

# Interesting Items

## Local Farmers

### Many Volunteer for

### Farm Service Force

Although many thousands of High School students and young women have volunteered for service on Ontario farms and to undertake picking in orchards, a great many are urgently needed to assist in this vital war service, reports A. MacLaren, Director of Farm Service, Department of Labour. Camps for farmettes have been established throughout the Niagara Peninsula and, without exception, the girls are doing a good job.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture states that fruit crop prospects look good. There is also an increased acreage in vegetables needed to all military demands. This means additional labour will be required to harvest the crops needed to feed Canada's rapidly growing army.

Agricultural authorities stress the fact that the hay crop is badly in need of rain and unless moisture is forthcoming the hay will be short. Should this be the case it is imperative that the hay crop be harvested with minimum loss. Hence the important fact that the necessary help must be recruited without delay.

**Most Valuable**

This year particularly, hay will be most valuable and from a feeding standpoint it will be just too bad if because of help shortage the entire crop cannot be harvested. Any loss could be construed as food sabotage. Furthermore, every effort will have to be made to make sure that a complete harvesting of oats, wheat and barley, etc., takes place as these crops, too, are most important in Canada's effort to supply Britain with bacon and cheese for which there is practically a limitless demand.

Director MacLaren and staff of Farm Placement Officers are leaving no stone unturned to insure that the farmers' requirements are met with the very best type of farm help that is obtainable. Everything points to the Farm Service Force campaign attaining its objective of recruiting at least 10,000 High School youths and young women, as well as males unsuited for military service, for work on the farm.

**100 Per. Cent Crop**

Every possible assistance and encouragement must be given Ontario farmers to successfully get out a 100% hay crop as well as harvesting all other crops. Secondary school students are being asked to lend a hand to harvest these crops. City youths who are not gainfully employed on munition and allied war services and high school and university students, have and are still responding to the urgent call of the Farm Service Force. They are setting aside their tennis rackets, golf clubs, badminton sets, etc. in order to meet the call to duty.

The practical suggestion has been made to Director MacLaren that business men and industry release alternate their male help at least one day a week to assist the farmers harvest their hay and grain. This would be specially applicable to smaller cities and towns whose residents are in closer touch with the farm population than those in larger cities. With the necessary co-operation forthcoming, no trouble should be experienced in marshalling what labour is available to supply the farmers' immediate needs.

The slogan of the Farm Service Force campaign is "We Lend a Hand." If this telling slogan were embraced by all available patriotic and loyal Canadians, without doubt, farmers' requirements will be met and unquestionably Ontario's Farm Service Force campaign will attain its objective and go "over the top."

**Waste Not — Want Not**

Now is the time for all loyal Canadian youth to come to the aid of the Greater Food Production movement. The Motherland needs all the bacon, cheese and milk products that can be obtained from Ontario. Help with the campaign by meeting the urgent needs of the brave and courageous people in the British Isles. Waste not — want not.

### Proper Mowing Important in Lawn Maintenance

The main objects in mowing a lawn are to improve its appearance and at the same time to encourage a dense, healthy turf. Many lawn owners not only fail to achieve these objects but also succeed in ruining their lawns by faulty mowing, states J. H. Boyce, Division of Forage Plants, Dominion Experimental Farms Service.

Height of cut is one of the most important considerations in mowing. The common lawn grasses will not withstand very close mowing. Even when maintained at moderately short heights, ordinary lawn grasses suffer because of the continual defoliation and because the roots, which tend to maintain a balance with the amount of top growth, become restricted to the top few inches of soil, thus limiting their feeding range for plant food and moisture, and consequently reducing the ability of the turf to compete with weeds and to withstand heat and drought. If the grass is permitted to grow too long, on the other hand, a spindly growth is produced and a thin, open sward results.

It is recommended that ordinary lawns never be cut to a height of less than one inch. A height of 1 1/2 to 2 inches is much to be preferred in most cases. This height encourages a dense, healthy turf, provides sufficient maintenance practices are correct, and at the same time permits sufficient top and root growth to allow the leaves and roots to function properly. Higher mowing is particularly important in shady locations where decreased sunlight makes a larger amount of foliage desirable and on terraces where increased leafage and deeper root systems help to control soil erosion. The above recommendations concerning height of cut do not apply to bent grass lawns which require very close mowing and other special maintenance practices.

In order to secure best results, a regular mowing program must be followed based on the amount of growth being produced rather than on a time schedule, as is so frequently the case. It is suggested that the grass be allowed to make not more than one inch of new growth between mowings. Thus mowing may be necessary twice or even three times a week during the spring, but may not be necessary often after once every ten days or two weeks during the warm months. In the fall it is recommended that mowing be concluded at a time which will allow the grass to attain a height of 2 to 3 inches before growth ceases. In the spring it is desirable to permit the grass to make some new growth before mowing is started. This will permit the new roots which are being formed at this time to become well established. It is important that all mowers be kept sharp and that all blades move in the same direction. The blades should be set to cut too low. The height of cut can be adjusted by raising or lowering the rollers.

