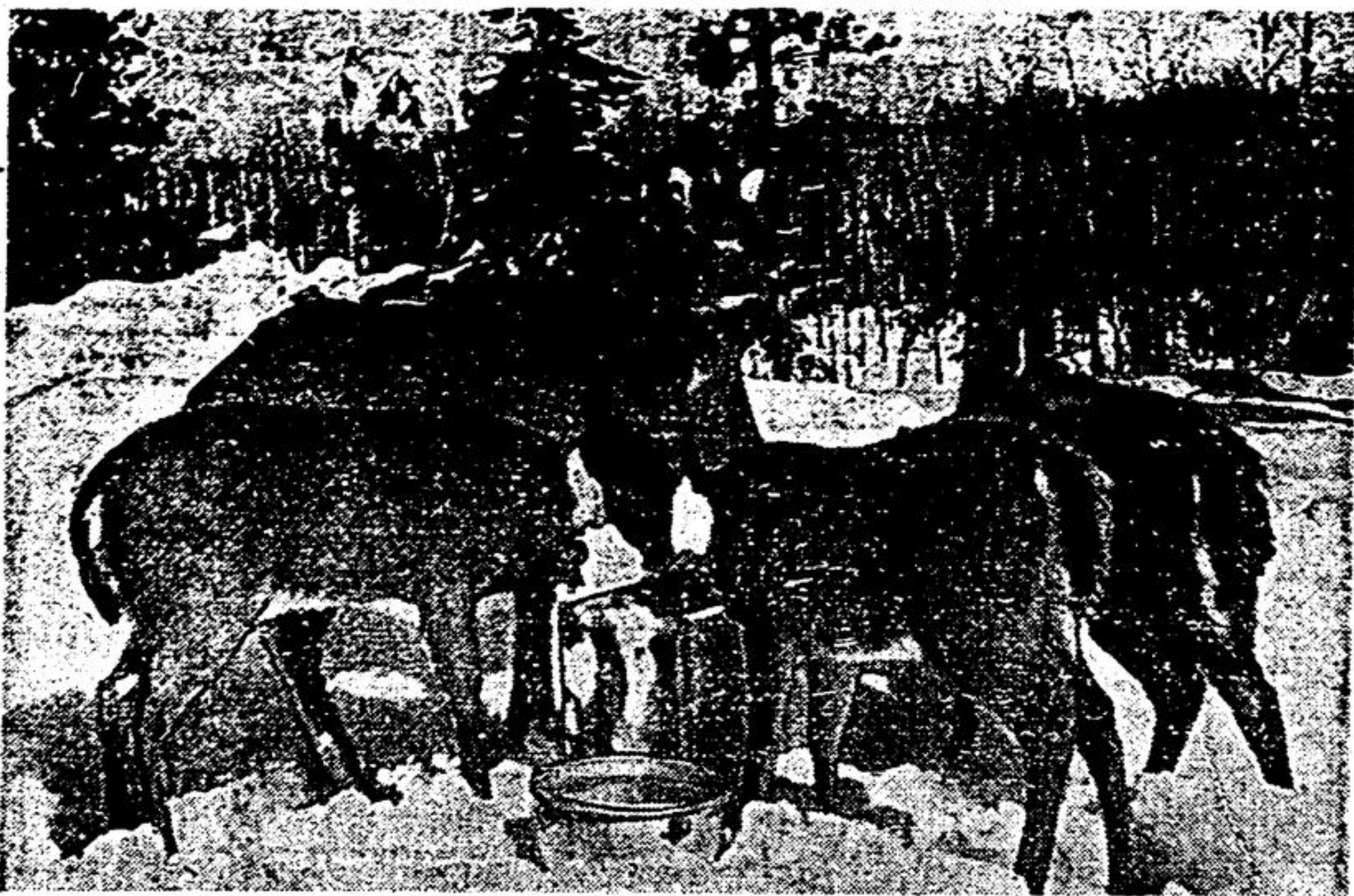


Santa Claus Reindeer in Person



Four deer on the farm of Hiram Wilson, near Emo, 20 miles west of Fort Frances, Ont., Blitzen, the mother, and Judy, left; Donner, front, and Cutie, right, are shown around the feeding trough. Blitzen, found in 1943 as a tiny fawn, was raised on cow's milk.

