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CHAIN ADDS TO THE WOES OF THE KNIFE LENDER

(New York Sun)

Next to umbrellas, pocket knives are generally acknowledged to be the hardest things to keep. Young Weed, when he first entered his business career as a bill clerk in a West street hardware concern, hadn't learned that the only way to avoid constant buying of pocket knives, is not to have any, and his fellow clerks soon found that he could always be depended on when they had to sharpen a pencil.

But Weed found that they could not be depended on when it came to getting the knife back. He averaged a new knife every ten days.

When this had gone on about three months he decided something must be done. One day he appeared at the office with a brand new watch chain across his bosom. On one end of it was a new knife, one of the kind with a link on the end for attaching to a watch chain, and on the other end was a new watch, bought not so much to keep time as to keep pocket knives. "This rig ought to stop 'em," he thought, but he was wrong.

The first time he was asked for the use of his new knife young Weed handed it out magnificently on the end of a fourteen inch chain and said "Go as far as you like." The borrower had

to use it in very much circumscribed circumstances.

The gang kept coming just the same and although it was a nuisance to have people filling his lap full of pencil shavings just because the knife was chained to his person, Weed figured the scheme was saving him a lot of money, until . . .

One day when he was unusually busy, when "touched" for the knife, and not wanting to stop work while his tormentor sharpened a handful of pencils, he slipped the knife and chain through his buttonhole and handed over watch, chain and all. He didn't even bother to look up to see who was getting it.

Now he figures a knife every ten days is cheaper than a knife, watch and chain once a month. He has lost faith in his device and in human nature.

"I played a round of golf with my wife yesterday."
"Which won?"
"Say, how many wives do you think I have?"

Jack—Since you got your wife that triple mirror does she dress more quickly?

Ned—It takes her just three times as long.

Distribution of Cockerels To be Continued by the Dept. of Agriculture

Final Session of F. & D. Association Meeting Held Thursday Night—Poultry the Subject of Discussion.

The New Brunswick Farmers' & Dairymen's Association brought its fiftieth annual meeting to a close Friday night after a most interesting session devoted to poultry. W. A. Brown of Ottawa and George Lightizer of Charlottetown who had been placed in the program did not appear and instead there was discussion in which the leaders were A. R. Jones, manager of the N. B. Poultry Exchange, F. Leslie Wood, Provincial Poultry Supt. and G. R. Jones of Moncton, Federal Poultry Promoter.

New Officers

Officers of the N. B. Poultry Exchange were elected as follows: President, M. A. Chaisson, Rogersville; Vice-president, A. E. Raymond, Woodstock; Secretary-treasurer, F. Leslie Wood, Fredericton; Directors, John Woods, Bloomfield; A. T. Reid, Rollingdam; A. Losier, Tilley Road; Walter Jensen, Petersen; W. H. Anderson, Port Elgin.

A new departure was made by the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association in the establishment of a Roll of Honor of the Association in which life membership is given to Donald Innes as second member W. W. Hubbard being the first having been present as a boy at the first meeting of the Association in 1876. This roll is to be published in the record of the history of Association.

The executive will decide upon the next place of meeting.

A. R. Jones

Discussion on poultry was led by A. R. Jones, manager of the N. B. Poultry Exchange in Saint John, and others. Mr. Jones spoke of the success of the Prince Edward Island Poultry

Exchange in marketing eggs in Boston despite a duty. He also referred to the opposition to undrawn poultry in Fredericton and Saint John. The objective of the N. B. Exchange was to produce eggs in quantity sufficient to meet provincial demand and to have a surplus for the Boston and British markets.

F. L. Wood

F. Leslie Wood, Provincial Poultry Supt., also spoke. He said the objective of the Exchange was forty new circles in 1926. Success had attended this initial effort of the Exchange. In regard to poultry shipments he said members had been greatly pleased with the prices obtained. Where possible poultry was shipped live. Dressing poultry also had been shipped from some districts. Culling of flocks of non-producing birds had been successful, many owners finding no reduction in egg-production after the culling although not able to pick out the non-producers themselves. It was the hope to see many more chickens on New Brunswick farms. Several large incubators were to be installed. Chicks must be hatched earlier in the season. Dependence had to be placed on incubators more and more. Quite a demand for day-old-chicks had sprung up, but customs regulations were more severe against importations from the United States. This would stimulate the hatcheries within the Province.

