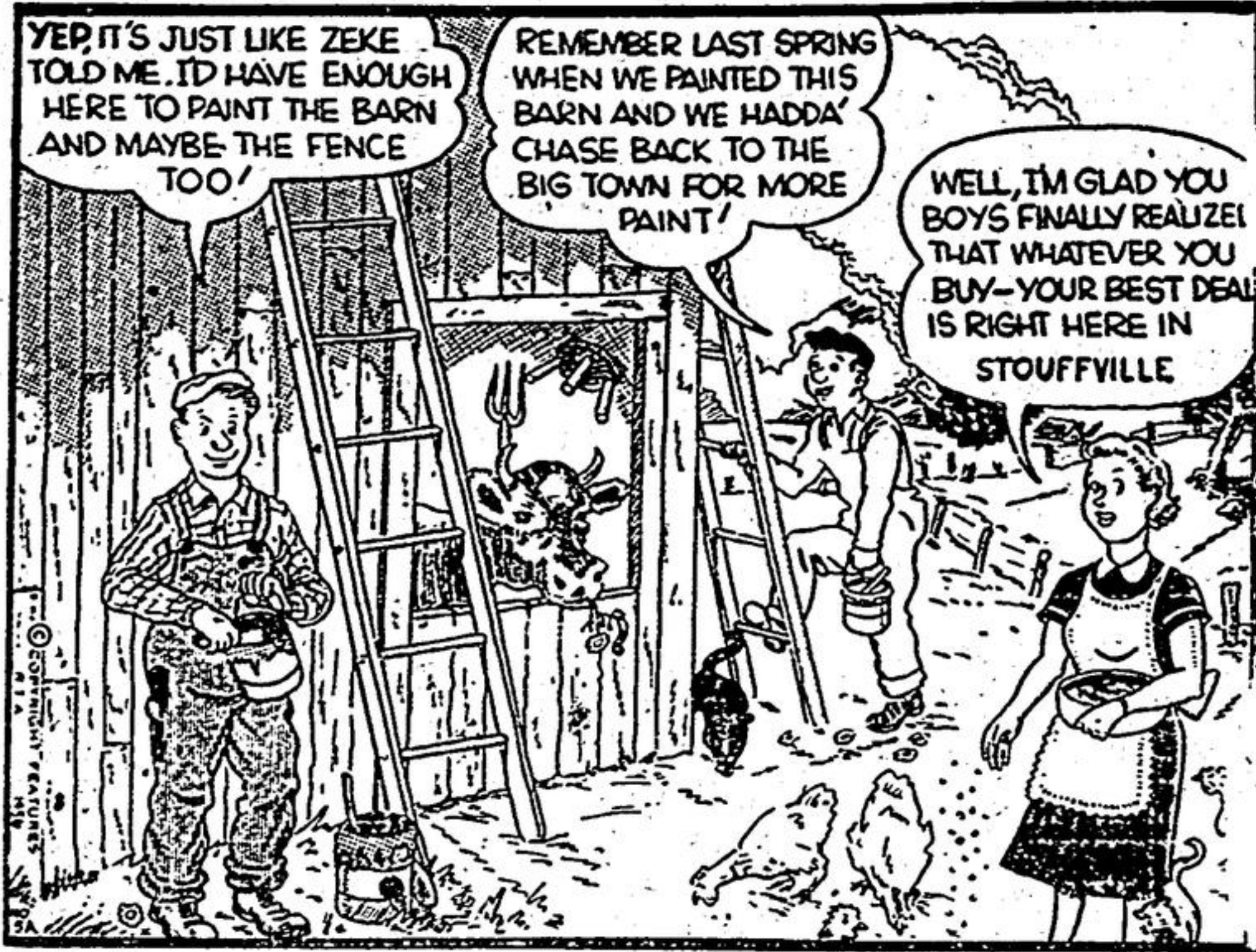


# HOW BOUT THAT

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**RALPH TEE**



# Rambling with The Oldtimer

In looking through my book a few days ago, I ran across a bunch of old-fashioned death cards that my good old mother had carefully stored away years ago. I undid the package and started to read them over. I read thus: (I have mentioned this old gentleman several times before.) Richard Chapman died at Bethesda, April 26th, 1905, aged 60 years, 29 days. There is a house that Jonas Byer built on Lot 33, he sold it to Will March who

this old gentleman helped Byer to build that cement house. I have been told that he mixed the greater share of the concrete for that large house with a shovel. That was before the power cement mixers came. I will now mention Lot 10, east side of the fifth. Albert John Allen owned that farm years ago but before buying it he owned Lot 8 which ran out to the fourth, back of Isaac Pike's place. If I remember right he sold it to Will March who

