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NOTES and COMMENTS

Rising Tree Production

The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests has made the welcome announcement that its tree nursery production target for next year has been raised to 30 million seedlings — five million more than were produced during the current year, and over two and a half times the number of trees for reforestation purposes grown in 1947.

The Department plans to establish a number of small nurseries in Northern Ontario near the forest areas where the trees will be planted. These will supplement natural regeneration of cut-over areas, and will help to make certain that useful species are grown.

In spite of the very commendable progress being made in increasing tree production, the need is still far beyond the goal set. Huge efforts by the public authorities as well as by private landowners in most parts of Southern Ontario will be needed for decades to come if the disastrous overcutting of the past is to be restored.

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Spring Sniffle Season Here

With the month of April we are getting out of the winter "cold and flu" season and into the "Spring Sniffle" period. In a few months we will have summer gripe and then autumnal chills and eventually back to the old fashioned winter cold.

We have the cobalt bomb for cancer, the new Salk treatment for polio, vitamins for a run-down condition and penicillin for a multitude of ills, but for the common cold, no matter what season, we are without a reliable cure.

Yesteryear, goose grease, mustard plasters and onion poultices were the clear cures. A youngster with croup wore raw fat pork, sprinkled with pepper around his throat, bound with red flannel torn from worn-out underwear of the head of the house.

We complain of drafts, worry about wet feet and shudder at east winds. Whether we live in the open or in sheltered facilities we still get colds. We argue over the relative merits of the sun lamp and the hot toddy. We lean to fresh fruit juices and aspirin or we pester the corner druggist for sure cures.

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What Successful Farmer Must Do

Farming today is a complicated business, requiring managerial skill as in any other enterprise.

The man who operates a farm needs an understanding of basic economics and knowledge in several natural sciences and some applied sciences such as agronomy and animal husbandry.

Discussing the business of farming, the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada says:

"The farmer who wishes to improve his income surrounds his farm with a business atmosphere. He keeps abreast of improvements in farming methods, crop varieties, fertilizers and machines, even though he cannot put them all into practice at once.

"The job of determining what to plant was easy for Louis Herbert when he turned over his first sod at Port Royal in 1604. All the farmer of that day had to do was to consider his family needs for food and clothing, and produce accordingly.

"The income wanted today is of a different sort and amount, and the penalty of failure to reach the desired objective is greater. The need for setting an objective and planning how to reach it is an imperative demand.

"Yet, by the very nature of agriculture, it is impossible to work by inflexible rules. Adjustments must be made to meet the conditions of climate, varying from year to year and from month to month, and the vagaries of the market in which a long-term trend may be halted or speeded up by sudden social or political changes at home or abroad."

What is needed by the farmer seeking to make the most of his life is a general plan for years ahead, with specific plans for individual years, and detailed plans for the next twelve months. This demands basic knowledge gained from textbooks, personal experience and the experience of others, plus a continuing study of new information, some of which will be used now and some used to form opinions of what is to be expected in the future.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"That's ONE Place Where You Get More for Your Money Than You Used To."

FOR PARENTS ONLY

"Spotlight on Polio Vaccine"

By Nancy Cleaver

The spotlight is on the new polio vaccine and parents are besieged by questions from their children on this greatest medical discovery in recent years.

Dr. Jonas Edward Salk is the forty-year-old son of a U.S. immigrant garment worker. He is married and has boys and a daughter.

Dr. Salk's discovery, perhaps the following information will be useful to fathers and mothers who are trying to answer their children's questions.

He did not always know that medical research would be his vocation. Law and later dentistry attracted him. In 1939 he graduated in medicine from New York University.

In 1947 this same professor recommended Dr. Salk for the position of Director of virus research at the University of Pittsburgh lab.

Canada contributed to this discovery through the work of the Connaught Research Laboratories, Toronto. The federal government had set aside \$83,000 for research for this work.

REPORT from PARLIAMENT

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

The Easter recess for the Members of Parliament has ended and they are gradually re-assembling on Parliament Hill at Ottawa to continue the work of Parliament.

The first major debate will be on the Budget and in my opinion this debate will not be of long duration. The reaction of the general public was one of surprise and to some extent a pleasant one, even though it is felt that the reductions were probably not so much as they should have been.

