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NOTES and COMMENTS

Compensations — and How!

That farming has indeed become big business was impressively noted the other day when a farmer in the Fort Wayne metropolitan area come from the stockyards with a cheque for \$18,731.50.

Harold E. Clamme, R.R.4, Hartford City, hauled 129 heavy hogs to the Munice stockyards for which he received \$12,058.80. Taking advantage of the high market he brought in 34 head of cattle on the same day and for them received an additional \$6,672.50 — a pretty fair day's business.

This is not all velvet for Mr. Clamme shovelled a great many thousands of pounds of corn into this livestock — you don't raise 400-pound hogs on hay.

The Fort Wayne area man also said he "sweat through four market breaks and I didn't feel so good when heavy hogs were selling for 15 cents only a few weeks ago."

Departing from the stockyards, Mr. Clamme was asked:

"Now I suppose you will stop on your way home and buy some \$1.25 pound beefsteak?"

"No," Clamme replied, "the wife will have dinner ready when I get home and I imagine most of it will come from the farm."

Farming is hard work, but, well done, it does have its compensations. And how!

—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel

Carrying an Umbrella

Some men refuse to carry an umbrella on the ground that to do so is effeminate. As strange as this viewpoint may seem to veteran umbrella-toters, there is historical basis for it. The umbrella was favored by ancient Greek and Roman women—but not by the men.

Among the few names on record in connection with the advance of the umbrella into the western world is that of Jonas Hanway, an Englishman, who is credited with being—in the 1750s—the first male to make a practice of walking about London carrying an umbrella. A writer in the New York Times says Mr. Hanway suffered as do many pioneers, "for when he went forth in the rain with his large and gaily colored umbrella he was followed by jeering crowds. These failed to shake him from his purpose, which was to keep dry, and in time his scoffers followed his sensible example."

Today the Briton who does not own an umbrella is a very rare bird indeed.

Fewer Horses

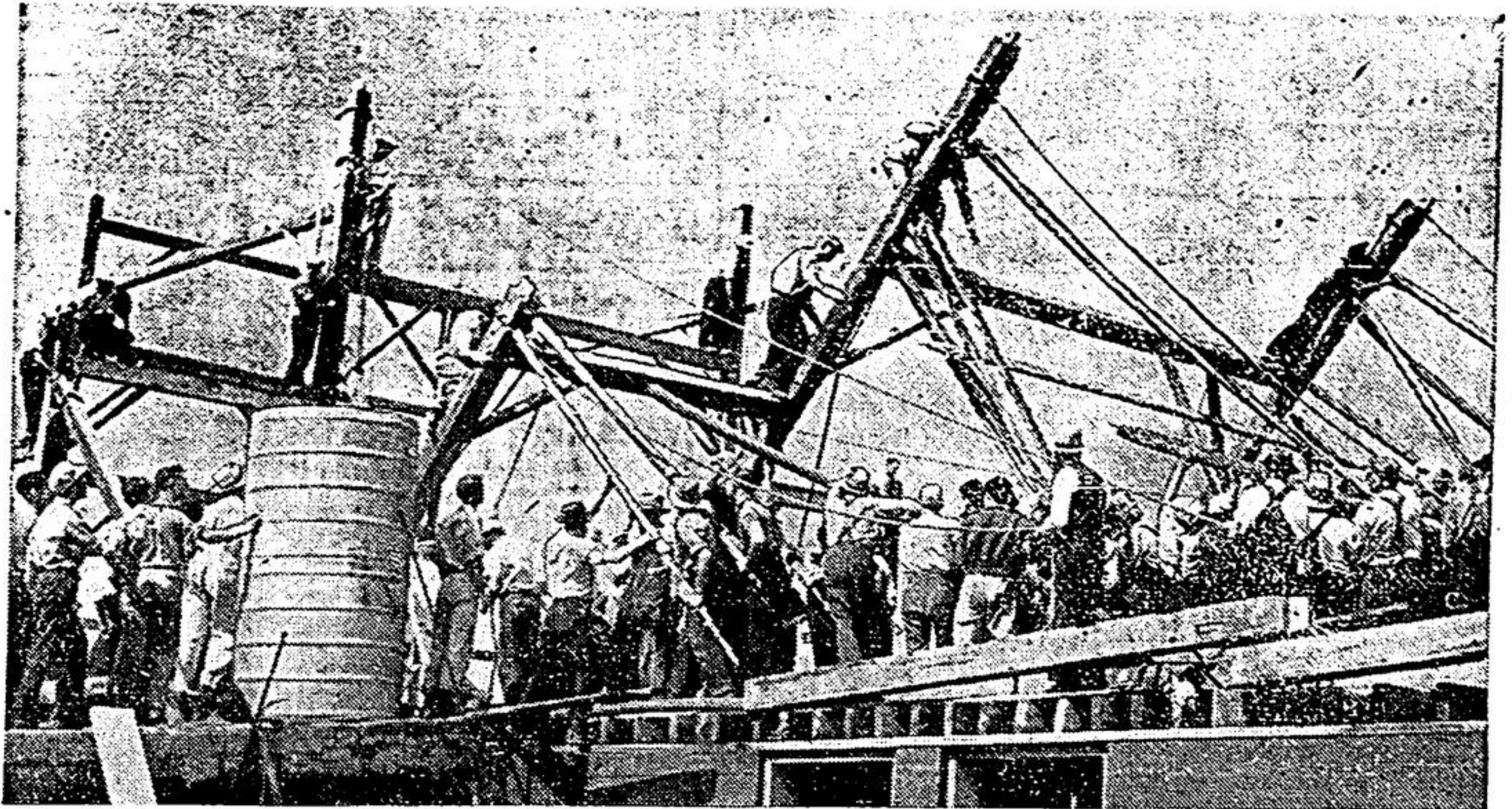
An acute shortage of horses in Saskatchewan within the next four or five years is indicated by 1946 statistics on the province's horse population.

