

DEHORN CALVES YOUNG

Dehorning cattle is an unpleasant job and the older the animal the harder it is both for the animal and the owner. But it can be done efficiently and with little discomfort if caustic potash is used on the calf within a few days of birth.

This method of dehorning calves is not only practicable on a farm with few cattle, but it has been used on ranches where several hundred calves arrive each spring.

OAKVILLE

There will be a nomination, and possibly an election for a mayor of Oakville to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Mayor Alfred Whitaker.

Gordon Perdue of the Oakville Rotary Club, former district governor, was elected Canadian Director of Rotary International at the 1948 convention held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this week.

Frederick Bethley of Toronto, a bricklayer's apprentice, was last night killed on Sunday when he fell from the top of the 185-foot chimney at the plant of Fero-Fenamel, Davis Street, north of the C.N.R. tracks.

Members and adherents of Munn's Wesleyan and Sheridan Church of the Trafalgar United Church Circuit, together with former members and friends, and Club attended the service at members of the Trafalgar Hunt Munn's church on Sunday afternoon when tribute was paid and a memorial garden dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Herbert S. Lovering who died 18 months ago after serving the Trafalgar Circuit as minister for twelve years.—Record-Star.

MILTON

Many hockey fans and winter sport enthusiasts eagerly waiting for winter to roll around again would be surprised to see the interior of the Milton arena this week. Workmen have been ripping and tearing out the dressing room, seats and scooping up the layer of sand covering the ice surface, in preparation for the new artificial ice installation.

Against a background of carnations, snap dragons and spring flowers in All Saints' Anglican Church, Milton Heights, the marriage of Helen Larena McMullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McMullen of Milton Heights, to Robert John Coates, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Coates of Milton was performed by Rev. G. Hodder.

Among the 663 men and women to graduate at the 107th annual convocation at Queen's University Kingston last Saturday was a Milton boy, Ronald A. Galbraith, who received the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Charles Clubine, 18, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Tuesday morning when he slipped and fell into a hopper at the Milton Brick Co. He was buried in clay for some time and torches were used to free him.—Canadian Champion.

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Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

In spite of rain and lack of sunshine the spring crop has finally got itself growing. Patchy, of course—bare spots here and there that will need re-seeding, but still a lot better than we expected. Unfortunately there are quite a few farmers around here who haven't finished seeding even yet, and some, through lack of help, who never even started. If that state of affairs is general in Ontario then the "probs" for a plentiful crop are not too promising.

On this farm, however, one crop looks as if it might produce a good harvest—and that is our crop of spring calves. Six of them—and all boys. (I thought I had better say "boys" because you know there are some folk who have an idea it is highly improper for a lady to speak of "bulls". Why I'll never understand. But then I guess I am just a woman.) I should have said there were six calves—there are five now. One of them was a "blue baby" and had to be put out of its misery. Did you know it was possible for a calf to be a blue baby?

It was a new experience for us. Such a lovely big calf it was but it was soon quite evident there was something radically wrong with it. The other five calves are doing fine so there should be some good venal chops and steaks on the market in about six to eight weeks from now.

There may be some half-grown chickens around here by that time too—we had a man in here yesterday looking for orders. According to what he said, a lot of farm people like ourselves, felt that chickens cost too much to raise this year—the price of eggs and chickens being too cheap in proportion to the price of feed.

Probably you folk who have to buy eggs and chickens will just about hit the roof at my saying the price is too low. But don't forget farmers don't get what you pay, nor anything like it. And there is much we can do about it. A farmer with even a hundred hens gets too many eggs to dispose of direct to consumers—unless he has a market stall, and we can't all do that. As for chickens—there were so many last fall that farmers who didn't have private customers had difficulty in selling them at all. The butchers were over-stocked with them—there were chickens everywhere, the market was absolutely gutted with them.

If you want to know the reason think back to any drive you took through the country the last few years. Remember you passed farm after farm where, not too far from the other buildings, there was a brooder house, perhaps two or three, later there were dozens of range shelters scattered throughout pasture and stubble fields. And chickens—chickens everywhere you looked. They represented a lot of work but as long as they could be raised at a fair profit that was all right not counting the labour, of course. On a farm that isn't considered at all. But when the margin of profit is so small as to be almost negligible it is reasonable to expect the farmer to keep right on raising chickens. So that is why we are buying our chickens half grown buying just the number of pullets we can house, and no cockerels at all.

