

**BUCKWHEAT — AN EMERGENCY GRAIN CROP**

Farmers who have been unable to complete their spring season of planting or who have had crops drowned out as a result of recent heavy rains would be well advised to consider sowing buckwheat, says John D. MacLeod, Director of the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. This crop is adaptable to a wide variety of soils and will yield fair returns on areas which are low in fertility.

As a farm crop, buckwheat should have a place of considerable

importance among our coarse grains, says Mr. MacLeod. It is regarded as being almost interchangeable with barley as a livestock feed and may be included in the rations of all classes of livestock. It is extremely resistant to the attacks of soil insects, an excellent green manure crop when plowed down, improves the soil physical condition, makes a good bee pasture and cannot be beaten as a smother crop for weeds.

Buckwheat may be seeded any time during the month of June. In fact, seeding is best delayed until the latter part of the month in order

to have the crop blossom after the heat of midsummer. The usual rate of seeding is three to five pecks per acre. Silver Hull and Rough Hull are the recommended varieties, Mr. MacLeod says.

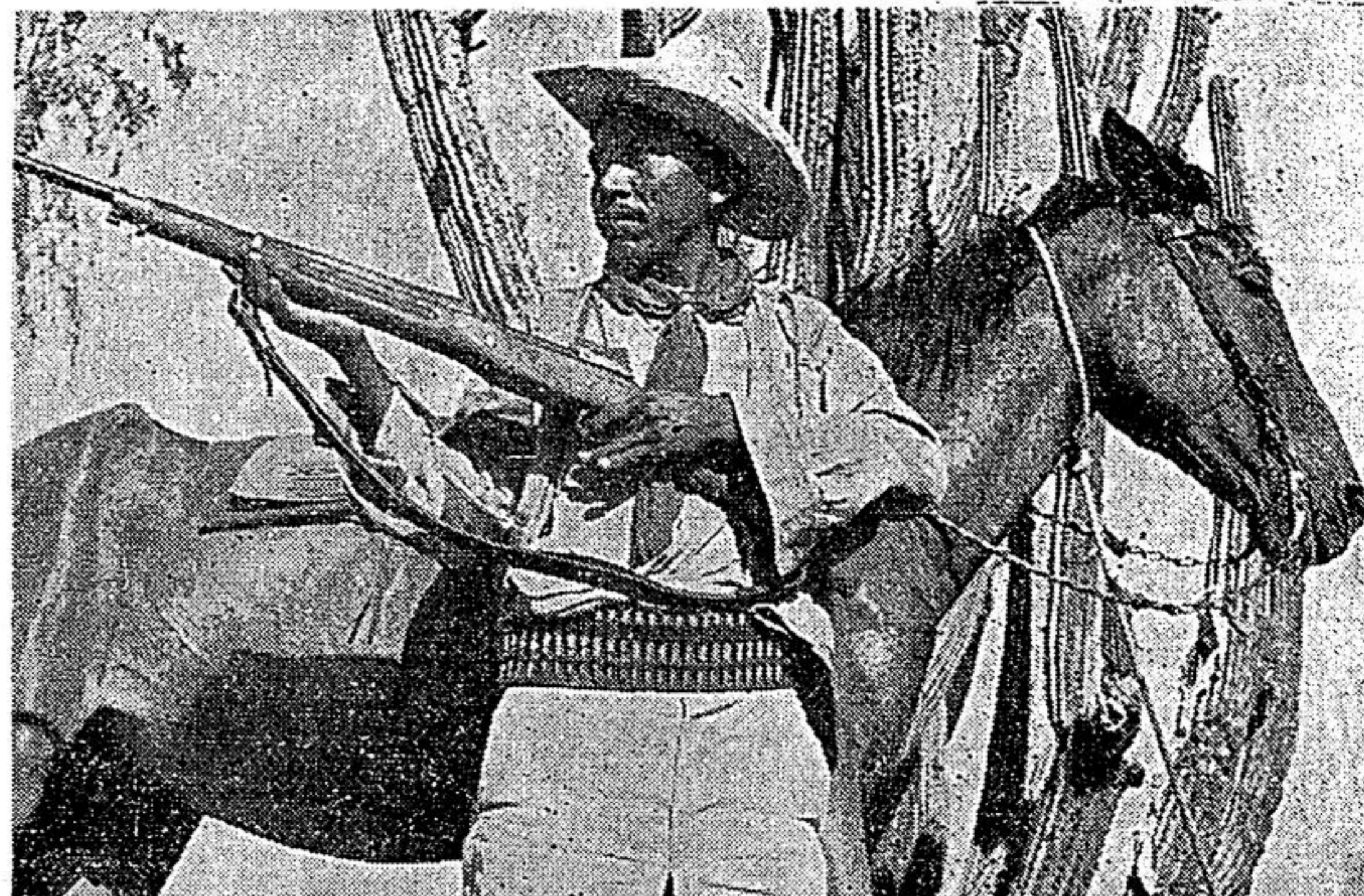
**Provincial Plowmen Convene in Lindsay Discuss Big Match**

