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MORE GAIN, LESS DRUDGERY AS FARMS MECHANIZED

There is a quiet revolution going on across Canada, and especially in Ontario, turning farming into new channels of activity and new realms of purchasing.

In part the changes are being forced, under the steady pressure of labor scarcity and high costs. But they also are being introduced voluntarily by progressive farmers who see in mechanization the way to greater efficiency, more profits and less drudgery.

Back of these forces are the manufacturers and the distributors of farm implements and equipment, who displayed wares and services at the Coliseum last week in an exhibition held by the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers Association.

Chas. Cooper Equipment, Claremont, had a prominent display in the big show and Clarke Prentice was another local exhibitor. Mr. Cooper has been an important member of the executive since the organization began.

G. M. Brown, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, New Toronto, said that with an increase in income the farmer has been able to experiment in packaging procedure. He has turned to visual packages, using plastic materials, and has therefore had to market a better quality crop, and this in turn further improves his revenue. Sales of such containers to farm outlets were more than doubled.

Not only is the farmer spending his increased cash income in improved production implements, but he seems to be paying more attention to the farm house. J. A. Fellows of Brantford reported an increase during 1951 and an indicated gain for 1952 in sales of water systems, pumps and storage boilers for farm properties.

Manufacturers of electrical appliances for housekeeping reported farm women are seeing to it the homes are provided with vacuum cleaners, washers, refrigerators and other home requirements.

A survey of the exhibits shows the high level of sales spreads throughout the equipment field and overflows into firms manufacturing.

WILL DISCUSS NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WITH COUNTY HEAD

Whitchurch Township Council will meet in special session shortly to discuss with County Assessor Symonds, the proposed new county system of assessing which is on a measured basis and one hundred percent value similar to that now in vogue in Ontario County.

Deputy-Reeve Timbers told council that he and his committee had discussed the new system with Mr. Symonds, but felt that a full meeting should be held with the County Assessor present, before proceeding further.

Councillor Baycroft stated that he believed the new system was no doubt a step in the right direction with possibly a few modifications, and that definitely the township should undergo a re-assessment.

A communication was tabled from School Section No. 1 calling for a further requisition of \$5,000 for their building fund. This latest grant will bring the total amount forwarded to \$15,000. Total amount of the building project on debenture is \$28,000. School Section No. 7, Gormley, called for an advance of \$2,000 to cover maintenance, and both grants were approved. Gormley school was forced through increased attendance to engage a second teacher last year, and set up a second classroom. The 1952 rating will be on this basis of a two-room school.

Preston's Lake ratepayers believe that the cost of garbage collection is too high per cottage, and ask that the council defer any move regarding tender for 1952 until they have had further opportunity to discuss the matter. A communication from the ratepayers pointed out that while they are agreed the collection is a fine thing from a sanitation standpoint, the cost appears out of line.

Road accounts passed for payment on Thursday night amounted to \$881.00.

POLICE HUNT MISSING MARKHAM STORE CLERK

The Markham Township Police Force working with a detachment of Provincial Police launched a wide spread search for Ross Rayer, 22-year-old employee of the Markham Drug Co. who disappeared on Wednesday morning. He was last seen leaving Markham High School headed towards No. 7 Highway and up until press time at 3 o'clock he had not been located. According to his employer, Mr. Harry Mason the young store clerk was carrying between twenty-five and thirty dollars in his wallet at the time of his disappearance.

Three Houses Ransacked in Saturday Night Burglary--Two Others Were Entered

While many Stouffville residents were busily hustling up and down the sidewalks gathering in their week's supply of groceries or meeting their next door neighbors, a couple of prowlers were also feverishly at work, taking advantage of the darkened houses to commit burglary.

