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### Ontario Riding M.P. To Contest Fall Convention

Walter C. Thomson, M.P. for Ontario riding, last week, at a meeting of Ontario's Liberal members of the House of Commons held in Ottawa, threw his hat into the ring as a candidate for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party. He will stand for election to the leadership at a party convention which is to be held in the fall, probably in October, to select a successor to Farquhar Oliver, who some time ago announced his resignation as the party leader. News of his intention to contest the Ontario party leadership was given to The Times-Gazette by Mr. Thomson in a long-distance telephone call from Ottawa.

### Markham Township Softball Schedule Opens This Week

The baseball fever has hit the local ball parks with the boys turning out in full force. As for the teams there will be six entries in the softball league with Agincourt, Peaches, Markham, Buttonville and Cedar Grove comprising the group. No definite players have actually been signed up as yet but with the season to get underway next week the boys will be lined up shortly.

On Thursday evening a meeting was called at the home of Mr. D. Brown where the Peaches club discussed various questions and elected a committee for the coming season. President, Mr. D. Brown; manager, J. Warriner; sec'y., Dent Brown; treas., L. Weatherill.

No longer will the Peaches crew take to the field in sweaters as in yesteryears but in their places will be smart uniforms donated by Messrs. D. Brown, F. Humes, A. Plumstead and other prominent local citizens. The team as a whole express their appreciation for the generous donations offered by these men.

Both Buttonville and Unionville are sticking for the most part to last year's lineup while Cedar Grove seems to be rebuilding with new players.

- May 16 — Buttonville at Unionville Cedar Grove at Peaches Markham at Agincourt
- May 18 — Peaches at Buttonville Unionville at Markham Agincourt at Cedar Grove
- May 23 — Cedar Grove at Unionville Markham at Peaches Buttonville at Agincourt
- May 25 — Agincourt at Buttonville Peaches at Markham Unionville at Cedar Grove
- May 30 — Markham at Unionville Buttonville at Peaches Cedar Grove at Agincourt
- June 1 — Unionville at Buttonville Peaches at Cedar Grove Agincourt at Markham
- June 6 — Buttonville at Peaches Markham at Unionville Cedar Grove at Agincourt
- June 8 — Unionville at Cedar Grove Peaches at Markham Agincourt at Buttonville
- June 13 — Buttonville at Agincourt Markham at Peaches Cedar Grove at Unionville
- June 15 — Unionville at Markham

### Horse-Shoeing Lost Art Says Last City Smithy

After shoeing horses for 42 years in Ontario, Richard Prior, 60, last Toronto blacksmith, concluded last week the province is losing interest in the arts of horse-shoeing and carriage-making.

Wm. Griffith and Ed Lintner, Stouffville's only remaining smithies retired from the trade some years ago.

Mr. Prior is president of the Master Horse-Shoers and Carriage Workers' Association of Ontario. As president, he said, he intends to surrender its official charter back to the Ontario government. There was no opposition in the association.

"We had our last meeting in 1934," he said. "I'm the only member left."

It doesn't mean the final disappearance of the horse, Mr. Prior said, hefting a 12-pound hammer, it's just that nobody in Ontario supports the association. Sister associations are still active in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the Quebec chapter gets \$1,000 a year from its government.

"Quebec has more members now than we ever had," he said. "It's just that the Ontario government doesn't care."

The final irritation, Mr. Prior said, as president of the M.H. and C.W.A. (of Ontario), was being required to pay \$1 a year to the government to keep the charter and then having to assess himself as sole remaining member.

Last stand of the horse-shoers will likely be made in the big cities, Mr. Prior said. Most of his work now comes from dairies and bakeries who are sticking to the horse except for long runs. "They still haven't trained the trucks to follow the milkman," he said with some satisfaction.

As for himself, he said, he intends to retire in a year or two. All remaining blacksmiths are getting on, he said, and no young men are coming along to fill up the ranks. The carriage workers have all turned to building truck bodies except for the odd horse show buggy.

"I'm going to go fishing while I'm still healthy enough to enjoy it," he said. When all the blacksmiths have gone fishing, he said, maybe they'll have a horse-shoeing machine.

