A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." — Joshua 24: 15. Try it. Try it honestly, sincerely and see how it works for you and your family for the year 1938. Somehow I have the idea that not only will your house and mine benefit in the sincere carrying out of the resolution, but also the neighbor, the friend, yea, all the community. It will prove a worthwhile resolution if faithfully and prayerfully carried out. Try it. This goes for the individual also, who will consecrate himself or herself to the service of the Lord during the year 1938, saying—"As for me, I will serve the Lord." Try it. Try it prayerfully, faithfully, and a truly Happy New Year is yours.

—SCRIBE.

"SHIN PLASTERS" BEING CALLED IN

"Shin plasters," the small 25-cent paper bills so sought after by tourists and children, are to bid farewell to the dominion's money markets. Instructions have been issued to the banks across Canada to return to the mint at Ottawa all shin plasters received in deposits. The small five-cent pieces, the large two-dollar and five-dollar bills, the first issue of the Bank of Canada twos, and large coppers also are being called in by the mint authorities.

Liquor Did Its Job Well

(Toronto Globe and Mail)

If the Province of Ontario is proud of its booze business let it rejoice in its Christmas achievement.

Let it crown its bottles with misletoe, deck its emporiums with holly, make every day Christmas and every evening a Christmas eve orgy. Then indeed should its cup of happiness be overflowing. Consider the revenue.

No effort was omitted to make liquor available; store hours extended, staffs enlarged. A Merry Christmas for all!

Result in Toronto and district: Three persons killed, sixty-one injured, fifteen seriously; twenty-seven persons arrested, one for manslaughter and another for criminal negligence; 140 known accidents; 200 arrests for drunkenness. A Merry Christmas for Ontario's liquor business.

Probably not in history has there been such a sight in downtown Toronto as on the night of Dec. 24. The streets were staggering with inebriates, men and women, boys and girls. Departing throngs at the Union Station were hilarious with liquor. Every street car carried its quota of liquor-store and beverage-room products. Motor cars were driven by people without their senses.

The poor blind newspaper vendor and his wife were in the way of a Merry Christmas; so their lives were snuffed out. They will not interfere any more. Any pedestrain took his life in his hands.

There is no way in which the seriousness of the situation can be minimized. The streets were not favorable for safe driving. Careful, sober motorists took this into account; the drunks did not. The warnings, pleas for safety fell on too many deaf ears. But who expected men and women disabled by liquor to drive carefully?

In the last analysis the blame for this condition is attributable to high-pressure liquor sales. The Province officially must accept a large share of responsibility, as long as it pretends to operate under a control policy.

The Province cannot control human frailties or appetites. It can conduct its liquor business so that booze will not be so freely dispensed. Instead of extending hours and staffs, it can restrict them on occasions of the kind and should do so. It will have to make it more difficult for irresponsible men and women to run wild.

It was to be expected that the lesson of last year had been well learned. We know now that lessons and experiences are soon forgotten. Control must be exercised at the source of these sad Christmases and unhappy New Years.

U. S. S. No. 15, Proton

Grade 9 — Marjorie Bates.

Grade 8 — Jacqueline Sims, Vern Corbett, Laurie Sims.

Grade 7 — Fred Batchelor,* Helen Peaver,* Irene White, Emily Blake, Zella Lyons, Jack Barker.

Grade 6 — Edith Blake, Marvelle White, Kenneth Bates, Margaret Blake.

Grade 5 — Margaret Mills,* Henrietta Sims, Cecil Barker, Bert Badgerow.

Grade 3 — Everette Lockhart, Marion Baker,* Marion Lyons.*

Grade 2 — Helen Corbett, Murray Shaw,* Ruth Lyons.*

Grade 1(a) — Phyllis Wauchope, Murray Watson.

Grade 1(b) — Leroy White.

* denotes perfect attendance

G. B. Littlejohns, teacher.

News and Information for the Farmer

Annual Conventions

Ontario Vegetable Growers: Jan. 11 and 12, King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Fruit Growers' Association: Jan. 19, 20 and 21, Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton.

