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OAKVILLE

Signs warning motorists that speed testing devices are in operation in Oakville will be posted conspicuously at all three entrances to the town, council decided Monday night following a lengthy discussion of ways and means to curb speeding on main thoroughfares. Suggesting that the signs would act as a "strong deterrent," Councillor Robert Freeman declared, "Our job is not to catch people, but to cut down the speeding."

Hon. Dana Porter, Ontario's minister of education, unveiled the foundation stone of the new Oakville - Trafalgar High School addition Monday afternoon in the presence of members of the area board, students, and a number of citizens.

A country club featuring swimming as its chief activity is being formed by Thomas Armstrong, Trafalgar Township. It will be known as the Trafalgar Country Swimming Club and will be located on Windy Knave farm, at the Dundas highway and the Sixteen-Mile Creek. Surveyors and engineers have been busy making preparations for getting the attractive property into shape and installing swimming pools.

Mrs. Ethel Brown, commercial representative of the local branch of the Bell Telephone Company, retired on Tuesday after 20 years of service with the company - *Trafalgar Journal*

Having only one minor accident, a commercial helicopter arrived in New York after many demonstration flights across the country. It was struck by an automobile.

**Chronicles of ..
Ginger Farm**

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GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

There is one thought in everyone's mind these days, one topic that takes the spotlight in all conversations... the drought! That is, insofar as country people are concerned. Whether city folk are equally worried is a question - actually it appears not to concern them right at the moment. Some might even grumble if it rained and spoiled a picnic. How we would welcome it, supposing it spoiled a dozen picnics, but at present there is no sign of any break in the weather. It is heart-breaking to go out at night watering plants and things in an effort to keep them alive. We give them a real drenching, and yet by the next evening they are wilted and weary again. One wonders what it is that makes rain more beneficial to plants than water from the well or cistern? We still have our tomato plants, cabbage, peppers and some annuals in baskets just as they came from the greenhouse. We find them easier to care for that way than if we set them out in the garden. The wheat is out in head but without rain what will there be in the kernels?

Yesterday Partner was looking over one of the fences with a view to future repairs when he saw quite a number of dark objects hanging on a tree. On close inspection he found they were wild plums - under sized, premature and dead ripe. He picked one or two and split them open. Except for the stones they were hollow, absolutely no flesh or juice in them at all. That makes me wonder what will happen to the cherry crop.

Maybe this is one of the "seventh years" of which the Bible tells us during which we should neither sow nor reap nor gather any of the fruits of the earth. Maybe what we don't do voluntarily we may have to accept without choice. No, I don't wish to be gloomy but you must admit we do take an awful lot for granted and although we work, and plan, yet every once in a while we are set back on our heels and forced to a realization that we are still absolutely dependent upon a Higher Power.

I am wondering what my sister-in-law will have to say in regard to our way of living. Last year, when Cicely was here, we heard very little about the shortages in England as compared with our land of plenty, mainly, I think because Cicely had no worries about house-keeping. She had her noon meal at school, which helped her rationing problems considerably, and her housekeeper looked after things at home. But Partner's sister has had it all to do, and, until a year ago, an invalid mother to look after as well. Now she is alone and we are hoping a holiday in Canada will do her a lot of good. At this moment Bob is away to Toronto to bring her back to the farm which she has not seen for twenty-two years.

Incidentally I am thinking she will wonder what she has struck when she sees our front steps. They are pale green - and only partly finished at that. The other day, when I was looking them over, I was thinking they were going to soak up an awful lot of paint when I did get around to giving them a paint job. So I got Bob to gather up all the odds and ends of paint that happened to be around and mix them all together, to use as a first coat. The conglomeration emerged as the colour I have mentioned - pale green. But for a first coat what did the colour matter? So that same evening I went at it. I had the top of the steps finished and was starting on the first rise when Partner called me to look at a calf that had suddenly become very bloated. So I went and we worked with that calf until one a.m. I imagine we saved its life for which it appeared to be very grateful. Would it have been, I wonder, had it known that we saved only so that it might be sent to market in a few weeks time. Anyway it was the calf that interrupted my stop-painting job - and I haven't got back to it yet. Funny thing how it is often so hard to get back to a job once it has been interrupted.

Well, we hear quite often about cats and birds but on Ginger farm we do things differently. Here it isn't the cat that gets the birds, it's our Honey. The other night I found no less than five fledging starlings on the back lawn. Not one of them was eaten so I knew the cat was not responsible. Later, by her tactics I discovered the culprit, Honey, by snooping around the shrubberies, found the young birds which had been taken there for protection. Partner says she also gets up into the haymow and finds them there, just as they are learning to fly. If they were any other birds than starlings Honey would get a scolding - but starlings... well you know what I mean, don't you?

BROTHERHOOD

A week allowed to brotherhood? A week? Why not a year? To see in others what is good. Since all are brothers here?

All enter by the gate of birth; By death's dark portal leave. We're brothers in the joy of mirth. In sorrow as we grieve.

We're brothers in our hours of pain. In fever when we burn. To God we pray, to Him again. We're destined to return.

To brotherhood a single week? Why not throughout life's span. Grant him that fair esteem we seek. Who proves himself a man. -Edgar A. Guest

Although his is the only mechanical method, man has flown faster than the other known fliers - the ancient flying reptiles, birds, bats and insects.

TENDERS FOR COAL AND COKE

Federal Buildings - Province of Ontario
SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Coal" will be received until 3 p.m. (E.D.S.T.), Wednesday, June 15, 1949, for the supply of coal and coke for the Dominion Buildings throughout the Province of Ontario.

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J. M. SOMERVILLE, Secretary
Department of Public Works, 1-211
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