Peaches at Buttonville Agincourt at Cedar Grove

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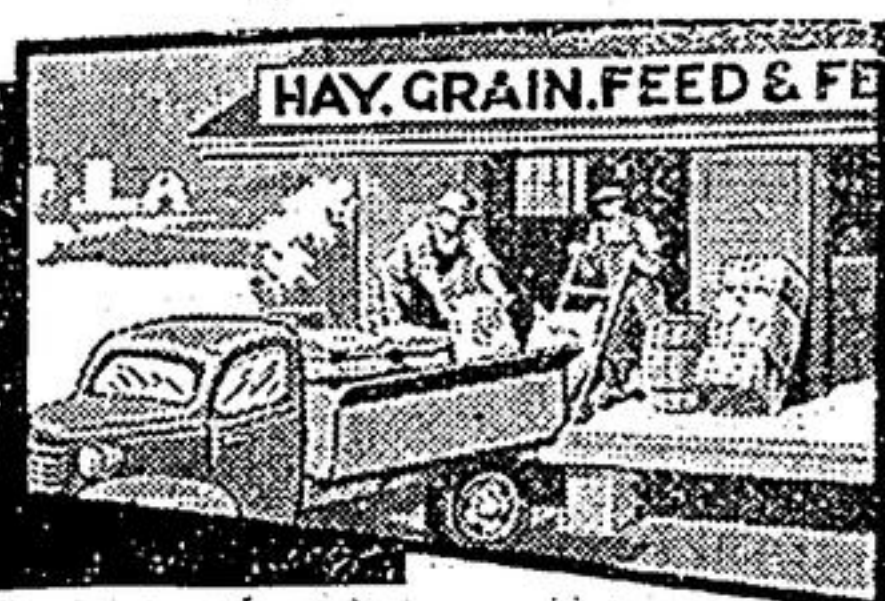
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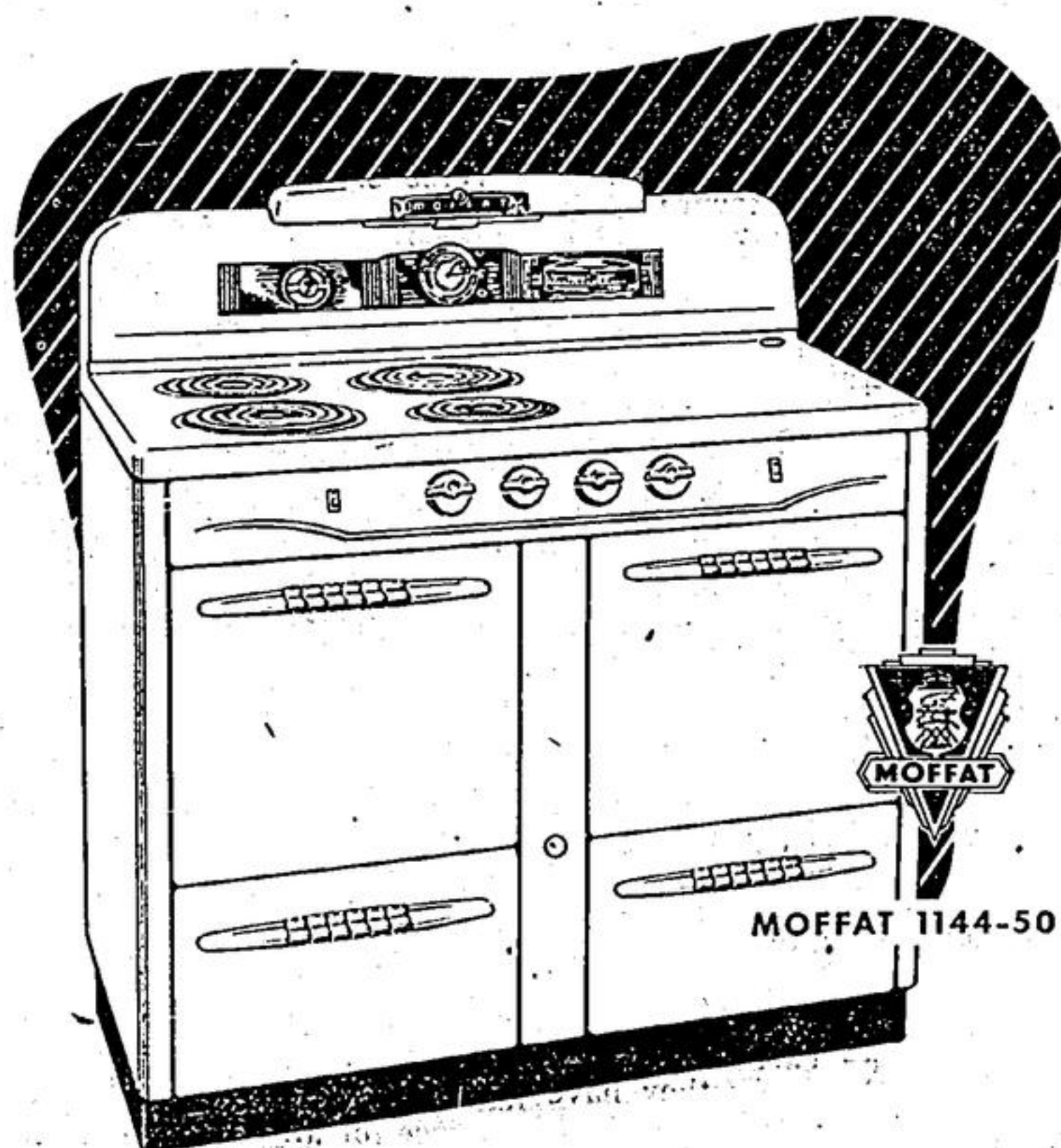
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Mr. Benton says the mother of the four calves is a grade cow with no record of previous multiple births and the sire is Lonelm Highcraft, one of battery of bulls owned by the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association since the early days of the unit. We regret to report that none of the calves lived. Had they survived we feel sure the proud

owner would have been in the movies and the world would have beaten a path to his door.

The Pickering Township Municipal Offices at Brougham have had a face-lifting and indeed are a great improvement over the former. The offices and halls have been done in a light green. On the first floor on the east side is the Council Chamber, on the west, a the front, the Tax Collector, with the Clerk's office to the rear. On the second floor, the ladies' and agents' washrooms, the nurses', the assessor's office with three rooms that can be used as offices or for storage. All the windows now have venetian blinds. The offices are clean and attractive.

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