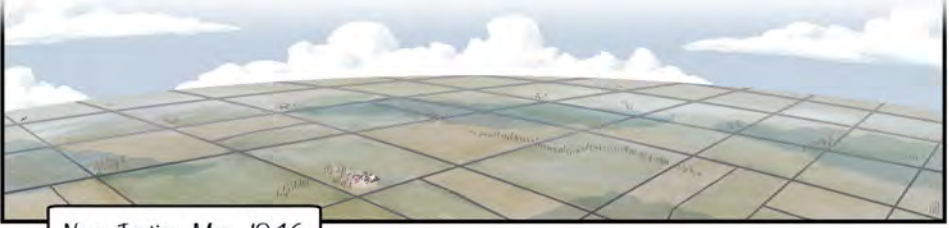
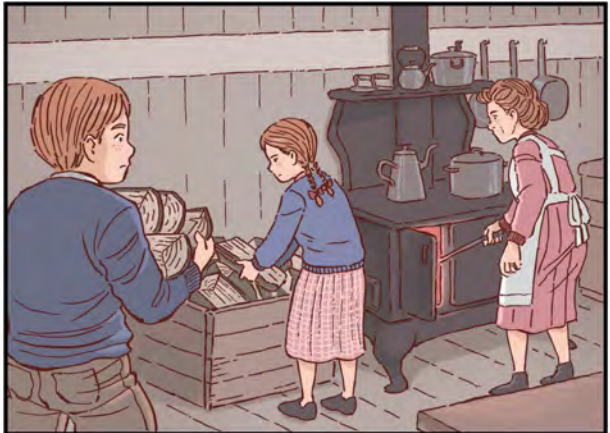
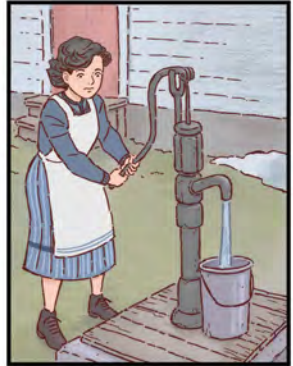


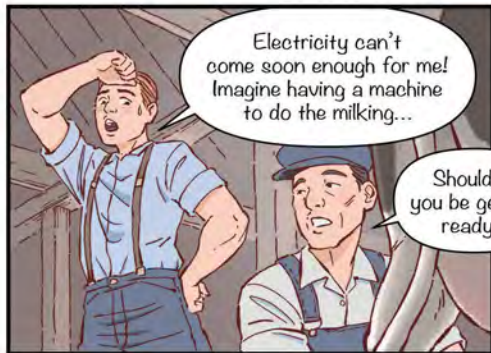
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Near Justice, Man., 1946





Electricity can't come soon enough for me! Imagine having a machine to do the milking...

Shouldn't you be getting ready?



Golly - you're right. The Morins will be here any minute. See ya, Pop!



We'll miss you while you're off learning about electric farming or whatever they're calling it.

Just think... heat lamps for new piglets when it gets cold!



No pipes freezing in winter!

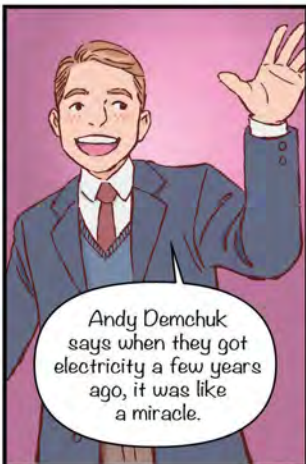


No more cutting down trees for firewood.



Less work for you and Pop.

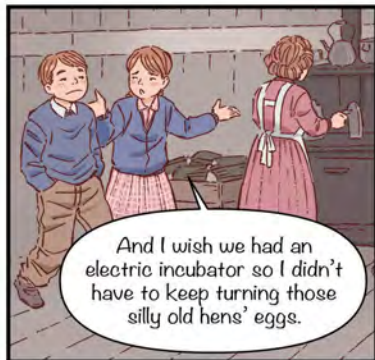
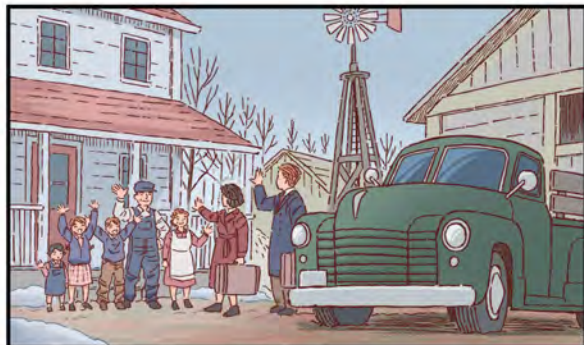
And us!



Andy Demchuk says when they got electricity a few years ago, it was like a miracle.



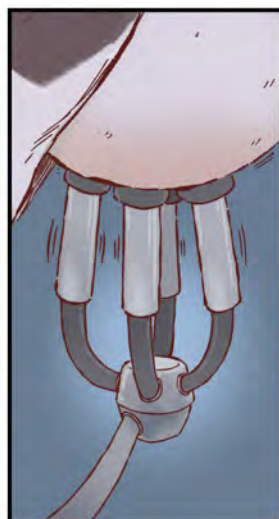
Did he happen to mention where to find the money for all these wonderful thingamabobs?







Five years later...



When so many young men left for the Second World War, Manitoba farmers had a hard time keeping their operations going.

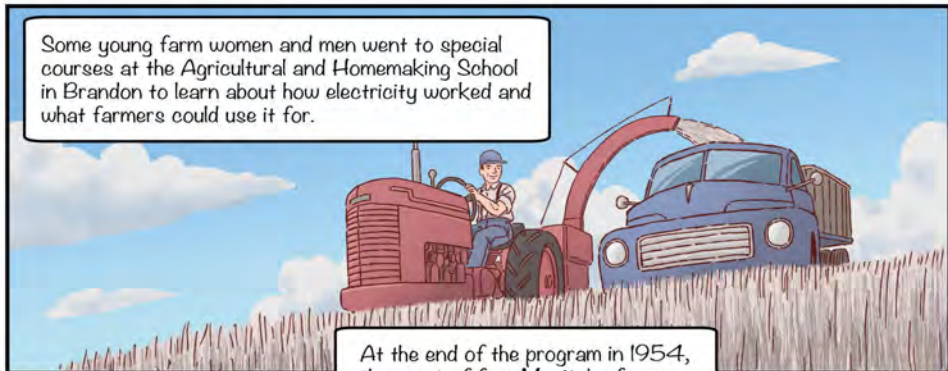


Very few farms had electricity, which they said would help them with crops and livestock.



So in 1945, the province started the Farm Electrification Program to bring power to farms.

Some young farm women and men went to special courses at the Agricultural and Homemaking School in Brandon to learn about how electricity worked and what farmers could use it for.



At the end of the program in 1954, three out of four Manitoba farms had electric power.

That was more than any other western province.

