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### Now It's The Sawdust House Coming On The Market

A few weeks ago this reporter had a brief conversation with a former townsman, Public School Inspector Archie, Stouffer, who informed us that his spacious house in Minden is heated with sawdust fuel only. Mr. Stouffer finds it ideal fuel, for his equipment, but explained that one needs ample storage since it is bulky. However, up at Minden sawdust is an unwanted item around the big mills and may be

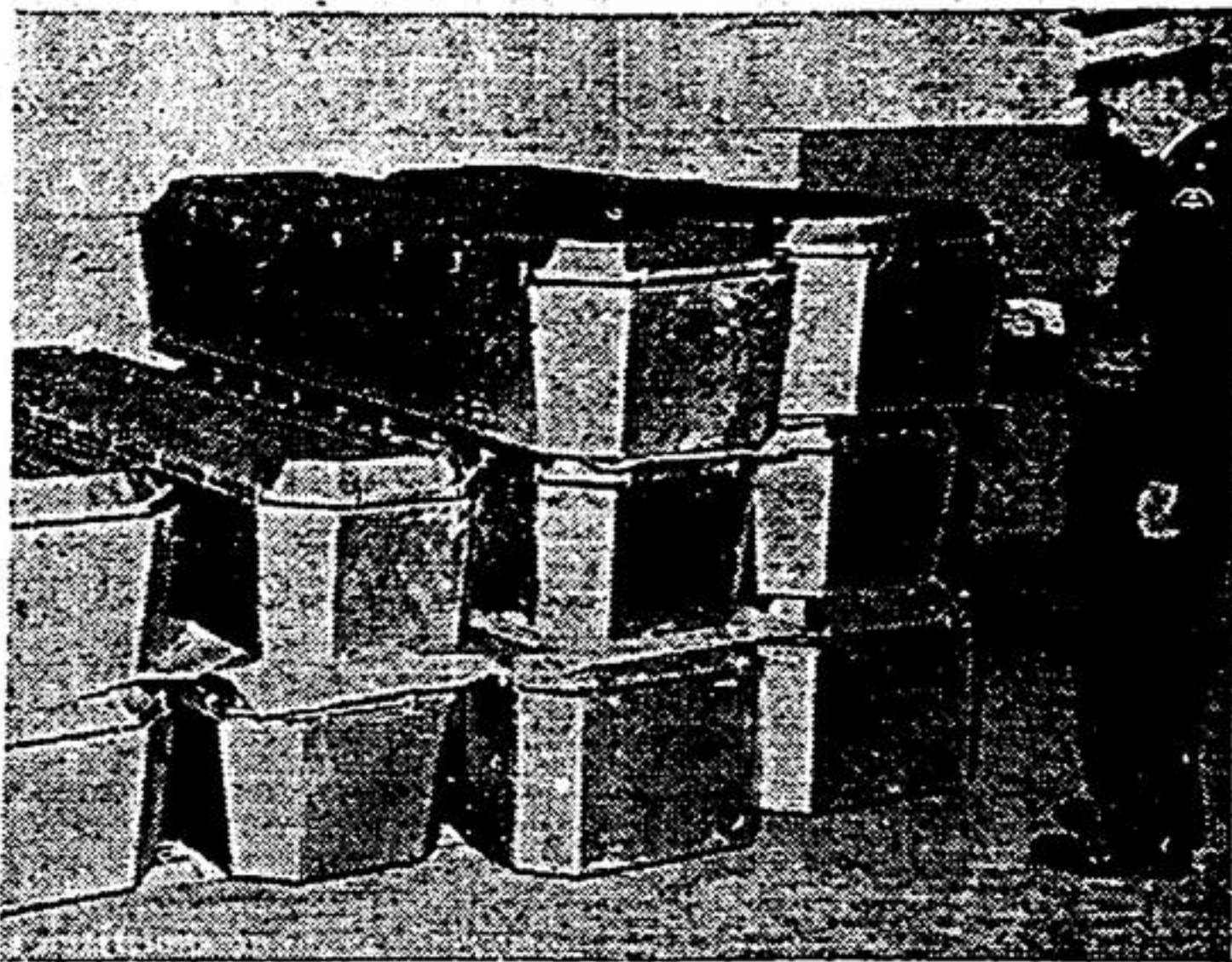
had for drawing away, and as a result persons who have facilities to use it as fuel may be considered most fortunate. It was tried for heating in the Ratcliff store at one time, but owing to bulk and the need for constant fueling, was discontinued.

