

Wet weather has hit apple-growers hardest

By A.A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County.

The job of getting crops harvested this year has been desperately hard, all the way through. From hay, to wheat, to corn silage and now winding up with grain corn, poor drying weather and rain have been with us consistently.

Vegetable, potato, turnip and apple growers have all been having a difficult time. There have been losses, with apple growers probably at the top of that list.

Corn just won't dry down this fall and many fields are too soft to carry combines. Yields which were just fair to start with, are losing out, from stalk breakage with every rain and strong wind.

The only real solution is to get control of the weather. Until that happens there are no real good answers. Diversification reduces the risk. Two or three crops instead of a single one is an obvious move, but different harvest methods can help too. Some early corn stored as high moisture grain in a silo or with acid, can take the pressure off the main crop to be dried.

The harvesting machinery question isn't easy. Combining for average crops costs less by custom work but in bad weather, custom

operators get a way off schedule awfully fast. The choice is to be either very high on the custom operator's list or own a machine.

Syndicate ownership of things like combines is one idea that we don't make enough use of. It keeps overhead low, and still gives a person use of the machine when he needs it. Good loans are available for farmers buying machinery jointly.

Still, anyone growing crops to sell is very dependent on good weather. The ultimate protection is crop insurance. It is catching on steadily and very large numbers of claims are being paid this year.

The Royal this week is an attraction that anyone interested in livestock just can't miss. There is no other show like it and it's worth a day even if the plowing isn't done yet. Most of the breeders in York are showing there, and our 4-H boys and girls made the trip on Wednesday. Eleven members will compete in the Queen's Guineas' class on Friday.

94th birthday
Mr. Frank Baker, a former Stouffville resident and businessman, celebrated his 94th birthday this week at his home in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Baker recently returned from their cottage at Jackson's Point where they spend the summers.



Veterans attend Remembrance Service

Following the annual Remembrance Day service in Markham, Saturday, veterans gathered at the Association Hall on Washington Street, for a social hour. Shown here (left to

right) are Jack Peplow, Association President; Brigadier-General Colin S. Campbell, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Donald Deacon, M.C., M.P.P.; (York-Centre). —Jim Thomas.

All-candidates

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prospective members of Uxbridge Twp. Council, will be held Thursday, Nov. 23, in Goodwood. The time is 8 p.m.

