

Cloudy Skies

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 21, 1948.

The Massey Dairy lost a good delivery wagon and a quantity of the load last Thursday morning when the wheel of the wagon stuck on Church St. and the wagon and load of milk was upset. Lorne Massey was in the wagon at the time and it was fortunate that Joe Woods was delivering in the same section at that time and was able to extricate him from the upset vehicle. The wagon was smashed beyond repair and Lorne was literally deluged in milk.

Miss Hazel Wilson, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Main St., has been appointed medical supervisor at the Western Hospital in Toronto.

One of the few tangible good effects of the war has been the strengthening of the ties between Canada and the British Isles from the traditional bands of unity to the hard, solid friendship of one man for another. Our soldiers, sailors and airmen fighting in the European theatre of operations are safely responsible.

The rains the past few days quelled the bush fires at Dublin better than all the days and nights of work of all the men. They gave welcome relief.

On Friday evening, the members of Knox Church Choir and their friends met at the manse, the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. Thomson. Miss Isabel Anderson read two beautiful poetic addresses to two recent brides, Mrs. Howard Switzer and Mrs. Norman Wright. They were presented with gifts by Mr. W. Benson and Mr. C. Coles, Miss D. Falster read an address of sincere appreciation to Mr. E. J. Salt, who has been organizer and choir leader for many years. Mrs. Ada Near presented Mr. Salt with a gift. Mrs. C. Coles also presented Mrs. Salt with a bouquet of baby mums. The evening's arrangements were in charge of Miss E. Anderson, assisted by Misses Margaret McPhail and Joyce Desjardins.

Announcement is made concurrently this week in The Canadian Champion, Milton and The Acton Free Press of the purchase of The Canadian Champion by G. A. Dills of Acton, who will assume joint editorship and ownership of the two papers after November 1.

When the Canadian hospital ship Lady Nelson docked at Halifax last Thursday, Gunner J. H. Taylor was one of the passengers.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, October 23, 1912.

The first real cold weather of the season came with the present week. The low temperature and the snowflurries were a reminder that winter is coming. The usual period of Indian Summer is still looked for, however.

An interesting incident of family history was the baptism on Sunday morning by Rev. C. D. Diaper in the Methodist Church of the first born sons of William McNabb and Neil McNabb, Bowyer Ave. The good old-fashioned names given were Archibald, Thomas Cameron and Colin McKenzie.

Mr. John D. Bauer has disposed of his express and cartage business to Mr. Nelson F. Moore, who left Acton last spring and who has been for several months with Messrs. Beatty Bros., Fergus. Mr. Moore will look well after the interests of his patrons. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be cordially welcomed back to the old home.

Mr. Harold Wiles is adding a 5, 10 and 15 department to his store, with the usual assortment of novel and useful articles. The opening will take place on Saturday.

Mr. A. M. McPherson, Acton, met with uniform and gratifying success with his two-year-old plowing in the agricultural class at the various local fairs this fall. Commencing at Acton, he won first prizes here, at Milton, Georgetown and Rockwood, all of the points where he competed. He has been offered a very tempting price for this fine farm animal.

Recently a man engaged and paid for a room in the Campbellville hotel for a rest in the afternoon, then sneaked away with two suits of clothes from boarders' rooms. The man was caught at Deverton for an offence committed there. It turned out he had also broken into railway stations at Campbellville, Georgetown and Moffat. He was sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary. The stolen clothes were expressed from Kingston back to Campbellville.

The soil has been rather dry for fall plowing but a larger area than usual has been plowed. The deer hunting season opens a week from next Friday. The farmers are now busy with their potato crop.

The minimum salary for rural postmasters is to be increased from \$35 to \$50 a year. Several thousand people will be affected.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

What a difference a few weeks can make in this country! It is no wonder that Canadians carry on a deep, lingering, tongue-tied, love affair with their native land.

And they do. Believe me, they do, although you'd never know it from casual observation. They may rally to Florida, Mexico and Europe, but most of them would be sad beyond endurance if they were suddenly told they were to be banished forever from Canada.

About eight weeks ago we drove out to visit friends at their cottage. It was the lush, bosomy end of summer, and the evening air was tropical. We slowed to cross the bridge, and the ever-present, ever-intent anglers peered with patience at the black little river, and the birds chortled and the frogs krumphled.

Along the beach, golden girls walked, and brown urchins paddled, and fat ladies slumped on deck chairs, and teen-agers looked sophisticated, and dogs ran over sleeping old gentlemen, and people waded and water lapped and motors roared and hot dogs smelled good.

When we arrived, our friends, about a dozen of them, sprawled under a vast, stinging pine tree, drinking chilled seltzer and eating dill pickles. Their children and ours, from toddlers to bantam delinquents, prowled and squabbled and begged bites of pickle and demanded one last swim, and laughed and cried and wore their diapers and bothered their mothers.

