

— Our Readers Write —

MEMORIES OF PAST
Acton, Ontario,
February 8, 1967

An old man sitting in an easy chair dwells more on the memories of the past than he does of the happenings of every day life.

When we talk of this centennial of today, too many people are concerned with what we are going to do, while we forget what has already been done.

I remember when I was a child of four when Sir John A. Macdonald died. I was lying in bed, listening to my mother reading to my father the sorrowful news. More sorrowful because my father was a staunch Conservative (or Tory) in those days.

I remember when I started to plough I was fourteen years old. My father opened up a land for me and he said "I did it, but I guess it got a little crooked. The horses got dizzy walking down the field and that made it worse. There was quite a bit of zig zag when I sowed with the drill, but the

stalks of grain grew pretty straight.

Then the threshing. A neighbor's team brought the water tank. Then us kids used to look up or down the road to see two white faced horses hauling a portable steam engine. Behind came another team, pulling a hand fed separator. Our job was to put away the chaff. Every little while we sneaked out to watch the engine. We were the most important men at the threshing if they let us blow the whistle at noon.

I remember a stone bee with four teams of horses and three yoke of oxen.

Go back to the days of the old stone and stump machines. The giant stumps and boulders that were piled in rows to make fences, some of which can be seen today.

The older man farming today does not say a lot about his bales, combine or tractor, but he will talk about his horses that he used to have.

There were many things to sadden people in general in those days.

I remember that morning in April over 50 years ago, when we got the news that the Titanic steamship had gone down in the Atlantic with 1600 souls on board.

In the first World War there was great consternation the Germans might win; when everything was going against the Allies.

On the morning when a neighbor came in and told us that a German submarine had torpedoed and sank the boat with Lord Kitchener on board and when the Empress of Ireland had been sunk in the St. Lawrence River.

And lastly I remember one old and highly respected gentleman. He came from the county of Tyrone in Ireland. I used to go to his place when a little tyke and follow him all over. His name was Thomas Early.

Well, it is over 57 years since he was laid to rest in the old cemetery in Campbellville, but many times I see and think of the glad times I had with him and wonder why it seems that when one like him is taken away from this world, there is not one left to take his place.

A big change has come over the world. There used to be a song "Every Day Will be Sunday Bye and Bye."

But now when one drives through the country one would not know it was Sunday at all — Wash on the line; some one hammering; chain saws going; plowing; painting houses etc.

When we were boys, we could not even play ball. Sunday WAS Sunday in those days!

However, we can't have the "Good Old-Days" back, so we must try and make the best of what we've got and be thankful for the grand country we live in.

PERCY WOODS.

Fag tax

An eminent British cancer researcher recommends that governments tax cigarettes more heavily to discourage smoking. Sir Alexander Haddow, a cancer expert, says cigarette smoking is by far the greatest factor in lung cancer. He says governments must step in just as they would intervene if someone sold candy containing arsenic.

OBITUARY

Cons. David Hardy funeral at Milton

Approximately 100 policemen and an equal number of friends were present Saturday February 11 in Milton for the funeral of David G. Hardy, a Constable with the Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, who died at Hamilton General Hospital on Thursday February 9.

Const. Hardy was accorded full police honors at the burial. The O.P.P. Marching Squad headed by Sgt. Roy Burkeit stood guard while six fellow officers from the Milton O.P.P. acted as pallbearers.

Cons. Hardy had been taking treatment for complications arising from a whiplash injury he received in a car accident two years ago, and had been in hospital since last October.

Born in Toronto 47 years ago, he lived in Toronto and Chesley before joining the O.P.P. in January, 1952. He served with the Essex and Amherstburg detachments before transferring to the Milton O.P.P. about 10 years ago. During recent years Const. Hardy specialized in criminal investigation work with the force.

He was an active sports enthusiast and played in his youth for several top hockey and basketball teams. During the Second World War he served five years with the Army, was wounded twice overseas and invalided home just before the end of the war. He won his Sergeant's rank on the battlefield.

Const. Hardy was an active Mason and a member of the Milton Branch 136, Royal Canadian Legion. In recent years he became interested in harness racing and owned a pacifier.

Surviving are his wife Norma Bred and two daughters Mrs. Ken Jones (Christy) of Milton and Wendy, at home. He is also survived by two brothers Robert and William of Toronto and five sisters, Mrs. Joe McMerly (Hettie), Mrs. H. Lawrence (Alice), Mrs. W. Lawrence (Molly), and Mrs. P. Walther (Jessie), all of Toronto; and Betty of London.

Rev. Dr. T. M. Duxton officiated for the service in Grace Anglican Church on Saturday Feb. 11, and the church was full for the ceremony. Senior O.P.P. officers attending included Chief Superintendent I. R. Robbie, Assistant Commissioner J. Whitey, Superintendent Archie Rodger and Inspector A. Wilson.

Thinking Day observed Wed.

Guide and Brownie "Thinking Day" is today (Wednesday) and the local girls are thinking about other Guides and Brownies in Canada.

The Brownie group which meets today will be sitting around a special totem pole to think about other Guides and Brownies in Canada. They have sent parcels and money to Canadian Indians and Eskimos.

Both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell observed their birthdays on February 22. Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies are all wearing their uniforms to school today.

Sunday's most successful area church service and the Guide and Brownie Mother and daughter banquet last Thursday were both part of the Thinking Day program here.

Tape adjoining legs of tent or more card tables together for an improvised buffet table.



IMPACT WITH A 13-CAR freight train last Wednesday morning in this station wagon cost Gordon Thompson, 44, R.R. 1 Acton, his life at fourth line CNR crossing in Esquewaug town.

CHURCHILL

Memorial gifts dedicated in Weston church

Mrs. Archie Kerr, Mrs. Buck, Georgetown, and Mrs. Agnew of Toronto attended the World Day of Prayer Feb. 10 at Riverside United Church, Weston, when an altar cloth (antependium) and book markers were dedicated in memory of the three daughters' mother, Mrs. H. Caldwell's services at the time her brother, Mr. Kitching, started a little mission church there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery of Ballinacree, Mrs. Roy Allan and Mrs. Wes Allan of Acton went to Hamilton on Sunday and attended the 50th wedding

anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton, Betty and Andy visited in Weston with Miss Muriel McNicol.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Saunders of Stouffville were also guests with their sisters at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton attended a memorial service in Toronto for Mrs. Ross McClelland on Sunday evening.

Mr. Alfred Winter has been appointed county master of the Orange Lodge in Wellington County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr left on Saturday to attend a Junior Farmers meeting in Peterborough and afterwards they went on to Cornwall to visit Mr. Francis Carson for the weekend.

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EVERTON

Week of Compassion at Christian Church

"Week of Compassion" was fittingly observed at the local Christian Church on Sunday, when the minister, Russell Legge, spoke on "Investments" reading from the well-known portion of Scripture, Matt. 25: 31-46, which was one of the last discourses Jesus had with his disciples.

He stated, "the Church is a body of people who were once lost, but because of God's gift of Jesus Christ we were purchased at great price. The nature of investment includes the kind needed for our reward of eternal life—the other for death and destruction: Judgment will be based on deeds—not lip service to God." The speaker stated further, 10 million die daily of starvation. In India they are experiencing the worst drought in 20 years, where one swallow of water a day is the limit, yet the North American countries were never so well off. Through these starving and homeless people Christ is speaking to all to make an investment. Church World Service is everyone's hand reach-

ing out with help to the needy. A solo, "If I have wounded and Soul Today," by T. D. Mott, accompanied by Marilyn Kingsbury added to the service.

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