According to the census, there were only 14,527 foals under one year of age in the province in 1946, compared with 64,191 in 1936.

It is pointed out that even with tractor power, Saskatchewan requires an estimated 300,000 to 350,000 horses for farm work. This can only be maintained if 30,000 foals are born annually—twice the number shown in the 1946 census.

Livestock Commissioner C. E. Beveridge said in Regina recently that the government is trying to forestall a shortage in the future by offering grants to groups who purchase approved stock for breeding purposes.

Scenes at Old Time Barn Raising Near Vandorf



The barn raising on the farm of Ivan Kay, 4th concession, Whitchurch, Monday last week, was postponed until Tuesday

and still the new lumber was wet, and the raising was delayed two hours while a thunder storm passed over. Morley

Symes, Stouffville, with his gang of carpenters had everything in readiness so that the timbers went together in per-

fect order. Here first section is seen going into place with Contractor Symes in the foreground directing proceedings.



An important part of every barn-raising is the splendid meal always served the workmen by the ladies of the district. Joyce VanLuven and Erla

Tool exhibit a couple of appetizing pies for the cameraman at the raising on Ivan Kay's farm, 4th concession, Whitchurch. The structure is 100 feet long.

This Looks Like The Right Principle

At the assizes at Norfolk, England, a widow was awarded \$10,000 damages. Her husband was killed when riding on the pillion motorcycle. She sued both the driver and the pedestrian who caused the accident by stepping off the sidewalk without looking, causing the cyclist to swerve suddenly so as to avoid hitting him.

Very frequently the person really responsible for an accident is not the driver at all. In some cases, pedestrians are responsible. In other cases, we suggest, the guilty parties are parents who permit young children to wander at large.

Pedestrians and cyclists are, however, probably the major offenders. We should like to see some action taken to impress upon them their responsibility. Perhaps the Norfolk case will serve as a warning. Even more effective would be a case nearer home, not necessarily a civil action. The next time a minor accident occurs, in which a couple of cars bump fenders, and it can be proved that a careless pedestrian was a contributing cause, we suggest that the police lay a charge.