Mowing is one part of lawn maintenance which can be carefully controlled by the lawn owner, and since it has so much to do with the beauty, density and health of the turf, every attempt should be made to follow the desirable practices.

### Britain May Require Large Supply of Eggs

Indications are that Great Britain will require an increasing large supply of eggs from Canada during the third year of the war. The Dominion Department of Agriculture believes it is now too late to prepare for this demand through the purchase of baby chicks, but a great deal can be done by a careful selection and carrying over of all available laying stock. There is a noticeable tendency at the present time on the part of poultry producers to reduce laying flocks, the marketing of fowl being quite heavy during the first two weeks in June.

While systematic culling is desirable at all times, the present situation would not appear to warrant heavy reductions. There has been no break in the price of eggs and all indications point to a particularly strong egg market during the summer and fall of this year.

While it is true that a great many yearlings were kept over last fall and in the ordinary course of events now is the time when two year olds, and birds that have completed their laying cycle, should go to market. Poultry producers, however, would be well advised to look over their yearling stock carefully and to retain for laying purposes all birds which are physically fit and in such condition as to insure a maximum egg production during the next twelve months.

**LIFE'S JUNE-TIME**

'Twas June-time in the garden  
When we sat beneath the tree  
That stood beside the trellis  
That was flowered for you and me;  
A gentle breeze raised ripples  
Where the waterlilies grew,  
My heart was rich with gladness,  
For 'twas June-time then, and you.

The notes of vesper sparrow  
Seemed much sweeter, richer, too,  
The roses were more fragrant  
And their color deeper hue;  
The purple of the lilacs,  
Was a royal rich, to view,  
And sorrow seemed so absent,  
For 'twas June-time, dear, and you.

But that was years back yonder,  
Yes, 'twas fifty years ago,  
Since we sat in the garden  
Where the flowers used to grow;  
But that old tree's still standing  
Love's fine symbol, strong and true,  
And all my life's been June-time,  
For my dear one, I've had you.

—RALPH GORDON  
628 Crawford St., Toronto.

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## Sees Failure of Church If Sunday Schools Lag

REV. ROSS K. CAMERON URGES CLERGY AND ELDERLY TO LINK CHURCH AND HOME

"The responsibility for reorganizing the broken links between the church, the home and the Sunday school rests squarely with the ministers and elders in their respective congregations," the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, M.A., minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, told the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, meeting recently in Toronto. It was "Young People's Night" and the Sunday school and Young People's activities in the church were under review.

"If Sunday school attendance continues to slip and if the various church groups continue to become separated the time will come, more quickly than we imagine, when the church as we know it will cease to exist," Mr. Cameron, who was the main speaker of the evening, told his audience.

"Godlessness in many forms is made attractive to children," he said. He told how Communist Sunday schools were formed before the war in many communities, and added that for our ministers, elders and Christian people to take immediate measures to unite Sabbath school, home and church in a bond of redeeming service is essential to our national welfare.

"The relationship of the Sunday School to the Church and the Home" was the subject of Mr. Cameron's address. He told of the falling off in Sunday school enrolment which has become prevalent throughout all churches in recent years.

ence. "Children in the former country have been stolen spiritually from their parents, and no state can touch the springs of life for righteousness without the agency of parents in the home.

"The home is the universe in miniature. Parents gain far more than they give—their self-denial is their self-fulfillment."

### Graham-Johnston Wedding Last Week

Acton United Church, beautifully decorated with large baskets of pink and white peonies and ferns, was the setting for a very lovely wedding on Saturday afternoon, June the fourteenth, when Miss Laura Isabel Johnston, only daughter of Mrs. Johnston and the late Basil Johnston, became the bride of Gerald Richard, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Graham, of Georgetown. Rev. G. C. Gifford, B.A. officiated at the ceremony. Dr. E. J. Nelson played the wedding music and during the signing of the register Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth, of Georgetown, sang very beautifully, "O Promise Me."

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. J. H. Reid, the bride was lovely in her wedding gown of white lace and silk net over tulle. The bodice of lace fashioned with sweetheart neckline, short puffed sleeves and points of the lace bodice extended from the waist into the full net skirt. She wore matching lace mittens. Her long net veil was caught into a halo with a band of pearls and she carried a bouquet of white roses and bouvardia. She wore a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. The bride was accompanied by Miss Edith Marriott, R.N., of Guelph, groomed in peach coloured lace and net fashioned on similar lines to that of the bride. Her large white leghorn hat was banded with peach ribbon and she wore long lace mittens matching her dress. She carried pink roses and a hair fern. Mr. Frank Early, of Brampton, attended the groom, and the ushers were Mr. Edwood Johnston, brother of the bride, and Mr. Ernest Near, of Toronto, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Johnston received the guests wearing a gown of eggshell blue with full-length matching coat embroidered with green and pink roses. The groom's mother assisted, wearing navy printed crepe with redingote of navy sheer, white accessories and pink shoes.

