

Owen Sound To Have First Round Schoolhouse



A collegiate built on the circular plan will be completed in the fall at Owen Sound, Ont., as an addition to the present elderly and overcrowded one now in use. It will be the first round school house in Canada and one of the most striking. The \$566,000 building, with its 23 classrooms, is the major part of Owen Sound's million dollar

school-building program now underway. With its continuous windows—broken only by steel pillars—around the exterior, and its "hat" of windows on top, pointed out above by Marg Rainbow, the building will be an eye-catching sight. A main reason for the Owen Sound design with its 60 equal sides, is the easier interior circulation of stu-

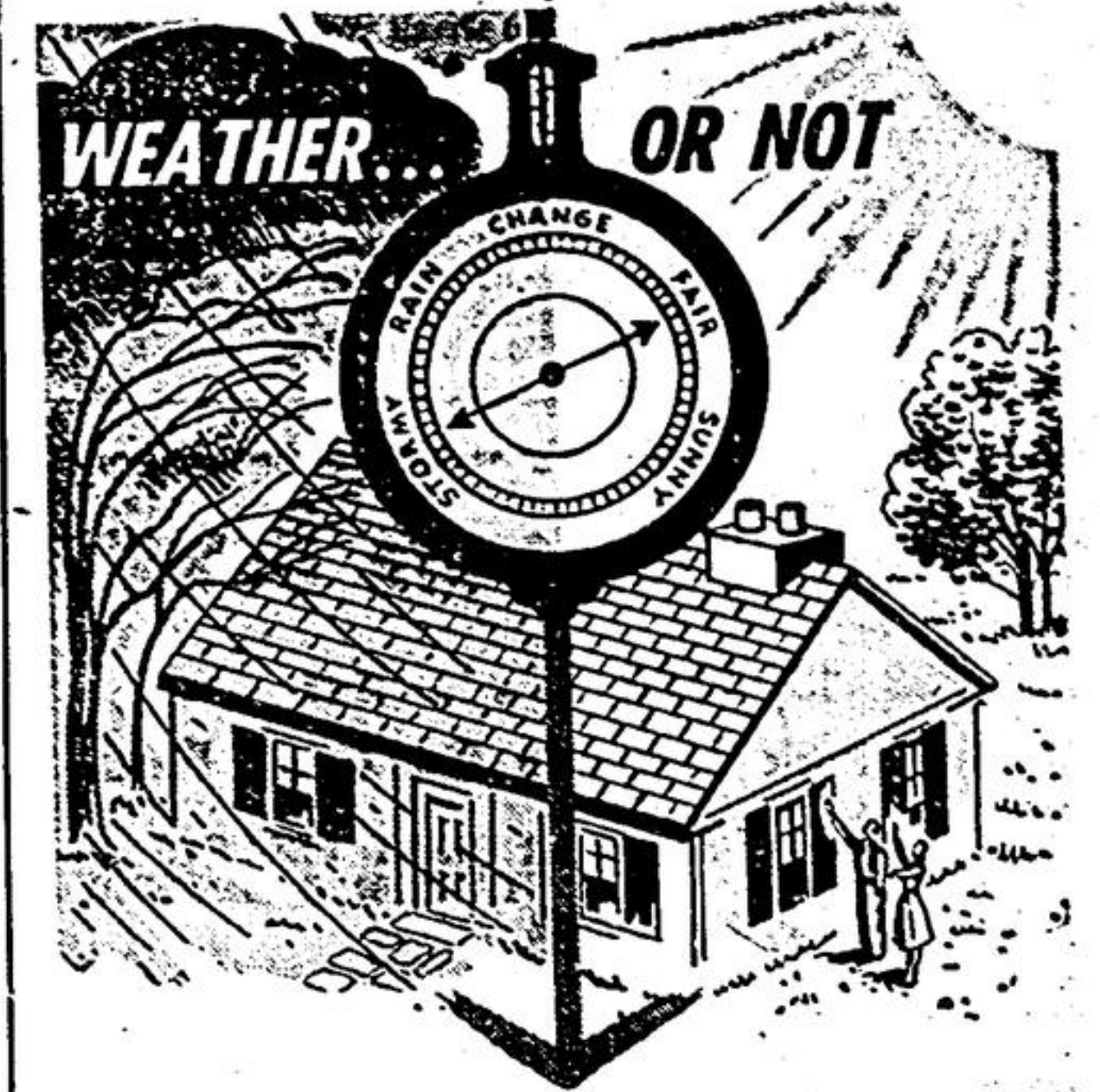
dents it permits. The circular plan also took full advantage of the rather small site. And it's cheaper and simpler to build. There's a saving of 30 per cent in the outer wall, as compared to an ordinary rectangular building, and it's simpler to build because each of the bays is alike, standardizing procedure.

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Horse Population Down 44 Per Cent

Horse numbers in Canada declined by 44 per cent, or from a total of 2,785,000 in 1911 to 1,235,300 in 1951, according to census reports covering this ten-year period, states the Economics Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. There was a marked difference, however, in the rate of decline in various areas.

In the brown and dark-brown soil zones of Alberta and Saskatchewan the percentage decrease averaged between 60 and 75 for most census divisions. In the park belt of these two provinces, the census divisions of northern Manitoba and Ontario, the decrease was between 40 and 60 per cent. In eastern Ontario, the greater part of Quebec and the Maritimes, the decrease was from 20 to 40 per cent. For some areas of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, where farming is least commercialized a decrease of less than 20 per cent occurred.

Indicative of a further decline in horse numbers is the drop in the number of colts being raised for replacement purposes. In 1941 about 15 per cent of the horse population was reported as less than two

years old. By 1951 the number under two years old had dropped to about 3 per cent, and the breeding of horses has fallen most in the prairie provinces which was the principal producing area in 1941.

Farms reporting no horses at the 1951 census fall into two categories: small holdings or farms of very low income, and at the other extreme farms highly commercialized which have shifted over entirely to mechanical power. Most of the farms in eastern Canada and British Columbia reported two horses or less. In the Prairie provinces between 40 and 50 per cent of the farms reported three or more.

Mechanization has not developed as far in Quebec and the Maritime provinces as in

the rest of Canada, but it has not been confined to the larger commercial farms. Over 50 per cent of all farms reporting sales of products of less than \$2,500 per farm, reported ownership of tractors in 1951. On farms with sales between \$2,500 and \$5,000, 76 per cent reported tractors, and on those with sales valued at more than \$5,000, 90 per cent reported tractor ownership.

Since the Bureau of Statistics estimates the number of horses on farms at June 1, 1953 as 1,006,200 it would appear that the trend toward mechanization is likely to continue and the number of horses on farms show a further decrease, particularly in the Prairie provinces and in Que-

Ground Observer Corps News

Next Friday evening, the Ground Observer Corps of this district has been invited to put on a Community Night at Seagrave School, by Mr. Orville J. Boe, chief observer of the Seagrave Observation Post. Mr. Boe and his observers are planning a short program

to better acquaint the Seagrave folks with the work being accomplished by the Ground Observer Corps. This is planned for 8 o'clock Friday, May 14th, in Seagrave public school.

At last week's Ground Observer Corps meeting held at Port Perry Yacht Club, Mr. Bill

Baker, chief observer for the Port Perry Observation Post, acted as chairman. After welcoming the group, each chief observer was called upon to give a short talk on "How we find it best to report aircraft flash calls". Every chief observer was there, including Mr. Garfield Brown, Stouffville; Mr. Claude Watson, Goodwood; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Lawrence, Myrtle; Mr. Orville J. Boe, Seagrave, and Mr. Bill Baker, Port Perry.

There was then a short session given over to Aircraft Recognition, and the boys from the Port Perry post stole the show when it came to recognizing different types of aircraft. Flying Officer L. J. McGuire of the Barrie Filter Centre, assisted by Mr. Clare Keevil, Regional Supervisor, then presented wings to a few of the observers, and Mr. Bert Ohewins, assistant regional su-

pervisor, was then called upon to explain three or four points of interest including the new pocket size logging sheets, a new code which is being used by the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Search and Rescue of lost and grounded aircraft, and also the Identification Card which is being recalled.

Mr. Clare Keevil then explained the hospital plan which goes into effect immediately, how emergency calls should be handled to the Air Force Station, and the proposed flight which will be given to each observer who qualifies for wings before June 20th. Coffee was then served, and another interesting meeting came to a close at 11:30 p.m.

CEDAR GROVE

What were those sunny tunes about the merry, merry month of May? Somewhere in the shuffle of this great atomic age our weather has become all confused. The ground is so cold so late this year that some of the farmers say they are three weeks or more behind in the seeding. Even the sprouts already showing their green heads seem to be just sitting and waiting for the warm sun. However, a change is predicted, we may get caught up yet.

Twelve red maples were planted this week following the road contour of the Community Club lot and should soon produce a very colourful addition to the corner. This was a replacement from the Bell to make up for the beautiful Cedar which they unnecessarily removed when their slash-happy crew were on the rampage last year.

There may be a startling change in the facial appearance of some of Cedar Grove's damsels if the beauty demonstration held Tues. evening at Marg Milroy's has any influence.

The Euchre series came to an exciting end on Monday night and the big winners were Mrs. Albert Booth (again) and Harris Little of West Hill. Mrs. Norm Connor was the evening winner and very close to the top series score, Mrs. Wallace was second and the consolation went to Mrs. Poynter of Whitevale. Winning gentlemen were: Mr. Ledger, Westhill, Lloyd Macintosh and Alvin Klink, Stouffville.

It looks like the long holiday week-end of the 24th will get off to a glorious start in Cedar Grove. Another Square Dance is planned for the evening of the 21st in the schoolhouse. Roy Clifton is expected to call and if we can judge by the last one it will be a date to remember. The ladies are asked to provide light refreshments and the drinks will be on the house. Try to get to the school early—the evening is always so short.

The W.M.S. May meeting was held at Mrs. Austin Reesor's with group 2 in charge. Mrs. A. G. Little opened the meeting followed by a hymn and the Lord's Prayer. The W.M.S. Sale will be packed May 29th at Mrs. Little's and the mite boxes will be accepted at the next meeting. Mrs. Harold Lapp gave a reading on Citizenship and pictures, based on the Study Book, were shown. Mrs. Bert Tapscott was in charge of the worship period assisted by Myrtle Hamill and Jessie Beare. The meeting closed with a hymn and benediction after which the group served lunch.

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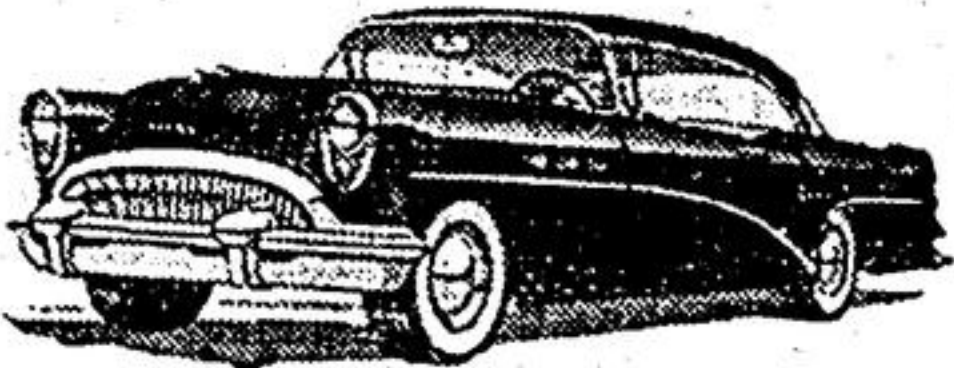
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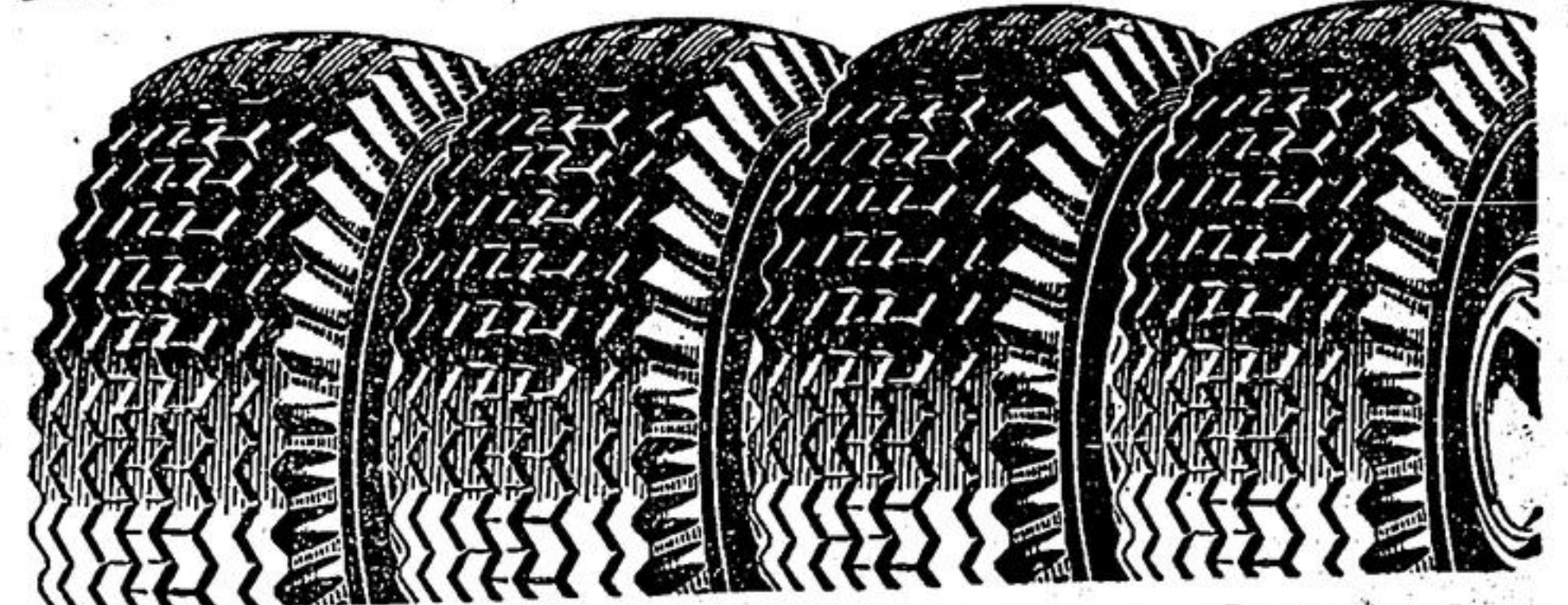
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