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NOTES and COMMENTS

Farming the Woodlot (The Farmer's Advocate)

Property owners, as a rule, are quite unconscious of the value of their woodlots. There is wealth in the farm woodlot but that portion of the farm is very often treated as a piece of waste land. R. S. Stewart, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, said at a meeting in Eastern Ontario that farm woodlot owners fall into two groups: "Those who slash the woodlot and those who do nothing about it."

When properly managed and wisely cropped the farm woodlot will yield a satisfactory revenue, and generation after generation may continue to share in the returns. Year in and year out, in fair weather and in foul, the farm woodlot goes on producing pulpwood, posts, timber, or fuel wood at the rate of a cord to a cord and a half per acre. It does not have to be broken up and reseeded.

The lack of marketing machinery for products of the farm woodlots is one reason why this valuable property is subjected to such despicable treatment. Woodlot owners, generally speaking, don't know the worth of logs standing or piled at the edge of the bush. Valuable stands are often sacrificed as fuel wood and often the choicest timber that would command a high price in the right market ends up in an ordinary sawmill.

Manufacturers and processors are not keenly interested in two or three logs, but they are intensely interested in truckloads and carloads. Mill men are anxious regarding future supplies, which here, as in other countries, must come from these small wooded areas that dot the countryside.

In New York State they already have co-operatives organized to collect and market farm woodlot products. That service is badly needed right here in Ontario where good bushes are often sold at much below their true value and where valuable timber is dying, falling down and rotting because the owners don't know where to sell logs, posts, veneer timber or pulpwood. When crops are taken from farm woodlots and sold at market value, then and not till then will property owners be woodlot conscious and proceed to give the wooded portions of their farms the attention and management they deserve.

\$20 Day Digging Potatoes

Potato diggers in New Brunswick are said to be getting \$20 per day digging the lowly spuds. That sounds like big money and costly potatoes next winter. However machinery for digging has speeded up the work so fast that many acres per day are moved with less labor than digging with the old fork and picking up by hand. While the work is done far faster today, high wages and costly machinery prevent it from being done more cheaply than in the day when lads worked at it for 25c a day. That was the initial pay received by the writer, when he hired out to a farmer in Scott Township at Leaskdale.

Cars Have Too Much Styling

We are heartily in accord with an editorial appearing in the Galt Reporter, critical of the present day advances in automobile styles. Attention has been called also to a meeting in New York recently when the American Automobile Association voiced a complaint that will be of interest to many motorists. Briefly summarized the complaint was that styling has taken the place of automotive engineering. The result is, the association found that cars are more beautiful, but there are also more accidents and more expense to motorists.

Time was when a driver could see where he was going, the Montreal Star recalls. He could see the road right ahead of him and knew where his right front wheel was running. Not so today. Long hoods, behind which the comparatively tiny motorist crouches in spacious grandeur, combined with low seats from which he has to crane his neck to see out the windshield, reduce vision. High fenders make it impossible to see the right side of the road and every time one motorist passes another two men drive in fear that the right front wheel is too near the ditch.

The bumper used to stand out from the car to provide a cushion between it and shock. Now it is solidly attached to the frame itself and the frame takes any shock. And the extension of the hood and the installation of expensive grill work has made salesmen work overtime trying to get the motorist to buy extra gadgets to protect the grill. The properly protected car often looks like some new weapon of an armoured brigade.