# Bird Retrieving Novelty For Sportsman's Show

Retrieving by trained birds of prey, an old and exciting sport which has become almost extinct, will be one of many novel features of the 1957 Canadian National Sportsmen's Show to be held in the Coliseum in Toronto, from March 15 to 23. Historical records prove that birds were used to kill and retrieve game, in China as far back as 2,000 B.C., in Babylon 3,700 years ago and in England after the Norman Conquest. Hawks, falcons and eagles are the birds most commonly used for this sport, with the eagle getting the preference because of its more powerful claws and its courage to tackle the biggest of game. Using several golden eagles, as well as some falcons, John Hamlet of Ocala, Florida, will give indoor demonstrations of retrieving by birds of prey during the 8 days of the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show. This is the first time anywhere such a feat has been attempted indoors. The act has been booked by Loyal Kelly, general manager of the Sportsmen's Show, to add novelty and spice to this year's big springtime exhibition, which is commemorating its tenth anniversary. If successful in Toronto, John Hamlet and his birds of prey will be launched on an extensive tour of sports shows, exhibitions and fairs across the continent.

one that Robert had out to his farm one day. He had a large stallwart foreman at that time. That would be along between 1922 and 1925. This foreman and Robert got into a heated discussion and the foreman threatened to strike Robert. Robert told him that if he did so, he would give him the weight of this heavy cane. Well, the storm all blew over. It puts me in mind of the song composed by Robert Brooks and the old-time sawyer, Will Chase. Those two fellows were brothers-in-law and were some pair! There had been a combat at the sawmill where they worked and I guess it did not amount to much. They used to sing this song. I remember only the last two lines of the chorus, but in order to show a little blood, they had to kill a hen.

I had better describe those two farms, Lot 10 and 11 on the fifth. I mentioned before that W. B. Sanders owned both of those farms, and Mr. Taun bought the north one, Lot 11, also the west fifty of lot 10, and Percy Allen bought the east fifty. His son now has the full 100 acres. The barn on Percy's farm was remodelled in 1921 but I don't just remember whether it was Morley Symes or John Ashenhurst who did the work. Lot 9, west side, was the Martin Brillinger farm. I suppose that is another barn that was built by Richard Atkinson. It was likely built along about 1890. I know it was there before 1897, and you can see that barn and house a long way off. The Brillingers kept first class stock. They never were advertised in farm papers, like some people's were, but just the same they had some wonderful Short-horn cattle and first-class horses before the beginning of the present century.

There were two boys or maybe three. I believe there was a Samuel, besides Joseph and Louis and a sister Annie who married a schoolmate of mine, Ralph Connor from Lincolnville. Joseph was a first-class horseman. I will remember, a fine bay team he owned and drove in the beginning of the century. He also went threshing with George Preston and drove the dancing greys, Jim and Prince, and I remember the day Joe was drawing the machine into the barn. He was hooking the machine onto the back end of Preston's heavy old Sawyer & Massey on Lot 11, and George Preston told Joe not to let the team go too fast to hang onto them. The old greys started to dance and Joe told them to quit their dancing. That old team could sure draw, and soon landed the machine up that steep barn bridge and into the barn. Joseph never married. Louis married Minnie Hoover and they had one boy, whom I have mentioned; he married a Miss Scott. Leonard now has that fine farm, the third generation of the Brillingers of my time. Louis bought a steam threshing outfit and ran it for a few years. John Empringham, the old-time thresher I referred to already, took the barn work, for Louis had asthma and could not stand the dust. I understand he traded that machine off for a motor car, or on one. Christopher Brillinger had the farm south of Allin's farm and there is the third generation on that farm. Chris's son, John married a Miss Hare from Markham, a sister of the late Harvey Wideman's wife. I think they have two boys. One married a daughter of John Lehman from Stouffville. As I said before, Joe Brillinger was a good horseman and he owned the farm across the road from the old Brillinger homestead. There was a wonderful hardwood bush on the back end of that fifty acres. It is years since I walked through it. There were some good big ma-

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# Ottawa Says Representation Results in Floor Prices for Eggs

C. W. Hodgson, M.P., for Halliburton riding is given full credit for helping restore the price of eggs to the government-fixed floor price level. A few days ago Mr. Hodgson was quoted in Hansard as having made enquiries relative to declining egg prices. In his most recent letter to the people of his home riding, Mr. Hodgson says: "A week ago I brought to the attention of the government the price of eggs at 26c Grade A large, being 12c a dozen below the floor price, and selling for 40c. Nothing was done, so on Wednesday, Feb. 6th, I brought it to their attention again, and the next day the following recognition was received: "The supply of eggs has been running at 148,000 cases per week to meet a demand that is fairly constant at 100,000 cases of 30 dozen per case. The price dropped to 30c per dozen. Following your strong representation Ottawa has decided to begin buying at once to restore the price to 38c. Purchases of surplus eggs may amount to 48,000 30-dozen cases per week, and eggs are now up to 36c. It is predicted they will reach 37c by the end of the week and remain steady."

