

# Chatting

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**SEEMS AS IF THIS** is the time of year for children's epidemics to flourish, and each year it is something different at least for the past three years it has been. The first year our young daughter started to school, it was measles. Last year it was chickenpox. And this year it's the mumps. Maybe we should say the mumps are predominating, with a sprinkling of the spotty varicella, to lend a touch of colour.

**THEY SAY THAT** mild, unseasonable weather encourages epidemics. We're not too sure about whether that is really true, but we do know that Mother Nature sometimes even tricks herself with these autumn-like spells in the dead of winter. Last week's Herald told of pansies blooming in the garden of Mrs. George Birt's home on the 7th Line, and dandelions have been blooming in town also, and last Wednesday Mrs. W. H. Taylor, King Street, picked a bouquet of violas from her garden.

**OUR GARDEN, OR YARD,** perhaps would be a more accurate name, came in for a good deal of attention on the last day of 1949 too, but this was because a large dead tree on the borderline of our property, and that of our neighbour, was cut down. It was fascinating to watch how those two men hired to do the job, went about placing their ropes, etc., so that when the tree crashed to the ground, it would fall exactly where they wanted it to. And they had to be very exact, for it was dangerously close to both houses. After watching the preliminaries, the felling of large branches, and the careful sawing of the large trunk to the proper point, we backed away from our kitchen window with heart in mouth as we saw the huge thing start to topple. With a rending crash it thudded to the earth — we ventured to look out again. There it was, lying safely on the narrow strip of ground between the two houses — and it was truly the result of a work of art to have it so.

**MOVED PERMANENTLY** to the warmer clime of Miami, Florida, is Mr. Albert Appleby, Toronto, and formerly of the 14th Line, at Silvercreek. Mr. Appleby farmed on the 7th Line, until 1930, when he retired and moved to Toronto.

A move in town that brings Mr. and Mrs. "Ace" Bailey closer to where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey live, on McNab Street, occurred when the Pat Larkins moved from town. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will move into their apartment in Mrs. Ostrander's house, Emery Street, at the end of January. They have been living in Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Walker's apartment on Maple Avenue. While talking with Mrs. Jack Bailey, she mentioned that her husband's father, Mr. Albert Bailey of Brampton, had spent New Year's with them and will visit them for a week.

**CHANCED TO SEE** a letter the other day, written by a lady in England who will celebrate her 103rd birthday in May. By coincidence, her name too is "Bally," but there is no relation between this family and the Jack Baileys we have just mentioned. This wonderful old lady is the mother-in-law of Mrs. Mary Bally, Stewarttown. Asking Mrs. Bally about her, she told us that her mother-in-law's recipe for longevity is "not worrying." That in itself is quite a feat, when you take into account that Mrs. Bally Sr. has ten children. Of her large family, only two are still living. And this young-old lady is not at all like you might picture a person of her ripe years. Mrs. Bally describes her as a dainty little person, who still takes pride in her appearance, with curled hair, and frilly jabots being a favourite dress accessory. The 102 year-old

Mrs. Bally still writes all her own correspondence (quite an extensive one, too), and loves to play the piano. Have never heard of anyone quite equalling that record, have you?

**SORRY TO LEARN THAT** Georgetown's popular young baseball star, Don Herrington, has been in Toronto General Hospital since Christmas. Last week, Mrs. Anne Torrance, and daughter, Torbach, left for Miami, Florida, where they will make their home. Mrs. Torrance operated a hair-dressing business from her apartment, in Mr. Fred Ballantyne's cement block house on the corner of King Street, during the time they lived in Georgetown.

**WONDER IF EVERYONE WAS** as excited as we were, when we tuned in to Mother Parker's Tea radio program at 7.30 last Saturday night, and found that Georgetown people with numbers listed in the telephone book would have a chance at the over-\$1600 jackpot. A terrific moment or two of uncertainty as they played the somewhat tricky "mystery tune" in this case "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" and an even more terrific moment which tobogganed from wild hope to disappointment when they announced the lucky telephone number — not yours may be sure — but the Lewis McKibbons. Unfortunately it was not a lucky night for Mr. and Mrs. McKibbons either, for they didn't have the program tuned in, and therefore were unable to name that all-important tune.

**A FIFTY-FIFTH WEDDING** Anniversary, spent happily together, with both husband and wife enjoying good health, surrounded by their children and grandchildren, is a real achievement, and we join with all the folks in town and district in offering congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Edith Street, who celebrated just such a happy occasion last Monday, January 2nd. Those sitting down to an Anniversary dinner at a prettily decorated table, included Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thompson, Dorothy Jaffe and Roy Col, and Mrs. L. A. Pulling, William and LaVerne, of West Lafayette, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick, Brampton; Miss Violet Dick, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crichton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGee and John, Norval. The family party spent a happy time together in the afternoon, with music and games.

