

Thurston's
PIANO SALES & SERVICE
 OF HAMILTON
 NEW AND USED PIANOS
 Pianos Tuned, Repaired and Rebuilt
 For Service and Estimates
 PHONE 128 ACTON

ACTON HOME & SCHOOL ASS'N.
 invites all to their meeting
MONDAY, JAN. 19th - 8.15 P.M.
Acton Public School Auditorium
 to hear
MR. THOR HANSEN
 Outstanding authority on Canadian Design
 Arts and Crafts
 A most humorous and interesting speaker
 LUNCH — EVERYONE WELCOME — COLLECTION

Chronicles

Ginger Farm
 Written Specially for the Acton
 Free Press by
 Gwendolyn E. Clarke

We used to have a neighbor, very active in various social organizations, who was often heard to say—"Well, I can't work and run around too so I guess I'll have to quit work!" And that is just about what he did. I thought of that neighbor last week as I listened to accounts of all the various farm meetings that were taking place—Federation of Agriculture, Crop Improvement Association, Milk Producers—and a few others that I have forgotten—and I wondered how on earth farmers had time to attend so many meetings. And then John Bradshaw said he had received announcements of 50 annual meetings that were coming up within the next month!

Looks as if there should be at least two men on every farm during the winter months—one to work and one to run around. Any one farmer could quite logically belong to 10 or 12 associations. Could it be that farmers as a class are over-organized? Can they afford the time and expense thus involved? Attending meetings regularly takes time. As for expense, the Federation of Agriculture asks for 2/5 of a mill on the assessment; the Cream Producers one cent for every pound of butterfat; the Milk Producers 1 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. of fluid milk, and I suppose there is an equivalent charge for other organizations.

The point is are all these organizations necessary—isn't a certain amount of over-lapping inevitable? We have a Federation of Agriculture. Isn't the main function of the Federation to improve and protect the farmers' interests in every line of agriculture? Certainly the present threat of synthetic to the dairy industry is a challenge to the Federation of Agriculture to prove its strength. If synthetic dairy products are allowed to flood the markets there won't be many farm meetings called because there won't be many farmers left to attend them. Dairy farmers will either be in bankruptcy or absorbed by industry.

Actually, the basic economy of our entire country is at stake. If the Federal Government is too absorbed with defence projects and financial juggling to realize what is, or may be, happening to agriculture then there should be a hue and cry coming from all farmers. And who is better qualified to raise the sum total of that hue and cry than the Federation of Agriculture, preferably with Dr. H. H. Hannam as its spokesman.

Dr. Hannam has done wonderful work for agriculture in the past. We are sure he will see the light and hope he will be equally successful in this present emergency. We don't doubt his ability at all but that ability will be considerably strengthened and increased if given the whole-hearted support of the farmers.

In the meantime there is that problem of over-organization to be considered, which the farmer can solve to a certain extent for himself. Farming, like charity, begins at home. I have in mind a farmer who was an active member of a certain livestock improvement association. Came the time of one particular annual meeting. Before leaving home this farmer asked his wife to take a look at Bossie, a pedigreed Shorthorn, while he was away—she might calve during the day. A neighbor was coming in to do the night chores.

At noon his wife, who knew next to nothing about livestock, went down to the barn. What she saw frightened her. She phoned for the vet, but he was out. It was nearly 3 o'clock before he got there. It was 1 a.m. before the farmer got home. He looked in at the barn before going to the house. The calf was dead—and so was the cow. The vet had done what he could but the poor cow, through lack of attention at the right time had been unable to survive the ordeal.

Well, one thing is certain—Partner isn't likely to attend too many meetings. He doesn't get time for the ones he would like to go to, so he reads about them instead. He has been to only one meeting this year—and at that the chairman told his audience "the outlook for the dairy farmer was promising!"

Our big worry lately has been water shortage. The outlook was serious. And then came rain enough to start the creek running and to almost fill the cistern. And this district was particularly fortunate. The ice melted off the trees; there was no power shortage; no plugged roads and no ice to slither around on. We are truly thankful and able to enjoy to the full the Christmas-card scenery.

MOVING PICTURE, SPECIAL SPEAKER CONCLUDE WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

The Week of Prayer was observed by the four churches in Acton that are members of the Canadian Council of Churches—the Baptist church, the United church, Knox Presbyterian church and St. Alban's church. Each evening from Tuesday, January 6 to Friday, January 9, a service was held at 8 p.m. in one of the churches.

On Tuesday the service was held in St. Alban's church. The service was said by the Rector, Rev. R. E. Price and the address given by Rev. R. H. Armstrong. On Wednesday the service was held in the United church. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. E. A. Currey, and Rev. R. E. Price was the speaker. On Thursday the service was held in the Baptist church. The service was conducted by the pastor, Dwight Patterson, and the address was given by Rev. E. A. Currey.

