

Record Crowd Attends Annual Roy Nichols Football Dance

An estimated 1,500 people jammed the Newcastle Community Hall, Friday night, Dec. 1st, to take part in the fifth annual Darlington Township Football Dance sponsored by Roy Nichols, popular General Motors dealer in Courtice and Bowmanville. The evening was highlighted by the presentation of championship trophies and exceptionally fine entertainment.

Margaret Smith of Enniskillen, was crowned "Miss Darlington 1950" by retiring Beauty Queen, Ruth Reynolds. Another starting beauty, "Miss Canada 1949" put in an attractive appearance on the musical side of the entertaining evening.

Five trophies, emblematic of athletic supremacy in football and softball, were awarded team captains during the course of the entertainment MC'd by Johnny James, M.P., who capably handled the chore usually placed in the hands of the late Bob McIntyre of General Motors of Oshawa. Ray Pascoe, captain of the under-dog Solina Football team which scored a spectacular upset in league finals, was presented with the new Breslin Trophy awarded annually to the winner of the Darlington-Clarke Football League by Maurice Breslin of Bowmanville. Courtice claimed possession of the previous trophy with three consecutive championship teams in '47, '48 and '49.

Miss Canada Sings
Following the presentation, the very attractive Margaret Lynn Munn, Toronto, "Miss Canada 1949," wearing a strapless evening gown enhanced by a rhinestone necklace sang, "Who," in a voice that appeared capable of executing the difficult arias in operatic scores. She also sang "Look for the Silver Lining" and "A Heart That's Free." At another point in the program the beautiful blond rendered "It's a Grand Night for Singing" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

District organizer of the C.O.F. Football League, Cal Braun, commented manager Vic Cookson of the Maple Grove Softball team on winning the championship in the 15-team-league and presented petite captain Nancy Hagerman with the McCabe Trophy. Other presentations made were: The E. A. Werry and Family Trophy to Grant Werry, captain of the Enniskillen Football Team; The Newcastle, Orono, Newtonville Softball Trophy to Evelyn Bonathan, captain of the Newcastle Girls' Softball Team. Murray Osborne, captain of the Ebenezer softball champions, also received a trophy in token of league supremacy. John Slemmon, Sec.-Treas. of the Darlington-Clarke Football League, presented Lloyd Preston and Bob Muir, captains of the Maple Grove and Courtice football teams, with new soccer balls. The teams tied for first place in regular season play.

Serenades Local Male
One of the most accomplished acts staged in the Newcastle Community Hall presented the personal accompaniment of Dorothy Merrill. In her "Lady of Spain" number she serenaded a male member of the Football Dance audience whom she referred to "as an awfully good sport." In his honour she later played "Twelfth Street Rag." Besides her own entertaining spot on the show, Miss Merrill also provided piano accompaniment for the songs of Miss Canada.

Miss Darlington 1950
Dark-haired and bright-eyed Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoskin Smith, who is the courteous clerk in Slemmon's store, Enniskillen, chosen "Miss Darlington 1950" was installed in her honorary title by last year's

Beauty Queen, Ruth Reynolds. The 1950 Queen received a beautiful cabinet of silver flatware and in a brief speech of appreciation said: "I'd just like to take the time to say thank you."

Professionally known as the Video-Ettes, Art and Mabel Guinness ding-donged their way into the hearts of many spectators with their exceptional skill in manipulating a host of different sized bells. "The Bells of St. Mary's" was one appropriate number rendered by the musical duet and an encore number played was "The Glow-worm." Not wishing to keep the audience "out of the act," they commandeered the reluctant services of Jack Reynolds and Harry Gay and together the four played "Pistol Packing Momma" with the wooden-handled bells.

Roses Are Presented
Representing General Motors, Norman Fowler presented Mrs. Roy Nichols with a beautiful bouquet of red roses. Tom Baker, President of the Darlington-Clarke Football League, offered a similar bouquet on behalf of the football clubs he represented.