At the home of Mr. Morley Symes, Lloyd Avenue the thieves gained entry through a cellar window, made their way upstairs where they completely ransacked a couple of rooms in their search for money. A gold wrist watch was left untouched by the uninvited guests and a wallet which was believed at first to have been taken, was later recovered on the floor at one end of a room. Beds, dressers and other articles of furniture were turned upside down by the prowlers. Mr. Symes was attending the Senior hockey game at Collingwood when the break-in occurred and was summoned to the phone by his wife who came upon the scene after returning from her Saturday night shopping. Account books and records which had caused the owner considerable alarm at the time for fear that they might be taken were left unharmed by the prowlers.

The thieves were apparently taken by surprise at the Howard Haynes residence also on Lloyd Avenue when the owner returned home somewhat ahead of schedule. The burglars didn't have enough time to begin their thorough search and only one drawer in a dresser was pulled out and an insurance policy left lying on the floor. As Mr. Haynes entered the front door the men ran out the back entrance.

The burglars made their largest haul at the home of Mr. Ed. Williams on Mill Street where about \$130.00 was taken, one hundred dollars of which was in American bills. One man sealed the back kitchen roof, standing upright and entered the house through the bathroom window. In gaining entry the cat-like individual caused little disturbance with the exception of knocking over a can of talcum powder which was later found out in a snowbank at the side of the house. His snowy footprints however showed that he proceeded downstairs where he tried in vain to open the back door perhaps to let his partner in. The key to the door was lying close by but in the darkness he failed to notice it. As in the Symes residence the rooms were completely turned upside down in their search for money. A purse containing \$15 was missed however and a \$1 bill lying on the table was also overlooked.

At the home of Mr. Ken Schell, the thieves used dire measures to gain entry. They obtained an axe

FAILED TO SEE FLARES CARS COLLIDE

On Friday night during the heavy snowstorm two cars belonging to Wm. Brett of Toronto and Nels. Smith of Markham R.R.2 were in collision on the eighth concession north of Mount Joy. The large transport belonging to Uxbridge Farmers Co-op was parked on the side of the road with a flat tire and although flares had been posted the Brett vehicle according to Markham Township Constable Bill Sharon did not notice the warning signals until he was too close to stop. As the driver swerved his auto to one side in order to miss the truck he collided with an oncoming car belonging to Smith. No one was injured in the accident but both cars received considerable damage.

Mrs. Harry Stover is visiting her mother and sister in Brantford also spending a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Don Brown in Woodstock.

Mr. Lloyd Turner of Stouffville has received the presidency of the Markham Fair Board for the coming year. His appointment was made on Wednesday of last week.

Stouffville Municipal Council will convene for a February session this Monday evening, Feb. 4.

from the garage and smashed their way through a back window. The one bedroom was thoroughly ransacked and some articles in the living room were disarranged. No money or valuables were taken by the robbers however. From Clarke Street where the Schell home is located the burglars moved on to the residence of Mr. Mervin Watts who is at the present time forgetting all his worries down in the Sunny South. The safe inside the house was opened but it is not definitely known whether anything was taken.

Squads of Provincial Cruisers as well as Town Constable Russell patrolled the town and surrounding district until the wee small hours of the morning but not a trace of the thieves was found. However it has since been learned that some clues have been picked up and it is hoped that an arrest may be made shortly. Apparently these break-ins have been going on around the Stouffville - Markham - Unionville and Richmond Hill districts for the past two years with a desire for money being their only motive. Other valuables in almost every instance have been left untouched. The police believe that they are working against a clever gang and will leave no stone unturned until the case is solved.

ATHLETIC CLUB CARNIVAL A REAL VARIETY SHOW

Stouffville Athletic Club Carnival, the first to be staged in this district this winter, promises to be a real variety show. Headed by the Newmarket Citizens' Band which will provide both musical numbers and skating music, the big show gets underway at 7.30 o'clock with a minor hockey demonstration by the four junior N.H.L. clubs who have been sponsored by the local Lions Club.

The Stouffville Skating Club, more than sixty strong will provide one number including the entire group. In addition there'll be prizes for children and adults for the best valentine costumes, as well as large cash prizes for the local organization entering a group depicting their society.

