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GARDEN SERVICE

(By Gordon Lindsay Smith)

It's Not Just Good Luck

"He's always lucky in transplanting things." One often hears a comment like that in the spring or fall when trees, shrubs, vines and other things that come under the heading of nursery stock are being planted or moved. But it's not luck at all. It is merely knowing how.

There is a great variation in prices of rose plants, shrubs and trees, and there is even a wider variation in quality. Good healthy stock is green, pliable, moist and equipped with sound buds, but not in leaf. Ivy is only with such stock that one can be "lucky." When purchased, good stock will be well wrapped to keep in moisture and keep out the air, especially about the roots. The buyer should make sure he keeps it that way.

If not ready to plant immediately the stock should be "heeled in", that is, planted in a shallow trench with soil pressed firmly about roots and over the lower part of stem.

In planting permanently it is well to plant a little deeper than previously, spread roots out well, cover firmly with a fine rich soil, water well, then tramp down hard. A small tree or shrub usually needs a full pail of water and if it doesn't rain there should be more watering for the first few weeks. Trees should be tied firmly to a stake for the first year. This

will give the tiny, new roots a chance to get firmly fastened in the new location. Without these fine roots the stock will die of starvation.

Can Make Good Soil

It's amazing what one can do with even the most unpromising soil. For confirmation all that is necessary is to look at what some city gardeners have done with the assorted blue clay, mortar and broken bricks some builders have used for grading up the backyard. Almost anything will disintegrate in time and what won't can be hauled away or used for drainage. With very heavy soil and lying fairly level some drainage is needed. With large plots this can be done by installing tile drains although an open ditch will be a lot cheaper and may do well enough.

After this, treatment for very heavy or very light soils is about the same. The main thing is to get in plenty of humus and cultivate. Humus is simply a high class name for ordinary manure. Grass cuttings, straw or even just green weeds and other plants. The more of this stuff that is dug in the more open and porous the soil becomes. Where possible it's a good plan to grow a crop of clover, fall rye, oats or some rank-growing thing and rig or plow this under. After a few years' treatment even the toughest or most barren soil becomes mellow and, as the old-timers say, friable.

**Add Shorthorn Bulls
To Breeding Unit**

The Maple Cattle Breeders artificial breeding unit which branched out with Guernseys last fall to make the fourth dairy breed have recently added a battery of shorthorn bulls at the request of the beef producers lying outside of the more concentrated dairy area of the Toronto Milk Shed Meetings were arranged by the Agricultural Representatives and directors of the Association in the counties of Dufferin, Simcoe, Ontario, Victoria and Peterboro during the winter to discuss this with those interested.

In view of the response the directors authorized the purchase of a group of shorthorns and the committee after deciding on the Ransom line of breeding has secured two bulls that have been used by the Ontario Agricultural College, one a six year old bull, Ransom 135 that has done such a grand job at the New Liskeard Demonstration Farm, and the two year old Ransom 23A that has been so popular at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Two other Ontario Agricultural College bulls were purchased at the recent Toronto Bull Sale, the highest priced shorthorn which carried the richest Ransom breeding in the sale, Ontario Agricultural College Ransom 12C and the other, Ontario Agricultural College Royal 15C, from one of their best Ransom dams and sired by the imported bull Uppermill Royal. A third bull, purchased at the sale was Glenburn Outlaw, a Deacon breed grandson of Robinwood Colonel which was placed first in a class of fifteen in the show which preceded the sale.

Shorthorn services have been available since the last week of March and to date the demand has justified the new venture. We understand that several of the 150 who have already signed up had not expected to have the privilege of getting services from such outstanding sires, and many of the recent visitors to the barns at

**Quakers Offer
To Help Solve
Doukhorbor Problem**

Attorney-General Gordon Wismer of British Columbia announced a few days ago that one of the solutions being sought to put a halt to Doukhorbor terrorism is to get them to emigrate to another country.

But while these and other solutions are being considered, "the governments are determined that the laws of Canada must be obeyed."

Mr. Wismer issued a 1,200-word statement after discussions with Justice Minister Garson on the best means of solving the Doukhorbor menace which has taken on new importance with resumption of "criminal terrorism" in British Columbia.

Mr. Wismer expressed "great disappointment" that at the very time that the provincial and federal governments, together with the University of British Columbia and the National Research Council are "bending every effort to a solution of the Doukhorbor question, there should be a resumption of criminal terrorism."

"The two governments realized there was no easy solution to the problem, and they were employing a method which would be "just, Christian and orderly."

"The Doukhorbors for some time stated they wish to emigrate," Mr. Wismer said. "If this is a genuine desire, and agreement to receive them can be reached with a

Maple have commented most favourably on this new addition to the stud. It is not surprising that the local inseminators are signing up new members nearly everyday.