Now comes another use for the byproduct of the saw and planing mills. It's the sawdust house.

This country long was known for its waste in lumber production, but in recent years that condition has existed side by side with a tremendous housing shortage.

It is reported that last year saw an increased use of waste products

### In Wake Of Noronic Disaster



While preparations for major investigations into the Noronic disaster are being made in Toronto and Cleveland, Ohio, the grim task of identifying the dead continues.

Here some of the coffins containing remains of the victims are ready for shipment to the U.S. Discovery by divers of more bodies has raised the total known dead to 130.

by large mills and that increasing utilization of sawmill waste was a notable development in the manufacture of fibreboards, floor covering plastic and specially treated products.

Now there comes upon the scene a Brooklyn inventor who asserts that he has developed a process for building houses out of sawdust.

Donald F. Othmer of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute's chemical engineering department, told an international conference of wall-board makers at Harvard University that he can convert sawdust and shavings into "first quality new wood."

Declaring that fabrication of wallboards by his process began last week in London, England, he said the secret of his wood-making was a "cheap, readily-available" chemical. Without naming the substance, he said a small amount of it is mixed with dry wood waste and the mixture then placed in a hydraulic press which can make 10 to 20 boards at a time. In a matter of from 10 to 20 minutes, the boards are formed and discharged to cool, he said.

Asserting that 2,000 square feet of wallboard can be made from a ton of sawdust and shavings, he interpreted this as meaning that some 40,000,000 square feet of building materials could be produced each year from America's lumber production waste alone. He

cited one big advantage for the process. The sawdust can be shaped and molded into any desired form and almost any desired size and thickness; thus, prefabricated walls, ceilings, floor and roofs for factory-built houses are possible.

### Boost Ends Town Battle

The year-long battle over the assessment of Newmarket's six major industries which resulted in charges against the six-man assessment commission, ended last week with the return of the 1950 assessment roll, raising the valuation of the industries by \$250,000.

The battle, led by former Mayor Dr. L. W. Dales and Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong, began when citizens charged the industries were grossly under-assessed. Resignation of the town's assessment commission followed.

The assessors were later charged with neglect of duty in not reassessing property of the industries while the entire town was being re-assessed. The charges were dismissed.

B. W. Hunter, head of the commission, who was later reappointed, reported the assessment of the industries at about \$681,000 and the assessment of the entire town at \$3,700,000.

The wet weather is retarding corn cutting.

### Pickering Tp. Girl Relates Experiences Of European Tour

Looking smart as paint in the model hat she bought in Paris, Miss Bernice Chapman of Pickering has just returned from England and a tour of Europe covering six countries. She glows with enthusiasm when she recalls her travels and has nothing but praise for the Teachers' Exchange system which enabled her to go. Miss Chapman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chapman of Pickering Twp. She formerly taught in one of the Township's rural schools, but of more recent years in Toronto. She feels strongly that her personal experiences applied to literature and English history will assist her pupils in their studies.

Away for over a year, Miss Chapman taught at Greenford, Middlesex, and lived at the League of Empire Hostel in central London. The hostel is a residence for teachers from all parts of the Empire, and there she met and exchanged ideas with Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans. She found that it took her a full hour on the Underground to get to school every morning, but she enjoyed the proximity to the west end where most of the theatres and concert halls are located.

One of Miss Chapman's most cherished memories is of a garden party at Lambeth Palace for American and Empire teachers, at which she was presented to the Queen.

"We learned afterwards that the garden party had been the Queen's own suggestion," she said. It was a perfect summer day, and we were all announced and presented individually, and then later, when we were sitting having tea, the Queen came and chatted informally with us. She was wearing the soft blue dress she had worn the day before for the royal garden party at Buckingham Palace, and she looked beautiful. Somebody asked if we might take snapshots, and she replied 'Why, certainly, it's a beautiful day for photography.' She posed naturally for a picture, and then asked for the Archbishop of Canterbury—'we must have one with him in it'—and once again came a rapid-fire of clicking shutters.

Another close contact with the Royal Family was at Ascot where Miss Chapman saw the King and Queen and the Princesses with their entourage in the Royal Enclosure congratulating the jockey who had ridden the King's horse to victory.

