

BIBLE SOCIETY RALLY

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
 ACTON UNITED CHURCH
 Union Service at 7.00 p.m.

SPEAKER — REV. G. P. PARSON, DISTRICT SECRETARY
 Followed by Sound Film
 "Our Bible—How it Came to Us"

COMBINED CHOIRS EVERYBODY WELCOME

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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bleeding—which didn't make the milking any easier and wouldn't have been allowed by the Health Unit in this day and age.

Porridge was another standby at Ginger Farm. Always porridge for breakfast, not quick-meal porridge but real old Scotch oatmeal. That is another habit that fell by the way. Now it's packaged cereal. And in those days we had tea at breakfast time. Now it's coffee. In fact, we wouldn't say thank you for breakfast without it—or grape-fruit. It was the youngsters who changed our habits. Bob took a liking to coffee when he was in the Army so when he was at home on leave I naturally made coffee for him—and a pot of tea for ourselves. But that got to be too much of a chore so finally we all drank coffee.

Maybe it's the weather has put me in a reminiscent mood. A few days ago we had a real old-time storm—and we are promised more of the same. The snow was swirling and blowing like fury, but not enough of it to pile into heavy drifts and it didn't interfere with road traffic at all. In the old days the road past here was a county road, not a highway, and it was often impassable after a bad storm. Of course, no one ever thought of driving a car during the winter anyway. The old Flivver was jacked up on blocks for months at a time. Even when spring came the car couldn't be used because of the mud. Horses were all-important in those days—and so were the trains.

Cattle and pigs were shipped to the stockyards by rail. Every station had its loading yard and farm stock was taken there by sleigh or wagon. Sometimes cattle were herded along the road on foot. I remember the first time Partner sent out a load of pigs by motor transport. We watched the truck go down the lane and thought it the last word in convenience for farmers! The second time we were not so sure. An old sow that was being shipped broke the side of the loading chute and got away. She was a contrary old dame anyway, so we finally ate her.

And then the chickens—hatched by broody hens. I remember having as many as 15 setting hens at one time. When the chicks were hatched, we took half the hens away, keeping the ones with a nice, motherly disposition. Sometimes they were too motherly and smothered some of the chicks during the night. Oh, the sick feeling when you found a number of poor little dead chicks under a mother hen! Or half-grown chicks killed by rats, skunks or carried away by a fox. The time came when we got day-old chicks and a brooder stove. Later, it was started chicks, and then eight week old mixed chicks. Now we buy ready to lay pullets, which makes the work lighter as we grow older.

Such changes during the years! It sounds like a century ago and yet it all took place in the 30-odd years we have been farming. Sometimes when I speak of present conveniences, I wonder if I sound smug. Actually, we are anything but smug. It just is, that as we look back, we realize how hard we and other farmers have worked, with few conveniences and so little of the comforts of life. But we are glad we went through that period, otherwise we wouldn't know enough to appreciate the warm, convenient and comfortable homes of today.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICT NEWS

Items of Interest gleaned from the newspapers of the district

Gordon Leaver Heads Liberals

Gordon Leaver of Oakville was elected president of the Halton Liberal Association—at its recent annual meeting held in the town hall, Milton. He succeeds Frank Petch.

Councillor Peter Watters, Oakville, and Lorne Bird, Esquimaux, were named vice-president. Ken Dick, Milton, secretary, and Victor Hall, Trafalgar, treasurer, were both re-elected.

Election of officers was conducted by Edwin Harrop of Milton, a past president. A number of delegates were chosen to attend the Ontario Liberal convention in Toronto in April. Guest speaker was Russell Reinke, M.P. for South Hamilton, who told of the achievements of the Liberal government at Ottawa.

Warden Says No Fox Hunt

There will be no organized fox hunt in Halton county to help control the spread of rabies, announced Game Warden Dudley Hitchcock, while Dr. F. Damude, secretary of a committee set up to find means of preventing the disease, said there has been no decision on free vaccine as yet.