MARKHAM FAIR NOW HAS GRADE B RATING

Activities at Markham Fair have increased so greatly during the past few years that when it opens its fall season this year it will be classed as a Grade "B" exhibition instead of Grade "C", it was reported at a meeting of the board of directors.

Work is underway on the new swine building and completion is expected in time for the fair this year. The office building has been painted. Herbert S. Snider has been named treasurer to succeed R. S. Ward.

The prize list must be published by the end of August since the fair stepped up to Grade "B" rating, officials point out.

ENGINES FOR PEANUT HARVEST

Twenty new locomotives arrived at Lagos, West Africa, recently from Britain to move thousands of tons of peanuts grown in West Africa each year to shipping ports. Another 42 engines are expected shortly. Valuable edible oils are extracted from the nuts. Then there is a valuable and large market for peanuts used for eating. Almost everybody likes peanuts now and then.

CONTRALTO TO SING WITH ROYAL OPERA



Jean Watson, St. Thomas, Ont., contralto, has been notified of her appointment to the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, in London, for two years. Miss Watson plans to leave for England this fall after touring eastern Canada and singing in Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. Last winter she gave recitals in England and Scotland.

NOTHING IS "FREE"

When somebody down in the Nova Scotia Legislature demanded "free school books for all school students," Premier Angus Macdonald rose to deliver a few remarks which some may consider old-fashioned, but which, we think, were pretty wholesome and worth repeating:

"Our fathers and grandfathers didn't expect everything to be done for them by some government. The time has come when somebody must get out and work as they did."

"There are cries that everyone should have an opportunity for a university education—I am glad that some of the best minds in the land now are taking the opposite view."

"There are many in universities at present who would be better off digging coal in Inverness or growing apples in Annapolis Valley."

Angus Macdonald had a right to say such things; one of a large family in a Scotch Cape Breton home, which knew nothing of wealth but a great deal about thrift. He was given a sound education without the aid of "free" school books—as were all others under the

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Mackenzie King will welcome the 2,000-odd delegates attending the national Liberal convention at Ottawa this week. J. Gordon Fogo, president of the National Liberal Federation, said last night:

Mr. Fogo, in a free-time political address over the national network of the CBC, said the gathering of Liberals to choose a new leader

Macdonald roof.

And, come to think of it, there is a great deal of nonsense talked about "free" school books, about "free" education, or about "free" something else. Nothing is "free." A government might come out for "free" movies—if things keep going as they are some government will; but the movies which cost money, would have to be paid for by taxpayers just as taxpayers pay for "free" school books and "free" education—the sole difference being enlargement of the false idea that the government can be made into some Great White Father distributing manna to everybody.

will spend a crowded three days in Ottawa and will make every minute of their time count.

Planned Program Following Mr. King's welcome Thursday morning, delegates will devote some time to convention organizational matters and to the appointment of committees.

All committees, said Mr. Fogo, will be representative and the delegates will meet in provincial groups in their separate caucus rooms to select their members.

Friday, the party's leadership race will get underway when early reports from the resolutions committee will be presented for consideration. Mr. King will make another address Friday afternoon and the business of the convention will be concluded Saturday. Final event of the program will be announcement of the leadership choice. Expect 200 Women

A new feature of the convention, said Mr. Fogo, will be the number of women delegates. "Old timers who attended the 1919 convention will find a few things changed," he said. "The feminine influence will be greater."

At the 1919 convention there were only 12 women delegates; this time there will be over 200.

MORE D.P.'S TO EASE ONTARIO FARM LABOUR SHORTAGE

Ontario Regional officials of the National Employment Service announced in Toronto today, that owing to improved transportation facilities, displaced persons are arriving in this country at an accelerated pace and it is now possible to fill applications for help within a very few days.

During the past few weeks, approximately 1000 of these people have been placed in employment on Ontario farms. Many farmers have already expressed their satisfaction with these new workers.

These displaced persons are available for immediate employment on a year-round basis and afford an opportunity for many farmers to find a solution to their labour shortage problem.