Right now I am sitting, with pad and pencil, in the cab of the "pick up." The sun is actually shining and there are banks of billowy white clouds all over the sky. In between the clouds there are stretches of turquoise blue. A sky to delight the eye of an artist. The mountain is lovely this morning, partly in shade, partly sun-flecked over various shades of green. Birds are flitting back and forth and there is an occasional butterfly. The sun is bright and warm but the wind still cold and the ground very damp. Our tulips are in full bloom but we can hardly see them for dandelions. Before I can do anything in the garden it will be a forest of weeds. Now I must go in and get this typed—maybe a portable typewriter wouldn't be such a bad idea—except that they cost money.

Just now the mail arrived and I had to take time to look through the paper—but there are parts of it that are so jumbled as to be unintelligible. Methinks the Globe and Mail printers, or typesetters, or whatever they call themselves must have been on a binge when they did that "write-up" about the woman that won the "Ruby Nobb" award. Perhaps some of you saw it. It would make a good jumbled word contest!

Mr. Editor you should take heart—it is worse than anything the Acton Free Press ever did! And believe me, that's saying a lot!

Farewell To Andy Clarke

The CBC's Well-Loved "Neighborhood News" Broadcaster died in his 66th year

Radio listeners in the rural communities of Ontario and Quebec have lost a good friend in the death of Andy Clarke, the CBC's "Neighborhood News" broadcaster for more than eight years. In ill health for some time, Andy died at his home in York Mills on May 19th, after a heart attack. He has left behind a legion of good "neighbors"—and a place that will be hard to fill.

Two listeners who dedicated a little poem to him and sent it in to the Gravenhurst Banner a few years ago dubbed him "The Mayor of the Little Places"—and the name stuck. In appreciation of his broadcasts and visits, Andy was in fact made honorary mayor of numerous Ontario towns and villages and was the guest of honor at many fairs and reunions. Although he was unable to make his broadcast on the Sunday before his death, he was confidently looking forward to a trip he was to have made this week to Thornbury.

Andrew David Clarke was born on July 13th, 1882, in Grimby, the son of the late George and Mrs. Clarke. His father was a well-known butcher and veterinary surgeon. His uncle was William F. Clarke, reeve of Grimby and County Council representative for many years.

After a few months in high school, Andy began working as a grocery salesman and then as a shipping clerk. He also worked at a power plant in Niagara Falls, N.Y., before determining to make a career in the newspaper world. He obtained a job as a cub reporter on the old Toronto World; and moved to the London Advertiser to become editor of their district page. Later on he joined the Toronto Globe, staying for 16 years, 13 of them as news editor. It was at the Globe that Andy made his initial broadcast in 1926, becoming the first man in Canada to broadcast news of the day direct from a newspaper newsroom.

After he had left the newspaper field for private work, the CBC asked him to do a radio program similar to a homely column he had been writing for the Globe. This was the beginning of his popular "Neighborhood News" broadcasts. For more than eight years Andy's kindly and slightly husky voice has been heard in thousands of homes on Sunday mornings, painting a picture of the week's events in what he always called "those important centres that lie outside the big cities."

He broadcast "Neighborhood News" 425 times, and also did 179 broadcasts to British listeners through the CBC International Service. Since January he had been broadcasting on Saturdays on behalf of the Blue Cross Hospital plan.

Around this time of year, Andy's Neighborhood News often gave hints of where the big ones might be caught, for he was an ardent fisherman. He had cast his line in many of the lakes and rivers of Ontario and Quebec; in the Caribbean off Nassau, in the Straits of Northumberland—wherever he found time on his travels.

Andy Clarke is survived by his widow, the former Viola Dickens; his daughter Marie Theresa Clarke, residing in Montreal; and his son Frederick and granddaughter Diane, of Toronto.

SHIPPING SALMON TO U.S. SAID THREATENING CANADIAN SHORTAGE

British Columbia fishermen fear a lot of their catch is going to cross the border now that they can export frozen salmon to the U.S., according to Canadian Grocer "Ottawa has been finding it tough to correct the situation caused by reduction of U.S. tariff against the Canadian raw fish," the business paper said.

"Thus the problems of B.C. canners remain unsettled. The U.S. agreed to admit it on 5c lb duty basis against 25c formerly. Since packers there have been obtaining about 25% more for their product than B.C. canners, they can afford to pay more for their raw material.

"Some kinds of raw salmon cannot be sent south, but all the fishermen have to do is freeze any of them and they may cross the border.

"Until the situation is corrected there may be a shortage."

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POULTRY FOR EUROPE

Since the fall of 1947, more than a quarter of a million pounds of Canadian dressed poultry have been bought by importers in Belgium and Switzerland. In the first three months of 1948 alone, two carloads have gone to Switzerland and one to Belgium, about one hundred thousand pounds in all.