The automobile dealers in Canada are quite disappointed in the fact that the reduction in the automobile excise tax was not applicable to them and those dealers who had large stocks on hand were forced to take a loss.

The weather in Ottawa is getting warmer every day and it is a pleasant sight to see the green grass and the crocuses in bloom.

A return tabled a short time ago from the Department of Agriculture shows a Government loss of \$63,542 in 1952, and an estimated loss of \$700,000 for 1954 in supporting the price of eggs by the Prices Support Board.

The Government has paved the way for legislation to lower the pensionable age limit for Canada's blind to 18 years, from 21, and to increase the permissible income under which they qualify for pensions.

The announcement has been made that Canada has acquired a site on 5th Avenue in New York City for the proposed Canada House. The site is in the heart of the downtown shopping district and a few blocks north of Rockefeller Centre.

The spring pig crop is now expected to be 21% larger than last year with increases of 17% in the east and 26% in the west in the number of sows expected to farrow.

Nine city stocks of creamery butter, cheddar cheese and cold storage eggs were larger than a year earlier at the start of April. Production of wheat flour was higher and exports lower than the previous year in the first seven months of the current crop year.

This will increase permissible incomes for single persons without dependents to \$860 a year from \$840; for single persons with dependents to \$1160 from \$1040.

It has been reported that the Connaught lab supplied 90 percent of the virus for production of the vaccine in U.S. and it has manufactured enough vaccine for 600,000 children.

The polio virus is grown in small pieces of monkey kidney tissue which is placed in a synthesis of 61 chemicals. India is the home of the Rhesus monkeys needed for the polio-killing Salk vaccine.

Dr. Salk disclosed that the best way to give inoculations is two injections within five weeks and the third within 7 months. Major adverse reactions are almost completely lacking.

This vaccine is between 80 and 90 percent effective in preventing paralytic polio. This fact means that the chances of children in a group of 100,000 of getting paralytic polio have dropped from 40 to 8.

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Polished Buggies, and Spanking Horses Helped Early Courtships Thrive

