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TENDERS FOR Reinforced Concrete Bridge

SEALED TENDERS, clearly marked as to contents, will be received by Mr. J. McGeachie, Town Clerk, Acton, Ontario, until 2.00 p.m. E.S.T.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1955

For the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge to carry Maria St. over the Beardmore Co. siding.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Consulting Engineers or the Town Clerk upon deposit of a \$25.00 cheque.

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Books In Review

ANDREW CONNINGTON
By Grace Irwin

Everyone who read "Least of all Saints" will be interested in this new book which tells us what happened to the young Toronto minister, Andrew Connington and his wife.

We think anyone who read the Billy Graham campaign stories will be the ones who'll find pleasure and help reading this novel.

Andrew Connington faces many problems in his ministry and his solutions to them are inspirational. The library staff as well as those who have already read "The Living Earth" have been astonished to read that in one library a reader has charged the book should never be allowed in a library. While we don't agree, we can be sure now that its circulation will be up all over the province! It's about a public health nurse and teacher who went up north. It was reviewed here not long ago.

Since 1900 the area of occupied farmland in Canada has almost tripled.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates Help From Baxter Labs

N. K. Saksena

C/O P.C. Caksena, Esq. I.P.
Inspector General of Police,
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To
The Baxter Labs. of Canada Ltd.,
Acton, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you ever so much for your great kindness and magnanimity in making available for my mother, complete sets of Transfuso Vac Citrated Solution. I cannot adequately express in words how thankful we all are here. Your most generous gesture has been greatly appreciated here by all.

I would also like you to know that 100 cc. of blood given to my mother last Thursday with your well known Transfuso Vac was a complete success in that it did not produce any rigor or other after effects in her. Other brands of citrated solutions in earlier transfusions had all given her rigors.

Though blood transfusion is the only method now to sustain her, we haven't lost all hopes for her recovery. She is suffering from cancer of the foodpipe. The disease is now spreading to the lungs. The disease is now so advanced that an operation is out of the question. Her weight is only 59 lbs. while her blood pressure today is 70/40 of Hg. The second blood transfusion is being given today.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly convey to the Canadian Red Cross my thanks for their prompt action in helping us to get your well known Transfuso-Vac products. Thanking you once again,

Yours faithfully,
N. K. Saksena.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by
Gwendolene P. Clarke

This is Thanksgiving Day. A big day for Canadian families. I imagine we are just as thankful as most people for "the bounty of the earth" but yet it is one season that we have never made a point of celebrating—that is to the point of having Thanksgiving dinner and all the trimmings. Partner and I were invited out to a turkey dinner but we preferred staying at home to travelling the highways, crowded with slap-happy motorists.

Bob and Joy have gone to Cornwall for the week-end but De-Ann, Dave and another little boy were here yesterday. Also friends from the Guelph district and they all went home loaded down with apples — Greenings and Spys. I think between them they stripped the trees.

The apple crop this year is wonderful. In fact, when you look back, it has been a good fruit year all round. I suppose most housewives, like myself, are finding it quite a job to locate even one empty sealer.

I am writing this column from a sunny south room upstairs. We have not yet started using the furnace because we find the south side of the house, with the sun streaming in, is warm enough while the kitchen stove keeps the north and west sides of the house quite comfortable.

After all, why bother fussing around with a furnace until you have to. So long as the furnace is all ready to go at a minute's notice, that is all that is necessary. It will get plenty of use later on.

Every time I go down cellar I look at the bulging bins—it doesn't seem possible we shall use all that coal before warm weather comes around again. In their new three-storey house new to them, that is De-Ann and Arthur have a stoker-furnace and they think they are going to like it better than the oil furnace they had in the other house—more economical too.

So many ways to heat a house—and most people looking for a heating system that ensures the least possible amount of work. A far cry from the days when the majority of houses—country homes, anyway, were heated with only the kitchen range and a pot-bellied stove in the "parlour"—and perhaps a box-stove or Quebec-heater in the dining room.

Rockwood Plowmen Win in Specials at Wellington Match

The largest post-war crowd saw the 1955 Wellington county Plowmen's Match last Thursday at the farm of Robert MacRobbie and Sons in Puslinch township. An estimated 2,000 people watched the activities of the day with perfect weather conditions.