Mr. Wood also dealt with the distribution of cockerels. In general there was satisfaction from those who received the birds. Only Barred Rocks were dealt with under the arrangement. It was hoped that each farmer would consider one hundred hens the proper size of a farm flock. Twenty-five was too small a flock.

Mr. Wood answered a number of questions.

G. R. Wilson

George R. Wilson of Moncton, Federal Poultry Promoter followed Mr. Wood. He asked for the greatest possible support to the Poultry Exchange. He urged further that farmers think of poultry in terms of hundreds. Statistics showed that on 34,000 farms New Brunswick had 985,502 fowl of which 444,758 were under four months production from all sources had been 4,221,000 dozen with a value of \$951,000. Importations were practically the same in number and value.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that there were possibilities for 3,400,000 hens on New Brunswick's farms with egg-production worth \$7,650,000 which would meet all local demand and leave an exportable surplus.

The speaker referred to the fact that fish-meal was obtainable at reasonable prices in New Brunswick. This would supply the protein needed by the poultry men for their flocks.

Roll of Honor

H. H. Magee proposed honorary appointment for men who had been prominent in agriculture in New Brunswick. He suggested Donald Jones. He also suggested that a committee be named which each year would name one man for such honor, possibly honorary membership.

There was discussion on this matter and on motion of Mr. Magee it was decided that with the published record of the history of the Association which is to be issued shortly, a Hall of Fame be recorded with Donald Jones as second life member W. W. Hubbard being the first.

Cockerel Distribution

F. Leslie Wood announced that the Hon. Minister of Agriculture had authorized him to say that distribution of cockerels was to be continued as in the past.

Her Father—I never want to see that young man of yours here again, you understand?

Marion—Well, why don't you try lending him \$10.

Jake—How's your new baby?
Dave—It's a wow.

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NOVELIST INSISTS, DESPITE CRITICISM, THAT WASHINGTON GAMBLER AND MADE HOME BREW

New York, Jan. 20.—Rupert Hughes, champion cussar, and distiller of the novelist, still insists that George Washington, "gambled, swore profusely, played cards and danced all night," but he doesn't think any the less of him for it.

Speaking here, he repeated much of what he had said in Washington Tuesday night to the scandal of some members of the Sons of the American Revolution and only once was interrupted by his audience of 1,000 persons in town hall. That was when he said Washington "stayed up all night and danced with the ladies."

"Well, what if he did?" shouted a woman in the gallery who had been gesticulating in indignation, "he was the father of our country." (Mr. Hughes ignored the heckling and said that he was merely telling a few truths about Washington and that he had no intention of inferring that he was an immoral man.)

"Undoubtedly Washington was a noble man—one of the noblest in history," he continued. "I admire him as much as anyone, but I despise those who tell lies about him."

The cherry tree story, Mr. Hughes said, was a lie invented by a clergyman who wanted to adorn a moral for children. Mr. Hughes quoted from Washington's diary to prove that the first President brewed beer, drank freely, gambled, was a "regular sport" and not a "mollycoddle" as some historians painted him.

"Why should this great and glorious patriot be handed down to posterity as a milkop? Why shouldn't he be painted as the virile, normal being that he was?" he asked.

Mr. Hughes also said that Washington was not nearly so popular in his own day as he is now and that once a mob in Philadelphia sought to lynch him.

He Drank, But What of It? Clergy Men Ask.

New York, Jan. 19.—George Washington may have been "a gamester, a

champion cussar, and distiller of whiskey," as Rupert Hughes, the novelist, has recently described him, but the father of his country still has plenty of admirers.

Three clergymen and G. Watson James, Jr., historian of the General Society of Sons of the Revolution, in week-end speeches and sermons, challenged the propriety of Mr. Hughes' remarks but not their accuracy.

"Thirty years ago Paul Leicester Ford published his 'True George Washington,' said the Rev. Wallace H. Finch of the First Methodist Church of Stamford, Conn.

"Today Rupert Hughes cribbs some of the contents of that book, divests what he has cribbed of its historical significance, clothes it in a bare semblance of historical research, and delivers it in a speech."

Mr. James said: "Of course Washington drank. All Virginia gentlemen did. Likewise, he made his own liquor, as all Virginians did. He would not have been a man if he did not enjoy a dance with a pretty woman, and did not dance with her as long as he could. Virginia was full of pretty women, and what chance had even the father of his country against them? As for swearing, and horse racing and card playing, they were as common as taxis are today."

The Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young, of the Bedford Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, declared that "Rupert Hughes has simply told one side—the worst side—of George Washington. But Washington, with all his sins, was a great and good man."

