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It could seem that they were accident prone, as they experienced three major accidents on the farm, any one of which could have been fatal.

Gerald rolled a tractor upside down in the road ditch north of the village. The machine lay with all four wheels in the air but Gerald crawled up out of the ditch without a scratch, for which they shall be ever grateful.

Two years later, Aubrey rolled a tractor upside down in the ditch along the lane, he landed on his back in the bottom of the ditch with the tractor seat pressing on his chest. It so happened at that part of the ditch, the banks took the weight of the fenders and he was able to crawl over into a depression in the bottom of the ditch and work himself backwards from under the tractor. He was very fortunate to suffer only a few cracked ribs.

His most severe accident occurred a couple of years later, when he got pinched in a bale elevator with both legs severely mangled at the knees. This accident threatened to leave him in a wheel chair the rest of his life and but for the grace of God and the skilled repair by Dr. Elmer Quinton of Tillsonburg, he could very likely have been forced to accept the existence in such a chair.

How does a person react when faced with the probability of physical incapacity for the rest of his life, especially when one had been very actively engaged in building up and operating a large dairyfarm? He was very grateful to the friends and neighbors of the Brownsville community who so kindly and generously donated their help to harvest the seasons crops that summer and to support Bertha and children by their personal concern and thoughtfulness.

As he laid in the hospital during those long painful weeks of recuperation there seemed one desire above others. He prayed that God would grant him the privilege to be able to raise his family and to provide for them a reasonable standard of living. Mr. Buchner does thank God for his guidance, the inner strength and his generous mercies, without which they never could have made it.

Aubrey, he felt through God's direction enrolled as a teacher, "Trainee" at the Ontario College of Education, Toronto, in the fall of 1958, coming home only on week ends to assist with farm management, carried on by the family and the help of Mr. Ken Kilmer, who was the tenant help then for Mr. Buchner and lived with his wife and family on the farm.

The following Spring, when a teaching opportunity opened up at Port Perry, Mr. Buchner made the difficult decision to sell the 250 acres, livestock and the equipment to Mr. Alex Riddell of Westminster Township, London, Ontario.



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