

Horse, Buggy Theft Gave Group Incentive To Protect Farmers From Loss of Livestock

By LOBBE GUNDLACK
Sometime around the year 1907, either W. J. Clements or Dupe Reid (depending on which story you believe) had a horse and buggy stolen. A group of Halton farmers got together, traced the thief and recovered the horse and buggy. The incident made some of the farmers think that perhaps an organization for and by farmers to protect their livestock would be a good idea.

This began the Halton Protective Association.

From the files of the Canadian Champion, January 16, 1908, comes this paragraph: "The annual meeting of the Halton Protective Association was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Royal Templars' Hall. The attendance was large. The officers were all re-elected. Many new names were added to the membership which is now away over the 100 mark. This is undoubtedly one of the best societies ever organized in Halton for the protection of property. Just think of it: if you are a member of this society and you should have a horse stolen, in less than 24 hours, you can have the assistance of over 100 men to help to run down the thief, and remember, it costs only \$1 to join and 25c a year afterwards."

Not Vigilantes
The Protective Association was never a group of vigilantes who relentlessly ran down horse thieves and then "strung 'em up from the nearest tree." It was a well organized association which, when called upon by a member, would get the members together and begin a systematic search for the stolen articles. Unlike the police, the articles, not the thieves, were their main objective. If the horse and buggy, or whatever was stolen, could not be found, then the association would bring the incident before the annual meeting and usually grant remuneration on a set basis.

The oldest records owned by the association date back to 1918. In 1919, a membership of 126 was recorded, the highest on record. Membership fees were raised to 50 cents for current members, while new mem-

bers still only paid \$1. The same year, a committee organized by the annual meeting found a hellebore which had been lost or stolen from a Mr. Cooper.

In 1920, provision was made for the protection of fowl. The next year, a member lost some chickens and was remunerated. 1923 saw cars added to the list of articles which the society would aid in finding, if stolen. The following year saw members paid for sheep and robes which had been stolen or lost. A motion was carried that the society pay two-thirds the value of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, harness, buggies and robes. The value of each was set as follows: buggy, \$75; cutter,

\$40; single harness, \$30; double harness, \$50; robes, \$12; sheep, \$12; hogs, two-thirds market value. Membership was down to 57.

1930 saw the association pay R. Bush \$8 for a robe which had been stolen from him. The next year, the membership had fallen to 33.

Revised
When the revised constitution was printed in 1934, the increase of traffic on roads and highways was of obvious concern, for section 20 of the constitution stated: "This association will not be in any way responsible for any animal or animals left running at large on public highways." When the constitution was

again revised in 1945, no mention was made of aid given in the recovery of stolen cars.

In 1962, the membership has shrunk to under 30. There were moments this year when the end of the association seemed imminent. For the first time in its history, the association's annual meeting had to be postponed due to the lack of a quorum. There are more directors now than there are other members.

In this day and age, the Halton Protective Association is unique. For an initial payment of \$5 and an annual payment of \$1, the member has the privilege of having the complete membership of the association aid him in a search for lost or stolen livestock. If the property is not recovered, he may apply for remuneration. Why, then, are there not more farmers interested?

Perhaps the many varied insurance policies available have lulled the Protective Association. Perhaps farmers feel it is outdated and has outlived its usefulness. It could be, also, that the association is not well enough advertised.

Whatever the reason, it seems a shame that an organization which started as well and as strong as did the Protective Association, should reach a point where a quorum is not present at the one meeting a year. If someone has not heard of the association until now and is interested, they may contact president Alan Dixon, vice-president Roy Currie or secretary Jim Brownridge.

U.C.W. Start New Study Book For "Soul-Searching Times"

(Intended for last week)
Mrs. H. Price was hostess for the Ebenezer U.C.W. February meeting, and also led in devotions the devotional theme being "praise ye the Lord for his holiness."

Mrs. M. Hayward, U.C.W. president, opened the meeting with a few thoughts toward the future. Mrs. W. Early read the scripture and was accompanist for the hymns.

A lengthy business discussion included plans for an Irish stew supper and program for the 16th of March. In the study book chapter by Mrs. A. Norris, taken from Signals for the Sixties were these lines, "In these soul search-

ing times the church has a major task to tackle if we would make the church a vital force in our United Nation."