BANK ROBBERIES NOT TO BE SO EASY

This paper has long contended that banks almost encourage hold-ups, by their lack of effort to combat bank robberies. At last, however, something is to be done to put a stop to this sort of crime. The Bank of Montreal is the first to make the effort, according to the Elora Express.

A new hold-up alarm system which has been devised by the Bank of Montreal, in conjunction with a protective agency, is now being installed in all the bank's branches across the country, and the bank's local office here has already been provided with this added protection.

The first to use a system of this type, the bank is meeting with the fullest co-operation of police departments across the country. Deemed by police as "most commendable" and worthy of the "fullest co-operation," this system is designed to combat the wave of bank hold-ups that has been sweeping the country in recent months. It is based on the latest ideas in protection and makes use of the most up-to-date equip-

ment. At a number of points arrangements have been made with other financial institutions for mutual protection.

Cedric E. Shaw, manager of the Elora branch, has expressed his satisfaction at the peace of mind which the new protective arrangement affords and says that he is glad to have this added protection for his office.

PROGRESS AT SCARBOROUGH

Work on the erection of the new transformer and frequency changer station at Scarborough is proceeding satisfactorily, according to recent reports of Hydro's electrical engineering department. Grading of the site and of the railway siding is nearing completion. Laying of track has begun, and the concrete footings for the switching structures are being placed.

It is expected that delivery of the parts for the frequency changer will be made next spring; and the Commission anticipates shipment of the 25,000 k.v.a. auto-transformer, the 25,000 k.v.a. 60-cycle and 25-cycle transformers and the two 8,000 k.v.a. transformers before the

end of May. Design and construction drawing are progressing and are planned to co-ordinate with material deliveries and construction schedules.

As previously stated, the Scarborough station will provide for an interchange of power between the three divisions of the Commission's Southern Ontario System.

AURORA VOTES NEW SCHOOL COSTING \$285,000

By a vote of two to one, Aurora voters authorized the spending of up to \$285,000 by the municipality for a new public school at the polls on Dec. 19. The large majority came as a surprise to the school supporters who feared a silent vote which failed to materialize. In view of the amount of the expenditure involved the number of voters eligible to vote took the matter casually, with many eligible voters failing to cast a ballot. Many complaints were registered at the polling booths as property owners in many cases found themselves unlisted. The 1945 voters' list was used, and many failed to check it.

Women's Institutes Looking Forward to 50th Anniversary

Pointing its objectives towards an adequate celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes, the Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has just completed a three days' session at which an extended program, broader interests and more aggressive leadership featured discussions by twenty-two representatives from every section of Ontario. Held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, the Board meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hugh Summers, of Fonthill, President of the F.W.I.O. and reached its climax in the passing of a series of 47 resolutions dealing with a wide variety of topics in which the women of rural Ontario are vitally interested. For the first time, two representatives of the Junior Institutes sat on the Board, these being Miss Betty Ruddell of Georgetown and Miss Orphie Orr, of Maple, who had been elected by the junior girls as their delegates.

In her presidential address, Mrs. Summers reviewed some of the achievements of the last year, mentioning specially the fact that one mobile canteen had been sent to Britain and another to Sweden, to be used in welfare work in these countries. Mrs. Summers emphasized the need for all institutes to take advantage of the co-operative program being provided, and urged that a greater interest be taken in the rural schools and rural education. She particularly commended provision of hot lunches in rural schools as a Women's Institutes project. Announcement was made that the first postwar convention of the Associated Countrywomen of the World is to be held in Amsterdam on September, 1947, at which the Ontario Women's Institutes will be entitled to five delegates.

MRS. JAMES GRAHAM DIES AT QUEENSVILLE
Peacefully, and trustfully, Mrs. James Graham slipped away from this earthly scene to be with her Lord on Friday, Dec. 6th. Mrs. Graham beloved wife of the late James Graham who passed away some six years ago, was born, and lived all her life on the 3rd of Whitechurch Township until this spring when she moved with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Gordon Carr to Keswick.

Mother of a family of three boys and six girls she toiled long, and made every sacrifice to see them all comfortably settled in life, and had the satisfaction of realizing their devotion and respect for many years.