The theme of these three addresses was "The God We Worship." The addresses were given on the subjects, "God the Father," "God the Son" and "God the Holy Spirit." Attention was drawn to the fact that during a week of prayer consideration should be given to God, Him to whom all prayers are addressed.

On Friday, January 9 the service was held in Knox Presbyterian church. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. R. H. Armstrong, assisted by Dwight Patterson. The speaker was the Rev. Egerton Young of Upper Canada Bible Society. He spoke on the work of the Bible Society and the great influence that the Holy Scriptures had on the lives of countless millions who were now able to read the Bible in their own language, yet there were many people in many lands who as yet did not have in their hands any portion of Scripture in the language they understood. A sound movie was also shown "Bible at the Table" which gave a vivid portrayal of the influence daily

Bible reading and meditation can have on the lives of members of a family.

In spite of poor weather all week, the services were well attended. It is the earnest wish and prayer of those responsible for these services, that God used them to instruct and bless His people.

Monies collected will be used for the support of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Upper Canada Bible Society and for the purchase of copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible to be placed in the offices of the doctors and dentists of Acton.

Harold "Mike" Coxe
PLUMBING HEATING
 Warm Air Furnaces
 Pease - Gurney - Beach
 RADIANT BASEBOARD HOT WATER HEATING
 I.A.C. Time Payment Plan
PHONE 370R ACTON

SEWER DEBENTURES ANYTOWN

 Sewer Debentures

A debenture issue, successfully floated, does not solve your whole sewer problem. The important point is—how will your sewers "stand up"? Many municipalities have found pipe failure developing long before the debentures were paid off.

It's all a matter of chemistry. If sewer pipe cannot resist the strong corrosive action of acids and alkalis—in the sewage and in the soil—then you'll have a costly replacement job on your hands before long.

Sewage develops gases that have a powerful chemical action. VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE is acid and alkali proof, and provides sure and permanent resistance to such chemical actions. It is "bonded by fire"! This assurance of permanency makes VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE the best and most economical buy.

VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE INDUSTRY
 BONDING BY FIRE

here's your ticket to
FUTURE SECURITY

CUT THIS OUT—MAIL IT TODAY—POSTAGE FREE!

To: The Director
 Canadian Government Annuities
 Department of Labour, OTTAWA, Ont. (Postage Free)

PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION SHOWING HOW A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ANNUITY CAN BRING ME SECURITY AT LOW COST.

MY NAME IS (Mr., Mrs., Miss) _____

I LIVE AT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

AGE WHEN ANNUITY TO START _____ TELEPHONE _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL. WP

A Canadian Government ANNUITY is a safe, easy way to guarantee yourself a regular monthly income after retirement. No medical exam required. If you miss a payment your contract won't lapse. Every cent you save is protected by the Government of Canada.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Robt. R. Hamilton
 OPTOMETRIST
 58 ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE
 GUELPH
 (Formerly occupied by Mr. E. F. Head)
 COMPLETE EYESIGHT SERVICE

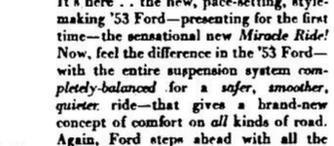
It's FORD again for '53
 with the Sensational new "Miracle Ride"



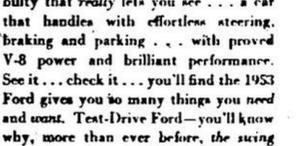
and a brand-new, longer, lower, wider look



Stroke-Shar V-8 110-Hp. Engine with high compression performance. Advanced design backed by experience in building more V-8's than all other manufacturers combined.



Full-Tight Bodies, for dust-free, draft-free comfort, are built to stay "young".



Full-Circle Visibility that really lets you see... a car that handles with effortless steering, braking and parking... with proved V-8 power and brilliant performance. See it... check it... you'll find the 1953 Ford gives you so many things you need and want. Test-Drive Ford—you'll know why, more than ever before, the saying is to Ford!



Automatic Drive, Overdrive and white sidewall tires optional at extra cost.



New Miracle Ride that takes all the factors of ride, engineers them into a completely-balanced combination for a ride that's truly a revelation.



No wonder the swing is to FORD!

SEE YOUR FORD DEALER... **TEST-DRIVE** the new '53 **FORD**

THOMPSON MOTORS
 Phone 69 Ford-Monarch Dealer Acton, Ont.
 LOOK FOR THE  SIGN OF VALUE WHEN YOU BUY A USED CAR—SEE YOUR FORD DEALER