"This is the fifth anniversary of gathering here as one happy family," Mrs. Nichols said. "What could be nicer. Your marvellous attendance gives Roy and me a real true feeling of friendship."

Later Mr. Nichols addressed the crowd and referring to members of the athletic teams represented, said: "I'm proud of you." Concluding the evening's program, Bruce Jandrew, Varden of the United Counties said of Mr. Nichols, "He is a real member of Counties Council and a real gentleman. Through his efforts, I believe, we have a county assessor. We hope that in a few short years every taxpayer will be able to say, 'I just don't want to thank Roy Nichols for that.'"

Music for dancing was provided by George Wade and His Cornhuskers, a Toronto band imported by Mr. Nichols for the fifth anniversary Football Dance.

Nestleton Station

Messrs. Bill and Tom Briggs, Toronto, visited their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Mountjoy.

Miss Muriel McKee, Oshawa, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. S. McKee.

Mrs. S. McKee visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barbour, Courtice.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Taylor visited Mrs. Jos. Forder and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Garret Symons, Bowmanville; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Marlow, Blackstock, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Marlow.

Misses Dorothy Bowers, Trout Creek, and Miss Helen Bowers, Oshawa, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bowers.

Mr. Russell Nesbitt, Toronto, visited Mr. Elmer Nesbitt.

Mrs. John Dickey spent a day in Lindsay.

Mr. Walter Sharpe and Mrs. A. Forder were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Wright.

Misses Marion Thompson, Toronto, and Eleanor Thompson, Port Perry, were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bowers visited Mr. and Mrs. John Fratolochi, Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McLaughlin and Lawrence attended the wedding of Mrs. McLaughlin's sister, Miss Norma Hooley to Mr. Mr. George Wolfe in Campbellford on Saturday.

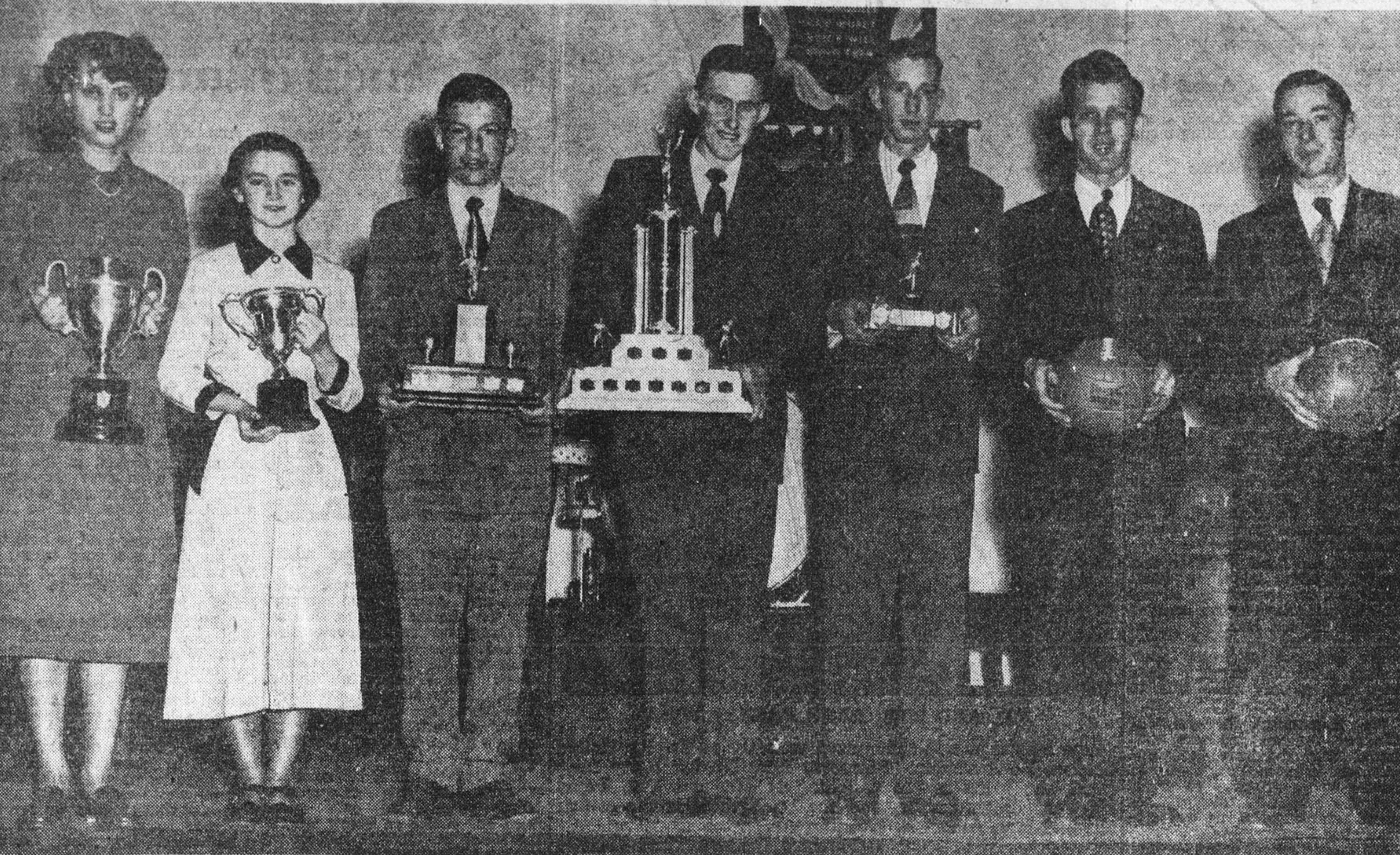
Mr. Bowers took a bus load of local folk to the annual Commencement Exercises of Cartwright High School. The staff and students are to be congratulated on their splendid achievements.

