

PRAIRIE GRAMMARIAN

As far as the eye could see on the Italian front there were but 2 moving objects. One was long and lean, a machine gun company commander. The other was an enormous Scot, group commander, whose ponderous movement across the open stretch of ground seemed more like a major transportation project than the simple business of moving one leg after the other. Suddenly the quiet was split by the awful screech of an 88. It was followed by an enormous display of fireworks of every type, all of which seemed to be directed at the two strollers who had been looking for a comfortable OP for the machine gunners. The ground about them was wide open, offering no cover at all. Ignoring all the basic rules they broke into a fast trot towards a ditch. China in pounds out and knees well up they pounced across the wall with the enemy fire missing them by inches.

"I wonder who we owe this to?" the company commander puffed as they threw themselves forward.

"The Scot, in practicing a Prairie professor, wheezed "To whom, my boy?"

**H. B. Burkholder
Tops Halton Fifty
Bushel Wheat Club**

According to an announcement just released by the Halton Crop Improvement Association, the awards in connection with the Halton Fifty Bushel Fall Wheat Club for 1946 are as follows: H. B. Burkholder, Freeman; W. E. Brecken, Freeman; John Alexander & Sons, Georgetown; Cecil Chisholm, Milton; Miller Bros. Georgetown; Vern Archer, Georgetown; Cecil Lawrence, Sheridan; and Guy Bussell, Hornby.

The above awards were based on the combined scores for field and yield. The first three named competitors are now eligible to compete in the Special Inter-County Class at the Royal Winter Fair, which is sponsored by the Maple Leaf Milling Company. A total of \$500 in prize money will be awarded in this competition.

We understand that a Fifty Bushel Club is being organized for 1947. This is open to all Halton farmers who fall on either Registered No. 1 Dawson Golden Chaff or seed produced from Registered No. 1 Dawsons of Certified Council No. 59. The competition calls for a minimum of five acres and those interested should contact Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitlock, Milton.

It will be of interest to learn that three of the 1946 competitors topped the objective of 50 bushels and secured yields of between 50 and 60 bushels per acre.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING
HALTON GARAGEMEN
HELD IN MILTON**

The Halton County Branch of the Garage Operator's Association held their September meeting in Milton on Monday, September 24th. President Red Waumalay presided. The President reported that the Oil Companies were selling gasoline at wholesale accounts at 2c per gal less than dealer prices. This was highly condemned by the members and it was moved that this matter be referred to the Head Office for consideration.

The Secretary reported that the Rotating plan on hours of sale of gasoline was working out very satisfactorily. It was also brought to the attention of the meeting that the Industry and Labor Board were again calling conferences to have the trade come under the Industrial Standards Act and that our application should come up very shortly. The mechanic licensing question came in for considerable discussion and it was pointed out the Labor Department was not trying to get men out of the Trade but was trying to get more and better men into the Trade and this could only be done by the Apprenticeship and Licensing plan. A report on Provincial council matters was read by Len McKinley. The Secretary was authorized to write Head Office and request that the Field man, Mr. Hastings cover the County on a membership drive. A lengthy discussion took place on the situation regarding the operation of illegitimate garages in the County. This matter was referred to Provincial council with the request that they contact the Permits Branch to have an Inspector sent into the County to check on all licenses.

SIDEWALK RALLIES

When the infantile paralysis epidemic in Windsor, Ont. caused cancellation of the huge rally planned for the Empire Chief Scout, Lord Rossallan, sidewalk rallies were arranged all over the city. The Chief Scout covered the city in a 25 mile drive, stopping to greet each Wolf Cub Pack or Boy Scout Troop on the street corner nearest their headquarters.

**Chronicles of...
Ginger Farm**

Written especially for
The Acton Free Press by
GWENIMINE F. STARR

Strange how one can sometimes be in the world but not of it, how there can be shortages of this and that and one not be aware of it not until one requires something that cannot be bought for love or money.

There was I doing everything that could be done with or without water, afterwards seeking a few words of consolation from my friends for my unfortunate fragility, for which they did manage to give me a few grunts which might, with imagination be interpreted as verbal signs of approval, but which were allowed by Farting asking "What about peaches, haven't you done any?"