"The men in faultless suits with their grey top hats and the elegantly dressed women made a brave and colorful show I shall never forget," Miss Chapman continued, "a picture of quality and dignity."

Tour of Continent  
Her trip to the continent took the traveller to Paris, Nice, Monte Carlo, and other places of breathtaking beauty in the French and Italian Riviieras. She visited Genoa, where she found the accent was on the "Gen" and not, as frequently heard, on the "O"; on to Pisa, where she climbed the Leaning Tower—"you can feel the lean on the low side particularly as you go up"; to Rome, on Easter Sunday, to mill with the throng in St. Peter's Square, and on to Naples and Pompeii.

It was from here that she set out to trek to the top of Mount Vesuvius. "I'll never attempt that again as long as I live," she sighed. "The last part of the railway track that winds up the side of the volcano was destroyed by the eruption of 1944, so we had to make our way on foot.

"A scorching sun beat down on us, and it took us 75 minutes to pick our way steeply uphill over a bed of cinders, stones and rocks. Arriving at the top we could look down into the crater where the hardening lava looked like a frozen lake. Our guide told us that minor landslides occurred frequently around the rim of the crater. Two English soldiers had recently lost their lives in this manner, and his had been the unpleasant task of bringing their bodies up from the crater. Wearing a gas mask against the fumes, he had been lowered by ropes about 20 feet."

According to Miss Chapman Capri is an "enchanted Isle of flowers and foliage, bathed in sunshine and lapped by the Mediterranean." She visited the famous Blue Grotto, an underwater cave, accessible only by boat at low tide through a hole in the rock. The reflected light of the white ocean bed turns the grotto into a fairy palace, she said.

Wonders of Italy  
She stayed for a short time in Florence to marvel at its art galleries and museums, then travelled on to Venice. She was enthralled by St. Mark's Cathedral with its gorgeous ceiling and figure of St. Mark in mosaic and gold, which creates the illusion of following the beholder in any direction. Miss Chapman expected to see brightly-hued gondolas plying the canals, and was surprised to find that they were all painted black.

On enquiry she learned that the black finish was a constant memorial to victims of a plague that struck Venice hundreds of years



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ago. Nowadays it is only at fiesta time that the gondolas are decorated, and the gondoliers wear their picturesque costumes. While in Venice she visited the Doge's Palace and crossed the Bridge of Sighs, named for the unfortunates who crossed to their death or life imprisonment.

In Milan she was disappointed to learn that Da Vinci's immortal picture, "The Last Supper," was no longer on view to the public as it was in a bad state of decay. The Cathedral came through the war practically unscathed, but time is eating away at one of its priceless possessions.

Two things impressed Miss Chapman about Switzerland. The first and foremost was the honesty of the people and the second was the view from the train of the floodlit churches and twinkling lights of the villages in the valleys.

Obtaining a military permit Miss Chapman travelled for 20 hours through Germany to get to Amsterdam. What she saw of Germany was a depressing sight. Little attempt has been made to clear away war wreckage and debris. Girders from the bomb-blasted bridge at Cologne stick out at all angles, like a fistful of matches, and she noticed a bed still hanging from a shell hole in the wall of a blitzed tenement building.

Pisa, Cologne and Plymouth were the most bombed cities of the war, with Coventry and Hamburg close runners-up," Miss Chapman said. "Plymouth has healed the best, Pisa is patched up, but Cologne still has open wounds.

"In the Netherlands, Canadians are made most welcome and hailed as 'Our liberators,'" Miss Chapman observed. She made a special trip to Volendam and Marken, two small towns where the men, women and children still continue to wear the old native dress and wooden shoes. "It is like stepping into a picture book," she commented.

Brussels maintains its reputation of being one of the gayest cities on the continent. It is bright with neon lights and splendid displays. It is also "very, very expensive." Miss Chapman fulfilled a mission by making a special journey to Hotten where an all-British cemetery nestles against the side of a hill in a beautiful sweep of country. It was here that she found the grave of John Stainton, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stainton, formerly of Zion, who was killed in action over Belgium. Locked gates guard the cemetery from intruders and within, the graves are tended and planted with care.

