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Numbering for Emergency

With fire protection on a sound footing for the rural areas now we were interested to note that recently Vaughan township had completed a numbering operation that provides each farm with a number under a system that plots concession and lot.

Many times inadequate directions have wasted valuable time as firemen sought the scene of trouble on the multitude of rural concessions surrounding the town.

The system in Vaughan was found necessary because of the large number of newcomers who didn't know how to describe their property while older residents might refer to the location in familiar and unfamiliar terms.

The numbering system in Vaughan provides for the mailing of a number to the gateposts of a farm, distributing a map to each home and a card with the farm number for placing near the telephone.

The project was sponsored by the Vaughan township federation of agriculture and an army of workers who volunteered for the job of farm numbering.

In the case of emergency there would be no confusion on lots, concessions and townships. Only the number would be required.

Halton has pioneered many firsts in fire protection and in the interests of the mutual aid program here perhaps a numbering system covering the entire county might be worked out. If a second call was necessary under mutual aid then a farm number could be relayed as complete information.

It's just a thought but rural wild goose chases might be cut to the minimum with a numbering system fully understood.

A Little Knowledge

While we're continually berating the "teen-agers" for their high accident rate on the highway little seems to be done about it. Teen-agers have five times as many deadly accidents as motorists of their parents' age.

But there is apparently some solution. According to a recent magazine article high school driving courses, where compulsory, turn youngsters into safe drivers.

The article notes "Teen-age students are only taught how to drive; they are shown by movies and visits to traffic courts and auto graveyards what is likely to happen to show-offs. Back of all this is the idea that nobody—especially not parents—can teach safety as well as a trained teacher."

The biggest problem of course is how far school boards can go in offering to prepare students for everything ahead of them in the world and just how much can be crowded into an already heavy high school course of study.

Apparently it costs about \$34 apiece to train each youngster in such a course and obviously school boards can answer that money is just not available for all the things groups are interested in seeing added to the course.

But while the problem goes unsolved, highway accidents are continuing and the heavy end of the accidents lies with the teen-ager that is still seeking adventure at high speeds.

Privilege, Not Responsibility

They want to marry, but they do not want to be housewives. That is the picture of the United States female as seen in a recent survey. (Perhaps the same applies to the Canadian female.) Of the girls questioned, between the ages of 11 and 18 years, 94 per cent wished to marry, but only three per cent wanted to become housewives. Yet it is not a grim picture of mom that supplies the answer, for 80 per cent wished to grow up like mother, teacher, or a female relative. Television and the movies apparently have caused the disinterest in home life.

only two per cent of those questioned showed interest in becoming television or movie stars.

The roles of mother and housewife are certainly among the most demanding of careers, for it is in the home that the so-called emancipation of women has made the least progress. Despite mechanization, housework is still drudgery. No young girl can find much pleasure in washing dirty dishes, sweeping floors, or ironing clothes... unless she looks beyond the work to the rich rewards in happy, healthy children, and contented husbands.

In all jobs there is tiresome routine, in all careers there are chores. There is no escaping them. Perhaps the reason the young girls questioned were chasing an illusion is that they have seen the routine and the chores of the housewife, but not those of "the steady employment with interesting work with nice people to work with" that most of them wanted. They had failed to see that the steadiest work, and the most interesting, with the nicest people, is in the home. The pay, in material rewards, may not be very high. But where else is it possible to become the boss from the very first day?

Whose Neck "Stuck Out?"

(From The Markdale Standard)
Every newspaper editor, now and then, is approached by some person in his community who demands that he expose some situation or write words of criticism.

Often there is a justification for the visit to tell the editor what he should do about conditions, and the editor is usually sympathetic towards the visitor, who, by the time he makes the visit has mullied the situation over in his mind so much that he is frequently more than just a little angry. A suggestion that an article be written about the situation, using his name, brings the outcry, "Leave my name out of it!" Then the editor explains that the visitor should write a letter, signed by himself, for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column.

That doesn't help to pacify the visitor either. He doesn't want to become involved in the criticism himself—it might affect his business or his prestige. But he knows, and quite definitely, what an editor is supposed to do, and says so very plainly. And, of course, that raises the query in the editor's mind as to why he (the visitor) never became an editor, when he is so confident that he knows just what an editor should do in acquiescing to every demand for "telling-off" the people responsible for incurring his wrath.

Doughnuts and Economics

You wouldn't think groundhogs, bunions and doughnuts had any common ground. But, in a way, they do.