There'll be public skating, and a host of lucky draw prizes including at the top of the list a fine Bulova watch. To top the evening, a number of old time fiddlers will be on hand to give a demonstration, and this group augmented by other musicians will provide music for moccasin dancing commencing at 10.45. An added feature will be a gift bag for every one of the first one hundred ladies arriving at the carnival.

Tickets for this big show are now on sale from executive members of the Athletic Club, at the Arena and at the Tribune.

LOCAL MINISTER COMPLETES ELEVEN YEARS SERVICE HERE

Rev. Douglas Davis, minister of the Stouffville United Church, is completing eleven years of service to this church and the community. This fact was pointed out at the annual meeting of the church congregation held last week. During the year just concluded, Rev. Davis recorded twenty-two funerals, twenty weddings and thirty baptisms. Seven young people were received into full membership in the church.

The reports of the various organizations were heard, and the financial report of the congregation. The missionary contributions of the local church were outstanding, a total of \$3,208 being received in cash, and balances of goods valued at \$2,232. In addition monies totaling nearly \$8,000 were contributed towards the maintenance of the church, and nearly an additional \$3500 raised through the efforts of the various organizations.

The following members will comprise the Board of Stewards for the coming year: Messrs. Del Jennings, Arthur Wood, Len Wilkes, Truman Baxter, Delbert Booth, John Hammersley, Chas. Nolan, Chas. James, Eldon Fairles, Wesley Schell, Wm. Ford and Floyd Forsyth.

The pastor reviewed the work of the past year, and pointed to further improvements which would be on the Board's agenda in 1952. They include, a new front approach to the church, renovation of the large Sunday School room, and recognition of the 60th anniversary.

Whitchurch Will Seek Gov't Aid in Planning Dispute, Claim Dept. Officials Arbitrary

"Most arbitrary" was the expression used to describe the attitude of the Community Planning Board of the Department of Planning & Development, when interviewed by members of the Whitchurch Township Planning Board. Deputy-Reeve Fred Timbers reported to council on Thursday evening that the Community Planning Board was standing pat on their requirement of 15,000 sq. ft. in a home lot where water and sewers were not available. This figure was a recommendation of the County Health Unit.

Council voiced the opinion that the Health Unit had no power to hold up sub-division approval through their recommendations since they were not law.

The present crisis has arisen concerning the Woods sub-division on the outskirts of Newmarket where the Dept. Board is demanding that the lots be re-subdivided

to allow 15,000 sq. ft. rather than 12,000, as called for in the Whitchurch Land Restrictions bylaw and as approved by the local Planning Board. It was pointed out that several houses were already built on the lots and the change asked by the Dept. would create definite hardship. The main power wielded by the Dept. is that registered deeds of these lots cannot be obtained unless their approval of the entire plan is forthcoming. There the matter remains deadlocked.

Council felt that some of these restrictions were defeating the purpose for which the Board was established. Some of the township lots were already too large, too small to require hired help and too large for one man.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the local Provincial member should be called into consultation on the matter, and Clerk Crawford was instructed to arrange for an appointment.

City Proposal Would Make 8th Con. Provincial Highway

If a proposal made by the City of Toronto were adopted, the 8th con. of Markham and Whitchurch, stretching from No. 2 Highway north to Sutton would be converted into a Provincial Highway. This stretch of road running north through Ringwood, is only one of eight similar thoroughfares which Toronto would like to see taken over by the province.

The proposal that forty per cent of these roads in the county system, to which Toronto contributes a portion of the maintenance cost be taken over, has passed on to the Toronto & York Roads Commission for discussion.

The County Council withheld any endorsement of the plan until it had been discussed by the commission in a meeting with the city council. It was pointed out that Toronto contributes towards construction of 60 miles of highway outside the city limits. The city wants the province to take over construction and maintenance of all highways which form connecting links in the metropolitan area.

The roads to which Toronto contributes were built many years ago, and at that time, Toronto was happy to contribute, since they believed that such roads would be a boon to the city bringing in business. Since it is no longer necessary for the city to construct roads to bring customers to Toronto, the city would like to unload this liability if possible.