Out over the lake, the sun, almost gone, had a moment of hysteria, slashing color across the sky with the ferocity of a Van Gogh. And the water,

darkening its blue, looked up longingly, and the sun flung across it, disdainfully, a few scarlet and gold-streamers.

And we lounged, in shorts and bare feet, shirtless and wordless, too lazy and content to get up and go in, even when the sun took a deep breath and went down like a bomb, away out at the end of the water.

Like good Canadians, we accepted the splendor of the evening with decent restraint. Nobody sang a sonnet to the setting sun. Nobody was impelled to sing a dirge to dying summer. It was admitted upon the angling of a couple of the more flamboyant types, that it sure was a swell night, before we gathered the kids and went home.

Just the other night we went back to the same beach for dinner with some friends at their cottage. The air was fairly curdling. The car heater felt good. When we reached the little bridge, there were no fishermen, but we stopped to look at the late gold sun on the little black river. And high, away up, went over a wavery V of geese, a lovely sight.

Along the beach there was no sign of life. Steely water around green-clumped islands. Silver sand. Black and blue sky. Cottages boarded up and

black-faced. It was lonely and bleak and beautiful.

When we came to the cottage, away down the shore road, and saw the yellow lights shining, it was a good feeling. Inside, there was a great, glowing fire, a warm welcome, friendly faces, and the good, rich smells of coffee and turkey and perturbed women.

And again, like decent Canadians, nobody made any crude remarks about what a beautiful evening it was, how lucky we were to live in this demi-paradise, or anything as foreign and sentimental as that. We just stuffed ourselves with food and drink, and went home.

Maybe we all had too much Bliss. Carman, William Wilfred Campbell and Archibald Lampman, when we were in school. Maybe we're just underestimating. But surely there is no nation on the face of this earth that loves its country so much, and sings about it so little.

That's why I'm going to sing out once in a while, however cracked the voice, or corny the tune, or bored the audience. Maybe I can incite enough people to form at least a quartet.

—Photo by W. Merle Cunby

Municipal Shopping Days...

It comes as a bit of a surprise, but there is only about one more month of "shopping days" for municipal government.

Come mid-November, officials give an accounting of their stewardship at gatherings called Nomination meetings. Sometimes we feel that citizens give more attention to their Christmas shopping than they do their municipal government shopping.

The positions of municipal leadership that go on the block in anticipation of the year or years ahead are important to the communities they represent. In the hands of the chosen leaders are the responsibilities for municipal direction.

It is not enough to spend 12 months in complaining about an administration. It takes little imagination to be a grumbler and it takes a lot less initiative. It does take initiative to feel opinions strongly enough to do something about them.

The purpose of these words is to urge citizens in every municipality within reading distance, to take time to mentally review the past year of municipal life in your municipality whether it be school board, council or utilities commission. Consider the direction it has taken, its aggressiveness in meeting and solving problems. Then look at the work of the individuals entrusted with the responsibility of giving that administration direction.

After completing the review consider your own position. Are you satisfied? Can you offer to take a part in next year's administration? Have you questions you feel should be answered by the officials of the past year? Can you invest a couple of hours in hearing the reports and participating in the democratic selection of the officials of the future?

It is a time of year when each should be giving serious thought to his or her own community. Grumbling next year will not be sufficient to make an effective contribution to your town or township.

Now while there is still time before nomination meeting, give thought to those who should be charged with positions of responsibility in the year ahead. Encourage capable citizens to seek or retain positions of leadership. But don't ignore the situation and let someone else write the figures on your tax bill without having played a part.

This and That...

The blood donor clinic at the Legion on October 31 needs the support of many more contributors. A critical shortage of blood has developed in Toronto and supplies have reached a dangerously low point. News reports indicate that blood supplies had reached a level where scheduled operations have been cancelled. To bring the level of supply back to a normal point many additional donors are needed. With a clinic previously arranged by the Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary in co-operation with the Canadian Red Cross, Acton donors at the clinic next week on Thursday, October 31 at the Legion Auditorium may help to bring these supplies up to normal again.

deer season in the county appears to be a distinct possibility. Anyone who has no business in the woods or on the farms should not add to the hazard.

Again this year children volunteering to collect pennies for UNICEF will be calling on you at Halloween. The UNICEF banks will be available through the public schools and the Ys Men's Club is arranging a program similar to last year. This worthwhile project can continue to be a success. While the children have been calling for UNICEF for a number of years, they still remember what to do with the other treats too.