Mrs. M. Hayward, Mrs. A. Norris, Mrs. M. Moffat and Mrs. W. Dunbar were appointed as delegates to attend the annual provincial meeting of U.C.W.

The inaugural dedication service installing officers of the New U.C.W. was held during regular Sunday morning service in Ebenezer Church. The Rev. R. Haddock was leader for this service.

Friends of Mrs. Arthur Diamond, who is ill in General Hospital in Guelph, wish for her a speedy recovery.

OSPRINGE

Annual Reports, Elections At Presbyterian Annual Meet

(Intended for last week)
The annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Ospringe, was held at Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken's home, with the minister, Rev. T. Maxwell, as chair-

man. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by G. Aitken. The treasurer's financial report, which had been printed, was distributed to all present by Byron Bruce.

The Ladies' Aid report was given by Mrs. G. Sunter. Missionary and Sunday School report was given by Mrs. G. Aitken. These reports proved highly satisfactory.

The following are the officers as elected: envelope secretary-treasurer, Gordon Aitken; secretary-treasurer, Byron Bruce; managers, Ward Bruce, Allan McCrae, Byron Bruce, Gordon Aitken, Barry Clarke, Stan Fuller, Norman McKenzie, George Jackson, Ralph Sinclair; auditors, Barry Clarke, Norman McKenzie; trustees, Gordon Aitken, Norman McKenzie, Stan Fuller. Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies present to conclude the meeting.

Taking Course
James Tansley, who is a junior clerk at the Royal Bank, Hillsburgh, is attending a course in banking this week in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Storey of Caledon, attend-

ed the funeral of the former's cousin, Mrs. Bertha Leight, at Orillia on Monday.

Miss Wilma Klooster and Ben Klumpenhower of Brampton spent the weekend with relatives in Listowel.

Miss Anne Parker, R.N., of Campbellville, visited on Sunday with D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

Many Ill
Vern Stewart is confined to his home, under a doctor's care, with a severe attack of flu. Other members of the family are recovering from it. Cameron Fraser has been ill with the measles, which he contracted from the children. Mrs. Fred Archibald and children are also recovering from the flu. Mrs. Robb Bailey and children, who also were under a doctor's care with flu and sore throat, are much improved.

Achievement Day
A group of local 4-H Homemaking Club girls and their leader, Mrs. Ken Stubbington, attended Achievement Day at the O.A.C., Guelph, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Storey returned to Ajax on Monday following a two week vacation at his home here.

Guelph Rector Guest At St. Alban's Guild

The February meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held in the parish hall with the president, Mrs. W. Denny in the chair. The meeting opened with the Guild prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. L. Clarke, and the treasurer's report, was given by Mrs. H. Denny.

It was decided that the Guild would pay for the material for new altar hangings, which will be made up by the Altar Guild.

An application form has been received from the Schneider Meat Co. inviting the Guild to take advantage of their offer to supply cold cuts and cheese for a supper for at least 75 persons. They will also show a film called "The Modern Hostess." The Rev. West closed the business meeting with prayer.

Guest Speaker
The members were then happy to welcome the Rev. McMulkin of St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Guelph, who gave a very interesting and informative talk and demonstration on the church vestments. The Rev. West acted as his model. The significance of the priest's vestments and their origin were explained. After several questions, and some discussion, Rev. McMulkin was thanked by Rev. West and presented with a small gift by Mrs. Nellis on behalf of the ladies present. Lunch was served by the ladies in charge.

NO COMPLIMENT
Hotel guest: These flowers are for your telephone girls. Hotel manager: Thanks. That's a lovely compliment to our service. Hotel guest: Compliment nothing. I thought they were all dead.

Coffee is grown around the world in a belt about 22 degrees north and south of the equator.

See Parade of Garments At 4-H Achievement Day

An attractive display of cotton separates attracted many people to the Williams Ave. High School in Milton on Saturday, February 10.

The occasion was the 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day, culmination of the project for Halton County 4-H Homemaking Club members in "Separates for Summer." In this project each club member made a set of cotton separates — a skirt and top, and if they wished, a pair of Bermuda shorts. These were displayed in the morning along with the record books containing accounts of the meetings held by each club.

