



Solar stove.

IN INDIA, scientists have worked out a way to cook food by sun-power. A polished aluminum bowl suspended above a cooking pot directs the sun's rays to a mirror, which reflects the heat to the bottom of the pot. It sounds a bit complicated to us—but the fact is that the solar cooker turns out a meal as fast as a 300-watt electric stove.

It's just one more indication that food and aluminum go together—in containers, utensils, foil and in the equipment used by the dairy and food processing industries. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan)

OBITUARY

35 Years in Area, Mrs. E. Kerr Dies

Ailing for the last four months, but able to be around until three weeks before her death, the late Elizabeth Jane Kerr passed peacefully away at her late home, concession 5, Nassagaweya, June 3, at the age of 91 years.

Born May 1, 1862, in Grey County, she was the eldest daughter of John Mitchell and Barbara Ruxton. On March 5, 1890, she married the late Donald James Kerr, who predeceased her 24 years ago. Of this union, four children were born, Ellen Barbara (Mrs. Roy Lindsay), Elizabeth Jane, who predeceased her mother in 1938; William John, who passed away at the age of four years and James A. of Powassan. They resided on the Old Mitchell Homestead before coming to Nassagaweya 35 years ago.

Of a family of seven, there are three remaining, John of Killarney, Man., George A. of Beamsville and one sister, Mrs. Jesse L. Robbins (Margaret) of Killarney.

She was a Presbyterian and the funeral on Friday, June 5 was conducted by her minister, Rev. R. H. Armstrong. The pallbearers were Elwood Wilson, Thomas Diamond, Lester Miller, Irwin Little, Thomas MacMillan, Alfred Allen, all close neighbors and Joseph Henderson, Douglas Anderson, William Frank and Norman Miller as flower bearers.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery, Acton.

TALES ON TINTYPES



The Callithumpian parade has often been one of the features of Acton Celebrations. Webster's dictionary defines a Callithump as a "bolatorous parade with blowing of tin horns and other discordant noises." The one pictured above was taken over fifty years ago and we can just barely recall it.

The vehicle was of course John Harvey's dray with "Old Dick" providing the motive power. We imagine the driver was Mr. Harvey and will guess that John Hill, Harry Jeans, Jim Smith and Topsy Gardiner were among the members of the band.

The sloping platform on the dray doesn't look any too secure, but it must have stood the strain. Queer how boyhood recollections seem to grow with age. We thought that float on the dray was much bigger, but above is the actual picture of the Callithumpians who headed the parade.

The uniforms are relics of the fire brigade, the volunteers, old

baud uniforms and the one worn by Harry Jeans looks as if Captain Kidd had discarded it some years before.

There have been several Callithumpian parades since the above picture was taken. Perhaps the most memorable one is the one held when Acton marked its fiftieth anniversary. They started early in the morning. Usually the dressing up started about six or seven o'clock. The starting point was of course, the old drill hall in the park, which is now used as a building for Acton Fair poultry show. At the one in 1923 a man came from Toronto and put make-up, for over three hours, on the participants. Whole cartons of uniforms were rented and the parade had characters depicting everything from lions to prison convicts.

We suppose if any other celebrations are held in Acton the Callithumpian parade will be a big feature of the event.

Thanks to all who told us that they enjoyed these "Tales on Tintypes." We will continue to have the feature appear in the Free Press for some time. Another group of pictures are now away getting engravings made.

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Home Helpers Have 30th Anniversary

The 30th anniversary meeting of the Home Helpers' branch of the W.M.S. of the Senior Auxillary of Knox Church was held at the home of Mrs. A. M. MacPherson. A large number enjoyed this special occasion.

The work of this group was praised and tribute paid to Mrs. E. J. Hassard, the organizer, and to the presidents, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McCutcheon, up to and including Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. Hansen, the very able present leaders.

As, on this day too, the Queen's birthday was celebrated, the poem written for the Queen by the Poet Laureate of England was read and all joined in singing "God Save the Queen."

A call to worship opened the devotional period which was taken by Miss Clark and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong.

A report of the presentation to Mrs. I. Ritchie, a faithful worker who will be greatly missed, was given by the committee.

Mrs. F. Anderson offered her home for the July meeting as Mrs. Masales is still ill. A duet was beautifully sung by Mrs. R. L. Davidson and Mrs. F. Anderson. As a request Mrs. Blow played the delightful selection she gave at last month's meeting.

An inspiring and soul-searching talk under the title "Our Work Day" was given by Mrs. H. L. Binnie. She stressed the outlook, the opportunity and the obligation that lies ahead of interested missionary women. The hand of God is in all history. His holy power is a perpetual endowment of power to make the work successful, but the responsibility lies with the auxiliary workers, she said.

Continuing this anniversary spirit, the Home Helpers had a party when friends met new members and guests, and enjoyed a happy fellowship befitting a thirtieth birthday.

CORONATION BABY ELIGIBLE FOR SPOON

At least one Acton and district baby will be eligible to receive an engraved silver spoon from the governor-general of Canada, the Right Honorable Vincent Massey. All babies born in Canada on Coronation Day, June 2, are to receive spoons to mark the occasion.

A daughter, Norma Jean, was born on Coronation Day to Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Quee, in Guelph General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Quee live on Church St. in Acton. They have not received the spoon as yet.

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