Mr. J. A. Carroll, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, warned the Lindsay Association, at a meeting in the Council Chamber in that town that many difficulties would be encountered in holding the 1948 International Plowing Match in Lindsay and suggested there would be many disadvantages with having the headquarters and exhibits of the match at the Fair Grounds and the plowing upwards of a mile to a mile and a half away.

He told the members that the size of the match depended largely on two factors—the enthusiasm of the members of the local Association and that the people in the community must realize in time just how large a job it is. He said the men on the committees had to be the right men for the right jobs and that as far as basic facilities for a plowing match are concerned those in Lindsay were as good as could be found anywhere.

He stressed the importance of feeding and billeting. He said there could quite easily be an attendance in excess of 100,000 and this would mean many meals. He suggested church and other women's organizations be interested in serving full course meals. He said this was a wonderful way for them to make money.

The provincial association does all the clerical work and advertising while the local group supplies hydro, telephone service, water and sometimes teams and tractors. He did not know what the conditions would be by October, 1948, but he said at the last International match at Port Albert around 100 tractors were needed and about 75 teams. Mr. Carroll was introduced by



President Truman's proposal to unify western hemisphere defence at first appeared to associate such diverse branches of the armed services as the Canadian tank driver top and the Mexican cavalryman, centre. The president signified that arms were to be standardized, which, in this case, would mean that the Mexican infantryman would carry the same calibre rifle as the Canadian and the machine-guns mounted on Canadian tanks would fire the same size ammunition as those used by Mexican or South American machine gunners. But in Ottawa it was stressed that Canada has not been approached on the matter and, though the Canadian military program includes sending soldiers to train in U.S. establishments, no suggestion of an agreement to unify western hemisphere defence policy has been discussed. Canada's policy is directed against formation of military blocs. Below, members of the Joint Defence board of Canada and the U.S. are seen in conference in Dayton, Ohio.

There are sometimes reports regarding recipients of Family Allowance cheques misspending such money, but the Minister of Health assured the House this week that all such complaints are carefully investigated in regional offices. Following the investigation if a complaint is found to be justified the payments to the parents concerned are immediately suspended.

Since January 31, 1947, the following numbers of accounts have been suspended because of misuse of family allowances: January 119, February 23, March 39, April 33. Any complaints directed to me here at Ottawa concerning misuse of family allowance will be treated in confidence and carefully investigated.

secretary-manager of the Lindsay Exhibition—B. L. McLean—who said that Mr. Carroll was superintendent of fairs for the Province of Ontario, head of the provincial Horticultural society as well as holding the important post in the Plowmen's Association. He said Mr. Carroll had a great deal to do with the success of the Lindsay Exhibition.