Groundhogs enjoy a measure of popularity, earned or otherwise, as amateur long-term weather forecasters. This is indicated by the recognition given annually to Groundhog Day when observers watch to see whether the little animals see their shadow and thus herald six more weeks of winter.

Bunions, for those that have them, are short-term weather barometers. Pain means rain.

And now doughnuts are making a play for the secondary role of amateur economists.

An announcement by the Donut Institute says that beginning next year the hole in the doughnut will be one-quarter inch smaller. The explanation: When times are prosperous the hole gets smaller and you get more doughnut. In bad times it gets larger—less doughnut.

Some may think the only place for a doughnut is between the thumb and forefinger poised over a steaming cup of coffee.

But for those who like economics in uncomplicated form the doughnut is a natural. You're not sure whether to make an investment? Take a coffee break and study the hole in the doughnut; compare it against earlier measurements and decide whether the economy is sound.

Thus doughnuts, bunions and groundhogs have this in common—they manage to intrude on fields of endeavor which, at first glance, would appear completely unconnected with them.

Such versatility may be regarded as strange in this age of increasing specialization—but maybe it will give some encouragement to those who hanker for the (good?) old days when, for example, a doctor was a doctor and you didn't have to check your dictionary before deciding whether you needed an obstetrician, pediatrician or dermatologist; or when you called the local handyman whether you had a leaky faucet, a broken window or a stuffed shoe pipe.

That is, it offers encouragement to those oldtimers unless—parish the thought—doughnut makers have hired a batch of economists to make exhaustive studies of economic trends before deciding whether the doughnut's hole is to get larger or smaller.



"Shy Cherub"

G. A. D. About

Mostly Visiting the Past Week

In the fall the birds fly south and among folks who have time on their hands the migration is invariably to a climate that is warmer than the Canadian winter. That is just ahead of us in this section got our first real taste of winter and snow that lasted for more than a day just last week, on November 8 to be exact. We read in the fifty years ago column that in 1907 the ponds were frozen over by that date and some of the venturesome had tried the ice out for skating.

Maybe we have some of the adventure spirit still left because that week with the first skiff of winter snow, we had planned to go north for a week's visit. The reason, of course, not for hunting but to see a new grandson—just six weeks old and to get the visit in well before the Christmas season and of course, see three other interesting grandchildren and the father and mother.

After hearing of the wintry blast of the northern part of the province, we wondered whether we should postpone the visit, but on reaching Sudbury we found that the report must have been greatly exaggerated. There was no more snow than we experienced in the banana belt of Ontario. Road conditions were really as good as here—that is, where there are normally good roads. Matter of fact, weather at Levaek, 30 miles north of Sudbury, was very similar to what prevailed in Acton—rain and cloudy.

The new road into Levaek has proceeded very well, and the string of red lanterns marking the new route has diminished. Work on the present weather goes on similarly to like projects in the southern district. Was also interested to note that new school buildings take about the same schedule as in this district. There is a sudden spurt to get the roof on the new high school before winter, although it would seem the school had been in great haste in the better building weather of summer.

Our son-in-law, who is principal of the High School, seemed to be quite hopeful of getting into the new building in September. I who have seen several high school buildings undertaken could not share his enthusiasm. I hope I am wrong and that he is right. We need youthful optimism in these days of big undertakings.

While Mrs. Dalla and GAD were on this visit, a birthday of the oldest grandchild occurred. Maybe some of you are at the age, like me, when birthdays like to be forgotten. Every year is not as fresh as it used to be. Every year is just another milestone. Birthdays go on together too often. Sometimes the days between them seem too short. But when you are eight, birthdays have a real significance—almost next to Christmas.

When you are eight or younger, there are so many important things that bring pleasure. There are the things required for school. A new bit of clothing that is just a little extra and a trinket that has absolutely no use other than the fact that it's something to show to the other kids. Then of course, there is a chance for a birthday party. This of course, was rather a drawback for an eight-year-old in view of the fact that the grandparents were guests and not given to the usual hilarity of others of similar age. But even grandparents can enjoy the birthday cake and blowing of balloons even if the ball of fate may be more suitable for younger digestions.

So for the past week we've been living and enjoying a few days in a young home and it's given us a new interest and a renewed outlook. Not only youth can give what does the weather mean anyway, it comes only a day at a time. What does the completion of a project mean—it's only an incident along the pathway of life. But youth and the future hold the promise of greater life and new accomplishments and youth and its inspiration in them.