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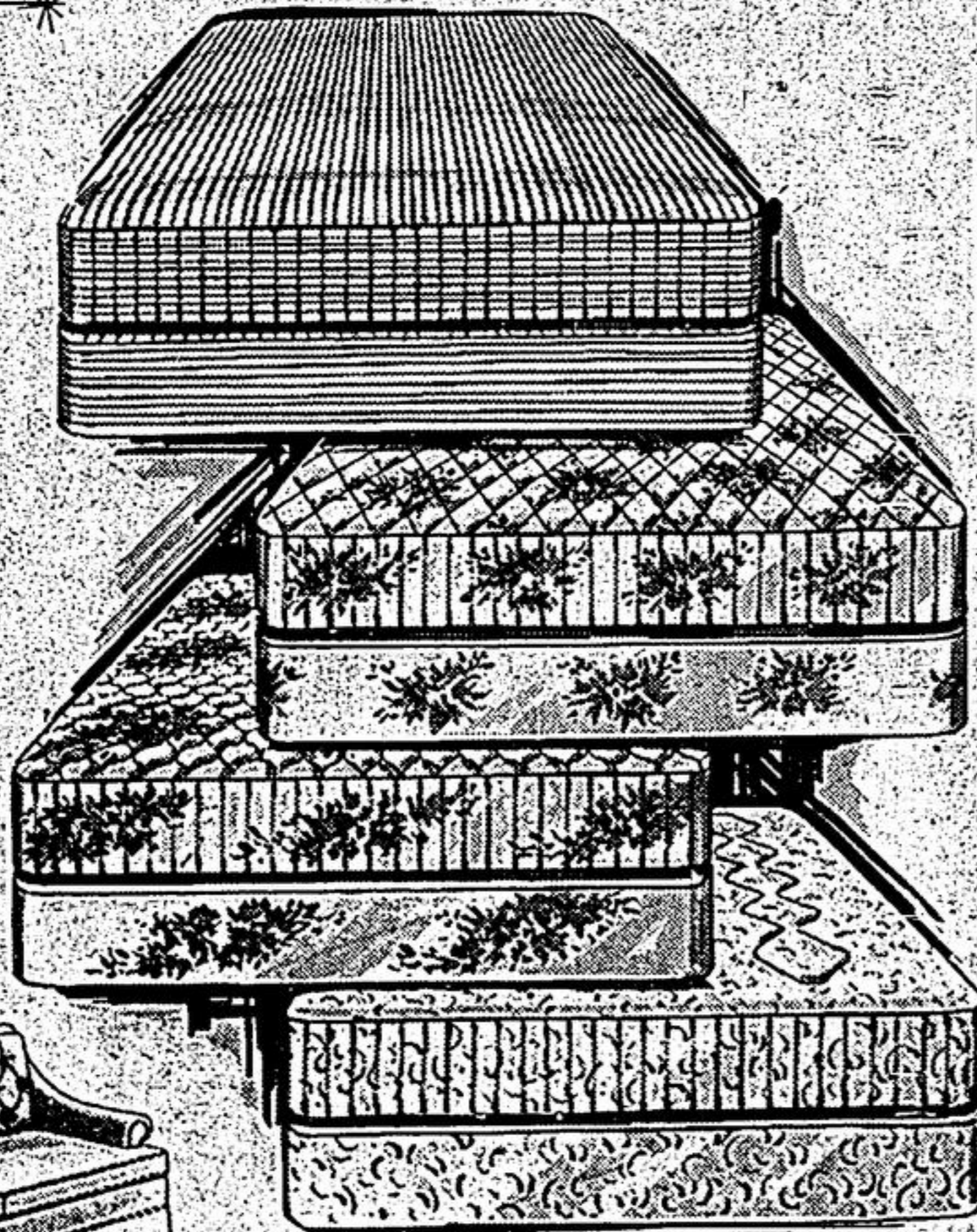
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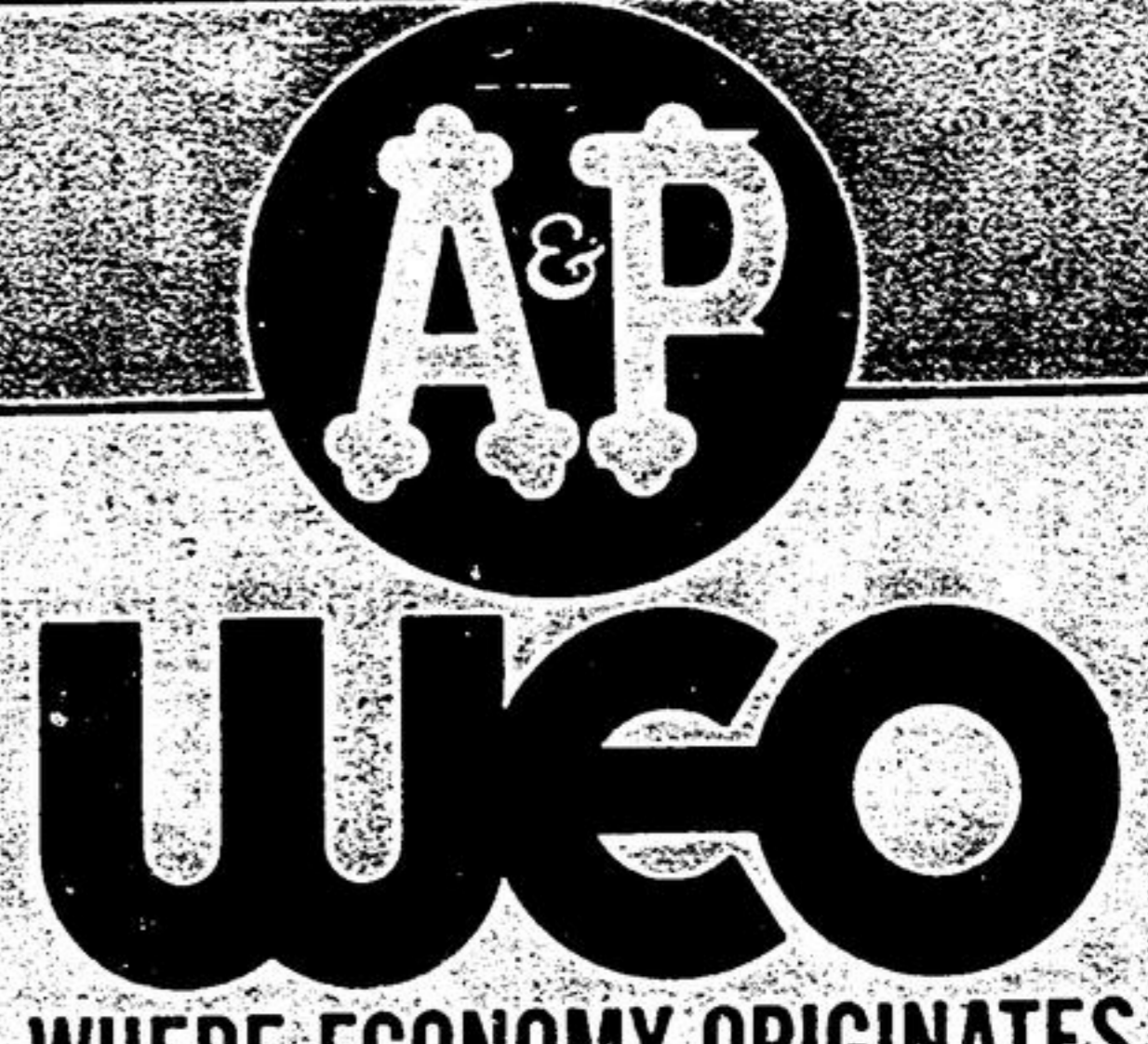
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