Mr. Mark, representative to the Provincial Plowmen's Association was chairman for the meeting and asked Mr. Chas. Shier to introduce Mr. W. L. Clarke, president of the provincial association. Mr. Clarke traced the history and growth of the Association and complimented the local group on the layout they had for a match. He offered best wishes for its success.

Mr. C. Young, treasurer of the provincial organization, said he still prized a gold medal won at the last provincial match held in Lindsay in 1922. It was for the best ploughing by tractor. Mr. Young went on to tell of the prizes offered by the Salada Tea Company and the Imperial Oil Company to plowmen and about the plowmen's trip to Britain last winter. He sketched the dire need of the British people and the very strict rationing enforced.

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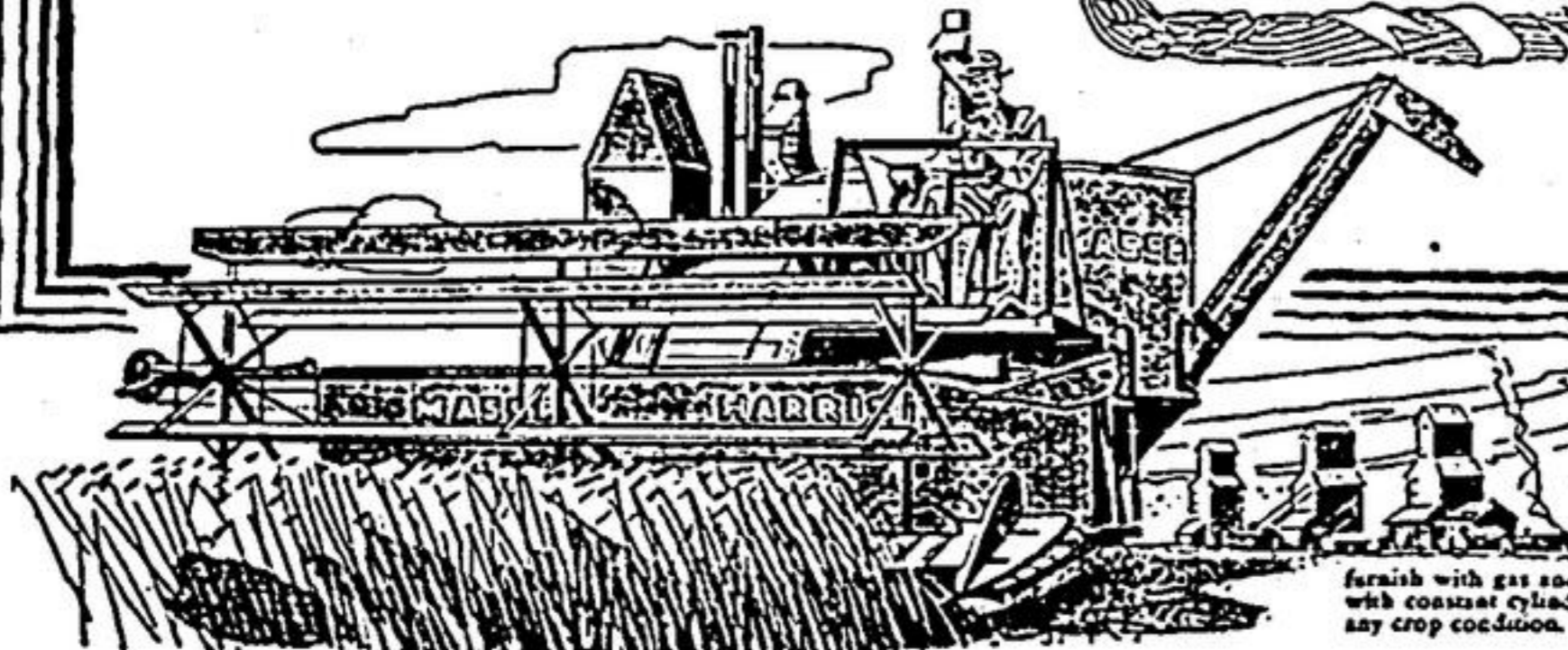
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