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Today's couplet: The frost is on Even though money may not the pumpkin and the corn has all buy happiness, it will at least pay been shocked; again the time has your car fare while you ride come to get the overcoat unhocked. around looking for it.

# At Hundred-One She's Strathroy Farmers

At 101, Mrs. Matthew Elliot asked to take a special part and had won the title. she felt the excursion was justified.

bonnet with its demure velvet ribbons and jaunty plume, Mrs. Elliot cut the cake that marked the golden anniversary of the

Agincourt Women's Institute. The regular meeting of the W.I. had a reminiscent atmosphere as endeavour.

Institute was first organized because the original records have been lost, but it is generally believed to have been in Wexford. second and third place winners. It was considered rather an Milton Weatherilt & Son, Bethany, unusual thing when Miss Blanche Ont., nosed out Joseph Gattie, Wal-Maddock of the Ontario Agri- ford Station, Ont., with 530 points cultural College at Guelph organ- to 529 for Gattie. ized the East York W.I. On the from the parent organization. brother had placed first. There are about 40 members now , "We just planted the seed and in the original W.I. Six of them the weather was excellent in our are charter members who were district for producing a good present at the meeting last week. potato crop," he said They are Mrs. Matthew Elliot, Mrs. W. A. Young, Mrs. David concern the emphasis now is on Paterson.

women have tried to live up to lightening the country woman's their motto: "For Home and work and problems. Country."

## Potato Kings at Royal

Two brothers, Archie and doesn't get around much any William McDougall, R.R.2, Strathmore, yet this week she went all roy, Ont., were crowned Ontario's the way into Toronto from her potato kings following completion home in Agincourt just to get a of judging at Toronto's Royal new hat. But it was for a special Winter Fair. It was the first time occasion and Mrs. Elliot had been in history of the fair that brothers

In a competition conducted by Canadian Industries Limited, in So last week in her new black co-operation with the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, the brothers gained a total of 548 points. Highest total possible is 650 points.

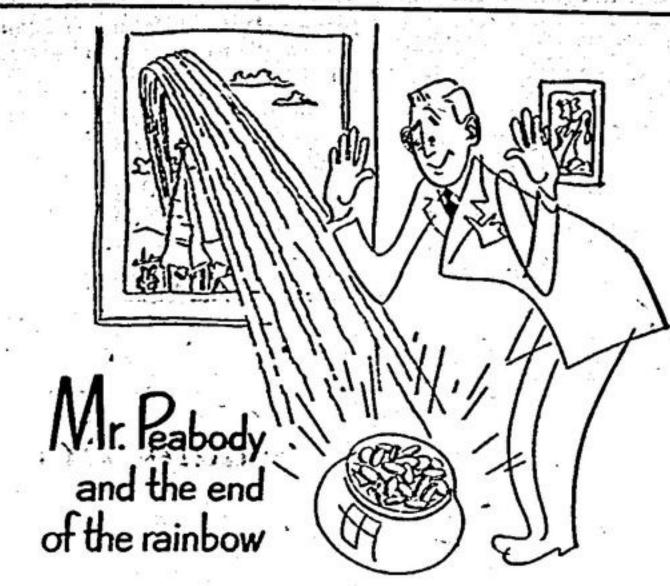
For their outstanding efforts, the McDougall brothers were awarded the C-I-L trophy and \$250 members reviewed 50 years of in cash. Their potatoes yielded 720 bushels to the acre, considered exceptional considering the poor It is not certain where the summer weather experienced this past year.

It was close for second place with only a point separating

Archie McDougall took his first rolls, were 22 members and championship award in his stride, membership has not grown great- just shrugging his shoulders as if ly for as population increased it were an every day happening, individual institutes broke off when informed that he and his

Marshall, Mrs. J. C. Hunter, Mrs. food values, calories, and more William Doherty and Mrs. T. A. technical details. Home nursing and child care have been included Through the years the country with other programs aimed at

The women also sew layettes . Since food is such a main farm and provide toys for needy childconcern it has figured largely in ren as well as contributing to the discussions. It was noted that the Save the Children Fund, the Salattitude has changed. Where form- vation Army the Mothercraft Socerly hearty meals were the 'main' iety, and the Institute for the Blind.



· You could have knocked Mr. Peabody over with a feather. For there, right through the window of his own room, came a rainbow. And at the end of it was a huge pot of gold!

As he approached it to see if it was real, he heard the sound of bells. "The whole countryside has heard of this!" thought Mr. Peabody. "That's why the bells are ringing." And the sound of the bells grew louder . . . louder . . . LOUDER . . .

Mr. Peabody awoke with a start. The alarm clock beside his bed was ringing . . . ringing . . . RINGING. Shutting it off, he sighed sadly, got up and dressed.

Listening to the radio as he ate his breakfast, Mr. Peabody heard somebody say that old-age benefits should provide everybody with enough to retire on.

"Hmmph!" snorted Mr. Peabody to himself. "More rainbows! I like the idea of additional help for older people. But to build the kind of comfortable old-age income I want, I fully expect to need all my life insurance - and maybe more. It gives my family protection now. And it covers my own special needs in a way no mass programme could possibly do."

Arriving at his store, Mr. Peabody, like millions of other Canadians, began another day of working, earning and saving for his future security with life insurance.

"Even without pots of gold, it's a pretty good world," he said to himself. And as he worked, he began to whistle softly.

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#### Steady Prices Will Prevail for Christmas

Santa Claus and the business of Christmas giving promise to be bigger business in Canada this year than ever before.

Retailers say the new regulations will have little, if any, effect on the nation's gift-strings-at least not for Christmas.

With only six weeks until the Big Day, buying was riding the boom that saw June store sales across Canada increase 3% over those for the same month in 1949. July sales this year were a full 10% higher than last. August registered a 6.4% increase from \$57.2 million in 1949 to \$60.8 million in 1950.

As always, Santa's professional "helpers" in the retail trade had two prime points to consider.

The first was supply and demand-what they thought the public wanted, and in what quant-

The second was The Santa Story. .

Legend or fact, a lot of people long out of knee pants and shoebutton class would howl loud and long if Santa were shelved.

Consequently, in a one-night world fraught with Santa-battering psychologists, stark disbelief, some shortages, and plain and simple "have and have not," Yuletide's perennial Man of Distinction has always had an ace in the hole. That ace is sales promotion.

Hand in hand with perhaps the greatest array of gift goods ever offered Christmas-conscious Canadians, stores across the land have lined up an all-time, all-out "There certainly IS a Santa" campaign.

Squarely facing the premature realism Jet-Atomics have instilled in today's youngsters, Christmas gifts for Junior Miss and Mister this year are a curious blend of fact and fancy.

#### **Drive To Ensure Pupils' Safety**

Concerned over the danger to children who have to cross No. 11 Highway to reach Oak Ridges Public School, residents of that area have formed a committee to arrange a mass meeting, and demand provincial action.

There will be a house-to-house canvass to gain support for the plan, leaflets will be distributed and a petition circulated, it was announced.

According to G. O. Gamble, secretary of the school board, there are 378 pupils attending the school and more than 70 per cent of them have to cross the highway going to and from school.

At a divorce hearing the other day there was a bit of testimony reflecting the misapplication of a name. The husband testified that his wife threw a loving cup at him.