FIRE VICTIMS' FUND PASSES \$600 MARK

With the publishing of these latest contributions to the Stouffville Fire Victims' Fund, the current campaign to raise funds in aid of those who suffered loss during the fire in the Geo. Baker building, is officially closed.

The response has been good, and the appreciation of the committee who took charge of this effort is extended to every contributor.

Donations previously acknowledged	
Rev. Douglas Davis	5.00
Lehman's Shoe Store	15.00
John Mathewson	5.00
Len Wilkes Clothes Shop	5.00
Alvin Klinck	10.00
Howard St. John	2.00
Anonymous	1.00
Ken Laushway	5.00
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	\$649.79

Mrs. Ken Hamm returned home on Tuesday after undergoing an appendicitis operation on Saturday.

Mr. Stan Schmidt, linotype operator at the Tribune, entered St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday for an appendix operation.

Markham Township Council Names New Planning Board

A bylaw giving final appointment to the proposed new Markham Township Planning Board was fully ratified on Monday evening making the following appointments: R. T. Shorten (1 year term), Harry Maynard and Alan Stagg (2 years), Dr. T. Tanner and Dalton Rummey (3 years), Deputy-Reeve Alf. James was named council member, and Reeve Win Timbers will act as member ex-officio. The Board will hold its inaugural meeting on Feb. 7th, at which time a chairman will be selected, and the matter of remuneration dealt with. It is expected that a budget will be prepared for council for 1952.

During the discussion on Friday evening concerning the setting up of the Board, there was a difference of opinion arose as to the numbers of its personnel. Reeve Timbers suggested that it be a five man Board made up of two council members and three private citizens. Councillor Hooper and Deputy-Reeve James also felt there should be two members of council on the Board, at least for the first year. Councillor LeMasurier only favored one member of council on the Board and took the stand that the ratepayers might believe that the Board was dominated by council. Deputy-Reeve James stated that such a thing was impossible since the two council members would be heavily outnumbered.

Business proceeded on Friday evening under considerable tension. Councillor LeMasurier who has proved quite a pepper-pot since taking his seat on the Board was accused of needling the various (continued on back page)

FATHER OF FOUR KILLED IN FREAK BUSH MISHAP

An experienced woodsman was killed and his friend of long standing injured in a freak tree-falling accident north of Stouffville on Thursday.

A dash by horse-drawn sleigh driven by the fatally injured man's brother over a mile-long snow-covered trail through thick woods failed to save the accident victim.

Nathan Oldham, 34, father of four small children, died of a skull fracture while being taken by ambulance to a Toronto hospital. He had been rushed to Newmarket Hospital by car, after being brought from the woods.