This is a small fraction of the seven million pounds of dressed and five million pounds of live poultry, shipped to the United States during the same quarter of the year, but it all helps to keep the market strong. And now the Dominion Department of Agriculture reports that an exporting plant which has shipped poultry to Switzerland has new orders for larger quantities than it can fill.

Much of this poultry shipped to continental Europe is eviscerated and individually wrapped, some of it in cellophane. It has been arriving in attractive condition, as the repeat orders indicate.

AUCTION SALE IN ACTON

OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS The Undersigned has received instructions from

E. E. HARROP to sell by Public Auction at his residence, Bower Ave. and Wilbur St., Acton, on

SATURDAY, MAY 29 Commencing at 1:30 p.m. D.S.T., the following:

- 1 Chesterfield Suite (1 Couch and 2 chairs); 1 Easy Chair; 1 Phonola Cabinet Radio; 1 Cabinet Grand Piano and Bench (subject to be sold); 1 Rug; 1 Throw Rug; 1 Leather Hassock; 1 Set (20 volumes) Books of Knowledge, in cabinet; 1 Chesterfield End Table; 2 Small Tables; 2 Smoker's Stands; 1 Metal Smoker; 2 Standing Lamps; 3 Table Lamps; 1 Vacuum Cleaner; 1 Buffet; 1 Dining Room Extension Table; 6 Dining Room Chairs; 1 Writing Table; 1 Congoleum Rug; 1 Hall Tree; 1 Wicker Fern Stand; 1 Double Bed; 1 Inner Spring Mattress; 1 Cotton Filled Mattress; 1 Dresser with full length mirror; 2 Wash Stands; 1 Toilet Set; 1 Single Bed; 1 Cotton Filled Mattress; 1 Dresser; 3 Trunks; 1 Camp Cot; 1 Chest of Drawers; 1 Dresser Clock; 1 Cook Stove; 1 Range; 1 Kitchen Cabinet; 1 Roll Top Desk; 1 Ice Box; 1 Day Bed; 1 Kitchen Sink; 1 Beatty Washer, Stand and Tub; 1 Ironing Board; 1 Kitchen Table and Chairs; 3 Electric Irons; 1 Lawn Mower; 2 Rocking Chairs; Verandah Furniture, Cushions, Dishes, Utensils, Glassware and other articles too numerous to mention. TERMS—Cash. No Reserve. W. Coles, Clerk. 46-2 ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer

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Advertisement for Blossom of Canada Flour featuring a flour sack illustration and text: 'FOR BETTER BAKING The flour that blooms in the oven BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR'

Notice from Acton Municipal Council regarding garbage collection: 'NOTICE! Re Collection of Garbage. Notice is hereby given that commencing, Monday May 31st, 1948, collection of garbage will be made each week on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS. Citizens are requested to co-operate and have garbage set out on these days each week, starting the last day of this month. ACTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'

Advertisement for bus service: 'You'll Enjoy Going by Bus. LEAVE ACTON (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME) TO LONDON TO TORONTO. Includes a table of departure times and a bus illustration.

Advertisement for bus fares: 'FARES ARE LOW. HALIFAX — \$56.35 WINNIPEG — \$45.75. QUEBEC — \$26.25 REGINA — \$37.05. ST. JOHN — \$43.10 CALGARY — \$77.10. HAROLD WILES, Phone 58'

Advertisement for H. S. Holden, Optometrist, 7 Douglas Street, Guelph, Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted.

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Advertisement for Dancing at Huttonville Park, Wednesday Evening—Modernaires, Saturday Evening—Al Kuhn, Bert Niosi and his 16 piece Orchestra, Saturday Evening, June 19th.

Advertisement for Laing Cartage, Attention Farmers! We are paying the highest prevailing prices for dead or crippled farm animals. HORSES - CATTLE - HOGS. Telephone Collect for Immediate Service. OPERATING FOR GORDON YOUNG LIMITED, Phone Guelph 3334.

Advertisement for George Drew, 'HEAR PREMIER GEORGE DREW DISCUSS... THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION JUNE 7'. Includes a portrait of George Drew and details of election events: Friday, May 28th—8:30 - 9:00 p.m.—CBL-710 Toronto; Tuesday, June 1st—10:30 - 11:00 p.m.—CBL-740 Toronto; Friday, June 4th—10:15 - 11:00 p.m.—CBL-740 Toronto. Vote PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE JUNE 7.