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FALL FAIR DATES

- Acton—September 16, 17.
- Aberfoyle—September 20, 21.
- Ancaster—September 27, 28.
- Beamsville—September 8-10.
- Belleville—August 15-18.
- Bolton—September 30, October 1.
- Brampton—September 15-17.
- Caledonia—September 29-October 1.
- Collingwood—September 22-24.
- Elmira—September 2, 3 and 5.
- Erin—October 7, 8 and 10.
- Fergus—September 9, 10.
- Georgetown—September 30, October 1.
- Grand Valley—September 23, 24.
- London (Western)—September 12-17.
- Milton—September 23, 24.
- Rockton—October 8 and 10.
- Shelburne—September 20, 21.
- Teeswater—October 4, 5.
- Waterdown—September 13, 14.
- Woodbridge—October 7, 8, 10.
- C.N.E.—August 26-September 10.
- Royal Winter Fair—November 11-19.

Canada's electrical manufacturing industry has an annual payroll of around \$250,000,000.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm.

Three Cornered Bridge, Odd Bath, Childhood Home, On Itinerary

BY GWEN CLARKE

JOURNEY'S END
This column is in bits and pieces during the last week of my enjoyable stay in Old England.

Every time I make a move I am convinced no place could be as interesting as the one I am leaving. But it always is. Now I am staying at a quaint little stone cottage at Wymondham in Leicestershire. The walls are 20 inches thick and the floors are also of stone. Some of the rooms are oak-paneled and with overhead beams.

There are tricky little steps here and there and you have to duck your head going up and down the stairs. The cottage has been modernized to the extent of installing light and a modified water system. The quaint bathroom—if you could but see it! No room for a full length bath so a hip-bath, complete with running water was installed in a cupboard, with a mounting stool built in behind the bath!

Next door is a similar cottage. Here there is an outside staircase to an upstairs loft.

Effigy of Knight
The village church dates back to the 13th century. It contains the effigy of a knight in armor, Sir John Haulsham, a Crusader during the reign of Henry II. There is a small opening to the church in one of the inner stone walls which is known as "the leper's squint". Naturally the unfortunate victims of leprosy were not allowed to mix with the congregation but were permitted to watch proceedings of the services through this small aperture in the wall.

Three-Cornered Bridge
More unusual still is the three-cornered bridge in the middle of the village street. This defies description. It is the only one of its kind in England. Now it is over dry land but at one time two rivers met here and their courses was diverted under this three-way bridge. Nearby is a stone block to which lochs coming into the island-village were anchored.

On my way back to Cambridge I broke my journey for the express purpose of visiting Pennington. How glad I am that I did but I can't possibly describe it. After staying overnight at Cambridge I went by train to Suffolk, the native county of my husband and myself. Here I found the small towns and villages unchanged to a very great extent.

Was Married Here
I sat for a while in the church where I was christened, confirmed and married and I attended morning service at the present church of the parish which dates back to the 12th century. Joining in the service at this ancient but familiar church revived memories that can hardly be shared. I went all over my childhood home which is a part of Gainsborough's birthplace. And there were old familiar walks and trips by bus to nearby villages.

Invitations to accept from the few who are left but who were warm in their welcome.

Tomorrow begins the last stage of my holiday. Sudbury to Cambridge and then to London Airport. This column is being scribbled at Sudbury (Suffolk) but will be re-written and sent on its way from London where I shall bid farewell to England. It has been a wonderful experience but now I am looking forward to getting HOME!

OBITUARY

Mrs. George Oakes Dies In 93rd Year

Mrs. Mary Ann Oakes, a resident of Rockwood for the past 40 years, passed away at her home there on July 12. Born on May 3, 1842, she was over 92 years of age. She lived for many years at Oustie before moving to Rockwood.

Her husband, George Oakes, predeceased her. Four of her children survive and four passed away before their mother. Remaining are Frank, Salem, Anthony, Joseph, Frank, Lawrence, Galt, and Irene (Mrs. Nick Weisman) Buffalo New York. Three sons, Charles, Wilfred, Stanley and one daughter, Kathleen, predeceased her. A sister, Josephine (Mrs. Beegle) of Detroit, Michigan, also survives.

Mrs. Oakes was interested in the work of the Rockwood Horticultural Society for many years.

Requiem mass was at Sacred Heart Church, Rockwood, on Friday, July 16, celebrated by Rev. Father Callaghan. Interment followed in Oustie cemetery.

Burial services were held at George Laverly, Herb Saunders, Frank Day, Stewart Royce, all of Rockwood and Clarence Lynch, of Toronto.

People buy the Free Press to read and read the Free Press to buy.