Mr. Ernest White and Mrs. Frances White moved on Tuesday to their new home in Port Perry. We are sorry to lose them from the village but trust they will be very happy in the midst of many of their old time friends in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Shaw and Mr. Maurice Tenneck, Lindsay, visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wilson.

Butter sales for 1950 are continuing to show an increase over those of 1949 according to figures released by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Championship Teams Receive Trophies at Nichols' Dance



December 1st was trophy night at the Newcastle Community Hall where captains of championship teams were presented with trophies emblematic of league supremacy. The occasion was the annual Darlington-Clarke Football Dance sponsored by Roy Nichols, General Motors Dealer in Courtice and Bowmanville, and attended by an estimated 1,500 people. In the above picture, from left to right, are: Evelyn Bonathan, captain of the Newcastle Girls' Softball Team holding the N.O.N. Trophy; Nancy Hagerman, captain of the Maple Grove Girls' Softball Team holding the McCabe Trophy which is awarded the championship team in the C.O.F. League; Grant Werry of the Enniskillen Junior Football champs,

holds the E. A. Werry and Family Trophy. The man with the big smile in centre position is Ray Pascoe, captain of the Solina Football team which won the Darlington-Clarke championship. He holds the new Breslin Trophy which was awarded for the first time this year. The first Breslin Trophy is now the permanent possession of the Courtice Football Team. Murray Osborne, captain of the Ebenezer Softball champions holds the trophy awarded the winners of that particular league. Lloyd Preston, Maple Grove, and Bob Muir, Courtice, were awarded footballs as token of their tie for first place during schedule league play.