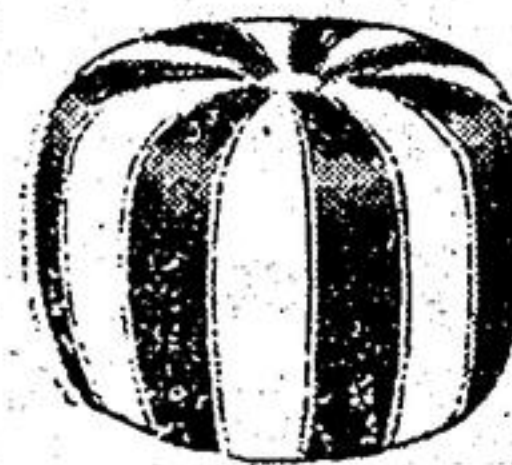
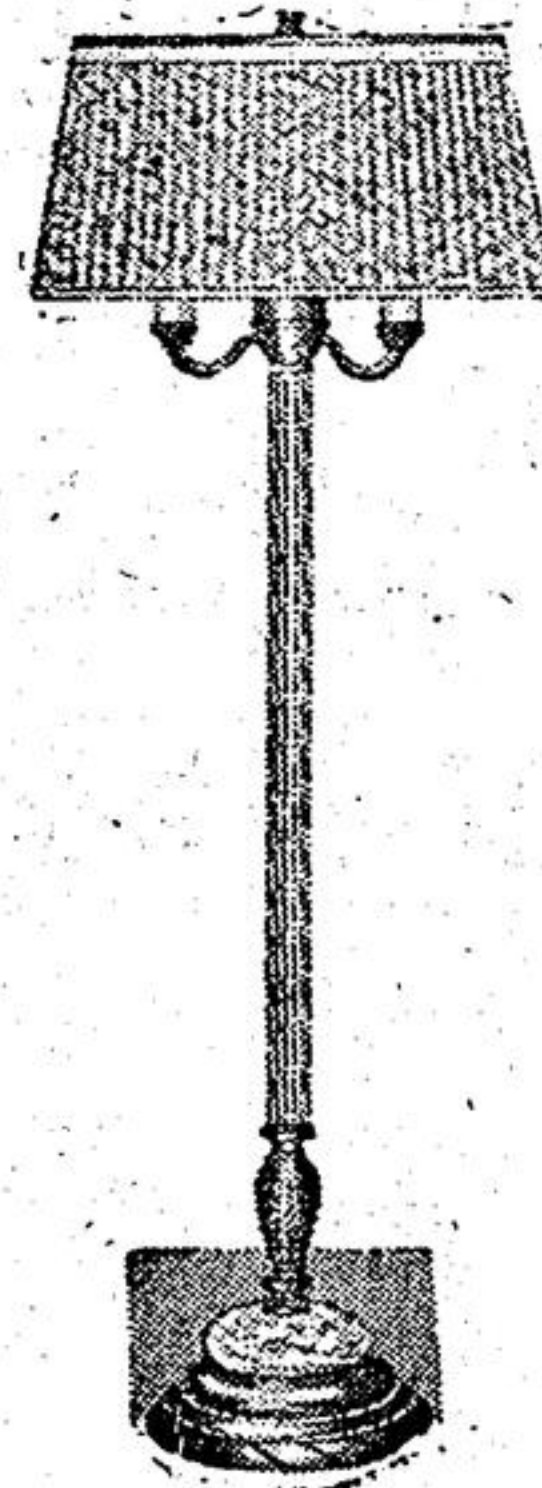
Mrs. Graham was in her 70th year when she passed away, and suffered for many years as a result of a break down in health but never lost her sweetness of disposition, or

her faith in God. Throughout her long life she commanded the highest regard and respect of all who knew her. There remains to mourn her loss, three sons, Wilbur, Russel, and Walter, all residing on the 3rd of Whitechurch, and six daughters, Mrs. R. Plowright of Minesing, Mrs. T. McNicol of Bogartown, Mrs. D. Richardson of Aurora, Mrs. Russell Hunt, and Mrs. Fred Allen of Whitechurch and Mrs. Gordon Carr of Keswick.—Aurora Banner.

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