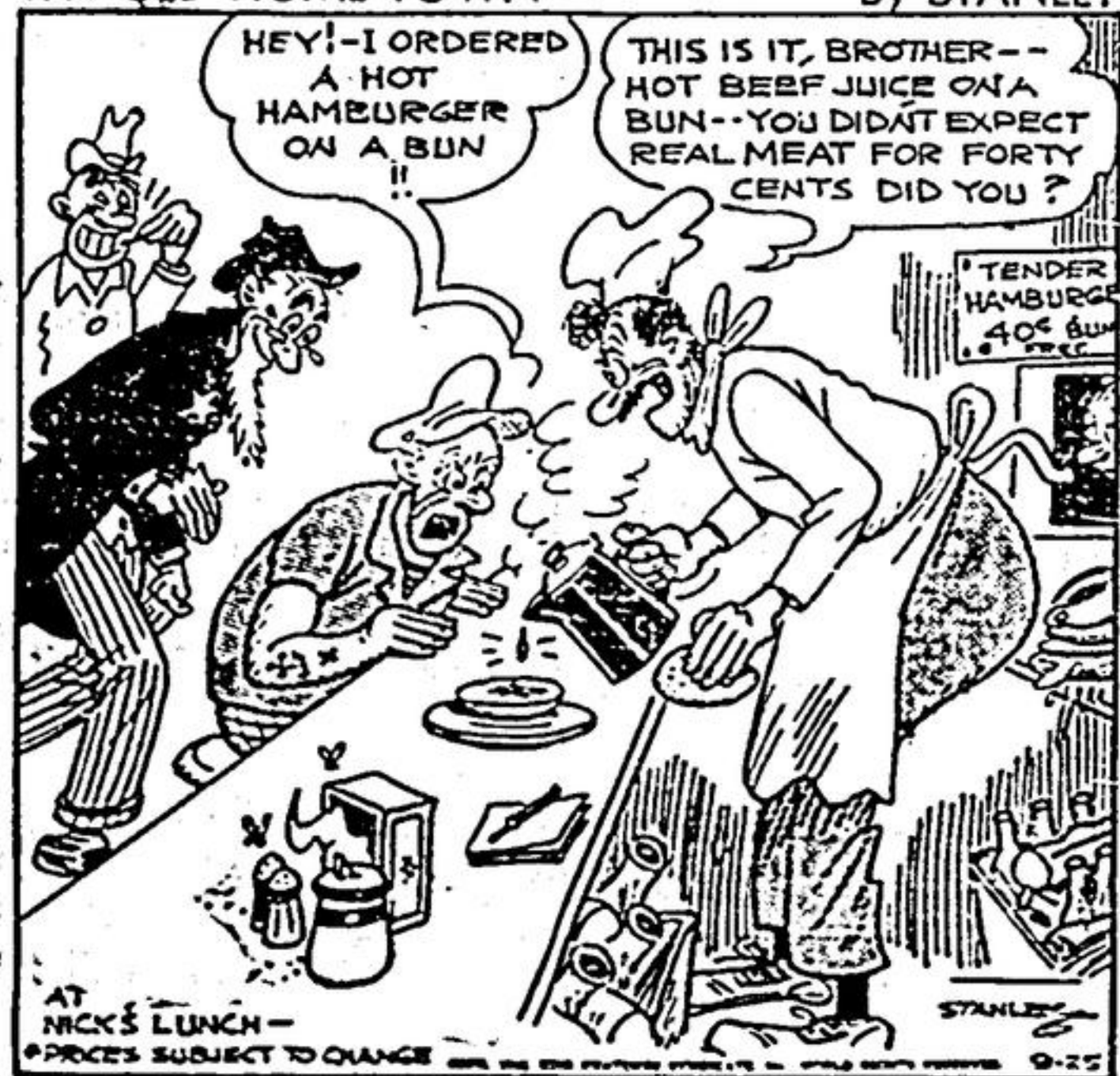
This doesn't exhaust the list of the Auto Association's complaints. A slight accident to a bumper too often involves replacement of the whole, and where fenders are built into the body and of a piece with it, fender repairs become a major operation and almost as costly.

Much of the burden of the Association's complaint is about the high cost of repairs. The pre-war job of fender repair that cost \$5 ten years ago now costs \$25. And there are too many gadgets to break and pay for.

Many will agree with the suggestion that this is one field in which the utilitarian should be placed ahead of the merely beautiful.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



The Men Behind P.C. Convention



M. Grattan O'Leary



Don. H. Morrow, M.L.A.



Frederick G. Gardiner, K.C.



George C. Nowlan, K.C.



G. Russell Boucher, M.P.



Clarence V. Charters

A group of the key men who are busy organizing the Progressive Conservative National Convention which will be held for three days starting September 30 in Ottawa's Coliseum to choose a new leader for the Party in succession to Hon. John Bracken, M.P., and to restate the Party's platform.

