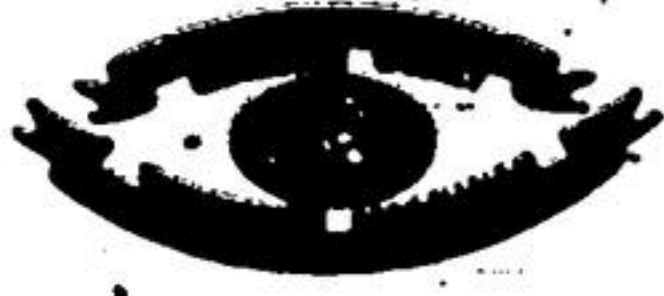


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Preferred or Common

In these days when industry is so much sought after in all provinces, Ontario has added handicaps this year. You won't hear much ado about this because there are not as many industrialists as there are householders but it will have an effect in many places and on most people.

This year the province of Ontario will join the province of Quebec in levying its own tax on incorporated companies. It's surprising how many small companies will be affected by this form of durable taxation. It's an added nuisance and then this extra tax cost will have to be met some way and the logical and only source is added costs to goods or services supplied.

In municipal taxes this year there is to be discrimination of a new sort. In levying for local taxes business pays property assessment and in addition a business tax. Sometimes this runs as high as 60 per cent of the real estate assessment. This year the Ontario government has made certain grants available to assist municipalities. But only home owners and farm owners will share in this special assistance on the municipal levy. Municipal officials will be required by some means to make two rates, those who get and those who don't. They will also be required to advertise on your tax account the amount that the provincial government has given to the municipality toward the municipal rates.

Of course, there will be no mention made that the province is going to collect from you more gasoline and other taxes to give some of the ratepayers who have the most votes the money to make the gift to you.

In the meantime, your municipal tax levies will be held up this year and your payments spread over a shorter term while this is being made understandable to you. So don't take the mill rate this year as any indication of what your payment will be. Those days are gone, brother. The tax pleas have multiplied and will assail you from so many angles and you'll be scratching in so many places that you'll only make yourself uncomfortable in seeking the trouble spots.

In the meantime, keep trying to get new industry to settle in Ontario; revise our propaganda. We're likely to have health insurance in 1959 and in that we're presently ahead of our sister province of Quebec.

A Proven Service

Fire protection, whether it be in town or country, costs money. In most towns and cities few citizens realize the amount required in the tax rate to provide this service each year. Even then there are unnoticed costs that are not covered in the budget in any way and are voluntary. Everyone realizes these costs but no one considers for a moment discarding the fire fighting service. Matter of fact, most everyone is proud of the work done and very thankful that a service is at hand when fire strikes.

After several years of operation in this area of an extended service to the rural areas, nothing but praise can be heard for the district arrangement covering the neighboring townships. There is no more indecision about going to help any section whenever the call comes. As the area is widened so is the cost and each town has been finding these costs looming larger and larger in the tax rate. It was only to be expected therefore that the North Halton area found the levy on the townships made a few years ago inadequate today. More equipment in the towns or more buildings to house the equipment have been necessary. New rates are therefore necessary. The reasonableness of these rates will undoubtedly in this case be found acceptable after this first period of trial of the system. Similar service and operation outside the towns could not be equalled in any other way. While all people desire to see tax rates kept to a minimum we believe the co-operative plans of towns and townships in sharing the costs has proven a most valued and appreciated one for the common good of the greatest number.

A Message for Easter

With the coming of the Easter season full attention is turned to the annual appeal for funds for work among crippled children. Timmy, who this year is Paul Ganble of Corunna, Ont., is symbolic of the many boys and girls throughout the country who require assistance in overcoming the heavy handicap which misfortune has placed upon them.

Actually the work is under the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. But in this district the Rotary Club has taken on the job and with their zeal and vim the movement has taken the local impetus required. They are at it again this year spearheading the movement and require and deserve the assistance of every citizen.

The Easter Seal sale must provide a great deal of the money. It is parallel to that other great seal selling campaign which, at Christmas time, gives the fight against TB such impetus.

Without the backing of Ontario's 218 service clubs and their all-out promotion of the annual Easter Seal sale, the Society and its great and complex work could not function, officials of the society frankly declare.

It was back in Windsor in 1922 when a few physicians and surgeons with the members of 10 service clubs became appalled at the number of unattended cases of crippled children in Ontario and decided to do something positive about it. They formed the Ontario Society for Crippled Children which today needs \$700,000 to properly look after its growing case load of some 11,000 handicapped youngsters across the province.

When and Where it Suits You

Recently we tuned in on TV to hear the address on The Nation's Business when Hon. Walter Harris was the speaker. Mr. Harris' picture came on the screen, his lips moved, but there was no speech. Then an announcement was made that there was temporary sound trouble. Music was played and Mr. Harris reappeared. We found out later that we heard the last two paragraphs of the speech and this was part of free time allotted by the CBC to Canada's political parties to review their administration.

We watched for some comment but either the Finance Minister wasn't aware that he was blanked out or he didn't think the omission was too important to mention. We did later get a copy of the address in the mails and were able to get the details which seemed important following the presentation of the budget.