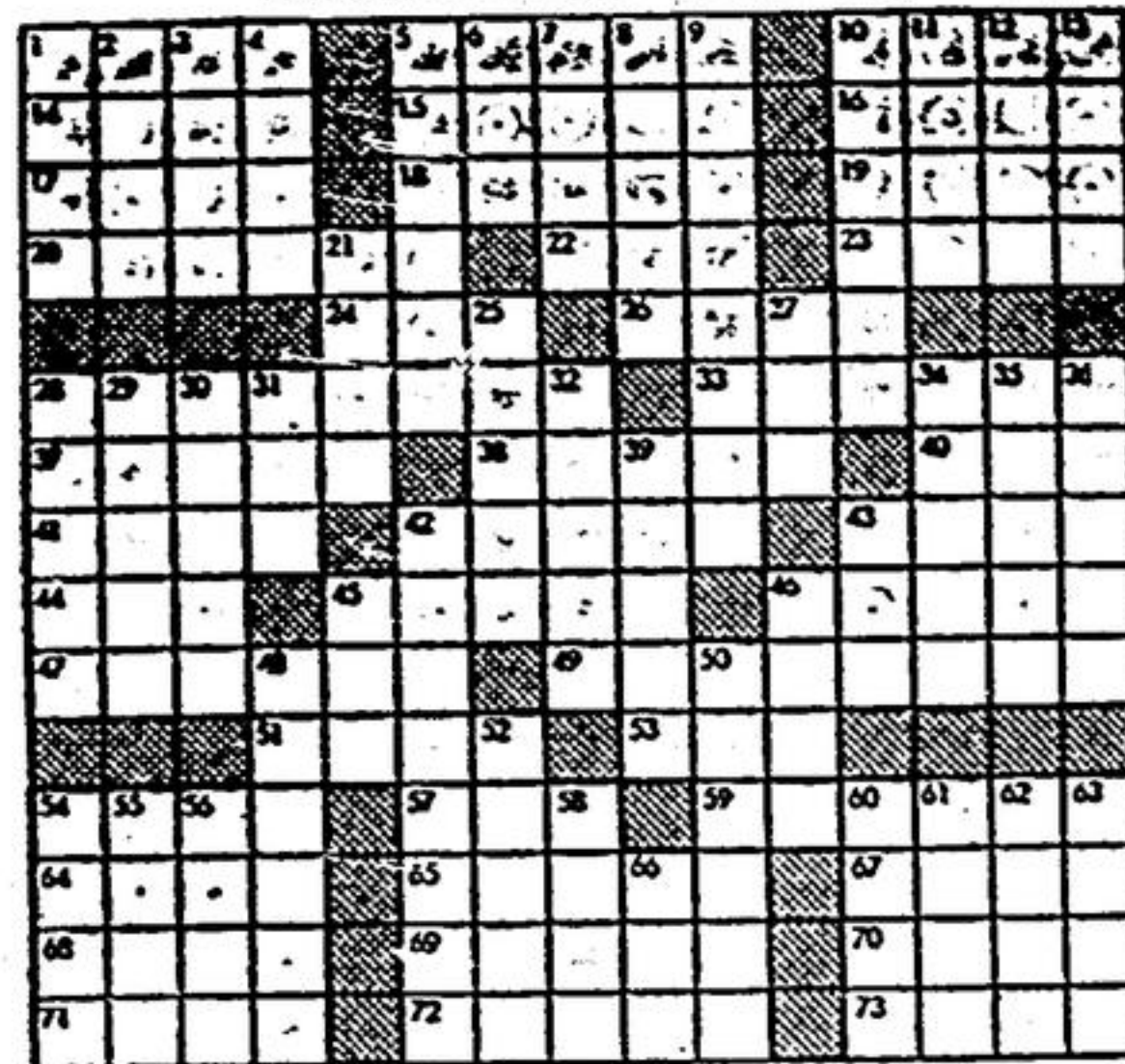
By Barefoot Boy

Not every night was a stay-at-home night in those early days. It is likely, though, that we did not do so much traveling as the young blades today.

In the horse-and-buggy days the young man on the farm had a decided advantage over his town and city cousins when it came to making a date with the charming young women of the village.

The attraction was the nifty outfits in which the country boys took them for a drive. What young lady could resist the invitation of a drive in the country on a summer's evening especially before the envying eyes of her contemporaries?

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ed off went home to finish the evening's courting in the front parlor or over the front gate. The country boy avoided all this congestion.

A recognized practice on the farm was to permit the younger men, including the hired man, the use of the horse and buggy on Sunday evening. In fact, it was usually a part of the contract between the farmer and the hired man when starting a season's engagement to have the use of a horse and buggy or cutter every other Sunday.

The young hopefuls on the farm spent several hours during the day brushing the glossy coat of the horse, washing or dusting the vehicle and getting the last speck of dust from the shiny harness. Church time would find his equipment in the big church shed. If all probability his horse had been given some extra oats or carrots to increase its spirits for the evening.

After church the country boys would line up in the shed. At the proper time to allow their chosen and pre-dated companions to be ready, they would proceed to the front of the church at break-neck speed. The young woman would hop in at his side. At a speed that would put modern hot-rods to shame they would be on their way.

So it seems that courting has not changed down through the years—only the vehicle! One-Armed Driver

Found Horse a Boon There was one advantage to the horse and buggy courtship. The horse generally wandered home if you lost interest in driving — something impossible in a car-cutter.

Of course, I am not speaking too much from experience here as my time of courting came when I was living in the much larger municipality of Detroit. For those who prided themselves in good horsemanship a runaway could be cause for much embarrassment. Our family often recall an incident which happened to father, that we fondly call "John Gilpin's ride."

In his late 60's father retired from active farming. He rented the farm to my brother Ephraim. As is usual with those of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, he built a "doddy house" so he could remain on the farm. He kept a couple of cows, a driving horse, pigs and chickens. He called the driver Dexter. It was a half Indian pony. (Continued on page 4)

Opening - DANCE - CEDAR BEACH Musselman's Lake Saturday, April 30th Van Walker and His Orchestra featuring Bill Jay BUILDERS! Whether you are building one home or a hundred, you may benefit by using mortgage loans under the National Housing Act 1954. See the manager of our nearest branch. He'll gladly tell you how such loans are arranged. Mortgage loans are only one of the many services we offer our customers at any of our more than 680 branches. THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE STOUFFVILLE BRANCH, V. H. ATKINSON, MGR.