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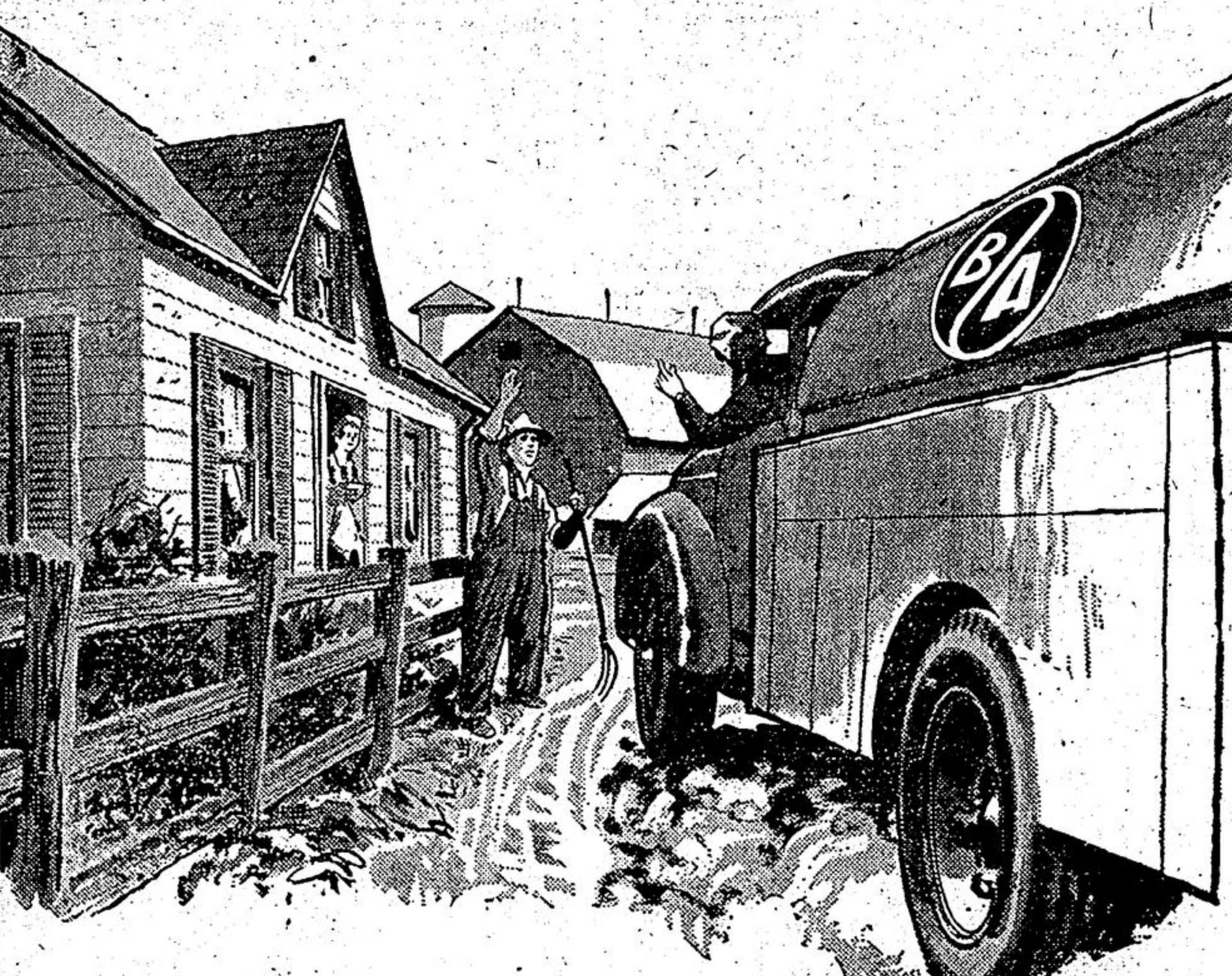
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