That's one great thing about the airwaves and the great unseen audience. You never are aware whether the audience is with you or not. We presume Mr. Harris put all his energy into that address and some advance preparation not knowing of his missing audience. The printed word, however, did get through and reached the folks on the mailing list. Perhaps that is the reason for continuing popularity of the printed word in face of all the new methods. You can read it at the hour which suits you best.

Meeting on Common Ground

Municipal officials who have had to run to Queen's Park for permission for most everything will welcome the new plan announced last week by the Minister of the Department of Planning and Development.

The Minister said, "The unprecedented development of the Province of Ontario has, year by year, imposed steadily increasing responsibilities on this Department. The increase and movement of population, the rapid expansion of industrial and commercial activity and the record development of natural resources in the Province have brought about great changes, physical, economic and social, in all municipalities of the Province. By the nature of our work, no group is more conscious of this fact than the people in my Department and myself.

A new policy for my Department, therefore is being inaugurated this year, namely, that we will now be pleased to send our staff into the field to assist you with your problems. On request, experienced people from the several Branches of this Department (Community Planning, Conservation, Civil Defence, Housing and Trade and Industry) will visit your municipality for the purposes of co-operation and assistance, and confer with your elected and administrative officials or the officials of any other Boards or Civil organizations whose work parallels the activities of this Department."

We predict a better and broader understanding of common problems when officials leave the ivory towers of Queen's Park and come out and get the viewpoint of the municipality affected. At least a broader knowledge of Ontario as a whole can be expected. Hope the cost won't be too prohibitive to get the expert opinions.

Brief Comment

Private enterprise today is learning that the successful way to do business is deal fairly with your suppliers, your employees, your customers and your shareholders. They all have rights which should be respected.—The Rural Scene.



Spring's New Addition

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Good Time for Discoveries

By Gwendolyn F. Clarke

Sunshine bright, warm, beautiful sunshine is there anything that contributes more to a person's outlook and well-being, especially if you are out in it? But that's the trouble, there is so much to do indoors, and because the ground is still very wet, we don't have any real excuse for getting outside to work. No excuse at all, so there is only one thing to do, just get outside if we want to and enjoy it, no matter what.

Right now, before the weeds start to grow, is a good time for making discoveries and I think I made a discovery yesterday. I am got sure but I appear to have four geraniums that have survived the winter. The stalks are rotted but coming up from the roots there are small, healthy branches with clusters of tiny leaves. They are on the south side of the house, well protected from north-west winds. If they are geraniums, it is an account of good luck and mismanagement. Last fall I did not clean up this particular bed so the plants got left there.

Other discoveries I made were not so pleasing. The rabbits really went to town on my shrubs. They even nibbled branches from the cedars. We never have done anything in the way of prevention but I suppose we shall have to if we are going to have so many unwanted livestock around. It is disheartening to leave good healthy shrubs in the fall and find them about half their proper size in the spring. But then, the poor little rabbits have to live too—but I wish they would take to the woods or feed on wild shrubs.

The nice weather last week brought us a full quota of visitors

In fact, we had a very busy week. One day I took a visitor on an exploring trip about 20 miles from here. I wonder how many of us miss the lovely walks and drives that lie close to populated areas. How many do you know? If you want a nice drive, where do you go? We are only now beginning to find our way around to the beauty spots that lie just beyond the highways.

The village we visited is less than 18 miles from Toronto. We drove down a concession road about a couple of miles and found a lovely country district with a number of beautiful homes set among trees on landscaped lots. When the flowers are out and the trees in leaf, we shall certainly be making a return visit. We thought it was quite a find. Then we rambled around a church yard belonging to a nice old church high on a hill overlooking a river. There we found plenty of history inscribed on the old grey tombstones sacred (we hope) to the memory of the early pioneers of that district.

We spent the whole afternoon just browsing around amid beautiful and historic surroundings, yet often within sound of the traffic on a very busy highway. We really had a wonderful time and we were glad to realize that in spite of the number of super-highways that are being built, it is still possible to find beauty spots such a short way off the beaten track.

At home, if we want to get back to the grim problems of the day, we have only to turn on the radio or television and listen to news of guided missiles, misguided foreign policy, earthquakes, floods, fires, blizzards and traffic mishaps. A far cry from the peaceful pursuit of farming. In fact, we sometimes wonder if peaceful farming is possible any more.

And then yesterday along came two young brothers who were anxious to buy our tractor and power implements. They were such nice boys and so anxious to start farming on their own. There was something about them that restored our faith in the future for farm boys who really want to work and make good. They were not the type to go around looking for something for nothing. They expected to pay for what they got and were quite reluctant to accept as a gift a few extras that Father was throwing in on the deal. We had a feeling those boys have what it takes and we are confident that, barring accidents or disaster seasons, these young fellows will come out on top here, anyway. Just to know them gave us a nice, happy feeling.