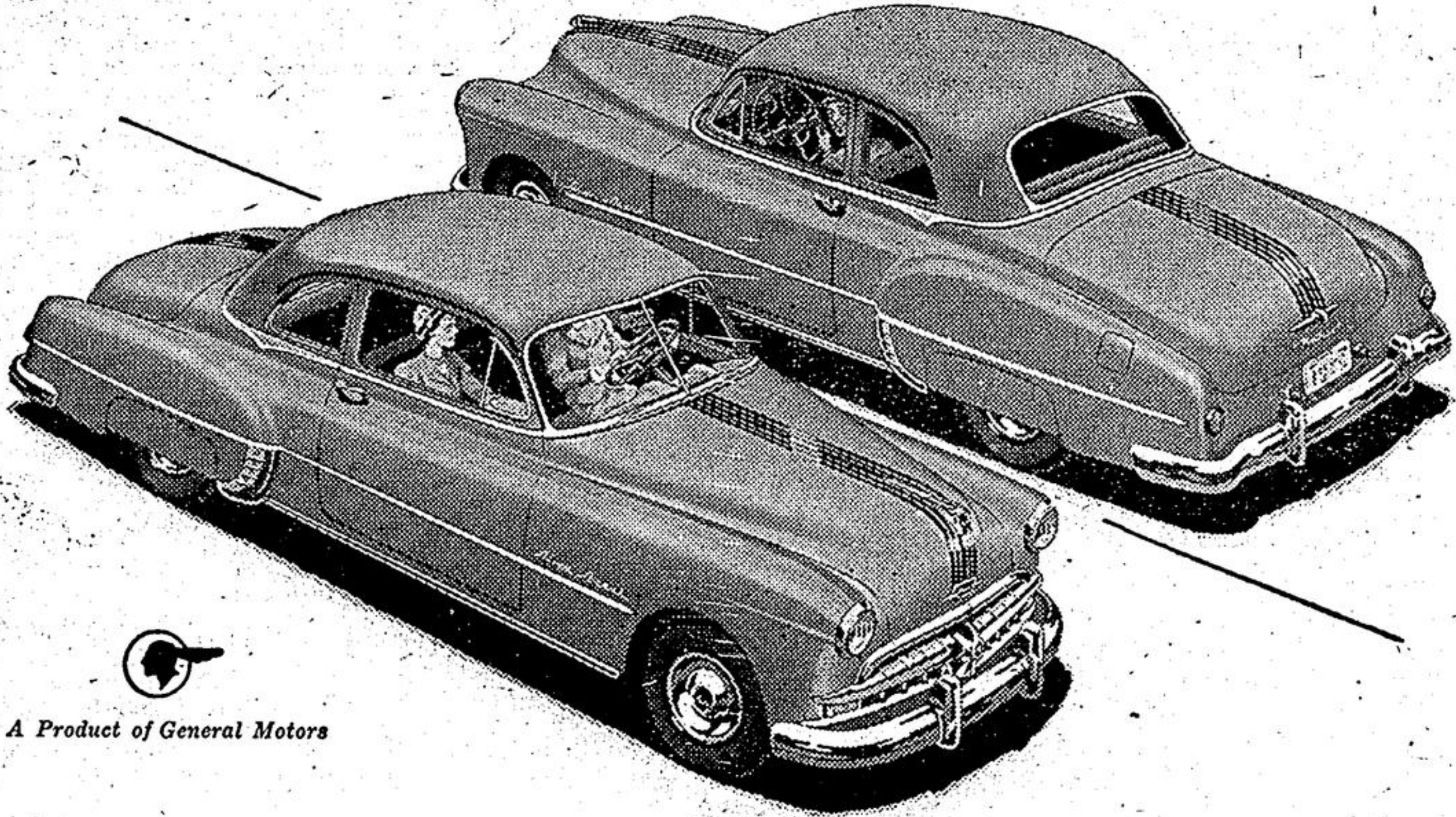
Beside her grand tour of Europe Miss Chapman visited most of the counties of England, flew to Guernsey and to Ireland, and was in Belfast, July 12, when 50,000 Orangemen paraded in memory of King William and the Battle of the Boyne.

Home in Pickering Miss Chapman was asked if she was content to stay at home with her memories. "Oh, I'm very happy to be home again—I'm a bit tired of travelling," she replied, adding "but, d'you know, I'd love to see Mexico."

Keats said if poetry didn't come like leaves to a tree, it shouldn't come at all.

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