Dr. S. Parks Cadman, President of the Federal Council of Churches, said in Brooklyn that "Washington was sane, sober, self-controlled, and magisterial. There is no doubt that Washington took a drink now and then and that he used rather forceful language. Others have done it and many did it then."

MEN ARE GROWING CAUTIOUS, AND ARE TAKING TO RUBBERS

(New York Sun)

"Have you noticed the number of men wearing galoshes this year?" asked Subway Sally, easing herself into the narrow space on the seat. "When they were small a spanking or something equally drastic was needed to get them to put them on. And after they grew up it was only the boys who were the 'little gentlemen' who would wear them."

"There's less influenza this year than usual and I suppose it's because the men are all wearing rubbers. Incidentally some of them have learned that a handkerchief is something besides a breast-pocket ornament and use it to sneeze into."

"Yes, the flat hat with the skates under his arm is wearing galoshes just the same as the old man with the cough lozenges. Even Mr. Blackstone there in the corner with his brief case full of law books says 'safety first.'"

"The 'Plow Boy' of the Western World' variety seems to be the favorite now, and gone are the ladylike sandals which kept only the soles of the shoes dry."

"Every age, race and previous condition of servitude is represented, and black, white, yellow and brown are wearing them."

"What the man will wear" is answered this season by rubbers."

Sally took a nice flat licorice drop from her pocket, but before transferring it to her mouth she looked at it reflectively and put it back. Its close resemblance to the gumshoes must have caused the sigh of pleasure deferred.

"Many a hot air furnace will send up some terrible smells when the present crop is worn out and cast into the waste basket," she continued.

"Perhaps you will take a look at that snappy young naval officer over there, wearing the shiniest new ones of the lot. It is not very wet under foot today, did he have to walk ashore?"

"What is that weather report in your paper, fair and warmer? Don't you believe it. Those gum shoes are going to continue for quite a while and the manufacturers are no doubt working double shift."

"It is not the recent popularity of vitamins which has lowered the death rate, it is rubbers."

"Are men changing places with women as the cautious sex? The flip little flapper still wears satin pumps quite unprotected, but just notice our

buddies with their galoshes on, rain or shine."

"If they were only as careful to protect their throats from liquids as they are their feet, the bootleggers would not be driving so many high priced cars."

"Webster says on the subject, 'Galosh, noun, an overshoe now of rubber, worn in wet weather. Rare in U. S.' And the old innocent even put the last in italics," submitted Sally, getting upon her own daintily shod, and galoshless feet as the train came to a stop at Times Square.

STANDING CROPS PRIZE AWARDS

The awards made in the County Standing Crops Competition in Oats, Wheat and Potatoes are announced by O. C. Hicks of the Soils and Crops Division. They are as follows:

Awards For Oats.

Frank Dolan, Reynolds, 1st; Spafford Manzer, Millville, 2nd; M. T. Allen Melrose, 3rd; J. B. Cormier Elm Tree, 4th; Wilfred Gorman, South Nelson, 5th; Raymond Smith, West Bathurst R. R. No. 1, 6th; F. Henderson, Andover, 7th; C. E. Pickett, Andover, 8th; Roy S. Parlee, Lower Millstream, R. R. No. 1, 9th; Stanley Roy, Elm Tree, 10th; M. L. McCarthy, Sussex Corner, 11th; R. W. Stephens, Sackville, 12th.

Awards For Wheat.

John B. Cormier, Elm Tree, 1st; Frank Dolan, Reynolds, 2nd; Frank Henderson, Andover, 3rd; Geo. H. Murphy, Melrose, 4th.

Awards For Potatoes.

Section 3, Green Mountain—F. E. Henderson, Andover, 1st; W. R. Taylor, Lower Derby, 2nd; Spafford Manzer, Millville, 3rd; C. E. Pickett, Andover, 4th; Raymond Smith, Bathurst 5th.

Section 4, Irish Cobbler—Roy W. Stephens, Sackville, 1st; Harvey Weade, Royaltown, 2nd.

Section 1, Certified Irish Cobbler—C. E. Pickett, Andover, 1st; Stanislas Roy, Elm Tree, 2nd.

Section 2, Green Mountain (certified)—W. H. Brewer, Burt's Corner, 1st; J. B. Cormier, Elm Tree, 2nd; Spafford Manzer, Millville, 3rd; Russel McElwain, Plnder, 4th.

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