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Want Advt.

WANTED—The Fuller Brush Co. wants two men with cars, to take charge of their business in Grey County. Will arrange earnings suitable to the applicant. Write at once to 413 Terminal Bldg., Hamilton, for information.

Cadets Leave for Home

After spending a pleasant ten days in camp in W. A. Weber's bush in the Valley, fourteen Cadets left for their homes at Woodbridge on Saturday last. Five big army tents were erected to accommodate the boys. They were laid in their praise of the beauty of the valley and of its clear spring waters which make it an ideal spot for campers. A number of the people in the valley and several from Woodbridge visited the camps and all were pleased with the way the boys had everything arranged for their comfort and convenience. Much credit is due Mr. George Shore principal of Woodbridge Public School (under whose care the boys were) for making such a success of the outing. The boys and Mr. Shore are eagerly looking forward to return next summer.

Born

WILCOX—In Markdale Hospital on Saturday, August 16th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wilcox, a daughter.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Firth, Durham, announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen, to Mr. Edwin Embury Cook, Palmerston, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook, Markdale, the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

AUCTION SALE IN MARKDALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 commencing at 2 o'clock

MRS. FRED EAGLES has instructed the undersigned to sell by Public Auction, at her residence in Markdale the following: Pressure Range with the back board as new; Heating Stove; Sideboard; Raymond Sewing Machine; Kitchen Table; 4 Kitchen Chairs; Lounge; Double Bed Couch; Library Table with Book Ends; 2 Rocking Chairs; Wm Chair; Congoleum Rug; 2 Carpet Rugs; 10 Pictures; 2 Fishing Poles; Hall Table and Chair; Rocking Chair; Oil Stove with new Oven; Washing Machine; 2 Tubs and Wringers; Wash Board; Clock; Electric Toaster; Electric Table Lamp; Stable Lantern; Electric Iron; Dozen Silver Knives, Forks and Tea Spoons; Quantity of Dishes and Glassware; 2 Kettles; Cooking Utensils; Battery Crockers; 5 dozen Fruit, Jar, Lawn Mower; Butter Bowl; Iron Bed and Spring; Wooden Bed and Spring; 3 good Mattresses; Feather Tick; 3 pair of Pillows; Number of Quilts, Sheets and Blankets; Large Dresser; Wash Stand; 2 Small Tables; Large Mirror; Kitchen Mirror; Four Oil Lamps; Two Oil Cans; Buck Saw; Axe; Shovel; Garden Fork; Garden Weeder; 35 pieces; Scythe, Rake, Hoes; Hand Saw; Carpenter Tools; Coal Oil Heater; Silver Toilet Pieces; Table Cloth and Luncheon Cloth; Silver Candelsticks; Tree Spray; 5 Fancy Combines; Pruning Knife; Vegetable Chaffer; 3 Hook Rugs; Baby's High Chair; Foot Stool. TERMS: CASH. J. A. CLARKE, Auctioneer

MARKDALE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Beaton are visiting in Toronto.

Miss Jean Curry of Toronto, is visiting with friends in town.

Miss Bertha Boyd is holidaying with friends near Collingwood.

Dr. L. G. and Mrs. Campbell are spending a few days at Hope Bay.

Miss Ethel Greenwood of Durham visited with Mrs. C. W. Rutledge.

Miss Alma Jones of Orangeville is visiting with Miss Hazel Walden.

Miss Betty Tucker of Toronto is visiting with Miss Ruth Armstrong.

Miss Olive Gregory of Toronto is visiting with her aunt, Miss N. Armstrong.

Mr. W. R. Walker of Toronto is visiting with his brother and sisters in town.

Remember Mrs. Fred Eagles sale of household effects in Markdale on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Spiker visited for a few days with friends at Bellefleur.

Dundalk Business College will reopen for the fall term on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Miss Elsie Deakens of Wolsely spent a few days with her friend Miss Reta Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ritchie of Whitby are holidaying with their parents in town.

Mr. John F. Kleist returned home Sunday after a couple of days visit at Walkerton.

Mrs. Geo. Matthews and daughter Helen of Kingston are visiting with relatives in town and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Young have returned home after visiting friends in Toronto and at other points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawrence of Clarksburg were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott.

Miss Annie Croie of Nottawa is spending part of her holiday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Croie.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Clarksburg were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. and Mr. and Mrs. Egin Boyd.

Miss Isabella Kleist of Walkerton returned home after a couple of weeks visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kleist.

Mrs. Bella Thibaudéau and daughters Mable and Edna are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thibaudéau and other friends.