Well, the birds around here are becoming more numerous every day. A little while ago, I was a bit reluctant to accept as a gift a few extras that Father was throwing in on the deal. We had a feeling those boys have what it takes and we are confident that, barring accidents or disaster seasons, these young fellows will come out on top here, anyway. Just to know them gave us a nice, happy feeling.

Now I must get this column typed and ready for the printer before any of the family arrive. Yesterday our trip from Oakville was here and no doubt the quartette from Toronto will be here soon. At present, with only Dave being able to navigate on his own, the children are easily handled. A year from now, well, I guess a year from now will tell the story.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 2264

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Speaker: Mrs. I. C. Milne of Ottawa, President, Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

Tuesday, 7 p.m.—BY-PIU
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Mid-week service.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th.
Rector

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1957
LENT IV
9:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Bible Class
11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service
4:15 p.m.—Holy Baptism of infants
7:00 p.m.—Evensong

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A., B.D., Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue
Phone 80
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1957
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1957
9:45 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Reception of new members
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Sunday, April 7, 11 a.m.—Spring Communion Service.

ACTON-PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in the Y.M.C.A., Acton.
Rev. K. J. Reid,
81 Cook St., Telephone 640w.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1957
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—College Prayer meeting and Bible study.

Quilting Bee Held at W.M.S.

The Town Line Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. H. Fatt, Acton, with a good attendance.

A short business meeting was held with the minutes and thank you notes read. Four mats were made and sold. A lady in Guelph ordered a quilt top. Mrs. Hewer offered her home for a quilting.

The president, Mrs. Hewer, led the prayer service in the theme, "Who Shall Separate Us." Mrs. J. Taylor read the scripture lesson, Romans 8: 31-39.

Those taking special part were: Mrs. O. Baker, Mrs. Ed Archibald, Mrs. G. Wagner, Mrs. W. Croft, Mrs. C. Pharoah, Mrs. J. Smeenk and Mrs. A. Adie. Mrs. E. Taylor led in prayer.

The meeting closed with the hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended," and Mrs. Hewer closed with the benediction. Mrs. Fatt served lunch and a social half hour was enjoyed.

RELICS OF THE PAST
PORT COLBORNE, Ont. (CP)—Blake Moscrop found two relics of past generations while crossing the Hamberstone township dump—a busted animal trap with six prongs used to stab the victim, and a hand-made wooden spike, for tapping the sap of maple trees.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 1, 1937.

Miss Ruth Gilliam participated in an amateur program recently and won second prize.
On Monday evening, March 22, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Veit were host and hostess to about 30 friends and close relatives, gathered to spend a social evening and honor the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Withman with a small party shower.

Miss Isabel Switzer, nurse-in-training at Joseph General Hospital, spent Easter at her home.
Mr. and Mrs. Anna Mason, who have been holidaying for the past six weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida, arrived home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Elliott and family are visiting in Colmar during the holidays.
Mr. Ted Hansen was home from Toronto University for the Easter week end.

Baseballs in the air and the first item in the meeting Tuesday night.
Sports in Acton are going to miss Bill Eccleshall when he sails for the old country.

Hoops, roller skates and bicycles have been much in evidence during the school holidays.

The winter's accumulation of sand is now being cleared off the roadway and the spring clean-up is appreciated.

The new King George VI stamps went on sale today at Acton Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Browning and Miss Ella Dills of Toronto spent the week-end with their sister and brother here.

There is special interest for farmers in the Bell Telephone's announcement this week of reductions in rates.

Workmen are busy remodeling the interior of the new funeral home.

March behaved fairly well at both beginning and end, but in between?

There were no criminal cases to be heard at the assize in Milton on Monday and Mr. Justice McTague was presented with the customary white gloves.

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 28, 1907.

Indications point to an early spring.
Miss Laura Ryder has the dearest and most attractive Easter window in town. Easter eggs, chicks, ducklets, nests and confectionery are artistically arranged.

Mr. John Kenney Sr., who has been spending the winter with his daughters in Hampton, returned home last week.

Mrs. J. H. Mackenzie will receive for the first time on Tuesday afternoon and evening, 7th April.

Miss Lathaw, of Dundas, was the guest this week of Miss Bertie Haight.

The windmill on the farm of Mr. John Stewart, of the second line, was considerably damaged by the high wind on Tuesday night of last week.

Dr. R. D. Aull has given the contract to have his barn on Frederick converted into two dwellings. He will build a new barn in the rear of his residence.

Miss Florence Murray has opened military rooms in her father's residence, Mill St., and invited her friends to inspect the new spring design there today.

Councillor Bella planning mill commencing operation this week. The saw mill will start the season's cut next week.

The roads are worse than usual just now.

Schools closed this afternoon and resume Monday, 8th of April.

A very successful concert was held on Monday evening under the auspices of the Lacrosse Club. The opening number by the orchestra, under the leadership of C. W. Mason, was well rendered.

At Exposing Council last week, the following amounts were paid for sheep killed by dogs: J. Anderson, two-thirds value of one sheep, \$4.00; John Keele, one sheep, \$6.00; Wm. Hoare, value two sheep, \$12.33; Wm. Shortall, one sheep killed, \$7.33.

Acton Gun Club held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening of last week.

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