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# THE FARM FRONT

## By John Russell

Every paper I pick up nowadays seems to be full of tales regarding farmers and Government subsidies. Practically all these stories tell of meetings of politicians, milk producers, grain growers and so forth, all unanimously agreed on one thing—no matter how much the proposed subsidy is, it isn't nearly enough.

And I don't blame them a bit. "Ask for twice as much as you expect to get" may not be a strictly moral sentiment but it seems to be fairly practical, the way this cockeyed world of ours functions these days.

Spill, it never does much harm to look at a picture from several angles; and the fact that the following editorial is from The Financial Post shouldn't blind us to the fact that there might be just a tiny mite of sense in it. The editorial was titled BEHIND THE SUBSIDY.

If a farmer in Ontario wants to grow more wheat he goes ahead and sows it without asking anyone's permission. It is his own business how much or how little wheat he grows and most little wheat will agree it should be his own business.

After all it is his own farm, machinery and labor that are involved.

But across the border from Ontario, in New York State; in a country which prides itself on the fact that in the world these matters are handled differently. There is the name of a local committee, a Washington appointed bureaucracy decides how much wheat and a great many other things the farmer can grow. Various allotments are issued and exceeded when he finds himself without a market.

That is something we should remember in this country.

In recent weeks there has been a lot of loose talk in Canadian agricultural circles about subsidies for various farm lines. Farmers have been told about the many advantages of how the prices would stay nice and firm even when the market was just the opposite. But they haven't been told much about the other side of this subsidy business, or the state dictation that is certain to follow.

So much for Mr. Financial Post. Now let's talk about something not

in the past two seasons, particularly on the female parent in crossing blocks. The losses from this disease can be reduced by seeding early, not planting sunflowers on the same land in two successive years, and by ploughing under old seeds, and by ploughing under old seeds which live over the winter on the stub.

Further information on sunflower growing may be obtained by writing to the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden, Man.

### Why Mine Gold?

In recent times, with the introduction of managed currencies and the contraction policy of many things, people have asked "Why mine gold?" It is often accepted as a fact that gold is mined from the ground with great labor and at the expense of much money and material, only to have the gold buried in the ground at Fort Knox in the United States. It has been said that the only good purpose to which gold has been put is to fill teeth.

These reasons are outlined in detail in a bulletin prepared by the Ontario Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, a non-profit organization composed of engineers and technicians. Copies of this bulletin are available without charge by writing or telephoning to Brewster & White, Limited, 40 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ont. Teachers, students, librarians, lecturers and others who may wish to broaden their knowledge of financial affairs would find this bulletin useful.

Before the Romans finally conquered England and Wales in A.D. 83, Britain was subjected to numerous invasions by various tribes. Roman Britain was divided into six provinces. The first was Flavia Caesariensis, the second was Maxima Caesariensis, the third was Flavia Debetur, the fourth was Flavia Ultonia, the fifth was Flavia Cantabrigia, and the sixth was Flavia Decantabrigia.

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**25 Years Reunited By Radio**  
 (The author of this real-life story, Mrs. Etienne, is a teacher of French in the Quebec Province...)

In radio, as in any other profession, one can get a plodding along at a normal routine for years and even months without anything particularly exciting to remember until, suddenly, the unexpected happens—the "highlight" of an unusual occasion, an extra good "story," an encounter, perhaps, that makes you realize just how worthwhile the medium of broadcasting can be in helping to build up friendly international relations.

**Boxers Who Take On All Comers**  
 In Britain from Portsmouth to Liverpool and from Cardiff to Hull, on every fairground of any size the caravan pull and the canvas there is set up, with its boisterous music of the fair, over the blaring of the organ, the shouting of the invited of other showmen, the crowd challenge to all comers is repeated again and again.

**Do Their Dancing On Their Knees**  
 Goulime, a former Foreign Legion outpost on the southernmost fringe of Morocco, is the only place in the world where the ghedra is being danced. And the ghedra is probably the only dance in existence where the inhabitants of the region remain on her knees without moving legs or feet.

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### With A Volcano As A Neighbor

Ons again Nature has declared war on the slopes of Mount Etna. On December 28, as dawn was breaking, Mount Etna erupted from new craters, and the people of Bronte fled a stream of molten lava five hundred feet wide and twenty feet high advancing upon them at the rate of half-a-mile an hour. They knew that no power on earth could stop that advance, and they did the only possible thing—At an o'clock that evening the town evacuated its 20,000 inhabitants.

Eighty times since man has inhabited the slopes of Mount Etna. The last time was in 1928, when incandescent lava completely obliterated a railway and destroyed the towns of Hascati and Azzurra.

Living on the slope of a volcano must be like living in a house on a frontier, and knowing that an enemy's entire heavy artillery is trained on the house. When hostilities break out you will be the first to be killed.

The people of St. Pierre, on the slopes of Mount Pelée, in Martinique, were the last to be killed. No notice of it. The volcano, unobserved for several days, and then covered the town with a layer of fine ash. A few days later it erupted, and 150 people lost their lives. Then a sister volcano on a near-by island erupted.

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