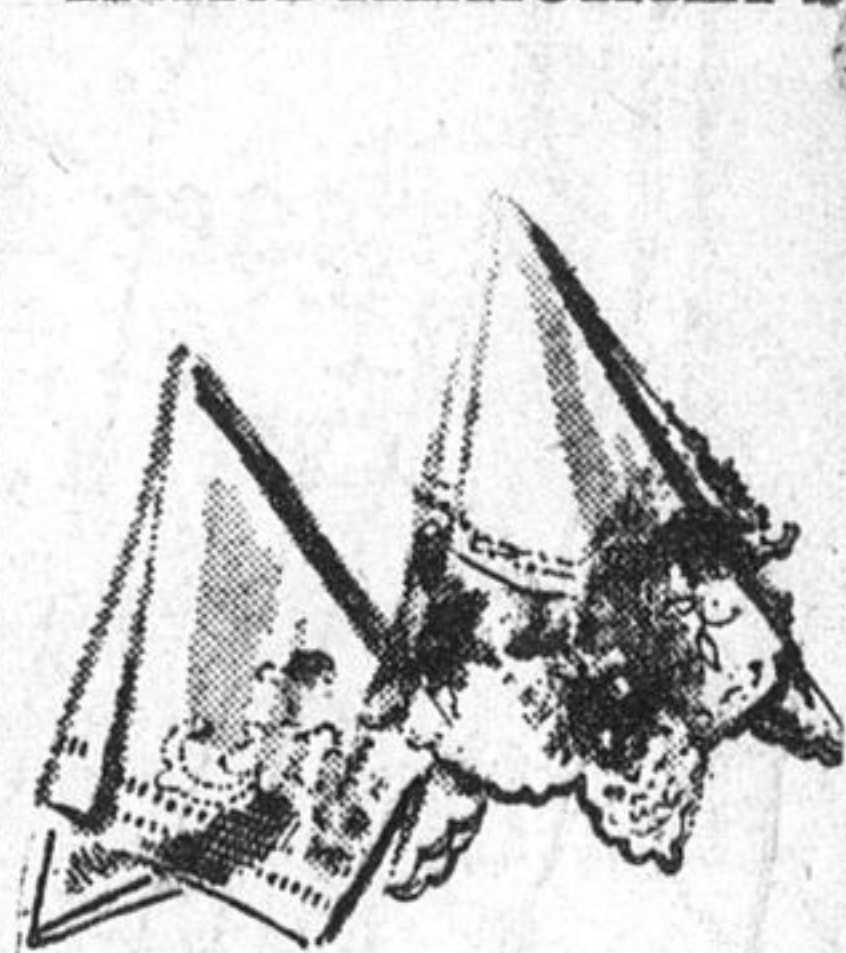
Their bell-ringing services commandeered for a unique rendition of "Pistol Packin' Momma," Jack Reynolds and Harry Gay, shown at right, cheerfully supplied what latent talent they possessed to help the Video-Ettes, Art and Mabel Guinness, put their act across. This picture was shot at the Darlington Football Dance sponsored by Roy Nichols, General Motors Dealer in Courtice and Bowmanville, and held in the Newcastle Community Hall, Dec. 1st. The Video-Ettes, a professional duet from Toronto, were exceptionally deft in manipulating the different sized bells

in a unique ding-dong musical presentation. Earlier in the hour-long program, Art and Mabel Guinness belled "The Glow-worm" and "The Bells of St. Mary's." The attractive girl visible between bells and under the upraised arms of the commandeered music makers, is Miss Dorothy Merrill who accompanied the Video-Ettes on the piano. In her own act, Miss Merrill entertained Football Dance attendants with remarkable accordion stylings.

the outward appearance." That worn pressure of thought was not the result of staring at the beauties of Nature. As a young man, Wordsworth was a political idealist and an enthusiastic admirer of the leaders of the French Revolution. He lived two years in France, where he had an affair with a French girl. But he was shocked at the terrorism and bloodshed that followed the rise of the revolutionists to power. They were far worse than the aristocrats they had overthrown. The young Wordsworth fled the country in horror and disgust. He returned to England, a disillusioned political idealist. His own country, with all its faults, looked and felt good to him, and he wrote these lines:

I travelled among unknown men
In lands across the sea;
Nor, England! did I know till then
What love I bore to thee.
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at this wonderful Canada
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Prospects Good For Seed Grain in Ontario

Minimum price recommendations for registered and commercial grades of seed oats and barley will be one of the main topics of discussion when the Seed Marketing and Publicity Committee of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association meet in Toronto on Dec. 15. At that time the whole situation in the field of seed will be discussed, and afterwards the annual seed lists will be compiled for distribution.