A few jars, I replied, there are also some in the locker. A little later Bob looked over the "fruit" of my labor and said "Is that all the peaches you've done?"

Reluctantly I admitted it was at the same time I felt something should be done about it or I would be forever after disgraced.

So the next day I bought another basket of peaches since a beautiful ration board had allowed us extra sugar but when it came to sealers that was something else again. Sure there were a few empty jars on my shelves but there was a chip out of this one and a nick out of that which reduced the number of usable sealers to exactly two. It was then I found sealers in stores simply didn't exist. And Why? Because the manufacture of glass has been practically stopped for lack of a chemical compound used in its manufacture. This chemical is no longer procurable because the one and only plant throughout the length and breadth of Canada which produces it, is out on strike and has been for nearly three months.

So it looks as if you and I and Mrs. John Public cannot fool ourselves into thinking that industrial strikes are no concern of ours. They are definitely the concern of everyone—but what we can do to help this deplorable state of affairs, dear only knows.

However no situation is entirely bad. We learn something good even from strikes. We find out the hard way what goes into the making of many everyday articles. The connection between the textile strike and shortage of certain necessary garments is obvious but how many of us stopped to consider what went into the making of glass. But we learn in a hurry when fruit spoils for lack of sealers; or when milk isn't delivered unless an empty milk bottle is left on the step.

We find then that necessity is not only the mother of invention, it is also the foster-mother of enforced economy. When sealers cannot be bought we forage through out-of-the-way shelves and cupboards and bring forth many forgotten jars, used for something other than their real purpose. Yes, it is surprising what we can do without when we have to—or when we get mad enough. Honest! The price of some things makes me so mad I just weep. For instance, the other day I noticed a small tea kettle in a store, the kind which, before the war, we thought indispensable for quick boiling and which used to sell for about a quarter. This one was more than three times that amount and was as thin as paper.

I put it back on the shelf and said: "Boiling water in an open kettle is still good enough for me." But even at that I wouldn't have minded the price so much if the tin and the workmanship had been of good quality. I feel like wearing old clothes until they drop off my back for the same reason.

We were just as well off when wages were lower and goods cheaper. As for a 40-hour week, what are the people going to do with their time? Of course higher wages are needed when there is more leisure time. It takes money to pay for amusements to fill the gap. The simple pleasures of home life are not commonly appreciated these days.

I like to hear Partner hold forth on farming versus industry. The other day two young fellows drove in and wanted to buy the farm! They had been working in some kind of plant, thought things over and decided that the government just about gave everything to the farmers on a silver platter. In which case I wonder why the farmers out West are out on a delivery strike and why all this agitation for continuance of the milk subsidy. This week should bring interesting developments.

N. S. HOSPITALITY

LIVERPOOL, N. S. (CP). Hospitality reached a new "high" in already friendly Nova Scotia when the Queens County Jailhouse opened its doors and bade welcome to a pair of American visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Todd of Fall River, Mass., were taken on a tour—pleasure, not business—of the prison, and authorities cordially consented to lock Mrs. Todd behind bars for 10 minutes.

"It's one of the nicest jails I have ever been in," said Mrs. Todd on her release.

TERRA COTTA
(Intended for Last Week)

A number of the friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. McNally and family on Saturday evening, Sept. 23rd and presented the newly-wed couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Puckering with a lovely miscellaneous shower. Mrs. L. Young gave a humorous reading. Mr. and Mrs. Puckering are going to reside in Toronto.

A number of our young people took in the corn roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Zilio on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Aldoux of Windsor called on Terra Cotta friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crane, of Toronto were visitors in our hamlet last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayward of Toronto were among our visitors.

Mrs. J. McNab of Collingwood, spent a few days with her sister Mrs. H. Puckering.

Mrs. H. Puckering and family have returned to their home in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pitt have returned home from their visit at Kirkland Lake.

Mrs. L. Laughton and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vanderbilt, of Toronto, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Toronto, have returned to their home in Toronto.

A number from here attended the Georgetown Fair and report a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. George Sherring, of Allandale, called on Terra Cotta friends last week.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

MORTGAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. (C.P.). Police were summoned to two shops selling school supplies here when an estimated 1,000 children crowded into them endangering plate glass windows and show cases. No one was injured.

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- 4 Keep up my insurance.
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