If one or more workers are required you should apply at the National Employment office in your vicinity immediately. Applications for such help can be filled in a very few days.

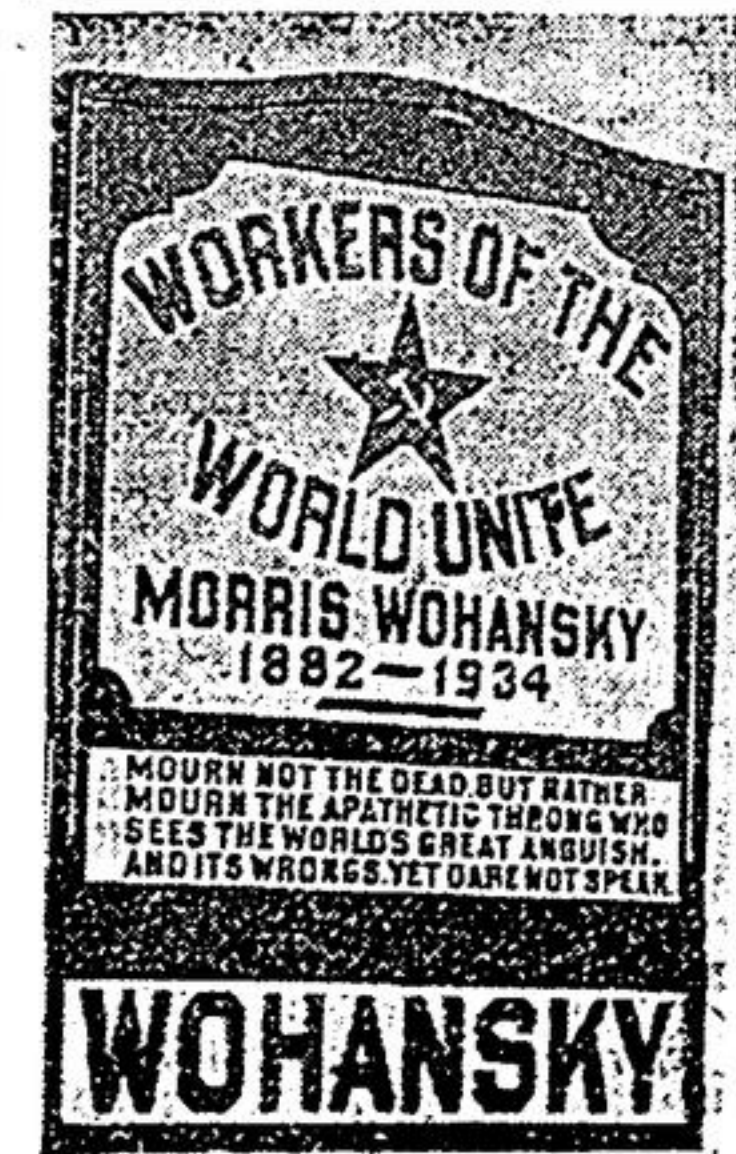
MAY PRODUCE 35 TO 40 MILLION SEEDLINGS YEARLY

Ontario's Department of Lands and Forests will soon be able to produce for planting between 30-40 million trees yearly.

This compares with present capacity of 14 million trees per annum and will represent almost a tripling of existing facilities.

Expansion is accounted for by additions to the older nurseries at St. William's, Midhurst and Orono, and the competition of new nurseries at Kemptville and Port William.

When the present development program is complete, Ontario would be able to plant approximately 35,000 acres yearly.



The decision to remove immediately the Soviet hammer and sickle and star emblem from a tombstone in Mount Hope cemetery at Waterloo, Ont., was made at a meeting of the Waterloo park board, under provisions of the cemetery by-laws. Board members agreed only the Russian emblems will be removed. Wording will remain unchanged. W. C. Toletzki, chairman of the board, said the by-law provides the authority to govern what type of headstones can be erected in the cemetery. The hammer and sickle will disappear from the above grave.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY

