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Notes and Comments

A Raise By Any Other Name

Canadian railway unions have taken a strike vote to enforce their demands for further wage increases. They say they are being very reasonable this year and are not asking for any wage increases, but only for fringe benefits.
But a raise by any other name is just as dear; and the benefits they are asking for would cost the railways an extra \$60 million a year. This is seven or eight times as much as the combined net earnings of the CNR and the CPR last year.
The railways say they have reached the end of their resources and simply can't pay these demands. The shippers have shown by their actions that they have no intention of paying higher freight rates if their political influence can prevent it. The union spokesman says in effect, that the workers are going to get their demands even if it drives the railways to bankruptcy.

This is not exactly an idle threat. It really means that, if no one else can pay it, Parliament can be depended on to take it out of the taxpayers.
The real question at issue is this: are the people of Canada going to govern themselves or are they going to allow powerful pressure groups to govern them?

They can govern themselves if they make up their minds to do so. But if they lack the gumption to do it, the pressure groups will be glad to take over.

With business falling off in practically all our industries, because our prices are too high and wages still rising and the unions driving for more, we don't need the gift of prophecy to know that the inevitable end can be nothing short of unemployment.

Our sailors are unemployed because they forced wages so high that no one could afford to operate Canadian ships.

Many of our manufacturing industries are slowing down because their high operating costs make it impossible to compete with the products of other countries.

Farm prices are still coming down, but have not yet reached the level at which the world will buy them; and the farmers are practically out of the market for the products of Canadian industries.

Yet organized labor continues its drive for still higher wage rates while it complains to the government about unemployment for which its own self is largely to blame. —Rural Scene.

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Wouldn't Grandpa Be Surprised at This!

There was a time when grandpa and grandma and everyone connected with them paid spot cash for their purchases, and if they could not do so they did without. Credit buying then entered the picture and buying on time expanded enormously over the years. But there are still some old-fashioned people who want to get ahead the safe, sure way and do not buy on time with one notable exception, the purchase of a home.

It was thought that instalment buying had reached its zenith with furniture, cars, furnishings, etc. but it has not. For some time it has been possible in the United States to buy air lines tickets on the instalment plan. Now the American Express Co., in collaboration with several New York banks, is selling package vacations involving plane, ship, rail or bus travel for amounts ranging from \$300 to \$5,000. Travellers can take up to two years to pay for these vacations.

The cost even includes sightseeing, shopping and other expenses and there is no down payment. Just sign up and get aboard, then put your nose to the grindstone for a few months. Of course you have to be over 21 to be eligible and have a steady income from a reliable source.

One can take a trip from New York to California for \$344 and pay \$29 a month for a year to remember it. If you want to visit Europe the ticket would be \$1,728 and, over a two-year period, this would cost \$78 a month.

The question not answered, of course, is if you have annual vacations and pay for them over a two-year period when does the vanishing point for vacations arrive?

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Publish Names of These Vandals

The Township of Markham complains that some get-rich-quick artists bought 600 acres of its best farm land, and sold all the top soil off for the making of lawns and gardens in Toronto, thus turning to desert some of Ontario's best land.

No doubt fortunes can be made by such ruthless destruction of the land on which the human race depends for its existence. But what do the men who practice such vandalism leave behind them?

Their names should be attached to the land they have destroyed and they should be remembered through future years as the destroyers of man's heritage on the earth.

It is not necessary to destroy the surrounding farm lands in order to have lawns in our cities. If city people would take care of the top-soil on their own lots they could easily grow good lawns on it. But they bury it under the sand and gravel they excavate to make room for their basements; and then when their buildings are completed, they buy top soil and sod off the surrounding farms to make lawns.

That 600 acres (almost a square mile) could have produced enough food to supply 100 people for generations to come. Now it produces nothing.

The right to own land should not include the right to destroy it. The government and the members of the Legislature should make it their business to see that such wasteful destruction is discontinued and that severest penalties are attached to violations of whatever laws are made against it.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

"Thoughts on Travel"

"I am a part of all that I have met. Yet all experience is an arch where through Gleams that untravelled world whose margin fades/ Forever and forever when I move."

Do you know of any finer four lines on the urge to travel than these in Tennyson's Ulysses? I don't—unless a verse from John Masefield's "Roadways" might be placed alongside these, or Robert Louis Stevenson's "I travel not to go anywhere but to go. I travel for travel's sake."

When travel is mentioned, likely you remember as a child reading "Gulliver's Travels." These imaginary adventures are written in such a vivid style that many readers have thought them true. If you have no copy of this book in your home, do buy it.

In recent years a number of true travel diaries and stories, such as "The Kon-Tiki Expedition," by Thor Heyerdahl, that thrilling account of five men's journey by raft across the South Seas, have had an amazing popularity. Some of the travel books mentioned in "Books for Boys and Girls" edited by Jean Thomson (Ryerson) are "On Safari" by Walden (Africa); "Quetzal Quest" by Hafen (Honduras); "Storm-along" by Villiers, (Journey around the World); and Dana's "Two Years Before the Mast." Borrow these or other good travel books from your public library for the family. Get a glimpse of distant lands through your vacation reading.

Comments by others on travel are like windows through which we can gaze back on our past holidays or look forward with anticipation to the adventures which lie ahead. If you keep a Scrap Book or occasionally write out a quotation which appeals to you, you may find some you like in the following thoughts on travel by men of different countries and centuries.

The importance of pleasant travelling associates has often been expressed. In 42 B.C. a Roman, Publius Syrus, said: "An agreeable companion on a journey is as good as a carriage."

James Thomas Fields was sure of one of the essential ingredients of happy travelling: "This is what he said of courtesy: 'It transmutes aliens into trusting friends and gives its owner passport round the globe.'"

As for preparation for a trip, Samuel Johnston made this shrewd comment: "As the Spanish proverb says, 'He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies, must carry the wealth of the Indies with him.' So it is in travelling, a man must carry knowledge with him if he would bring home knowledge."

Many writers have chosen one particular benefit of travel and have commented on it. Carlo Goldoni once observed, "He who never leaves his country is full of prejudice." John Erskine made this stimulating remark: "The body travels more easily than the mind and until we have limbered up our imagination we continue to think as though we had stayed at home. We have not really budgeted a step until we take up residence in someone else's point of view."

Modern travellers bring home picture postcards of places or their own snapshots to help them recall their travels. Telling about one's trip to a friend gives the traveller the chance to re-live it—providing the friend does not cut short the narrative. George Ade said, "The time to enjoy a European trip is about three weeks after unpacking."

A diary is a great aid to recalling the course of a trip, particularly an account in which the traveller expresses his own reactions and thoughts about what he sees. No one else's narrative of a journey can take the place of one's own private tale! Saint Augustine once compared the world to a book and "those who do not travel read only one page."

There are two sides to every story and a Rabbi, Julius Gordon, voiced this in these words: "Travelling may be one of two things—an experience we shall always remember, or an experience which, alas, we shall never forget." You might remind the members of your family before setting out on an expedition, of this quotation. Their good time does not depend on the weather, the scenery or the tourist accommodation... but on each traveller himself. It's up to each person what kind of a trip he has. May your holiday be one you will always want to remember!

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Watson's, Goodwood, is Typical Country Store

The trouble with the city, Charlie Watson says, is that you can't stroll out for a walk down the street without feeling all cooped up.
Charlie never did like the city. And after he came back from London and France in the First World War, he married the neighboring farmer's daughter out home, and settled in among the dozens of their Scottish and Irish-Canadian relatives scattered around

the gas buggies, and ties the team up while he goes in to fetch supplies for his farm three miles away... By Millrace.
Already the modern era is making inroads on the miscellany of oddments, services and nostalgic odors of the wonderful early Ontario merchandising.

priced at \$1.66.
As such styles are of the vintage of 1910, Mrs. Watson thinks these must have been among stock taken over from the original owner 31 years ago, and still stacked in the store attic.

Purchasing an old hotel next door to the store and their own house (which is attached) they tore it down and used the lumber to build a modern garage and cottage for their elder son.
They own two cottages at Lake Simcoe, 28 miles away.



Cheerful owner of Goodwood general store, Mrs. C. E. Watson displays curio from upstairs stockroom — a child's side-buttoned shoe, one of a pair with \$1.85 price on box.

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Harland Mills, 12, wears straw hat which had been in store-room for uncounted years.

the countryside.

About a year after their wedding, Charlie and Etelle Watson moved in from the 200-acre farm his father had tilled before him just south of the village, and bought Goodwood's general store. Goodwood is on No. 47 Highway between Stouffville and Uxbridge.

That's 31 years, two sons and two granddaughters ago. Today, in the heart of the 200-soul village less than an hour from Toronto on the Lindsay Branch of the CNR, C. E. Watson's emporium stands gently rooted in the timeless traditions of vanishing Ontario rural life.

Of course, there are more cars than horses drawn up by the venerable hitching post of a Saturday night nowadays. ("If Charlie doesn't get to painting that post soon I'll do it myself," Mrs. Watson says, as we watched children turning somersaults and swinging on its worn, smooth roundness.) But every now and then farmers like bachelor Wilf Mantle come along.

"Gettin' to be too much hustle and bustle and hurly burly around town these days," Wilf grumbles as he nopes the sorrel and the roan in between

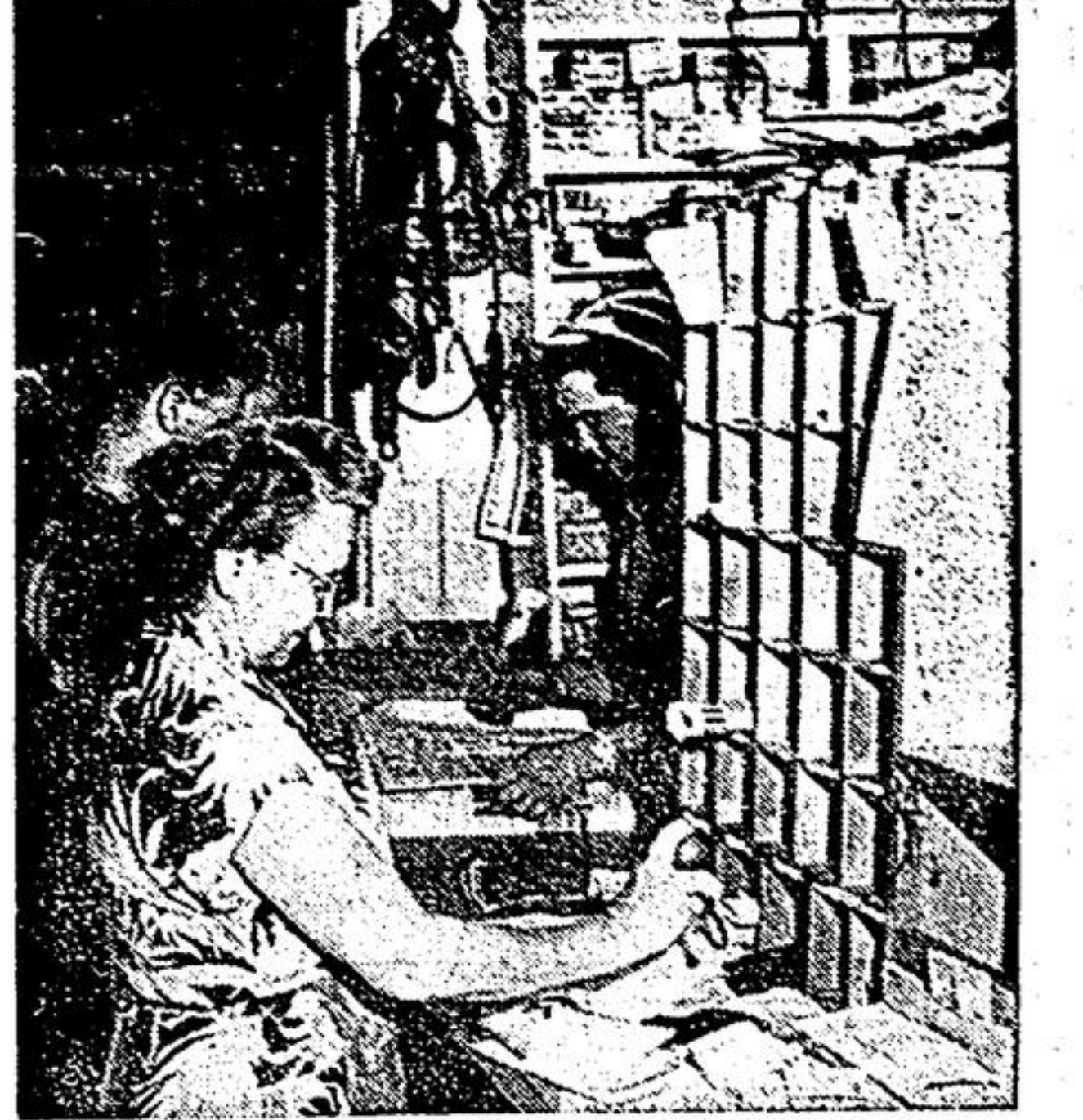
But the Watsons have given in grudgingly. As refrigerated meat and frozen food equipment crowds the front of the ordinary-size building, the back remains intact and dedicated to a gentler, slow-moving day. (With a feed-store in the stable at the rear).

It's quite a while since anyone has asked Charlie Watson to climb his little ladder and bring down one of the brave britching-straps or hame-straps or halters and bridles and nose-guards from the high shelves.
Come to think of it, he says, he hasn't sold a horse collar in quite a spell either, although he stocks both the long-strawed leather-faced type at \$10, and the short-strawed, at \$7.

He doubts if he'll renew an order for strainer milk-pails, of which he has a long static supply; and he notes a little sadly that the sale of cigarettes and pipe tobaccos has crept up steadily on the five or six brands of chewing tobacco, once in brisk demand.

Last January a three-day stock-taking kept the Watsons and their 21-year-old son and clerk Dean busy burning lights far into the night for the best part of a week. Mrs. Watson showed us a stack of closely written scribbles which contain, at a rough estimate, records of some 10,000 separate items, from pins, tacks and nails to pitchforks, straw hats, horse-blankets, sets of dishes, towels, table cloths and a wonderful ornate cabinet of colored threads and flosses.

Among them was a dusty but unwork pair of Little Canadian high-button boots, black, with colored leather tops, size five,



Right after the train comes in, store becomes postoffice. Mrs. Watson and son Dean

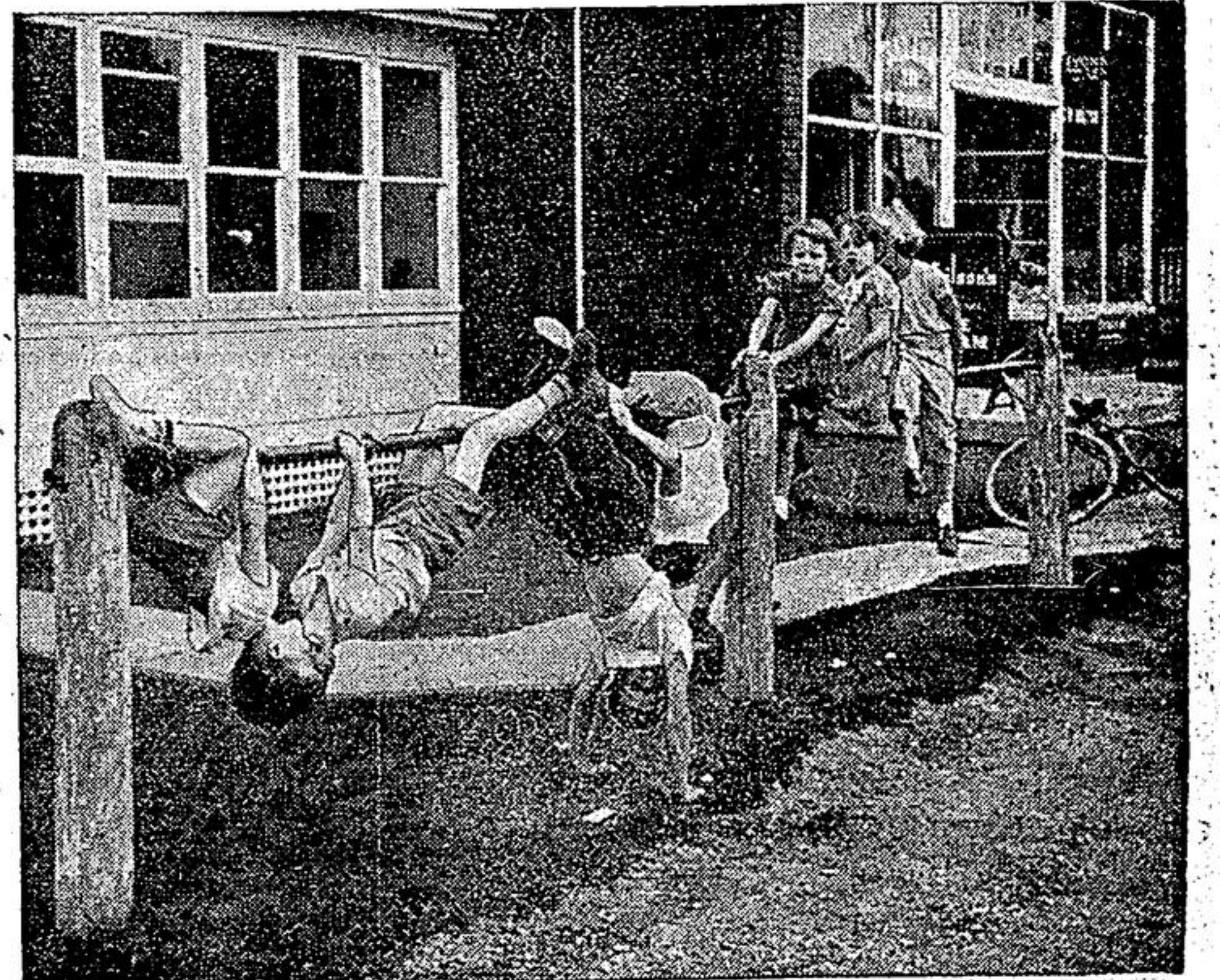
(left) are busy sorting mail. Rural delivery driver waits outside counter.

For 18 years the proprietor has walked across the town street to collect mail bags from the train exactly at 11.25 every morning; stamped and sorted the letters for the 70-hole mail box in the rear of the store; and passed along to a waiting carrier a further collection of letters and parcels for delivery on his 18-mile rural route.

where the family and relatives picnic and relax on Sundays. Up at seven six days a week, one of them is always on duty in the store between 7:30 and 8.

"We try to close by ten at nights but often it's later, and always midnight on Saturday," the storekeeper says.

Their customers are their friends, and the general store is a way of life as well as means of livelihood.



Sturdy old hitching post accommodates a horse once in a while but it is used mostly by children of village who practice gymnastics on it.

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