As most of you know, Mr. Thompson is an exceptionally active man, for his 82 years still keenly an active participant in bowling and curling, as well as being an ardent hockey fan. Mrs. Thompson just celebrated her 79th birthday December 29th, when Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Thompson held a party for her, at which her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Pulling of Lafayette, Ind., was also present.

Asking about the length of time Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have lived in town, we learned that until nearly 16 years ago, they farmed what is now known as the Martin Estate, on the 10th Line, having sold to the late Ernest Martin, of Goshen, Ind., upon their retirement. It's interesting to note too, that until then the farm had been in the Thompson name for over 100 years.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

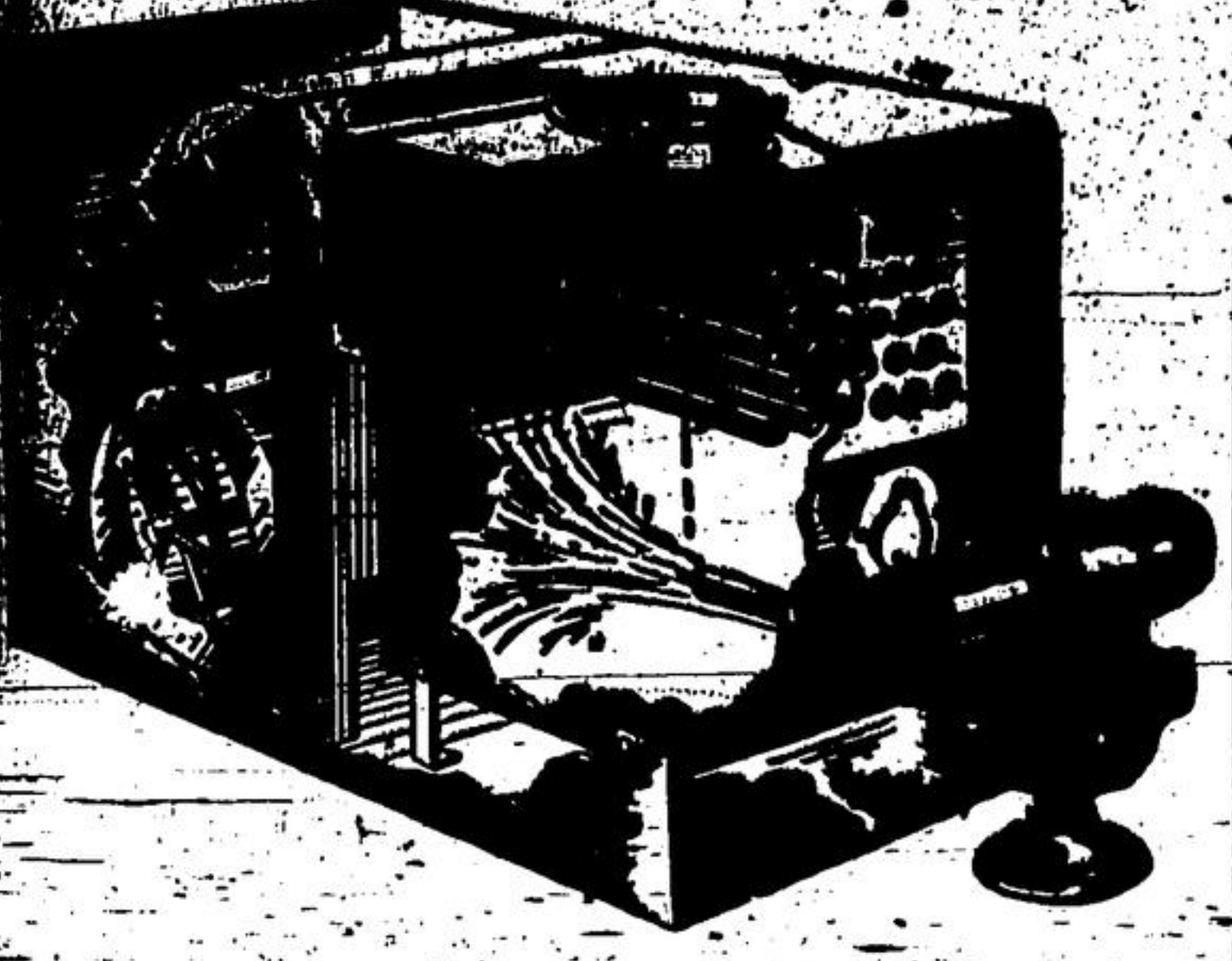
Well, well, well, here we are again. Long time, no see. We hope all youse people had a very merry Christmas and at this time we wish to extend our sincerest greetings for a bountiful and beneficent New Year. We hate to say this but we told ya so. In referring to a column of several weeks ago we find that we predicted an unseasonal Christmas. Well, we never seed such an unseasonal Christmas in all our lives. But anyhow happy Easter.