At the first regular meeting of the New Board of Directors last Tuesday, two directors were added to the board as authorized by the annual meeting to represent the recently added breeds. Allan Baldson of Sharon, a director of the York Simcoe Guernsey Club, will represent the Guernsey breeders and R. J. Rogers of Newmarket, R.R.1, former Agricultural Representative for York County, will represent the Shorthorn members.

country to which they are prepared to emigrate, the Canadian government certainly would not put barriers in their way.

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The attorney-general said that although there are three sects, numbering 12,000 Doukhorbors, he blamed only one, the Sons of Freedom, for the fires and destruction that has ravaged some B.C. communities.

There were only about 2,000 of these Sons of Freedom, compared with about 10,000 members of the Spiritual Community and the Independent Doukhorbors. Both of the latter groups merited "great respect."

Because an adequate solution to the Doukhorbor problem must go "deeper than merely just punishment," Mr. Wismer said the B.C. government has approached the University of B.C. and other organizations "with a view to having a thorough scientific investigation

**POTATO GROWERS
FINED AT SIMCOE**

Two North Simcoe potato growers were convicted at Penetang on Thursday of failing to dispose of potatoes containing bacterial ring rot disease. Magistrate K. A. Cameron fined Morille Charlebois \$65, including costs, and Lucien Robitaille \$60. He said they failed to comply with regulations set down by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Inspector R. E. Gidden said ring rot is the worst potato disease in North America.

C. E. Coutts of Midhurst was also fined \$46 or 15 days on a charge of failing to destroy potatoes infected with bacterial ring rot disease. The charge was laid under Ontario's Plant Disease Act.

made into the underlying causes of these outbursts of violence."

A Quaker organization, the American Friends Service Committee, "who have a deep understanding of the Doukhorbor religious and other problems," have volunteered to assist.

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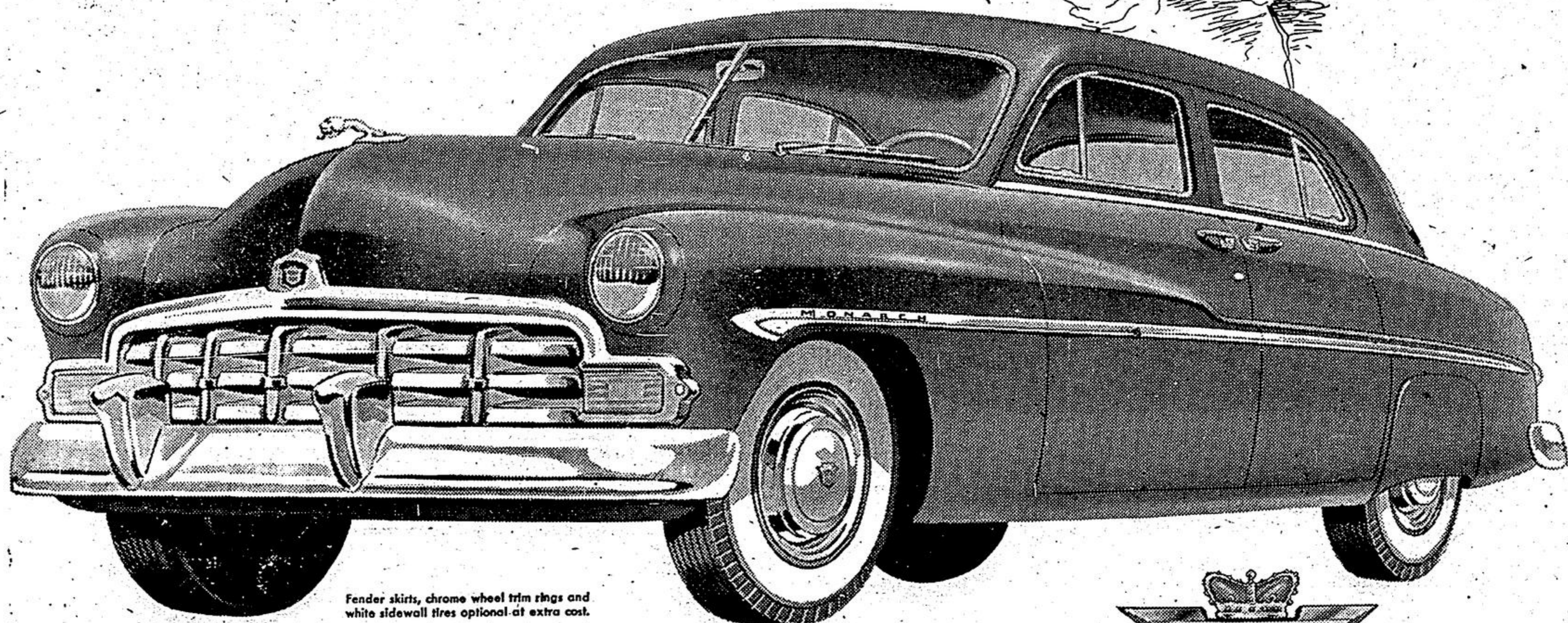
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