For travelling, the bride wore a dress of aqua crepe, beige coat, matching hat and accessories. Following a motor trip to Eastern points, Mr. and Mrs. Graham will reside on the groom's farm near Georgetown.

## Memories and Recollections

### GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

By Howard P. Oram

I mentioned in a previous article what a good teacher Mr. R. N. Shortall was, at Norval school, and what an outstanding record he had as a teacher of entrance pupils. Incidentally he was a native of Ballinacree, and a graduate of G. H. S. I heard him say on one occasion that over a period of several years, I forget how many, that he had had but one failure, and he added, "he was recommended." In him, seemed to be combined, if not all, at least a great many of the qualities of a real teacher. An incident which I shall record a little later, furnishes one of the reasons but only one, why in 1896 his entire class of 57 marks was obtained by Will Glas, the other two Norval pupils who stood among the first five, took their Public School leaving and attended and graduated from Georgetown High School later. I consider that I was most fortunate, because Mr. Shortall left Norval school in December, 1896, and I had the privilege of completing my entrance work under him. He was succeeded by Mr. Joseph McAndrew, who taught till midsummer 1901, when he left to attend the medical department of Toronto University, graduating in midsummer 1905, as Dr. McAndrew.

The incident I referred to was as follows. In the old Fourth-Reader there were a number of short supplementary selections at the end of the lessons, partly, I suppose, to fill up the remainder of the page, but mainly to add to the pupil's knowledge of some of the best in literature. One of these was a well-known passage from Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel," and which begins "Breathes there the man with soul so dead," and ends with "Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung." A month or six weeks before the entrance examination, certainly not long preceding this passage, and when I came to it, Mr. Shortall commenced to explain it, and went through the whole selection. It was not a prescribed passage for the examination, and one can imagine our situation for explanation, as a test of the pupil's ability to read and understand such a passage, without definite study. What a "break" (excuse the slang) for us Norval pupils.

When I returned in September, 1900 to Georgetown High School, after a two-year interval, I found some of my former school fellows, but many new faces. Mr. Coutts as principal was commencing his fourth year, and I had spent a year with him previously. The good grounding in English grammar which I got from Mr. Shortall was continued under Mr. Coutts. For grammatical analysis he used "Strang's Grammatical Analysis," one of the best books, if not the best of its kind, that I have ever seen. It came in two parts, published separately in paper covers, and in one volume in cloth. I was fortunate to get from Mr. Morrow's drug store the cloth volume. I think Mr. Coutts had arranged with Mr. Morrow to stock the books for the benefit of his classes. I still have my volume and it is a prized book. Mr. Strang was for many years the principal of Goderich Collegiate Institute, and later was honoured with an L.L.D. degree from Toronto University. He died in 1919.

The first part of Strang's Grammatical Analysis explained concisely but very clearly and logically, the principles of analysis, and the second part comprised passages from English literature, for analysis ranging from simple, easy passages to some extremely difficult ones. To most of us, many of these difficult passages were just jumbles of words, that did not seem to have any meaning. But how the meaning would unfold, under Mr. Coutts' masterful explanation, while analyzing it grammatically.

In January 1901, there was a case of smallpox at Acton, and Mr. Coutts was given instructions, that all pupils from there had to be vaccinated. I have a very distinct recollection of being vaccinated, because I was done twice in the one evening. Immediately after being done, I pulled my sleeve down, much to Dr. McKeague's annoyance, and as I had probably rubbed off the vaccine, I had to be done over again.

Incidentally, before I close this article, may I say that I have often wondered what became of W. H. (Bill) Stewart of Acton, who was at Georgetown High School when I started. He was a clever student, and an omnivorous reader. While still in his teens, he used to "wade" through thick volumes of Scott's Waverley Novels. It was almost impossible to see him without a book in his hands. His wide range of reading should stand him in good stead some place.

Until next time, Au revoir!

[Mr. Biehn—By way of explanation, may I say that the Public School Leaving examination mentioned above, was an examination that compared with the first form at the high school, and allowed one to enter the second form, after passing. It has been discontinued for many years. And further—immediately after passing the entrance at Norval, I moved to Acton and all my G.H.S. course was taken from Acton by train, night and morning.]

### BIRDS AND BOMBS IN LONDON TOWN

Not fear but defiance of the enemy is the spirit of our tenacious, courageous kin across the sea, whose inborn principles of freedom, toleration and justice, pride of race and love of country have found expression in true British fashion and tradition. It is the only way they know. According to the Ministry of Information in London, delivery of the milk and newspaper has never missed a morning there. A new neighbourliness has been developed through the sharing of experiences; all this is building up a new and truer democracy.

In a London square one morning a reporter, viewing the damage caused by a bomb the night before, observed two men intently at work on a plot. When asked what they were doing, one straightened his back and replied, "It's them confounded sparrows. We're fixing thread so as they won't thrive the grass we've just sown for spring." This incident typifies the spirit of a people who can't be scared or discouraged but, given the tools, will finish the job!

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