One of the special events of the day was a tractor battle between five members of Wellington county council. Side-by-side, handling 10-furrow plows set not less than 10 inches deep, were Dave Gray, the reeve of Eramosa; Charles Goodwin, Jim Brunel, Bruce Freure and Jim McCaig. Henry Hooking, M.P., was among those watching this contest with particular interest.

Rockwood's Dave Gray finally took the top honors and the \$25 prize.

Afso from Rockwood was the winner of the Esso Champions Tractor Plow special for this year. He was Walter Gray.

On his home farm, Archie MacRobbie won the Esso Champion's Horse Plow Special for 1955.

Bert Robertson of R.R. 1, Guelph, was awarded the Maitland Plowing Trophy for the best land plowed by a resident of Erin township at the match.

Examples of how a tractor should be driven were seen in a safe-driving competition open to Wellington county residents. At high speeds the tractors weaved their way between obstacles while towing empty carts.

Ross Milne of the O.A.C., Guelph, was the judge and H. G. Norry was chairman of the event. Members of Puslinch Women's Institutes catered at the event.

Those were the days when a pile of dry wood was our greatest treasure—preferably hickory, oak or maple—remember the lovely smell that came from burning hickory bark? Occasionally the housewife would be faced with nothing but green elm or apple wood. And then the fire would smoke and smoulder and the oven wouldn't get hot and there would be frequent trips to the chipyard so as to get the potatoes boiled for dinner. Too many chips and sometimes the stove pipes would catch fire. Ah yes, those were "the good old days!" Don't you sometimes look back and wonder how we ever survived? I do.

But every age has its problems. At present we are faced with diminishing farm incomes, increased cost of production, high cost of labor and essential services, speed on the highways and increased fees for hospitalization.

Apparently it is only a matter of time before some kind of Health Insurance will be inaugurated, whether at the national or provincial level remains to be seen. It, too, will have its drawbacks. But yet a uniform scheme of some sort, eventually have to be worked out. At present wage earners are pretty well looked after.

But what protection is there for the farmer and his family? True, they may subscribe to an independent form of hospitalization but farm people seldom go to hospital if it can be avoided and hospital insurance doesn't cover the cost of illness in the home. And, as everyone knows, a person can run up big medical expenses without ever going near a hospital. Except on a farm, this creates a situation where, by patients, instead of staying at home, go to hospital as the only means of collecting insurance. It is one reason why our hospitals are over-crowded. A national health scheme to assist with the financial home-treatment of patients would be a step in the right direction.

Two years ago, when Partner broke his collar-bone, there was naturally a big doctor's bill but not one cent could we get from insurance as Partner was not in the hospital. He felt he should stay home and keep an eye on things. There must be hundreds of similar cases. I remember one time during the depression, a doctor said this: "The rich can afford to pay; the poor are looked after; but the middle-class person pays his account without assistance, often as a result of selling cattle he should keep or raising a mortgage on the farm."

Well, Health Insurance belongs to the future. Now supposing we look back a year. Just about this time "Hurricane Hazel" hit Ontario. Remember Raemore Drive — and the International Plowing Match — and all the instances of major and minor damage in so many localities? By comparison we have every reason to make this a Happy Thanksgiving week-end.

ROWLING

Beardmore

Oct. 3: A. Ratcliffe 745, J. Molody 742, W. Allen (304), A. Roach 705 and M. Bennett 700 were top shooters in the Beardmore League. Curry by kalsomning Cutso took over top shot Upper Leather on the short end of a 4-3 go with Beamhouse dropped into the second slot. Rolling Room rolled it up on the Chrome for two and totals.

League standing: Curry 12, Upper Leather 10, Chrome 7, Rolling Room 7, Beamhouse 6, Cutso (believe it or not) 0.

Legion Ladies

Oct. 3: Doodle Bugs by taking two and totals from Dim Wits gained on the league leading Half Wits, who although taking two and Fireflies, failed to take the odd point for totals. Best single scores came from P. Angel 247, D. Fowke 222, J. McKnight 205, K. James 243, S. Turkosz 203 and L. Gordon 231.

League standing: Half Wits 14, Doodle Bugs 12, Dim Wits 9, Fireflies 7.

