



A Communist is a fellow who borrows your pot to cook your goose in.

Which reminds me somehow of the time the city farmer down the road borrowed our wheelbarrow. He used it for several days haulin' sacks of cement until it broke down. He brought the remains back to our place and, instead of apologizin', he said: "Mr. Parker, I should think a man of your standin' in the community would be ashamed to have such a poor wheelbarrow to lend to his neighbors."

Old Man Hanson who retired and moved to California a couple of years ago writes that he is comin' back to Montana to live where they have only one growin' season a year. He says his wife keeps him gardenin' the year around down there and he's plumb in need of a rest.

Bill, our vice president in charge of cows, isn't sure he can stand another New Year's celebration of the kind he's been accustomed to so he plans to take himself on a test run Christmas eve. Which simply means that he'll be incapacitated the last week in 1949 instead of the first week in '50, and that one P. Parker will be lookin' after the cows vice versa, so to speak.

Foxtail Johnson of Arizona Farmer says it's mighty easy to tell the righteous from the wicked. The righteous is on your side and the wicked ain't.

There may be somethin' to the contention that the female sex is gettin' stronger and the male is becomin' more effeminate as the generations roll. When I was on the train the other day I saw an otherwise normal lookin' 200-pound male sittin' across from me busily crocheting a little doily, apparently not carin' who saw him.

Dogie Johnson has started speakin' to his banker on the street again. He's afraid if he has another dry year he might have to borrow some money.

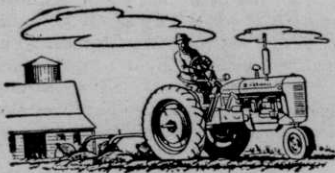
One thing that makes me somewhat confident about the future of civilization in this age of the atomic bomb is the amount of worryin' that is bein' done about it. Its the unexpected that usually happens.

The folks who forecast the kind of winter we are goin' to have by the length of fur on the muskrats say we're due for a mild one. But the onion peel boys are sure it's goin' to be early, cold and long. As for me, I'm hopin' the muskrat experts are right but I'm keepin' the oil tank full and the red flannels handy just in case.

The motorcyclist, crouched grimly over the handlebars, raced upward along a mountain trail. The mountain boy, having never seen such a sight, ran for his muzzle-loader. Barefooted, he crept out on a rocky precipice and waited. When the motorcycle popped into view, far below, the boy aimed and fired.

"Did youh git th' varmint. Son?" his mother called.

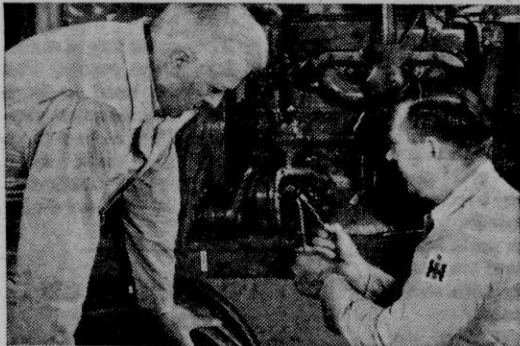
"Cain't say, Mom . . . he's still growlin', but I made 'im let go o' that man."



How to make your tractor run like new next spring

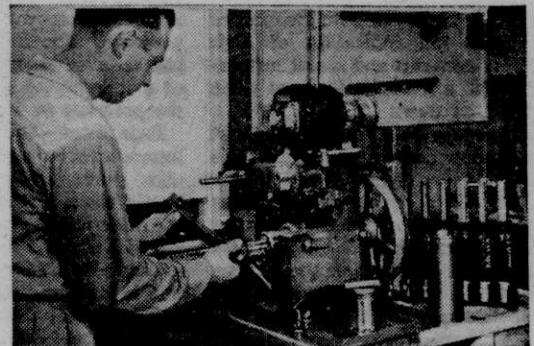


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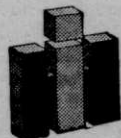
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