Top left is M. Grattan O'Leary, associate editor of the Ottawa Journal, chairman of the Ottawa Local Arrangements Committee and temporary convention chairman who will deliver the keynote speech at the opening session on Thursday morning. Top right is Donald H. Morrow, M.L.A. for Carleton County, Secretary of the Ottawa Local Arrangements Committee.

Center left is Frederick G. Gardiner, K.C., Toronto, chairman of the important Resolutions and Policies Committee whose 198 members will meet in Ottawa two days prior to the convention to consider the hundreds of resolutions submitted.

Center right is George C. Nowlan, K.C. of Wolfville, N.S., chairman of the Organization and Public Relations Committee, which will review publicity and general organizational matters.

Lower left is G. Russell Boucher, M.P. for Carleton, chairman of the Transportation Committee which is making arrangements to transport to and from the convention 1,313 delegates, 765 alternates and a large number of other guests.

Lower right is Clarence V. Charters, Public Relations Director for the Progressive Conservative Party, who is handling much of the organizational details and publicity for the convention, and serving as liaison between the local committees and National Headquarters.

WAGES AT NEW HIGH FOR FARM WORKERS

Canadian farm workers are in clover, practically up to their necks in it, according to figures issued by the Dominion bureau of statistics. They're making more money than ever before in their lives.

On top of that, many of them don't have to worry about the higher food prices which urban consumers have to pay, for the average farm hand is being provided with board.

In August, the latest month for which figures are available, the average daily wage on farms was \$4.40 with board. In the same month last year the pay was \$4.13. When board was not provided by the employer, the average farm wage was \$5.44 compared with \$5.17.

The average monthly wage with board was \$86.79, compared with \$82.75 in August, 1947. Without board the comparative figures were \$116.67 and \$109.03.

The highest average wage was for British Columbia where, when board was provided, farm hands received \$93.93. New Brunswick came next with \$93.07. The lowest wages were in Prince Edward Island, where farm hands averaged \$60 a month with board or \$33.46 a month without board.

A former U.S.A. bomber pilot who renounced his country to become a citizen of the world, and whose visa had expired in France, found sanctuary in the Palais de Chaillot, newly opened UN assembly spot, in Paris, considered international territory.

TO BE POPULAR insist on serving Maxwell House coffee. It's packed 2 ways. In Super-Vacuum Tin (Drip or Regular Grind) or Glass-lined Bag (All Purpose Grind).

CATCH TWO BIG LUNGE

The largest fish of the season to be hauled from Balsam Lake was caught near Cobocook last week by Howard Russell of Cobocook, and Steve Crowley, of 9 Roncesvalles Ave., Toronto.

The catch was a 28-pound muskellunge measuring 48 inches in length. The big fish put up a 45-minute battle before it was finally landed and carted away to be photographed with its proud captors.

Glass has been made for over 5,000 years.

DREAM REALIZED



Five years of intensive training at a Toronto dancing school, during which she progressed with "surprising rapidity" will blossom into 21-year-old Barbara Ferguson's top-most achievement when she performs with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo at the Metropolitan opera house in New York. Barbara flew down to New York in June and tried with 80 others for parts in the ballet chorus. On her return home, she was notified she was one of the 12 girls chosen.

Who's To Blame ?

News announcers and even the mayor of Toronto speaking on the radio with a plan for saving hydro current, all state they do not wish to discuss the issue as to who is to blame for the current shortage of power.

No doubt the immediate blame can be placed on the weather man who caused the dry weather over the past six months that brought about a lowering of the waters in the northern chain of lake from which we get a great deal of our power.

However, it is only a short period to think back to the time that Mitchell Hepburn came into power proclaiming that there was plenty of power without numerous contracts just signed for new projects by the Henry government. Hepburn cancelled the contracts and the people backed him, thinking they were saving something. They took the advice of the Hepburn administration and lost out today. So perhaps the answer is that we are all to blame, hence it is the duty of every householder to do what he or she can to save current these days until the situation improves again.