The most successful business man is the man who holds on to the old just as long as it is good and grabs the new just as soon as it is better. Robert P. Vanderstep

Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect. Marcus Aurelius

Boatmen like a man rowing a boat upstream. He has no choice, he must go ahead or he will go back. Lewis E. Pierson

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

MILTON—Mike Ledwith of Milton Rotary Club has been named District Governor, and will preside over the 56th Rotary district for a year, beginning next summer. Mike is a former Mayor, school trustee, hospital director, Mason, church elder and Sunday school superintendent, and has served on many boards and committees in clubbing, the swimming pool committee which he presently heads in Milton, and the Milton-Hennessy, Henssey, Hensley, Hensley and Hensley Municipal election in next December's municipal elections last week. Two women—Mrs. Edna Johnson and Mrs. Pam Pezzini—recently declared they would seek council seats in the coming year.

GEORGE TOWN—Canadian and American armed forces officers and officials of the Department of Defence Production witnessed a secret briefing and flight demonstration of the revolutionary new Avian 2180 airplane last week. Their opinions will mean either success or failure for the plant employees from Georgetown, all ex-Milton craftsmen who lost their jobs when the Avian plant shut down, and who formed a co-operative company to perfect and maintain their new aircraft.

BRAMPTON—Everybody was invited into the reform institution last week when the Ontario Training Centre at Brampton held open house for an exhibition of vocational and trade projects. The exhibits in motor mechanics, painting, radio, carpentry, bricklaying, health, arts and craft, metal, glass, wood, and including Reform, in situations minister. How, then, to show man what is, being done in the field of rehabilitating offenders.

OKAYVILLE—A. I. Robinson, director of education, divisions needed for a fourth high school for Okayville, with 34 rooms, nine shops, a double gymnasium and a cafeteria. In a 12-page report to the board of education he shows figures proving it will be needed. Some accommodation is necessary for 1965. The proposed school would serve 1,180 pupils and cost about \$2,500,000.

Furrow Queen, Plowing Championship On Tap for Sat. "Little International"

They call it Halton's "Little International." Edward Snow's farm on Concession 10, E. of Esplanade Town, will be the site of the event of the annual Halton County Plowing match.

A large number of entries are expected to plow in the eight available classes which include: tractor plows in soil open to all, tractor plows in soil open to all, open mounted plows, two furrows or more, mounted plows, tractor mounted plows, two or more furrows, Halton only, tractor in soil open, the Ernest Irvine Tractor Utility Class two or three furrows, Halton only and the tractor utility class open to all. Cash prizes plus trophies will be presented to the winners of each class at a banquet in the Masonic Hall, Milton, following the match.

A special feature of this year's match will be the selection of Halton County's Queen of the Furrow for 1964. Miss Janette Finnie of R.R. 1, Hornby was

this year's Queen for the County. The winner of the contest will also be announced at the banquet. Guest speaker at the banquet will be George S. Atkins of the Farm Broadcast Department of the C.B.C.

Stanley May of R.R. 2, Hornby is president of the Halton County Plowmen's Association this year. Other executive members include: first vice-president Floyd May, second vice-president J. C. Cunningham, secretary J. Allen Francis, honorary president Clebert McDowell and past president J. H. Taylor.

The directors are: Esplanade, John Brander, Clifford Wriggleworth, John Wilson and Ken Peddie, Okayville, Cameron Marshall, Tom Howden, Jack Marchment, Frank Hall, Burlington, Roy Ellenton, Brock, Harris, Ernest Gumb, and Nassagavasa, George Swain, Sam Finnie Sr., Robert Hurren and Ross Gordon. The associate directors are Keith Leslie, William Rayner, Ed Segsworth and Lloyd Stokes.

Honorary directors are Hugh Warrington, J. E. Ellenton, J. A. Dixon, J. A. Elliott, Ernest Irvine, Gaudet, Pickett, Harold Pickett, George Readhead, Ross Segsworth, Spencer Wilson, Leonard Easter and Rex Currie. Prize money amounting to \$781 will be presented to the winners as well as several valuable trophies.

In the Queen of the Furrow contest, contestants must be at least 16 years old and not have reached their 25th birthday by November 1, 1963, married or single and residing on a farm in Halton County. The winner will be eligible to represent Halton at the 1964 International Plowing Match to be held in Peterborough, Ontario.

Contestants for the title will give a three-minute address on their knowledge of plowing and will also be required to display their plowing ability. The winner will receive many prizes and vouchers from merchants in the County.

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Schedule changes Sun., Oct. 27. Eastbound: 6:56 a.m. in Toronto, daily except Sat. and Sun., 9:31 a.m. in Toronto, daily except Sun., 9:52 a.m., daily except Sunday and Monday, direct connection for Owen Sound etc., 7:42 p.m. to Toronto, daily except Sunday, 8:01 p.m. to Toronto, Sunday only, 10:25 p.m. to Toronto, daily, board at Georgetown only. Westbound: 8:01 a.m. in Stratford, daily except Sun., 6:23 p.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat. and Sun., 7:04 p.m., daily except Sunday; 12:09 a.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat.

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