



### STATESMANSHIP ON FARM FRONT

By W. R. Harvey

The announcement of the new price-support program by Minister of Agriculture Harkness has not been given the praise it deserves. The proposal to establish price supports based on the average price of the product over a period of years is statesmanship of a high order. The PCs might well contend that as the first attempt to deal with the farm problem on a basis of principle that has ever been made on this continent.

All news this week centres around price. It involves everybody. Some farms are isolated, and the drifts completely defy our modern snow-moving equipment. This is unusual—at least it is unusual in relationship to the comparatively mild winters of these past number of years.

Aside from the real hardships occasioned by the snow there is the disturbing interference in the normal activities of some of our local residents. We have heard that John Martin was unable to keep his Hoss engagement at Norm Graham's Service Station the other night for the first time since his arrival in town. In fact Hoss competitions have been thrown completely out of gear. They tell us that for two days this week Warren Fleming closed down operations completely. During that interval a few of the more ardent Hoss players gathered at Alex Duncan's shop on Tabbot Street, but never enough at one time to complete the quorum. Things are bad when conditions such as this exist.

Another disappointing experience might be related. Ray Boyver, Bruce Linklater, Bruce Stadder, Lorne Porter, Allan Aude and Doc Austin spent several hours in snow drifts on the Cockshutt Road Monday night where they bogged down while enroute to the meeting at Brantford addressed by the Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada and leader of the Progressive Conservative party. We are informed they started out before six o'clock in order to get front seats at the great political gathering and despite the fact they were floundering in the snow at a quarter past six they bravely battled the elements for more than two hours before giving up. Ray Boyver was especially disappointed due to the fact, no doubt, he is a recent convert to the Diefenbaker cause. It's funny how seriously some fellows take their politics.

"How are your bees this year, old man?"  
"All right. Not much honey, but they sting my mother-in-law twice."



### IN THE ORBIT OF OUR EYE!

By C. D. CLARKE

"I've done it again! Each year, right about this time, I get a 'code in dub node.' It's getting to be a yearly ritual. First the entire, the usual rapid development of bat-talions of germs until I'm completely encircled and then the usual settling on my chest."

Now, I keep an open mind with regard to the treatment of colds—particularly my colds. I've bought a quart of cod liver oil—dozens of lemon—a few boxes of quinine pills and am fighting a real rear guard action. No puns intended.

By the week-end I'll have augmented these supplies, on advice of my many advisers and well-wishers, by a quart of aged and mellow, a new type inhaler, a few mustard plasters and an assortment of patent and not-so-patent remedies that will give me a great deal of hope—but like last year's sweetstakes tickets—will probably have no effect on my immediate life!

There was an old chap who lived on the next farm to me in Ancaster. Harry Eggleston was his name. He was 82. Harry had picked up one of those violet ray machines that were supposed to knock off colds in short order. I agreed to give him his treatment. So we plugged in the machine and Harry stripped off his shirt and undershirt. He looked like a leaping pole for some new kind of can best be measured by the consumers of the commodity produced, that is to say, by the value of the product as determined by demand and supply on a free market.

### ROCKFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Golding attended the Holstein-Friesian Association Convention held in Toronto last week. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hall, Carol and Mirra, spent the week-end in Hamilton and attended the Hamilton Skating Club Ice Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomson, Cameron Thomson, Russell and Anne, and Mrs. Stanley Anderson left on Saturday to spend a few weeks in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Persall and family of Mt. Pleasant visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anderson.

Mrs. A. Stephenson was hostess for the February meeting of the W.M.S. in Hamilton. Mrs. Wm. Petheram was in charge of the worship service. Mrs. W. E. Howard conducted the business. The roll call was answered with a verse containing the word "Peace". The ministry was given by Mrs. Howard.

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uncontrollable drops in income. But they are not entitled to permanent subsidies on any product which, as evidenced by unprofitable prices over a period of years, is being produced in too great quantities.

The Government's proposal, assuming it involves price supports at predetermined percentages as in the free-market price prevailing over the preceding years, meets both these conditions. The price of the insurance against the sudden drops in prices and income. But it gives no relief to the farmer who is not a producer of the commodity in question.

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### ERIE

Mr. Ron Conn of Knox College, Toronto had charge of the church service at the Stone Church on Sunday afternoon. He was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell.

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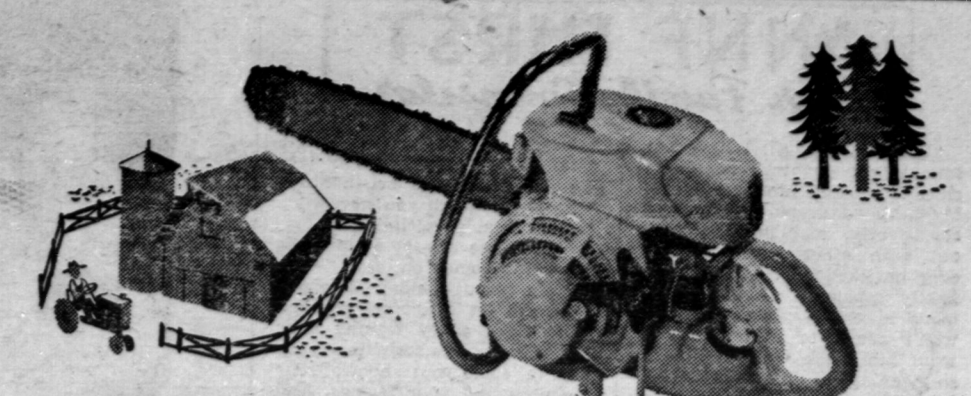
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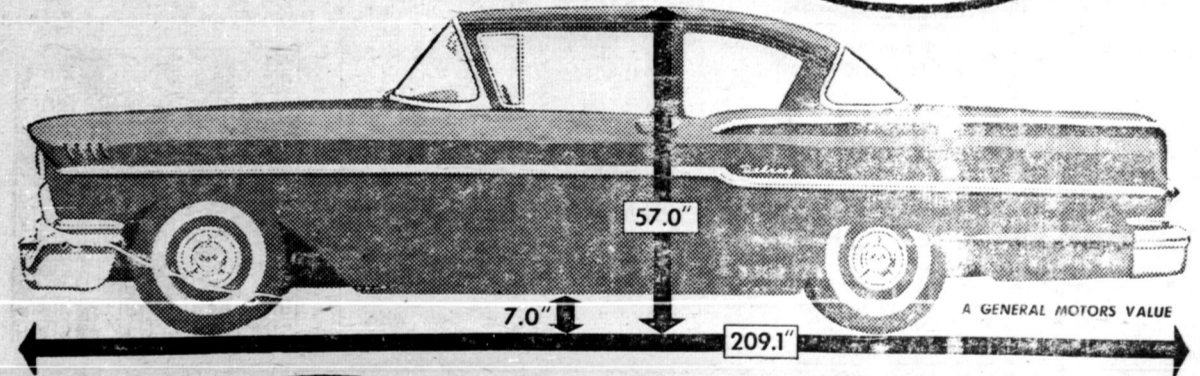
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