

County Folk School Held

Ontario County's third Folk School at the home of Bill and Bridget Lawson, Greenwood, was led by Ray Hergott, Fieldman for the Federation of Agriculture. "Know Canada" was the theme.

"Canadians have a distinctive character," said the leader when introducing the theme. "This characteristic is

one of self-sufficiency in meeting anything new and accepting responsibility." Mr. Hergott stated further that, "The Canadian farmer lives on his own land, separated by it from his neighbours. In nearly all other countries the farmers live in villages and go out to work on their land. Therefore, Canadian farmers solve their own day-by-day problems as they arise. There are so many of our young people from the rural areas of Canada who go to the urban centres that it keeps this characteristic alive even in the crowded cities."

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ed next season, 1,064 suggestions have been sent in by the Forums. Of the 162 Co-ops in Ontario, Leonard Harman states that one-third of them came about through Farm Forums.

Ray Hergott outlined the work of the Federation of Agriculture. It begins with the Township or County unit. There are also Zone and Provincial organizations. The nine old provinces belong to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, who with 37 other countries form I.F.A.P. — International Federation of Agricultural Producers. The Federation should include all agricultural groups in the area and give mutual aid and act as a clearing house for ideas. The Warble Fly Control program is one of its most recent activities. The Provincial and Canadian Federations present a brief to the Governments once a year.

Further Discussions
During another period at the School, the Folk School host, Bill Lawson, shared one of his hobbies — photography. He compared the normal box camera and the more expensive types under various headings, such as, focus, shutter, lens, film — for both outdoor and indoor pictures.

When opening the discussion of the topic "Can we achieve better understanding of New Canadians?" the leader, Ray Hergott, said, "History has shown a continual contest between the 'haves' and the 'have nots'. Canada is one of the 'haves' when food and room for more people are considered. We cannot always take the food to the 'have nots', but can solve some of the problem through immigration. If we receive these people with imagination and appreciation, they can become an asset to our country."

The discussion on "How can we develop our own Natural Resources?" proved to be a lively one.

Mrs. Irven McLean, the School Mother, gave a comprehensive outline of "Our Jury System," with special emphasis on the part women can play now that they are eligible for jury duty in Ontario.

The period on "Newspaper Reporting" was under the leadership of Mr. Bob Corbett, News Editor of the Whitty and District News of the Daily Times-Gazette. He said that the reason why there is not more rural news in city papers is, because there are not enough contacts with the rural areas and the biggest part of the circulation of daily newspapers is in the town or city.

In the session on "Canadian Art", Beatrice McLean gave the participants their choice of pictures by well-known Canadian artists such as, Krieghoff, O'Brien, Peel, Cruikshank, Walker, Jeffreys, Watson, McDonald, Lismer, Jackson and Gagnon. Each participant gave an outline of the artist's life and discussed the paintings.

Due to the co-operation of the weather-man, the discussion "Why does much of our cultural talent leave Canada?" was held outdoors.

Each morning of the School, breakfast was followed by a worship service conducted by the students. The evenings were concluded by bedtime thoughts under the leadership of Beatrice McLean — Canadian hymns, Canadian poetry and Canadian music.

A craft period each afternoon of the Folk School gave instruction in leathercraft,

London Home Exhibition

By George Abell of Stouffville

The main exhibition hall in the Big Smoke is the Olympia and all year there are shows and exhibitions being held there. The different kinds of industry put on trade shows such as the Packaging Machinery Exhibition, the Machine Tools show and the Agricultural Implement Week. The different farm shows are attractions in their turn but I think the big event of the year is the Ideal Homes Exhibition which lasts all of March.

The theme is housing in all its branches and in the centre of the auditorium is a complete village built just for the show exactly as if it was out in a suburb. There is a shopping centre complete with bank, half a dozen stores and public house. With the exception of the last named all are doing business and are well stocked.

The main attraction is five brick houses of different types. These are erected by large contractors who under the new freedom for house building are developing sections of land in the suburbs. The houses are very tastefully furnished by different department stores and for twelve hours a day there are long lines of people waiting their turn to go through and indulge in a little wishful thinking.