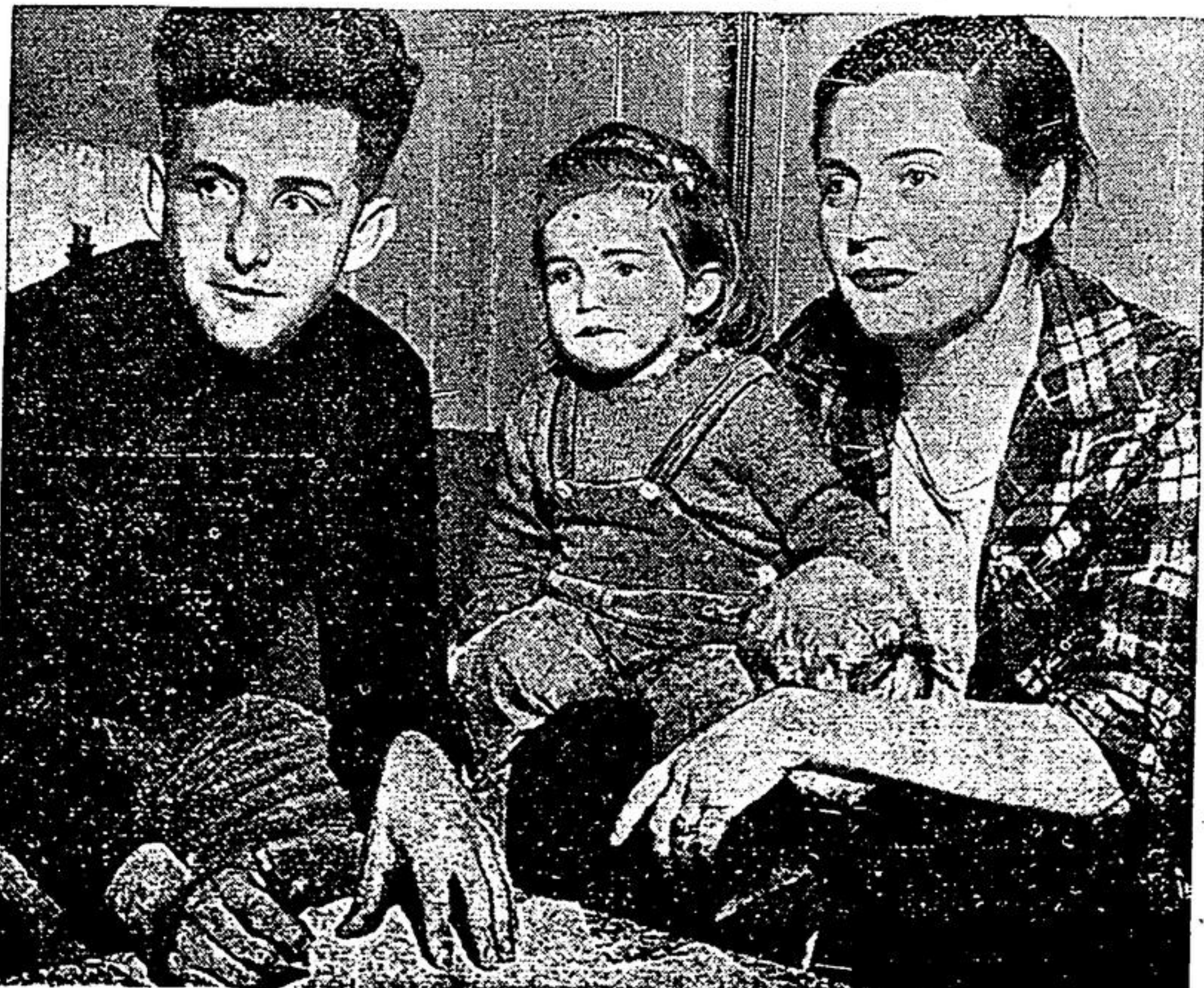
Milton Graves suffered a possible fractured arm and required seven stitches in a head wound received when he was struck by the same tree.

Chesley, 33, brother of Nathan, said unlucky circumstances had contributed to the fatality.

He said he was cutting the top off an eight-inch hardwood tree which had lodged in the limbs of another, when a strong wind sent it swinging in the direction of the two men below. He had been cutting it to fall on the far side of the supporting tree.

The men below might still have got in the clear, but failed to hear a warning shout "Look out below," because of the noise of the saw they were operating. The plunging tree slid along another downing tree and struck both men.

Immigrant at Sutton Lauds Helping Canadian Hands



Although unable to say emigration to a new land has brought the reward expected of hard work, disaster has afforded 31-year-old Maurice de Cheveigne the chance to study the helping hand of the Canadian farmer at close range. This opportunity came about when the former Free French soldier, in Canada only four years, saw all his dreams

perish in a recent fire which roared through two barns on his farm at Sutton, Ont., destroying nearly all of his stock. For days after the fire the young Frenchman, seen above with his wife and daughter, saddled by debt and without stock, wondered what the future held in this land of strangers. That was before formation of the Maurice de

Cheveigne citizens benefit committee which is beginning to turn a black picture into a brighter one. Already the committee has provided a bulldozer to level the ruins of the two razed barns. Another will be raised on the same site by free labor while money is being solicited to replace the hogs, tools and equipment destroyed by the fire.