BACK IN 1905

The 20 and 50 Years Ago columns for next week this newspaper's holiday, are published this week for the many fans of the special features.

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 20, 1905.

Only those citizens who have stood in front of the Tellers' Cage at the Merchants' Bank on a Friday evening and watched the payment of the employees of the Tannery can form an adequate conception of the amount of money distributed in wages by these and other manufacturing agencies in town. Messrs. Beattie and Co. and Acton Tannery Co. pay an alternate night shift for the convenience of the employees. The bank is open from six to eight, and the aggregate of wages paid out to the two hundred and over employees was between \$3000 and \$4000.

The picnic and excursion held to Berlin on Tuesday by Knox Sunday school was a record breaker. The presence of Acton Cornet Band led to great interest. Headed by the band, with flags and banners flying the school marched to the depot where they were furnished with special cars. To Superintendent Hynds and his energetic corps of workers goes the credit for the splendid success of the excursion of 1905.

Acton Board of Trade has for some time been investigating the value of a dairying industry to the community, and finds that these sections of the country which have gone into the business under competent direction have invariably reaped large harvests. The Palem creamery had 75 patrons and divided \$10,000 among them last year. Another distinct gain to the neighborhood is the increased output of logs, due in part to the use of the skim milk given in return to its patrons from the creamery.

Mr. W. Coles, who has resided in Acton the past year or so, went to Toronto on Saturday to meet his sweetheart upon her arrival from England. The happy couple were joined in wedlock and have taken up their residence in town. Congratulations are in order.

In a fight in a Kentucky church, one man was killed and one wounded.

SILVER-WOOD

92 Degree Heat For W.I. Picnic

The July meeting of the Silverwood W.I. took the form of a picnic lunch at the "Breezes" park in Acton. After lunch there was a short business meeting, all call being answered by each giving a joke. Current events were also given by each member, and Mrs. Bert Corbett gave a paper on the province of the month, New Brunswick, telling of her visit there. At the close of the meeting, the president, Mrs. H. Marchington, suggested that the children enjoy the water, and so a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed visiting among the members and in spite of the 90 degree temperature, the shade beside the water was most comfortable.

Mr. Geo. Coyne of Toronto is visiting this week with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Henderson.

Mrs. Jean Thompson of Dundee, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbett, Rickie and Terry took a trip to Detroit for a few days last week.

Mr. Jack Davis, Mr. W. R. Norton's nephew passed away suddenly, and Mr. and Mrs. Norton attended his funeral in Markdale on Saturday.

Miss Ruth Lindsay is home after a recent stay in hospital. Mrs. Henderson, Sr. is visiting relatives in Toronto, and Mrs. A. McClure is visiting in Vancouver. B.C. Miss Kelly is still in Toronto staying with her sister, who is ill. Mrs. D. Brock has moved to Normandy Blvd.

Although agriculture remains Canada's most important primary industry, only 15 per cent of the total labor force now is directly employed on the farms.

BACK IN 1935

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 1, 1935.

On Monday evening members of the congregation of the United Church and the Young People's Society assembled in the church to honor Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Poole and George who left yesterday afternoon on the new charge at Hildesley. For eight years Rev. Mr. Poole has been the beloved pastor of this congregation and shared in the joys and sorrows of the flock.

About eight old-timers and their friends from Hutton and Peel counties gathered in Brandon for their sixth annual basket reunion. The following officers were elected: president, N. A. McIlwain, vice-president, Mrs. W. Clarke, secretary, John Sparrow, treasurer, W. P. Brown. Local representatives: Trafalgar, Mrs. F. H. McGill, Nelson, John Shanks, Nainburg, William McGregor, Esquimaux, A. U. S. 1 N. Brownridge, Acton, Mrs. D. Rossell.

While crawling his father's car, Telford McDowell had his right arm fractured at the wrist.

According to some daily papers, the Hutton county black bear is on Russell Peart's farm near Acton. The story grows but no one has caught up with the bear yet.

Ball games provided the greatest excitement at Lamboose this week. Friday evening last Terra Cotta came over and a real exciting time was enjoyed by a large crowd, the game finishing 10-10. On Monday evening Crewe's Corners came and a large crowd turned out, and cheered the local boys to a score of 19-13. Then on Tuesday evening, the game was played off in Terra Cotta. The game was not plentiful enough to accommodate the large crowd wishing to attend, so a large truck was engaged and about 40 went and enjoyed the evening's sport. Terra Cotta were the winners with a score of 10-5.

The annual garden party in aid of the Everton cemetery under the auspices of the Ospringe and Everton Women's Institutes, was a very successful event.

Harvesting is progressing rapidly. The season seems much earlier than for a number of years.



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