On the Thursday before Christmas the students enjoyed (?) a Christmas party at the school. Several plays were presented and the one which we enjoyed most was the fifth form and Commercial offering, "Vat 69, the beer with the biggest burp." The first-formers were simply thrilled when who should come strutting in but ole Santa Claus. Tuffy Allen fainted with glee. Santa then handed out the present and everybody had a very enjoyable time drinking one H of a mess. Thank to Ike DeVries, Ray Anderson and Rgn Denham for putting the piece in half decent shape after.

The holidays have passed and of course everybody is glad (?) to be back at the brain factory (waiting for Easter). Some are especially glad because if they want to take a holiday they will have some place to take a holiday from.

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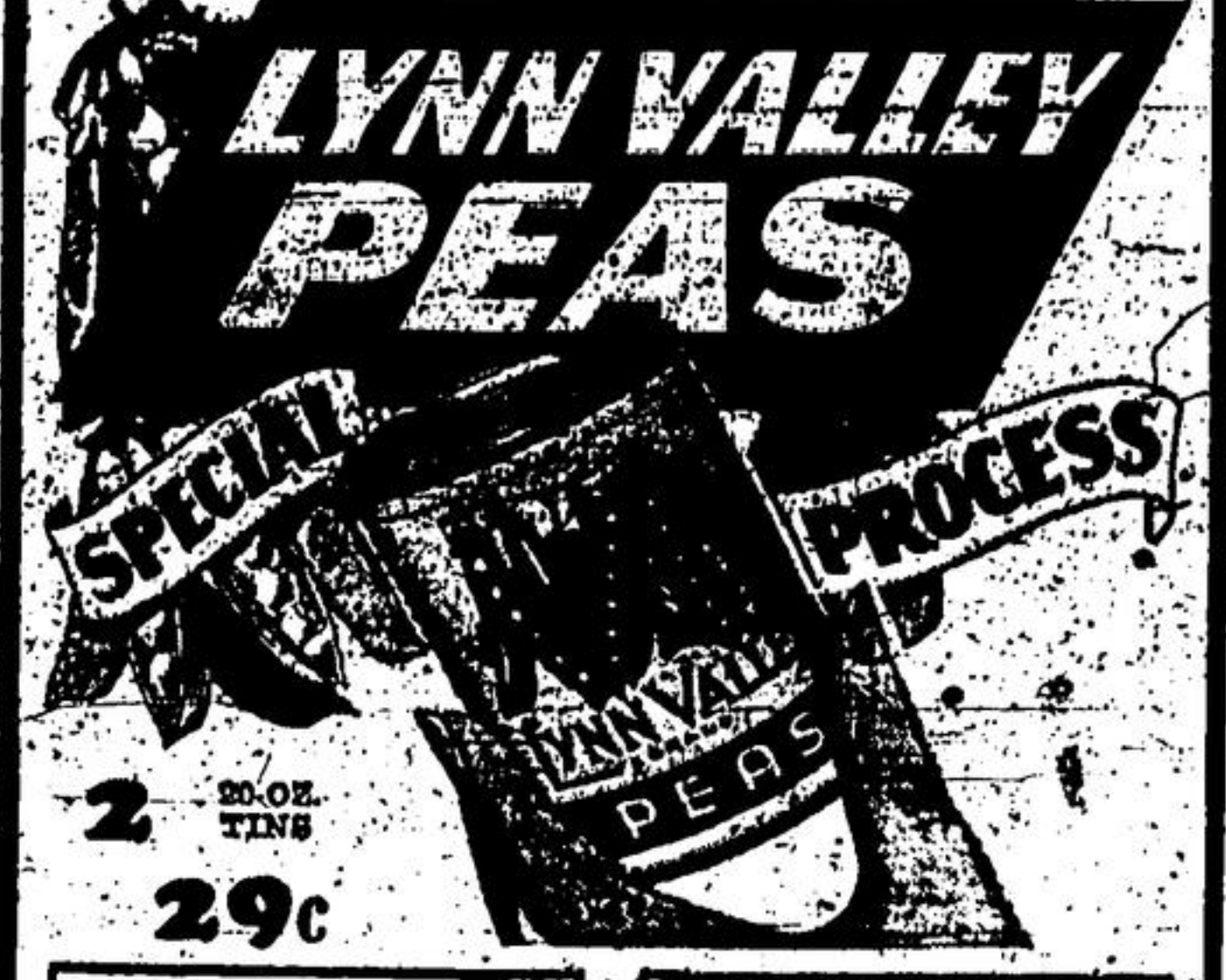


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