

Elton Cole celebrates 80th birthday Sunday

Eighty years spent on the farm have done little to weather Elton Cole of R. R. 2, Acton.

With a fund of comical stories and recollections of early days at his disposal, reaching back to school days at Hornby, he's a good antidote to the fretting people do nowadays.

Sunday afternoon and evening Mr. Cole was feted on the occasion of his 80th birthday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mason, Lakes Ave., Acton. About 80 friends and relatives dropped in to wish him a happy birthday, among them some of his Hornby schoolmates, Ted Robinson, Archie King and George Bailey.

They spun a few years about early days at Hornby school when there were some pretty big boys getting an education. In those days you worked on the farm when the weather was good and went to school when it wasn't. The teachers, needless to say, were often sorely tried.

For instance one particular day a few of the boys decided to install a cow in the girls' washroom. The prank succeeded. They got bossy in but when someone tried to open the door it was stuck. The cow had backed up against the door barring anyone from entering.

Finally, the teacher had to remove the door to start traffic

moving again. The miscraens who did the deed were sentenced to cleaning the place up, "a messy job," remembers Mr. Cole with a twinkle which immediately cast suspicion he might have had a hand in the prank.

Among the teachers Mr. Cole remembers with affection were Miss McEwen, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Shorffil and Miss M. Z. Bennett, lady to become teacher and principal at Acton school.

Mr. Cole is a keen admirer of former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Tory leanings which perhaps started back in Hornby when a Liberal politician received a cool reception from audience in the Orange Hall.

"People used to have more fun in the old days," the spry 80 year-old thought, remembering in particular a chivaree where the celebrant was ousted by a shotgun wedding bridegroom.

Mr. Cole was born April 19, 1888, on the first line of Trafalgar township, just below Milton. The Cole family moved to Esquimaux and the Hornby district six or seven years later. Elton was married at the Lowville Manse and he and his wife, the former Kathleen McEachern of Erin, celebrated their 50th anniversary June 17, 1964.

They have seven children, 21 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Children are Jack, R.R. 2, Acton; Ruth (Mrs. Roy Wood), Campbellville; Lena (Mrs. Doug Mason), Acton; Walter, R.R. 2, Acton; Delbert, Guelph; Edwin (Ted), R.R. 2, Acton; Doreen (Mrs. Ross Auliffe), Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have lived in Erin township since 1918 where he has done a lot of hard work on the farm. Elton is well known for the custom threshing work he did. He still has his own threshing machine.

The Free Press joins in wishing Mr. Cole a happy 80th and many more birthdays.



Eighty years young, Elton Cole of R.R. 2, Acton, celebrated his birthday with a party at the home of his daughter on Lakes Ave. in Acton. (Staff Photo)

SILVERWOOD New officers elected for Silverwood W.I.

Officers for Silverwood Women's Institute for 1968 are as follows:

President Mrs. G. Henderson; 1st vice Mrs. Ian Carmichael; 2nd vice Mrs. E. Miller; Secretary Mrs. J. F. Duffield; assistant Mrs. Corbett; District director Mrs. G. Burt; Branch directors Mrs. K. C. Lindsay, Mrs. H. Marchington.

Plantist Mrs. D. Lindsay, Auditors Mrs. D. Williamson, Miss Moore.

Conveners - Agricultural Mrs. Campbell; Canadian Industries Miss Moore; Education Mrs. Griffin; Citizenship Mrs. Carmichael; Historical Research Mrs. Lindauer; Current Events Mrs. Cossar; Home Economics Mrs. Norton; Health Mrs. Ironside; Public relations Mrs. Scott; Courtesy, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Burt.

Sales Committee Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Williamson.

Social Committee Mrs. Muriel Miller, Mrs. Gerry Miller, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Beony.

Curator Mrs. Marchington; Fruit and flowers Mrs. Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ironside are home again after a holiday spent in the southern states.

One can no more develop capacity by resting on his job than he can learn to spell by sitting on a dictionary.

Silverwood Women's Institute met at Mrs. Campbell's for their Annual meeting and election of officers. Reports showed the best year to date. All business to complete 1967 was finished and 1968 plans were begun.

The birthday party at Centennial Manor was discussed and plans for a happy afternoon on April 24 were made.

Silverwood Women's Institute are to host this year to the District Annual which will be held at St. George's Church, Georgetown, on May 22.

May 4 is Achievement day at Ballinacraf for the 4-H class. A social half hour was spent over coffee and sandwiches.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Duffield, Mrs. W.R. Norton attended the annual meeting of the 6th division, Horticultural Society, Ontario, at Brantford. The meeting was held at the Brantford museum on April 11, Thursday evening. They report an excellent meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffield entertained their family and grandchildren over the Easter weekend.

