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THURSDAY, MARCH 21st, 1957

Irish Backwardness

Guess the reason we neglected to write an Irish eulogy for St. Patrick's day last week is because we are not Irish, our grandparents didn't come from Ireland and we think a sprig of clover is about as attractive as a bit of shamrock. We've never been in Ireland, we don't know whether it's more beautiful than any other lands but we do know that a lot of lovely songs have been written about it and we like the Irish tunes.

We've met a lot of people who claimed trish descent but the only two Irish boys we knew who came direct from Ireland came in our early school days. They were our chums all through school. The family all made good when they went into the world. We haven't met them in years but they had an influence on us from the day they first punched our nose that has always been respectful for the Irish and their independence.

Yes, we like the Irish, but we sure would like to see if the land they tell about so beautifully in songs every March 17th is as fine as the melodies. Sorry, we forgot to rub the Blarney stone last week but trishmen will take no offence.

Perhaps You Will Agree

Looking back after spending 18 years or so on school boards the following item from the Peterborough Examiner appealed to us with some force and we pass it on.

"Democracy attempts to do all that can be done to equalize opportunity. We do that by providing schools for all who can make good use of them. Obviously everyone must attend school long enough to learn certain necessary skills. But after that we recommend that children remain in school only if they can satisfy their teachers that they belong there; if they do not work, let them be given fair warning, and then, if they do not improve, let them be dropped from school with the proviso that they may return later if they truly change their minds and want to do

"But cluttering the High Schools with pupils who do not want to work is not democracy, it is a silly form of national self-deception. There is nothing retrogressive in admitting that we overshot the mark by trying to educate the whole population to High School level. There are great strides to be made by clearing the High Schools not of everyone who falls below the highest levels, but-only of those who show plainly that they do not want to work. Our educational system is not in a stage of frozen perfection, let us recognize mistakes, and face facts as they appear through experience."

Keep it Ready at All Times

Most of us have the tendency to forget the Canadian Red Cross as long as everything in our own part of the world is going along smoothly. We were glad to lend that fine organization a hand during the war years, when its work of mercy in the battle torn countries was in our thoughts, but because a shaky peace has returned we are apt to feel that we can let the Red Cross look after itself.

That particular attitude springs from the very blessed state in which we exist-a state in which we can scarcely imagine needing the services of the Red Cross. In time of disaster any place, it is the one organization that is prepared to go into immediate action. Other helpful organizations soon spring up to meet an emergency but first call always " goes to the Red Cross.

It is this campaign each year for funds that maintains the state of preparedness of the Red Cross. . It is this month of March when your help is needed and solicited. Go to your bank now and make your contribution. Recollect if you will the many disasters that have happened in the past few yearssome of them great and some not so great.... No matter the extent the Red Cross has responded immediately. Help keep it ready and make your donation as great as you can.

Another Springtime Pest -

It seems that the Railway Association of Canada is making its annual enquiry of municipal councils regarding the duration of daylight saving time. According to this association the majority of the communities in Ontario and Quebec are in fevor of extending the period of daylight saving. The proposal now is October 27 instead of the present September date.

We don't know who appoints the Railway Association of Canada or who they represent. About the only time we hear of them is in reference to daylight saving time. 'If they are associated with the railways they have a job to do in convincing those organizations to co-operate and schedule trains with the present hours generally accepted for daylight saving. The biggest confusion right now in daylight saving time is the refusal of the railways to make their schedule conform and to continue to operate on standard time from late April to the last of September.

Until this is done municipalities might well tell the Railway Association to mind its own business. We've been over the arguments for and against daylight saving so many times that repetition is senseless. The April to September hours are now fairly well established. Let's leave them alone and abolish the Railway Association of Canada.

Please don't write to this editor asking who this association is. We don't know but we are agin' them anyway and agin' this new proposal for extension of time, too. There are so many things of greater importance these days and already so much confusion from Egypt and elsewhere.

Last Budget Was Much Better

Well we've had another budget the past week. In spite of all its criticisms it did not leve any new taxes and it did provide adcuffenal assistance to many who have no office nations of getting it in these days of ever fising living costs. Finance Minister Harris cannot be accused of presenting an election flavored budget that might have had real significance to all of us who continually desire lower tax levies from every source

It was an odd turn of events that found Premier Frost calling the surplus that the federal government reported "a disgrace This from a leader whose government until this year had consistently reported surpluses each year Perhaps with the new Ontario levies the premier of the province may next year be able to go into disgrace again and present a surplus budget. Most folks like surpluses, especially if they have the opportunity to share in them

Clearly Mr. Harris' budget was one to help those whose meagre funds will not allow them to create any more inflation: It was encouraging to note that not only pensioners are to be assisted but encouragement was given to those self-employed persons who can now make a tax deduction from income on retirement savings, plans. To the many who were brought up when it was customary to provide for your own rainy days this is the first light in a long time.