The designs include two bedroom style, three bedroom semi-detached and three bed-

room detached type. Prices range from 1700 to 2800 pounds which includes land, all services laid on and all roads permanently finished. The prices sound reasonable and are reasonable but the snag is that for every house the builders can put up there are umpteen dozen people who would like to buy it. The government (Ministry of Housing) have also had erected specimen blocks of the People's House. These are the kind that are built all over the country as subsidized low rent housing for the workers.

This People's House is really something. They are usually built in a three house unit and all frills such as bay windows have been ruthlessly eliminated. No one could ever say they are things of beauty but to anyone who wants a comfortable roomy, easily maintained and serviced place to live can't see how they could be improved a great deal. All you have to do to get in one is have four or five children, preferably tubercular, live in one or two damp rooms, make about \$15.00 a week and have your name on the local housing list for five years.

But this has nothing to do with the show. The balance of the main floor is all booths of furniture and household equipment. And what booths, the aisles are better than Aladdin's cave and take a long time to see properly.

Something nice is a squared off section at one end where there is a life-sized model of the State coach with its eight grey horses, outriders, footmen and mounted life guards. Every detail is perfect and the whole thing looks as if it's going along the Mall. It is to be shown in Canada and the States and I think you will find it worth a visit when in Toronto.

The floor above contains a Food Fair with a good assortment of free samples and a caravan furnished trailer show. One of the firms displaying caravans have sold over a hundred of one model alone in the last three weeks so business must be pretty good.