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OUR READERS WRITE:

ESPOUSES UNION CAUSE
R.R. 2, Guelph.

Dear Sir:
May I reserve the use of some of your very valuable space, to express my opinion on the current strike at the H. K. Porter plant in Acton.

Firstly, I would stress, that it is the desire of membership of the Union that all picketing of the plant be carried out peacefully and in accordance with the laws laid down for this type of situation. Picketing has been so far in the form of mass picketing throughout the rest of the day.

The sudden appearance of four Provincial Police Cruisers at the scene, last Friday, April 19, was neither warranted or necessary, as up to that time no untoward incidents had occurred. At a time when we are always reading and hearing of the shortage of personnel and equipment for other facets of law enforcement it is neither understood why they were there in force or why they appeared at all and would tend to an explosive situation.

Matters were not improved by a rash statement made by the Corporal in charge of the detachment to the effect that if necessary he would call upon the Mayor of Acton to read the Riot Act.

Such unwarranted and foolish statements were not warranted or necessary at that time as all aspects of peaceful picketing and observance of the laws concerning this situation were being observed and all union members are fully aware of what they can and cannot do, without inflammatory statements of this nature being made by officers of the law, whom we have all been taught to respect at all times.

Such a threat should never have been made, considering that picketing was at that time being carried out reasonably throughout that day. I myself, will not have anything to do with violence and misconduct on the picket lines.

I feel that having worked at the plant for nine and a half years, that I am fighting for a justifiable cause and that over the past contracts, there has not been too much concern by management

I remain,
Yours truly,
Andrew E. Welch

EBENEZER

Stranger in Emmaus subject for sermon

By Mrs. R. McLean

Rev. Russel Finlay's Sunday sermon dealt with the two men walking to the little village of Emmaus. A stranger joined them and asked them why they were sad. The two said they must be a stranger and their disappointment poured out. Theirs is an authentic account, it expresses disbelief before belief. All the other accounts contain human discrepancies. They didn't know him until the dawn of belief. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, 27 years later, is the first written account. Jesus had two kinds of appearance, a bodily appearance and a glorified, spiritual body. A new plant coming from seed is a marvellous thing. This life is a temporary kind of womb, preparing us for the later glorious existence. His last appearance was to Paul, and he became a believer.

To-day, Jesus comes on the road of life just the same and changes the unbeliever into a believer.

A. J. Gossip of Glasgow University had had a hectic week and felt that he had not done justice to his sermon. As he was entering the pulpit, he saw Jesus. Jesus asked him, "Is this the best sermon you can do?" "Yes, Lord, it is," he answered. The sermon became a fable, because Jesus was there.

Mrs. Murray Hayward and Miss Joy Hayward sang a duet. Congratulations to Jean and John McLean on the birth of a son, a brother for Jennifer, on April 20.

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Transposed lines

Readers were confused by identifications below picture of Ospringe centennial athletic award winners last week.

Cut lines below the pictures were transposed and they should have been switched between silver and bronze winners.

Save that empty lipstick container. Pack it with cotton and you have a neat pin and needle case for your purse or weekend bag.

Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Cover the East-West hands and bid the North-South cards with your favorite partner.

The dealer is North and neither side is vulnerable.

Most duplicate bridge players now open balanced hands one no trump on 15 - 17 points. Hence South's hand is too strong for one no trump.

NORTH
S - K 9 5
H - J 9 7 5
D - 9 7
C - K 10 8 5

WEST
S - 10 6 2
H - A 8 4 3
D - J 3 2
C - A 9 4

Another possibility is for South to rebid three hearts and North can try three no trump. There is little doubt that game should be reached since most declarers made an overtrick at three no trump.

Thanks to the even division of the spades and the doubling ten of hearts, declarer has no trouble taking four spade tricks and three heart tricks. To this can be added the ace and king of diamonds and the king of clubs.

How high did you get? These cards were board 17 at the Acton Bridge Club last week. Only half the field - three pairs out of six - got to game. Yet game is possible in three contracts, spades, hearts and no trump.

Here is a typical bidding sequence.

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
Pass Pass 1 D Pass
1 H Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 N.T. All Pass

If it hands like this one that make duplicate bridge the fascinating game that it is. How could you tell a rubber bridge player what you should do with these cards. At duplicate you see several different results and often better results that other pairs made. You try to find out where you went wrong and to correct your bidding and play. Why not try duplicate bridge - soon.

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