We're home again from gadding about for a week. It's a week of maybe purely personal interest, but if you have a family, perhaps you will understand better what I have been discussing. After all, this is a bit of a personal column.

And now back to TV. Sputnik, the daily newspaper and the doing of our own community and the important affairs and local events.

P.S. Missed reading except the headlines for over a week. Reason, broken spectacles and through no fault of the grandchildren either. Also missed some variety on the TV and saw more. Houdy Houdy, Robin Hood Sir Lancelot, etc. Reason, television is confined to just one channel in Levaek. No fiddling around trying to get programs you might think you would like. You just use the on and off button.

Revise Cap Badge For Lorne Scots



While only the keenest eyed layman will spot any change the cap badge of the Lorne Scots, P. D. and H. Beaumont has been revised and a new issue will be made in the near future.

The revision has been made to conform with the suggestions made by the College of Heraldry in Britain and approved by Lt. Col. S. R. Charters, C.D., Commandant of the 1st Battalion. One change which is also being made to the badge of all Canadian units is the substitution of the St. Edward's crown for the Tudor crown. Changes exclusive to the Lorne Scots include a correction in the Latin motto "Pro Aris et Focis" which now reads "Pro Aris et Focis" an ancient typographical error had accounted for the use of a "c" in place of an "o" in Focis. The motto, freely translated, means "For Hearth and Home".

In the new issue, the heraldic demure rampant will have lead of his body expanded. Crests of the Duke of Argyll and Sir Robert Peel continue to be incorporated in the Lorne Scots badge and buttons.

REMARKABLE GROWTH
HALIFAX (CP)—Tom Murphy shook the hand of a man whom he had not seen for 56 years when his brother called on him recently. William left here in 1901 and went West with a harvest excursion. He said the change in Halifax is "really fantastic."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907 BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 21, 1907

Knox Church Sunday School commenced rehearsal on Monday evening for their annual entertainment on New Year's night. This year they will present a popular Christmas cantata entitled "Santa Claus".

Mr. Reginald Johnstone, who recently purchased the hardware business of Johnstone and Co. has been moving this week to the new store on the west side of the Johnstone block. The new premises are very attractive and provide a great deal of room for the business.

Mr. Edwin Francis, son of Mr. I. Francis, Willow Street, Acton, took a situation with Messrs. Elias Rogers and Co., coal dealers, Toronto, eight years ago. By careful attention to his duties, Mr. Francis has won the confidence of his employers, who have manifested this by frequent promotions to positions of greater responsibility. Recently he was advanced to manager of the main yards at Esplanade, with 50 men under his control.

Mr. W. J. Gould, who has been manager of the Acton House for nearly two years, has resigned and Mr. W. D. Smith has resumed the position.

On Halloween night Harold Hall broke one of his legs by running against a pair of old car wheels which planksters had left in his neighbor's lane.

Dr. Auld has taken the office in the Perryman block lately occupied by Dr. Hours, which he may be called during the day. Night calls will be answered from his residence as heretofore.

While walking up to Mrs. C. S. Smith's residence on Monday Miss Margaret Cameron had the misfortune to slip and fall at the foot of a staircase, a very severe sprain to the right wrist.

Special services are being held in the Methodist church this week and will probably continue next week. The attendance is encouraging.

Members of the Crewson's Corners United Church ladies' Aid gathered at the home of Mr. Robert Nelles to honor him on his departure to Cuba.

Fire destroyed a large barn on the farm of James Nichol, fifth line, Esquimes, early Monday night, together with most of his stock and a large quantity of winter feed stored in the barn.

Mr. Thos. Watson received a scalp wound and was badly shaken up and bruised in a motor accident late Saturday afternoon. In driving his car onto the highway from the fifth line, he failed to notice a car approaching from the west, and the two cars crashed at the intersection.

Francis will be pleased to know that Mr. Watson is able to sit about again and the occupants of the other car sustained no serious injuries.

Sonny Boy, shown by R. Keel and Son was the Senior and Grand Champion at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto on Saturday.

About 2:30 this morning, fire was discovered in Patterson's abattoir and wholesale meat market, just on the west boundary of Acton. Such headway had been made by the flames however, before the alarm was turned on that the fire had already spread to the north, saving the building of the contents and it had burned through the roof.

It was six o'clock this morning when the firemen were able to roll up the hose and leave the building. Born Warren. At the Western hospital, Toronto, on Saturday, November 20, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Warren of Toronto, the gift of a son, James Lachlan.

The Georgetown Lumber Company will probably continue next week. The attendance is encouraging.

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