Visitors on Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Armstrong were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Armstrong and family of Toronto and Mr. J. Wesley and Mr. W. Bolton of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. David and children, Evelyn and Edgar, of Toronto have been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henderson, Loretta and Wm. of Sault Ste Marie, Mich., are visiting with the former's mother, Mrs. Henderson, in town. Mrs. Rose of Stayner, a sister of Mrs. Henderson, accompanied them.

Mr. Ira Schell lost a fine barn on his farm on the Backline in Holland, West of Berkeley, by fire early on Friday morning of last week. There was a small quantity of hay in the barn and the crop on the place would have been put in during the next few days. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The insurance carried will not go far in replacing the building.

English and Irish Agriculture

Undoubtedly the farmers of Grey County will be anxious to know about Farming in England and now Ireland. Scotland at time of writing has not been visited but expect to go there within a few days.

We were taken from Liverpool by bus on Sunday morning, July 20th, through rural England by way of Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford to London, a distance of 240 miles. Throughout the entire distance rural conditions were to be seen.

The crops consisted chiefly of pasture, hay, wheat, oats, potatoes and mangels or turnips. The pastures were luxuriant, a most beautiful green and showed the effect of high fertilization and recent rains. A Canadian could not help but be impressed by the beautiful healthy coloring of the fields.

Hay is just now being cut throughout the west side of England. From the bus it seemed to be made up of grasses almost entirely. Clovers seemed to be absent from the fields along the route traversed. The hay cocks were not nearly so thick as in Grey County Alfalfa Hay fields. The hay, it is since learned, is composed largely of "perennial eye—a grass seldom used in Ontario except for perennial pastures. The plant itself is very much like twitch grass but here it does not grow so tall as twitch with us. Needless to say the hay crop was a disappointment to me, when the pastures are so wonderful.

Oats and wheat are most promising. The oats were going down by lodging as we say. They were heavy but all in small areas. The wheat—seen from the bus—was much coarser in straw, had longer heads and the large leaves on the stem gave indications of heavy feeding of either manure or nitrogenous fertilizers. Considerable rainy weather during the past two or three weeks has undoubtedly accounted for some of the rank growth.

The oats in some fields were quite green while in others they were ripe. It is presumed the variation was caused by light and heavy or types of soil or difference in ripening periods of the varieties.

Potatoes were at least 15 to 20 inches in height. The crop was most carefully cultivated, sprayed and gave evidence of carefully selected seed. It gave evidence of exceeding Grey County yields by at least 50% in some instances indicate at least 250 to 300 bags per acre.

Everywhere not a weed was to be seen. Even in the pastures only a few Canada Thistles grew. A few poppies were seen and along the ditches only an occasional curled dock grew. English farmers are exercising every precaution against weeds.

The cattle seen were of Shorthorn breeding. All herds were most uniform and in size showed the large frame seen in the English type of Shorthorn. They were larger than Grey County cattle—the average here comparing with our largest.

Sheep were everywhere. The flocks varied in size but every holder of land had some. Even in the parks of London flocks of 15 to 150 wethers are to be found. Some pure bred were seen but for the most part they were grades of good commercial quality and breeding.

The horses seen were all heavy animals. From the bus they seemed to range from 1500 to 1700 pounds. These were large cart horses and always were used to draw two wheeled carts which take the place of our wagons. Not only were they large but they were very clean limbed and had excellent breeding of Clyde or Shire blood and were superior to our Grey County animals.

THE HOMESTEAD The Grey County ladies would not be satisfied if something was not said of this most important point. The houses are, as a rule, small. There are large homes too but these do not belong to the small land holder. The good 100 acre farm in Grey has a much more pretentious home. All the ladies, by remarks passed, were much impressed by the wonderfully clean windows and the exquisite window drapings. The door stop was spotless and although it was Sunday when passing through numberless ladies were scrubbing the front door step which was made of flag stones. Many homes which were built right along the road had thatched roofs.

Unpretentious as were the homes the outside was so attractive that the site was forgotten. Flowers were everywhere. Never were so many roses seen blooming. Shasta daisies, nasturtiums and countless others, all competing to make the

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beautiful is a sight which is not to be forgotten.

Nor is this—the Rose Time—in England, the only time it is beautiful. Just previous to our coming the Hawthorne adorned the country side, and Hawthorne hedges, always trimmed, separate every field regardless of size. It may be only a corner half-acre in extent or it may be seven to ten or more acres. Dotted along roadsides, through fields and everywhere were great large trees.

Every home in England has its garden full of a riot of most colorful flowers. The space in front of the house may only be 4 feet square or it may be larger. The shape matters not, the type of soil is of secondary importance, the wealth of the householder may be small or large yet flowers carpet the ground, creep over the hedges, whether they be holly or hawthorne and cover the entire side of the one-story house even extending over the roof. Would that every Grey County yard had even a fraction of the flowers about.