Ledgers' Little L.G.A. League

Oct. 3: His and Hers are all square as His picked up two and totals. Stan Bowen was top dog on the totem pole with a 630 tricont. The females couldn't hit the triples but Lou Hutchinson and Dot Dawkins 208 turned in fair singles.

League standing: His 14, Hers 14.

Mason Knit

Oct. 4: Pin Toppers continued their torrid pace in first place when they belted Go-Fers for the works. Hot Shots won the first two from Bouncers, but the Bouncers bounced back to take the third and totals by plenty. Rambles leaped from last place to the third slot when they zeroed Crazy Kats. Best triconts came from C. Tyler 636 and G. Hulford 625.

League standing: Pin Toppers 23, Hot Shots 17, Rambles 14, Bouncers 14, Go-Fers 9, Crazy Kats 9.

Baxter Lab

Oct. 5: Dodgers with B. Skidmore leading the attack with 603 took over top spot with a two and totals win from Lou Hawks. Braves moved up to the second rung with a like win from Tigers. Athletics perched up beside Braves when they came out on the long end of a 5-2 decision. J. Heveran starred in this episode with a 612.

League standing: Dodgers 14, Braves 12, Athletics 12, Yankees 11, Tigers 10, Indians 4.

Acton Ladies

Oct. 5: Creightons had the triple whammy on Earles and made every game a winning one with B. Creighton's 609 upsetting D. Earles' 609. Gibbons ran in two fast wins on Brunnel's but dropped the last go by plenty and had to be content with 4 points.

League standing: Creightons 10, Gibbons 8, Earles 5, Brunnelles 5.

Acton Major

Oct. 6: Combines had too much on the ball for Tiger Cats and diked the Tabbies for the works. Dominion Hotel were on the long end of a 5-2 go with the Vagabonds, as were Carrolls when they met and handicapped the Firemen. Top trundlers were H. Tostwey 449 (325), D. Grien 738 (313) and J. Turkosz 722 (303).

League standing: Combines 12, Vagabonds 7, Firemen 7, Dominion Hotel 7, Tiger Cats 5, Carrolls 4.

Commercial-Industrial

Oct. 6: Micro Plastics were A-1 (Delivery) launched themselves, under their new name with a fanfare taking all games from Ramblers. "Had" DeForest was Micro's big wheel with 725. B. Lazenby tried hard for his Ramblers with 635. Johnny Goy thought he was handling freight and shuffled his crew back and forth to take two and totals from A. P. Greens. The Goy Cartage chief turned in a 732 triple to help the cause. B. Coon (730) and P. Lawson (304) were in the beam when Risdales topped Ink Spots for the big end of a 5-2 count.

League standing: Micro-Plastics 12, Ink Spots 7, Goy Cartage 7, Risdales 7, Ramblers 5, A. P. Green 4.

Teen-Agers

Oct. 8: Robins by a one and total win from Bulls' Eyes hold a one point lead in the Teen-Agers race. Hot Shots made it a one and totals win from Orioles. Eagles pulled an upset and tumbled the Tumbling Teens for both games. Best double score was D. Wilds 408. Best singles came from B. Agnew 217, E. Jennings 267, J. Fryer 210, B. Heatley 206, G. Hulford 204, D. Wilds 229.

League standing: Robins 11, Bulls' Eyes 10, Tumbling Teens 7, Orioles 7, Hot Shots 5, Eagles 5.

Bliss and Dots

"Had" DeForest with a 786 tricont picked up the Gord McCutcheon haberdashery award. Beryl Creighton with a 669 has a haistro coming from the Patricia Ann. Gayle Hulford with a 295 single tugged away the League L. G. A. voucher. Inter-county league scheduled to start a week Saturday with six teams instead of last year's five. The cry of "We wuz robbed" was heard on Sunday last. Tinnie Masales, Phil LeSueur and your truly were attending the inter-county league meeting in Oakville. Scanning the minutes of last year's meeting: it was discovered that the play-offs should have been eight games instead of six. After losing the play-off by a hundred odd pins, the Actonites figured they were robbed and instead of being champs they were chumps. Oh well, it's a new season. The O.B.A. cards are in. Adios amigos.

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