In the afternoon the girls modeled their separates for the large audience present for the program. As well as the parade of garments, each one of these 14 clubs presented an exhibit or demonstration on a topic related to the project.

Club Exhibits
Attractive exhibits were set up by the following clubs: Bannockburn, Linda Swackhamer, commentator; Scotch Block, Joan McDonald, commentator; Silverwood, Judy Norton, commentator; Dublin, Mary Moffat, commentator; Horny South, Ruth Mason, commentator; Ashgrove, Sandra Carney, commentator; Nelson, Margaret Donaldson, commentator; Palermo South, Faith Davis, commentator. Demonstrations or skills were presented by: Louise Snow, Dianne Snow, Carolyn McEnery, Ballinlad Club, on the topic "Measurements and Pattern Alteration"; Willa McFeeters and Sharon Joubert, Palermo Club, on the topic "Look Right for Play"; all members of the Horny North Club on the topic "Look Right for Play."

All members of the Nassagaweya Club on "Sew and Save on Play Clothes." Patsy Hamilton, Ellen Kulnie and Claudia Bishop, Nelson West Club, on the topic "Measurements and Pattern Alterations"; and all members of the Limehouse Club, on the topic "Separates for Summer."

Awards For Completion
Each of the 138 club members who completed the unit successfully was awarded a silver Homemaking Club spoon by the Department of Agriculture. Each club member who had completed two projects received a Certificate of Achievement. Fifteen club members received County Honors certificate and pins signifying six completed projects. They were: Mary Moffat, Donna Kingdon, Agnes Peacock, Lynne Robertson, Beverley Huey, Betty Lawrence, Mary Atkins, Laura Howden, Marlene Irving, Judy Newell, Marilyn Madill, Betty Ann Brown, Jay Patterson, Barbara Kerton. Five girls were presented with Provincial Honors certificates.

Two Assistants
The program was under the direction of Miss Frances Lampman, Home Economist for Halton County. She was assisted for the day by Mrs. Neil Silver, Supervisor of Agriculture, and Miss Eleanor Kidd, Supervisor of Clothing, Home Economics Service, Toronto. Miss Lois Smith, Home Economist, York and Ontario Counties. In the afternoon club members and leaders chose the project which will begin in the fall of 1962. It is "Being Well Dressed and Well Groomed." The project for the spring for Homemaking Club members will begin in February. The topic is "This Supper Club." Any girl who is twelve by March 1, 1962 is eligible to take part in this project.

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Superintendent Metro School for Retarded Children
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THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

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10.00 a.m.—English service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch service.
All Are Welcome

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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1962
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
10.00 a.m.—Minister's Teenage Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Service. Sermon theme: "Encouraging a Failure to Stage a Comeback." (No. 5 in series on "Encouragement.")
Junior Congregation, boys and girls, 3 to 7 years, meets during sermon.
8.00 p.m.—New Life Mission at Physical Education Building, O.A.C., Guelph. Transportation rendezvous, Acton United Church, 7.15 sharp. Everyone Most Welcome

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Acton, Ontario
Minister:
The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1962
9.30 and 11.00 a.m.—Divine Services
(A nursery is provided for infants during the 11 o'clock service.)
The Church School
9.30 a.m.—The Senior School for those in grade 5 and higher.
11.00 a.m.—The Junior School, for pre-schoolers to grade 4.
7.15 p.m.—Young People leave for New Life Mission, Guelph.
8.00 p.m.—First meeting of New Life Mission at Physical Education Building, O. & C., Guelph. Transportation rendezvous, Acton United Church, 7.15 sharp.
All Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Pastor: Rev. James M. Rudd
39 Nelson Court, Phone 853-0925.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1962
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
6.30 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 7.30—Prayer meeting.
All Are Welcome

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Sunday School Superintendent
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9.45 a.m.—Bible School Classes for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Speaker at both services, Mr. Bruce Lee of Toronto.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer Meeting, "Holding Forth the Word of Life."
All Are Welcome

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
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Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., Phone 853-1357.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1962
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11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
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