Poultry Sold on Grade

The major portion of Christmas poultry was bought and sold on grade this year, thanks to the newspaper advertising campaign by the Dominion Department of Agriculture which received every assistance of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in the matter.

Retailers report the public as being pleased with the idea of graded poultry as it takes the "guess" out of buying the Christmas turkey. In other words, housewife pays for what she gets. A Grade "A" red tag tells the buyer that the bird, whether turkey, chicken, goose or duck, is well-fleshed and especially fattened for tenderness. A Grade "B" or blue tag shows that the bird is good one, but not as well-fleshed, while a Grade "C" or yellow tag tells the world that Mr. Turkey is not quite as good in quality and therefore not worth so much of the householder's money.

Livestock Situation

Exports of live cattle to the United States recorded a substantial increase during the past year, but shipments to the United Kingdom were negligible. With the severe decline in cattle prices in the United States in recent weeks, the market is now definitely below an export basis, but the recent reduction in Canadian markets has placed Ontario cattle in a position for export to the United Kingdom.

The trend of bacon and ham exports to the United Kingdom continued to rise and for the twelve months ending September 1937, Canadian exports totalled 195,000,000 pounds as compared with 133,000,000 pounds in the previous 12-month period, and only 11,000,000 pounds in the calendar year 1931. The rapid progress made by Canada towards filling its quota of 280,000,000 pounds granted by the United Kingdom in 1932 is quite apparent and every effort should be made to prevent any falling-off in exports to this market.

Shipments of western feeder cattle to Ontario reached an all-time record this year, with the total number 75% greater than last fall. More than the usual percentage of these were of quite light weights and will not be ready for marketing until next summer off the grass, and quite a number will be carried over a second winter. The heavy inflow this season is an indication of the abundant supplies of coarse feed available.

Care of Farm Woodlot Brings Good Results

Grazing by live stock and burning probably create more damage to the farm woodlot than any other agencies, and, therefore, foresters recommend fencing off the woodlot from cattle and taking particular care to see that fire does not burn over the woods. By following certain simple rules, farmers can get good results out of the care of the woodlot. These rules are: 1, Keep the live stock out of the woods; 2, confine annual cutting to a definite area of the lot; 3, make no large openings in the woods; 4, favour the thriftiest best-formed crop trees; 5, remove some of the larger crop trees where crowding exists; 6, cut inferior trees for wood; and 7, protect the woods against fire.

The reason why live stock should be kept out of the woodlot is that their presence tends to have the litter trampled under the trees and packs the soil so that the water runoff and consequent erosion of soil are encouraged. Further, the admission of live stock to the woodlot prevents the proper growth of the new crop of trees which comes up under normal conditions to replace the trees that are harvested. The actual growth of the standing trees also is reduced through the abnormal conditions thus set up. By keeping live stock out of the woodlot, normal conditions prevail and with proper thinning of the stands by culling the inferior trees, the timber crop will be improved.

It is estimated that farm woodlots, especially hardwoods, will produce at least 50 per cent. more lumber if the lots are protected from fire and heavy pasturing avoided, the increase in production being realized by the greater number of standing trees and by the less defect in the lumber that is grown. Another essential in the production of full lumber crops is the employment of methods of cutting trees which favour continuous growth. Although farm woodlots do not require the same attention as orchards at the same time, to obtain profitable returns, some attention must be given to the conditions of growth.

Short Courses for Girls

Over 100 rural young women in six Ontario counties will receive four weeks' training next month under the Dominion-Provincial training project, Miss Bess McDermand, Superintendent of the Women's Institute Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, stated recently. Courses are scheduled for seven counties in February and fourteen in March, Miss McDermand said. Women's organizations all over Ontario are most enthusiastic about the courses and are lending hearty support she declared. The courses are planned so that the girls will be able to earn their own living in a rural environment.

Four courses are available. They are catering for tourists; marketing of home baked foods; simple dressmaking and remodelling and rug making. Dressmaking projects are now under way at Warkworth and Wyebridge and are proving most successful, officials state.

Courses in January are scheduled for Newton Robinson in South Simcoe; Owen Sound, Grey county; Kinburn, Carleton county; Winchester, Dundas county. At all these places students will be taught how to cater for tourists. At Landsdowne and Harriston, the girls will take up simple dressmaking and remodelling.