IRELAND At time of writing only southern Ireland has been visited. The crops of oats and barley are still green, August 3rd, not nearly so far advanced as in England. I am told however it was a very late spring here. Hay is only about half cut. This crop seems to exceed the English tonnage per acre. In many fields it is put into large cocks each holding, by the appearance, from the train or bus window, about half to three-quarters of a load. The information was also gleaned that these small stacks would remain there till as late as September.

In England the hay was drawn into stacks near the buildings or was housed in hay barns. These are open sided affairs covered by a circular roof which is supported on wooden or steel posts about 15 to 20 feet in height. When these buildings are empty they are used to store the machinery. Some of these were found in Ireland also.

In Ireland, flowers were not so plentiful, nor were the hedges trimmed and the Irish Free State Government, which is the southern part of Ireland, have several drainage schemes either nearing completion or in operation.

Sheep and Shorthorn grade cattle are everywhere and here we see many goats.

Lastly, the most delightful lot of funny looking little donkeys were seen on many holdings. They are not large, their heads being the largest part of them, but they are seen trailing the Irish Jaunting car or the more useful work such as milk carts, hay rakes and hay carts. For the small Irish landowner they are a "Haven-Sent Blessing."

Many large stables or studs of Racing Horses—the best in the world—are found here. Many fine farms where these are bred dot this district. To-morrow (August 6th) the annual Horse Racing event starts in Dublin. It just a week but our itinerary unfortunately does not allow us to remain; therefore I will be unable to give the Department's good Irish friends in Clonsilla, Protton, Normandy and Sydenham a first hand story of this great Irish event.

Ireland is "foine". We have had two of the most wonderful receptions here—the one given by the Free State Government at Cork on Saturday, August 2nd—and the other at Mr. Barton's—a large poultry farmer in the County of Wicklow. Even the choicest of "Paddy's Eyewater" was dispensed and those who partook of it was not only satisfying but exhilarating. Nevertheless Irish hospitality was demonstrated most lavishly and 400 delegates from over 40 countries were one in declaring "Ould Erin" the best yet.

But Grey County readers are weary. Must away for we are being called at 5 a.m.—not to milk the cows—but to catch a train for Belfast. This holiday pleasure-seeking is a strenuous life.

Good-night, T. Stewart Cooper.

In Memoriam

HUTCHINSON—In loving memory of our dear father, George V. Hutchinson who passed away, August 23rd, 1927.

We miss thee from our home father, We miss thee from thy place, A shadow o'er our life is cast, We miss the sunshine of thy face;

We miss thy kind and willing hand, Thy fond and earnest care, Our home is dark without thee, We miss thee everywhere.

Sadly missed by sons and daughters.

Hannah Re-Union

At Harrison's Park, Owen Sound, on Friday afternoon, August 15th, the descendants of three pioneer families of Holland township, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hannah, the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dever, and Mrs. Samuel Hannah and the late Mr. Hannah, met to renew friendships and to become better acquainted with the several families.

The afternoon was spent in a social way; races for the children and the grown ups and other games. The swings and slides were well patronized. In fact some of the middle aged ladies were trying to be young again by trying the slides. Everyone seemed in a happy, care free mood. At six o'clock a splendid supper was served to about seventy-five, everyone doing justice as you might expect from hardy pioneer forefathers. At the close of the supper per hour, the gathering was brought to attention and there were a few short speeches. Presentations were made: a bouquet of flowers to the oldest lady, Mrs. Samuel Hannah, 86 years, only survivor of the three old couples; a silk scarf to the oldest gentleman, Mr. Richard Johnston, and a rattle to the youngest baby, Master Jimmie Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnston of Harkaway.

It was decided to make the gathering an annual event and officers were appointed for the coming year: Pres., R. A. Hannah; sec., Mrs. M. B. Bannan; sports com., Mrs. M. W. Hilda Hannah, Alex. Givens. Date for reunion in 1931: First Wednesday in August.

It was then time for hurried good-byes and best wishes for the coming year.

At Markdale Meat Market

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Markdale Hospital Notes Mrs. Ed. Campbell of Holland Centre is making speedy recovery following a gottle operation last week. On Saturday, Aug. 16th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Wilcox of Ephraisa. On Monday, Aug. 18th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Parsons of Eugenia. Mr. John Irwin of Beaverdale is in the hospital now in preparation for an operation this week. Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd is in the hospital to undergo an operation for some minor ailment. A new X-ray machine has been added to the equipment and it was put into full working order last week.

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