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The Editor's Column

JUST RAMBLING

Much too hot for editorial writing or anything else as we sit in the back garden this sultry Sunday late afternoon watching the cars go by on Charles Street. The only thing we can think of for which to be thankful is that we don't belong to the "hustle and bustle" as Les Tomlinson described city life in his Excelo advertising last week. (By the way, we hope you are all reading Les' novel little ads, each of which is a story in itself and worth a few minutes of your reading time each week).

Day's like this, we spend day-dreaming of all the things we have intended to do in the Herald and just never got done. Feature stories as yet unwritten... a column of observations and clippings from past editions of the Herald... write-ups of local industries and thumb-nail sketches of the town's business leaders... a Rambling Around column such as the successful feature which editor Clayt Schaus conducts in our home town weekly, the Chesley Enterprise... an Inquiring Reporter idea, with brief notes about what our readers are thinking of important matters.

Perhaps that's why newspaper work is so fascinating, this endless number of possibilities which can be attempted, though many of them will never get past the idea stage. Nothing stereotyped about editing a weekly newspaper, not when one is bookkeeper, office clerk, advertising manager, reporter, et al. with the commercial printing end to take up any slack. The main discouragement is the feeling, always present, that the paper could be better, and the wishing that every day had more than twenty four hours, and that one didn't have to spend eight of them asleep.

Editorial writing at times is a chore. We have never believed that this column should be just a collection of type — anything at all to fill up the space. It is our own letter to the editor, and the place where we believe we can, in our humble way, contribute something to the welfare of a town we love. And then comes a day like this and instead of a pleasure it becomes a chore, and the old scissors are busy clipping something to "fill up." Hence the following editorial, which we noticed in the Elora Express this week and which we thought might be of particular interest to rural readers.

DEPARTMENTAL FARMERS

The words ran through the house like a monotonous chant — January, implement repairing; February, Stable work; March, Maple tree tapping; April, Chick incubating!

"For the love of Pete," said we, "What goes on?"
 "I'm just studying Guidance. We have an exam tomorrow and that is what the general farmer does."
 "I beg your pardon, what is what the general farmer does?"
 "May, spring planting; June, hay cutting; July,

wheat cutting; August, ploughing; September, fruit picking; October, root crop harvesting; November, livestock marketing; December, wood cutting."

"Well," said we. And that, at the moment was as much as we had strength to say. For one year, one hour a week has been devoted to the study of Guidance which is supposed to prepare youth to decide on a profession and the text of which is prepared by the Department of Education, not by the teacher. And this is what is held out for the general farmer. It is quite a program and would surprise no one more than the general farmer, unless perhaps, the general farmer's wife.

She will not only be surprised but pleased to know that he repairs implements in January. Maybe he should, but it seldom happens that way in real life. It is also interesting to note that chick incubating takes place in April. On the general farm it seldom takes place at all as they buy their chicks, and if they hope to make money they buy them a whole lot earlier than April. Moreover, the spring planting that is pictured for May, is preceded by a program of preparations that begins in March and April, and is, in fact, quite often completed in April.

Apparently, he never threshes, plows all August which is a palpable untruth, and picks only apples for fruit, that being scheduled for September, whereas it takes most of October, and all December he cuts wood. This is another little item which his wife will be pleased to learn. Our experience was that he cut wood when the wood box was empty or when there was literally no excuse not to do something.

But the real outstanding bit of information which we gleaned was that in November—heaven help us—he markets his livestock. Just a glance backward and we could see it all—the cattle marching out in neat parade, (regardless of age) pigs from a week to six months stepping on the gang plank, chickens in all stages from broilers to roasters making their orderly way to market — all in November, simple as anything without any further planning. Planned economy, no less. The farmer would love it.

It was all so simple in the book, not a word about cleaning stables—except in February—spreading manure, cleaning seed, planning the whole matter of crops and crop rotation on a general farm. Not a word about feeding all that stock every day in the year, nor about sitting up all night to watch eighteen piglets arrive in good order and make sure that they will live, not the many anxious moments when stock is sick and chickens and turkeys die in wet weather. Nothing about

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milking or making butter, nothing about the years such as this when not one single thing turns out as planned. Just implement repairing, stable work, maple tree tapping, chick incubating, spring ploughing, fruit picking, root crop harvesting, livestock marketing, and wood cutting — all in order and in monthly rotation. Someone from the Department should spend a year on a farm. He would be surprised!

GLEN TEXTILES EMPLOYEES HOLD PICNIC AT INNIS LAKE

Employees and their families, numbering about fifty, of Glen Textiles, Ltd., enjoyed a picnic at Innis Lake last Saturday. George Donnelly and Herb Hancock were in charge of the sports and Mrs. William Bennett and Mrs. D. Barcey convened the salad lunch which ended the day's activities. Mr. Lesburn of Toronto represented the head of the firm, A. A. Steinburg, at the picnic. Prior to leaving the park, the employees thanked mill manager James Linton for the outing and sang "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

Winners at sports and games were: 3-legged race—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norton

ladies' sack race—Joan Lesburn men's sack race—Joe Norton rolling pin throw—Mrs. Norah Eves boys' 3-legged—Gerald Scott and Billy Barclay

Wheelbarrow—Mrs. Wm. Bennett of Mr. James Linton shoe race—Mr. James Linton children's race—Dorothy Ruth Scott, Lindsay Martin ladies race—Mrs. Norah Eves men's race—Dan Norton

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