During February, courses are planned for the counties of Bruce, Glengarry, Prescott, Manitoulin, Kenora, Peterboro and Kent.

March courses will be held in Huron, Welland, Northumberland, Victoria, Renfrew, Lanark, York, Wentworth, Kenora, Rainy River, Middlesex, Hastings, Durham, Lennox and Addington.

The course on catering for tourists will include preparation of breakfast; refreshments and box lunches, table setting and serving; fundamentals of hospitality and etiquette; requirements and care of the guest bedroom; booth displays and simple advertising.

The course in marketing of home baked foods will include instruction and practice in making rolls, pies, cakes, cookies, etc.; practice in judging baked products; organization of a home market and problems in selling.

Girls taking up the dressmaking course will be taught how to make women's and children's dresses and given information on dress designs and textiles.

FEVERSHAM SCHOOL

The following is a report of the average per centage made by each pupil in the tests held during the term ending Dec. 22nd, 1937.

Grade 9 — Edna Smith 74, Roma Whiteoak 69, LaVerna Smith 68, Muriel Heather 68, William Stephen 67, Norma Long 65, Vincent Somers 65, Mina Douglas 60, Lola Thomson 53, Wilfred Springgay 44.

Form 2 — Bernice Wright 77, Margaret Courvoisier 76, Kathleen Hawton 62, Sheldon Mills 62, Norma Heitman 58, Edythe Morrison 49, Allan Springgay 35, Earl Neil 40, Geo. Osborne 31.

Middle School — MacCallum Stephen 75, Barry Elliott 66, Robert Fenwick 65, Hubert Sayers 61, Lawrence Phillips 59, Norman Davidson 52, Vernon Somers 51, Evelyn Hale 51, Guy Poole 51, Murray Lepard 50, Ronald Springgay 47.

—Margaret E. Bonis, Principal.

Thanks From the West

Rouleau, Sask.,
December 5th, 1937.

Dougald Stephens and Family:

Dear Friends,- Please accept the tardy, but sincere, thanks of the Plank family for the very excellent potatoes they are enjoying. The generosity of the people of the other provinces is very much appreciated by those of us whom the "weather man" has been unkind to the past nine years.

Wishing you all much happiness and a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
—Lois Thompson Plank.

EJPENSE ACCOUNT OF F. R. OLIVER, U.F.O. CANDIDATE ONTARIO ELECTION OCT. 6, '37

SUMMARY

Expenditures

Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	$387.80
Hall rent	125.50
Transportation	80.12
Miscellaneous	45.45
	$638.87

Receipts

Received from Mr. Oliver	$638.87

I, Alex. Cameron, farmer, township of Artemesia, Grey Conuty, duly appointed Financial Agent for F. R. Oliver, candidate in the Ontario Election of October 6, 1937, certify the above to be a true statement of the receipts and expenditures for the said Election.

—ALEX. CAMERON,
Financial Agent

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

One of the most essential factors in the life of any small town, and particularly those adjacent to large cities, is a hearty spirit of co-operation among the citizens, declares an exchange. It is vitally important that home industries, merchants and business men receive local support if the town is to make progress.

During recent years every community has become infested with representatives of large business firms, who canvass from door-to-door in an effort to draw trade away from the local merchants. When dealing with such individuals, it would be well for the citizens to keep certain outstanding facts in mind.

1. The merchants and business men who faithfully serve the community are among the largest tax payers, and without them, this town would sink into oblivion.

2. Local industries mean employment for many of our citizens, who in turn are enabled to pay taxes, rent and other financial obligations.

3. Our business men and merchants unlike their out-of-town competitors, are vitally interested in the maintenance of public services to all worthy local enterprises.

4 They maintain established business locations in this town, and are eager and ready to offer you service—not merely for today, but throughout the year.

Keeping these facts constantly before us, let us all give our ready support to local tradesmen, merchants and business men in preference to out-of-town salesmen, that our town may continue to prosper and our citizens find ready employment at home.

The man who never takes a day off isn't running his business; it is running him.

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