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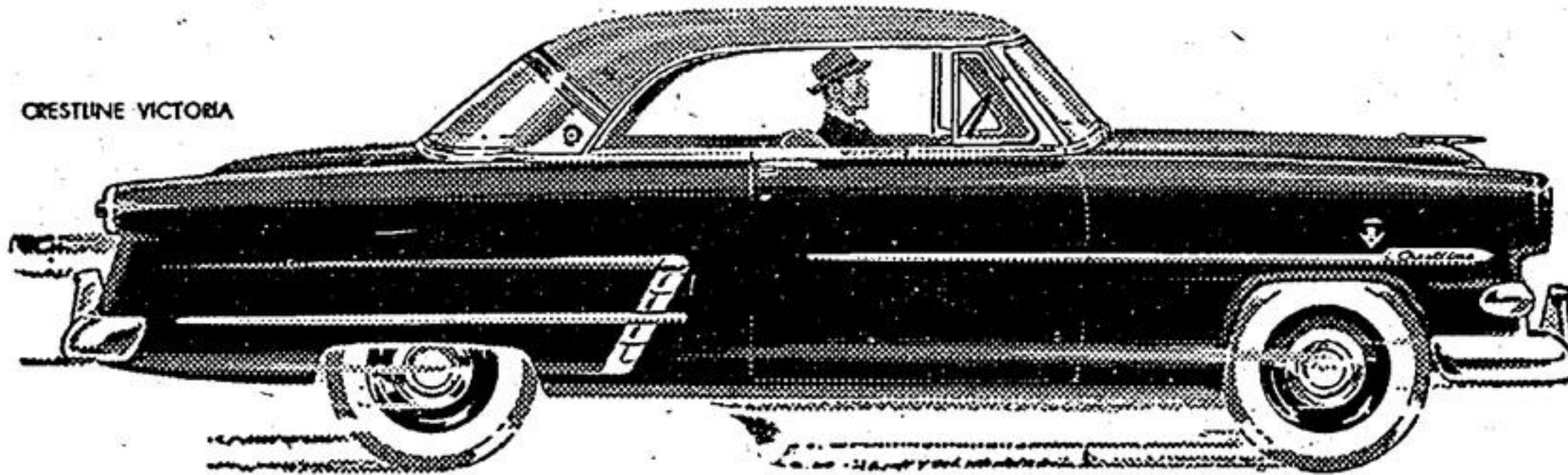
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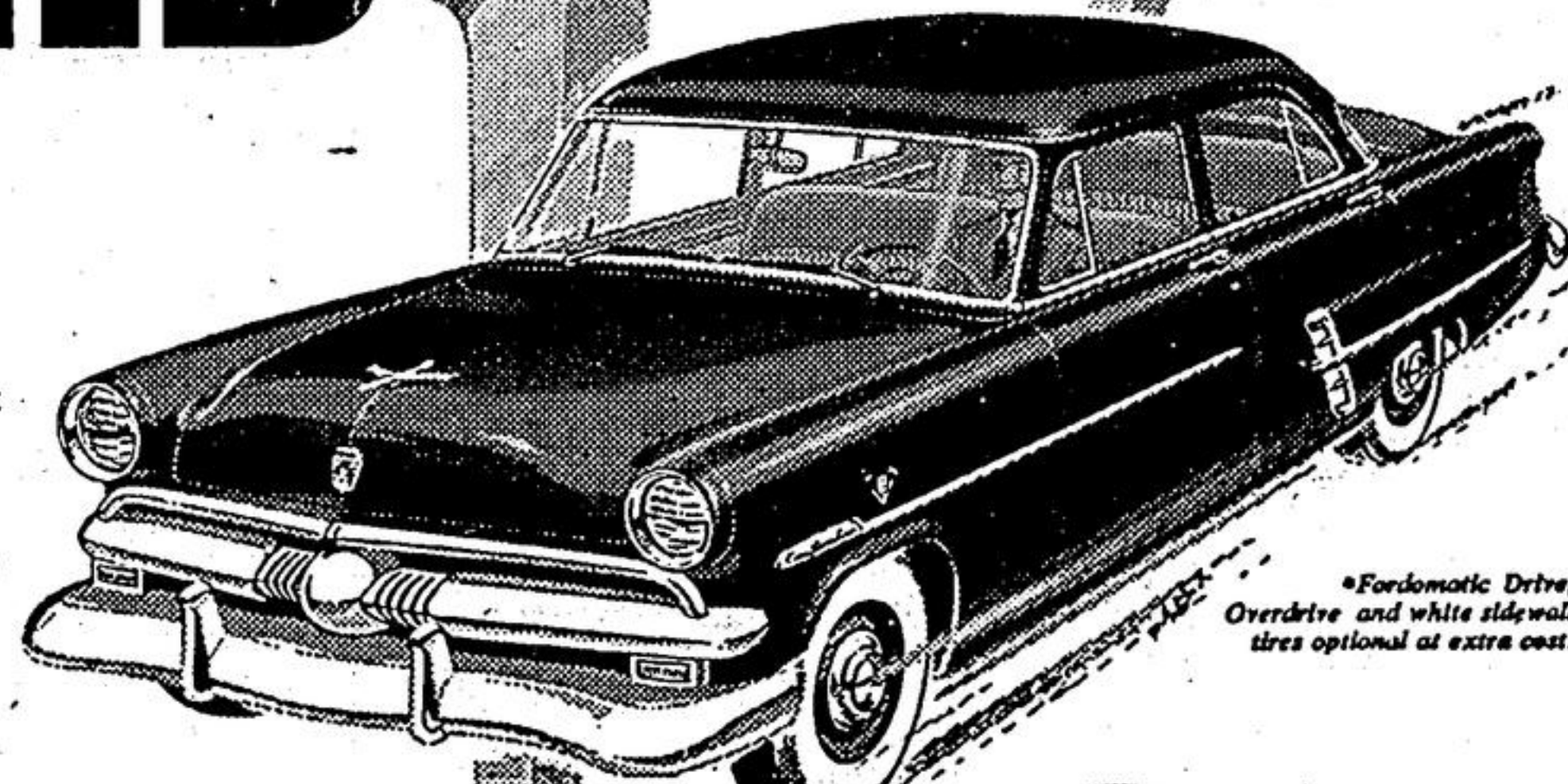
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