Meantime, R. E. Goodin, Secretary of this committee, urges growers to clean their seed and to obtain grade certificates so they may properly offer their seed for sale.

Markedwise, Mr. Goodin says, prospects for export to the United States are not too promising, though prices are firm at last year's level and higher. A good sign, however, lies in the fact Ontario seed dealers have orders from Western Canada for the first

time in years. This has been brought about by bad weather conditions on the Prairies during harvest, damaging much of the seed grain in that area.

Time to Stand & Stare

(By Lewis Milligan)
W. H. Davies was a minor poet, but he wrote at least two lines of verse that will live, and they are these:

What is this life, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?

As a young man, Davies migrated to Canada where he "rode the rods" until he fell off and lost a leg under the wheels of the train. He returned to England and wrote the "Autobiography of a Super-Tramp," which attracted a good deal of attention to himself and his poetry. Being a tramp, he had plenty of time to stand and stare, and his poetry, like that of Wordsworth, was of the "common things that round us lie . . . the harvest of a quiet eye."

In modern city life people have no time or inclination to stand and stare, unless something unusual happens to attract and hold their attention. That happened in Toronto in the excavation of Yonge Street for the underground "rapid transit" railway, when hundreds of people found time to stand and stare at the mighty machines clawing up the clay deposits of the ages. But none of the stargazers has so far published poetic reflection on what they were staring at. In normal city life if one should take time to stand and stare, one is liable to get knocked down. Russell Low-

ell, another minor poet, put it this way:

The man who stands with arms akimbo set,
The world thrusts angrily aside.
Lowell was an American, and he had no patience with standers on

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The symptoms at this advanced age are similar to those experienced in early life. Excessive overflow of tears may be noticed. There may also be inability to concentrate the mind on reading, etc. The person may become sleepy. Some of these may vary in their degree of discomfort in the individual but relief in any case regardless of age will be appreciated.

Even though not suspected, eyestrain is often a cause of your trouble. I carried the symptoms and trouble through from childhood to advanced age and wish to emphasize again that many of the symptoms of eyestrain are the same in the child as in the patient of more mature years.
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a crowded sidewalk.

There is a man in Toronto who goes around without a hat—there are more than one, of course. But this particular man seems to have nothing else to do but stand and stare. He has a refined face and a high bald head, and whenever I see him he is standing and staring upward, apparently oblivious of the throng surging around him. I once saw him on a quiet side street standing with level and intent gaze at a telegraph pole. To the passerby, I suppose he is just "nuts" — but I sometimes wonder. Who knows, he may be a dumb poet or, like Arnold's Scholar Gipsy, is "waiting for the fire from heaven to fall."

Judging by his poetry, Davies did most of his standing and staring in the country. He wrote mostly about birds, cows and sheep, and he may have got the habit of staring from the two latter. Sheep, particularly, are great stargazers, and if you stare back at them they will say "Baa!" and return to their grazing. Cows just turn their heads away in disdain.

Wordsworth was a life-long stargazer. He stared at the hills and valleys, the woods, streams and lakes of Cumberland. He gazed in rapture on the countryside, dotted with thatched cottages, "green to the very door," and the "bits of sportive wood run wild" along the Wye Valley. His heart leaped up when he beheld a rainbow in the sky, and he danced with the daffodils. Hazlitt, describing Wordsworth's features, wrote: "There was a severe, worn pressure about the temple, a fire in his eye, as if he saw something in objects more than

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