Tax reductions amount to \$55,000,000 and benefit payment increases in 1957-58 amount to \$93,000,000. To whatever extent you share in these amounts \$198,000,000 is a nice sizeable amount to have a share in and a step in the right direction, and this without any tax increases from Federal tax sources

Yet to come in the budget year is the municipal levy. Then you can spend the balance of the year meeting the payments.

Keystone of Century History

The ceremonies accompanying the official opening of Halton County's new registry office in Milton this week had more significance than just the adding of another new edifice to the group of county buildings. This is the third building to be used for a registry office in the county. The move to this larger building is indicative of the growth of Halton because here in its walls are really the record and history of the county. Here are the records back from the pioneers of the county "down to this day, when the farm lands are giving way to industrial and residential development that is witnessing the great transformation of this part of Canada.

. We presume that when in 1857 the first office was opened at Court and Main Streets in Milton the records were not pretentious. At any rate the building was adequate for 58 years until a new one was built in 1915. It took only the last 22 years of Halton's expansion to outgrow the building opened in 1915. and required the present fine quarters in

Looking back over those 32 years and witnessing the present expansion of Halton, who can accurately predict what the records of 1990 will require and what will be the record in the Halfon County Registry office. It's an important building in Halton that was opened in Miltonion Tuesday. Its documents are most important to both our past, presen



-Frete by Esther Fayur Yummy, It's Good

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

But Some Return to Farming

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

There is one advantage to a big farm house of the west side is cold you can generally take refuge in the south side of the house, That is what I am doing now A northwest wind is blowing a regular gale, making the front of the house as cold as a barn. We can t get more heat from the furnace without leaving it unchecked, and that we are afraid to do Better be a little cold than take a chance on burning the house down However. we have one small room in a sunny south corner that is as snug as can be - and so here I am, typewriter

This makes the third windy day we have had this week -- March winds with a vengeance Last Tuesday was the first and on that day the Department of Highways set up some kind of road block just outside our gate, stopping and questioning the driver of every southbound vehicle The men were there from seven in the morning to six at night Presumably it was some kind of traffic census. Such a day for a job like that

Wednesday, Partner sent another load of scrap the metal remains of our seed drill and manpre spreader - with a few extras thrown in Bicycle wheels for instance It is years since anyone around here rode a bicycle, but yet, there were the old wheels still banging from a wooden peg I doubt if they were of any use but as the years go by, you get so used to things being around, you don't

In a different sense, that was literally true for me I am still dulging in a trash-burning orgy, also stacking and sorting the things want to keep. One time I looked

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9.00 a.m.-Holy. Communion

9.45 a.m.-Church School

11.00 a.m.-Matins and Sermon.

week Lenten service.

11.00 a.m.-Boginners" Class

Bible Class.

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7.00 p.m.-Evensong and Sermon.

Wednesday, March 27; 8 p.m.-Mid-

-Spring Thankoffering, Spea-

ker. Rev. Gordon Carder will

show colored slides on his

work in India. A special invit-

10.00 a.m. -Sunday School.

Tuesday, 7.pm -BYP U

ation to the men.

11.00 a.m .- Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m .- Evening Service.

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THIS SUNDAY'S

around and wondered what on earth I had done with the Christmas tree lights and triminings 1 hunted and I hunted in cuptosids and boxes, in this room and that, but I could not find either the lights or the trimmings. So I finally went on with my work. Soon I had another carton of sluff to burn I took it over to the smouldering tenfire and on the edge of the pile what should I see but one little colored electric bulb. My worst fears were confirmed Ip some unaccountable way. I must have put the tree trimmings on the fire

I still can't think how it happen ed I got a scolding from Partner for worrying about it But after all it is one thing to burn useless stuff but who wants to destroy once-a year trimmings that have also ac cumulated a certain amount of sentiment with each Christmas that came and passed. There were all the little figurines and baubles that had delighted our children when they were small and that promised to be equally attractive

to our children's children However, I suppose I shouldn't worry-after all, it isn't the young sters who care, it is just their foolish parents and grandparents

Two days later The weather has improved considerably no more snow, very little wind and plenty of nice warm sunshine. It would seem "All's right with the world" That is if one doesn't look too far afield, politically, economically and weatherwise We had a card vesterday from friends vacationing in Florida 'They said the weather was cool but they were hoping it would be warmer later on But since that card was written, we have heard rumors of gales, terrific rain and meteors in the Florida

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Meeting in the Y.M.C.A.

Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid.

9 45 a.m.-Church School.

whip at the Manse.

1.00 a.m.-Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m.-Evening Worship.

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

900 a.m. - Morning Prayer.

10.00 a.m.-Junior Church

11.15 a.m.-Morning Worship.

Church School.