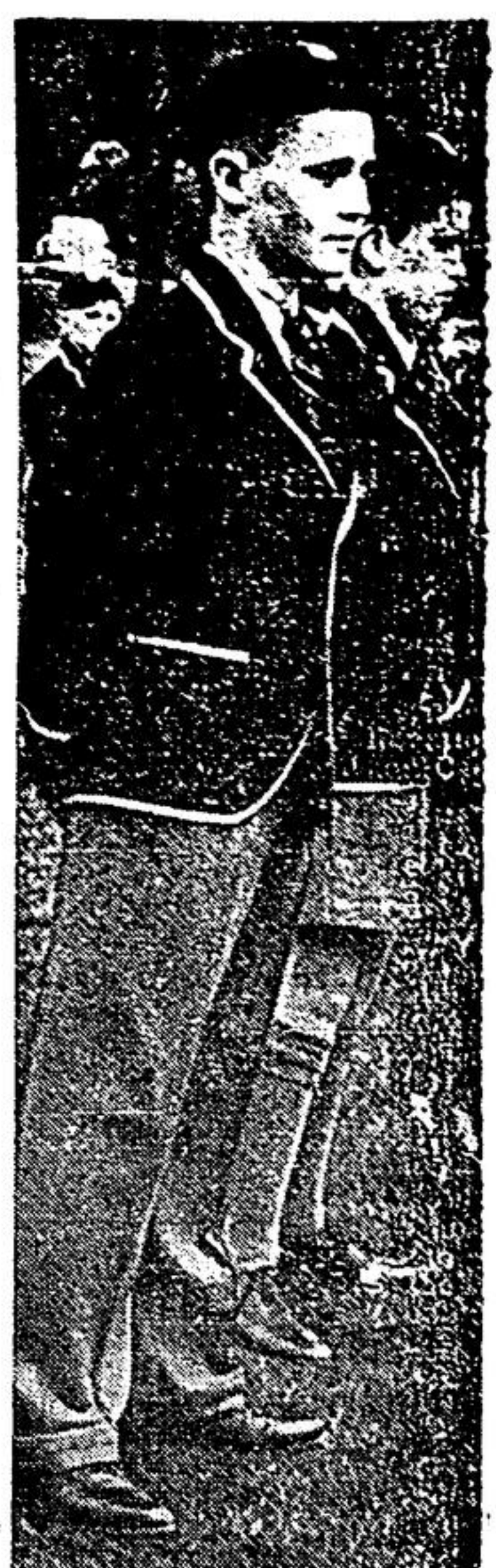
PEEL COUNTY HIT BY STORM

Striking the south end of Peel County early Sunday morning a severe electrical storm, the worst this year, left a trail of burning and wrecked buildings, broken and snarled hydro and telephone lines. Though scores of homes and barns were hit by lightning bolts during a four-hour storm which started at midnight, not a person was seriously injured.

Extending from No. 27 highway westward, the storm area covered nearly a 20-mile stretch. Damage was estimated at \$500,000 as cellars were flooded and homes and barns blasted as if hit by bombs. Trees and poles were uprooted and thrown about like matchwood.

The romantic land of the "Arabian Nights," the Middle East, has the world's biggest oil reserves.

INHERITS \$3,000,000 FORTUNE



Proceeds of the sale of "Waverley," the estate of the late Mrs. Eleanor E. B. Morgaa of London, Ont., will go to 14-year-old Ridley College student John Smallman. "Canada's richest boy" inherits the bulk of his great-aunt's \$3,000,000 fortune.

The polygamists in Short Creek, Arizona, find their efforts to live communistically frustrated by some members of the colony too lazy to work.

See Your Favorite Picture First at the STANLEY THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1, 2
 "Fabulous Texan"—Wm. Elliott
 "Big Town Scandal"—Phillip Reed

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4, 5
'Easter Parade'
 FRED ASTAIRE AND JUDY GARLAND

Thursday!
'FOTO-NITE'
 'Corpse Came C.O.D.'—Geo. Brent, Joan Blondell
 'Affairs of Geraldine'—Jane Withers—J. Lydon
 Wednesday & Thurs. October 6, 7
\$335.00 OFFER!

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8, 9
'NORTHWEST OUTPOST'
 Nelson Eddy — Ilona Massey
'WATERFRONT AT MIDNIGHT'
 Wm. Gargan — Mary Beth Hughes

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 11, 12
'ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD'
 Errol Flynn — Olivia DeHavilland

STANLEY Theatre of the Stars!