"Clinics are not set up unless rabies are around," said Dr. Damude. "Then a clinic servicing a district of 10 miles radius is usually opened."

Energetic At 72, Builds Own Home

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. (CP)—Fred Churchill, a young fellow of 72, wanted a home on a site of his own choosing, and he wanted to design and build it himself. That was a year ago.

Now Fred lives in his self-built wooden cabin, complete with trim garden. Fred, who in his time has been a blacksmith, a farmer, locomotive engineer, carpenter and undertaker, cleared a rocky hilltop, dug the foundations and this year finished the job.

No Size, Architect, For Separate School But Have Approval

Approval in principle of a new Separate School in Bronte has been received from the Department of Education.

"We still have some formalities to clear up with the department," stated J. W. Slothers, secretary-treasurer of the board. "We don't know what size the new school will be as yet and we haven't selected an architect. Construction will start soon, however, as we want the school to be ready by the first of September."

Lay Foundation For Camera Club

Sunday afternoon 14 photography hobbyists met in the town hall, Milton, for the formation of a camera club. Although the attendance at the meeting was small, the ground-work was laid.

The scope of such an organization is unlimited, as the club plans to deal with amateur photography in black and white and color, subject matter, and developing and printing.

Ron Rupert chaired the meeting, and told of some of the activities of a Toronto camera club in which he had been a member. Roy Brownridge noted that assistance could be received from the Guelph Camera Club, who gave instruction at the night school a few years ago.

A committee of Ron Rupert and Roy Brownridge was formed to act as executive until the next meeting, and to act as a committee to nominate the officers. Officials are expecting more interested persons to join the organization at the next meeting.

The club will deal with all types of photography, including still-life, table-top, portraiture, colored slides, moving pictures, and press photography.

Earl Mongraw, who was a photography instructor in the armed forces for six years, will begin the lectures at the next meeting, starting with the fundamentals of all types of cameras. Later on, special speakers and instructors will be brought in from other camera clubs. The club eventually plans to have their own darkroom, but members pointed out that this would not be for some time.

Almost 1,000 Canadian housewives and business women are members of the Canadian Red Cross Corps.

More than 800 registered nurses volunteer their services to the Canadian Red Cross to instruct women in home nursing courses.

Faludi Predicts Big Georgetown

Georgetown will be a city of 25,000 within 20 years. So said Dr. E. G. Faludi of Town Planning Consultants, in presenting a zoning report to Georgetown council.

Dr. Faludi's suggestions for guiding future growth of the town were heard intently by councillors and a number of interested citizens who attended the council meeting.

His report, which he summarized, was illustrated with colored maps showing proposals for zoning the town into residential, industrial, commercial and park areas.

Dr. Faludi suggested that any opinions on his report be reserved until it was studied in detail. With downtown parking, particularly, he said, he would first like to discuss his recommendations with council, then with merchants before the information becomes public.

His report, said Dr. Faludi, is compiled from a technician's viewpoint and is subject to modification by factors which only a resident can understand. The town has a total acreage of 3,000 acres, and 73 per cent of this is still to be developed.

The future will bring such things as a hospital, more public schools, expanded public utilities and parking facilities in the central part of the city, he said. He foresees a five million dollar industrial assessment in this new industrial area.

Volunteer Observers Help Meteorologists

TORONTO (CP)—From the lonely post of Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T., to Summerside, P.E.I., are 1,000 volunteer weather observers who quietly contribute to weather studies that benefit national defence, agriculture, industry and the general public.

They work with the meteorological division of the department of transport. Only weather instruments are supplied for their study.

Altogether there are 1,450 weather posts throughout Canada. Daily the observers, whether voluntary or with the meteorological division, check their instruments and file reports monthly.

The reports are assembled and published by the climatological section. On the basis of these reports, data on temperature, snowfall, rainfall and weather conditions, are computed.

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