Minister

region. So we are naturally won

Also in the news last week was the Federal budget. It will please some and make very little differ ence to others We shall benefit about 25 cents a month on tea and coffee That should be a vote catcher. We had a friend staving overnight the evening the budget was brought down. She lives on a . farm a good many miles north of here and she certainly didn't find anything to cheer about Of course a lot depends on how you look at

I was thinking old age pergioners would be quite pleased but one old lady said to me, "I guess it's all right but it almost too late for me I won't have long to enjoy it I suppose her remarks are understandable. She is a widow, well over 80, her earning capacity gone and yet so independent she does everything to exist on her pension Somehow she does very well except that every visit from her doctor and every bottle of medicine from the drug store is a major financial problem. Perhaps when the Federal - Provincial Realth Plan comps into being, it will make things a little easier for pension ers I sincerely hope so

But wage earners have their problems too which may ultimately benefit the former For instance, one young boy writted on a farm for a year and then decided he could make more money in industrial plant Now that same plant is laying soft men and the young fellow in question went to the farm where he had previously worked and asked for his job back again. Another instafree concerns two brothers. One stayed on he farm, the other quit, thinking he could make \$50 a day trucking He soon found himself in the red and unwillingly admitted that his brother on the farm made more money than he did with his truck

Weekly Winners

A huge crowd at the weekly Merchants' Draw on Saturday. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA March 16, saw Mrs S McDonald with a 20 per cent coupon receive \$36. Mrs. M. Kenney was awarded the \$5 prize

POET'S CORNER

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BETTER THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PART A THOUGHT By Mary Ellen Varley

I like the March wind rouring Around each window pane, It tussles awhile then leaves To tear right back again'

Beneath this wild encounter "Of snow and rain and cold. March hides her wishs of sunshing And dreams of April gold!

What's to hold the robin back? Neither the wind nor sform, She'll rest upon the lawn And the song of spring perform!

OLDEST VETERAN: SPRINGHILL N.S (CP)-Benjamin Mansell, who enlisted in the -British army in 1876 from ; his birthplace in England, died here at age 98. He was thought to have

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the tasse of the Free

Press, Thursday, March 21, 1907. Mr. Hugh McCutcheon of Churchill had an unfortunate runaway in town Tuesday. He was at the coal houses after coal when his team was frightened and ran down Mill St. At Nelson's store, they collided with a shade tree and the rig was amashed and the team was separated. The horses were caught. The market wagon was badly dam-

A very sudden change in the price of turnips has been reported today and that commodity is how quoted at 15 cents per bushel.

Pedestrians will appreciate it very much if the Streets and Walks Committee will have the mud scraped from the crossings, or rather the place where the crossthes should be, on Mill St

Mrs John Walter was brought home from the hospital at Guelph on Saturday Her recovery from the injuries sustained in the GTR wreck at Guelph is very slow

Good Friday in snother week The vernal equinox has been ac companied by rather stiff gales There was much "wearing o' the green" in honor of St Patrick's

Day on Sunday The rumored branch of the Farmers Bank for Acton is still in the minds of the projectors

During the terrific gale on Tuesday, a portion of the metal roof of the Acton stables was blown off Outdoor aports are on deck

The management of the Methodist church who will give an oyster supper on Tuesday, March 26, proture that the speakers will tell no stale jokes and that there will be at least six oysters in every stew

Mr Basil Johnston, who has been taking a course at Albert College during the winter, returned

The pavements are clear again

What a comfort to pedestrians' Moving time is approaching and thanges will be more numerous than usual this spring

BACK IN 1937

Press, Thursday, March 26, 1937.

Muss Jean Barbour, literary convener conducted the meeting of the Young People's Union on Tureaday night Miss Marjorie Gibson had the scripture. The theme for the night was "Music".

Miss Ruth Gibson read a story of John Sebastian Bach Mr. Charles Landsborough rendered a pleasing cornet solo, accompanied by Miss Ruth Gibson

The Bannuckburn- Women's Inbutute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Marg-

aret Brown on Wednesday The monthly meeting of the Wood men's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. McGeachie, Thursday, April 1 at 230 p.m. The Bank of Montreal has an

nounced the appointment of Wm. H. Clayton as Manager of the local branch to succeed Mr. H. I. G. Acton Orange Lasige held a very

successful ruchre and dance in the Legion Hall on Thursday

Died Murray At his late residence, Mill St. Acton, Ont. Monday, March 22, 1937, William Andrew Murray, in his 74th yearr A very bon - like March this morning at 10 above zero and two feest atterw drift

A nice new snow plow went on the highway during the week group of the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary held ah enjoyable cuchre at the home of Mrs E H Vincent last evening

Snow shovels have had more use the past week, than at any othersone time this winter Ex-Reeve and Mrs C H Harri-

son of Toronto visited in Action on Sunday. Friends are indeed pleased to see George Footitt able to be about again after his recent serious ill-

Misses Marjorie Near and Patricia Harrop visited in Toronto ov er the week-end

Mr Frank Winters sailed on Sunday for England, where he will make his hime Knox YWA held an enjoyable

crokimile party on Monday even-

The minimum wage bill passed in Ontario without any opposition

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