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**FAIR AND WARMER MAYBE . . .**

(An editorial in the Toronto Globe and Mail)

"The nature of foul weather," the man said, "lieth not in a shower or two of rain, but in an inclination thereto of many days together." This dubious profundity of Thomas Hobbes has for some reason been passed down to us from the seventeenth century as a famous saying. Which goes to show how completely futile it has always been trying to make sense out of the weather.

It was Mark Twain who said: "weather is a literary specialty, and no untrained hand can turn out a good article on it." Oh, is that so. Well, we haven't noticed any of the trained hands exactly setting the world on fire either. The best we have ever heard was from a lay student of meteorology who said: "the Civic Holiday always brings in a spell of fine warm weather." If any one can beat that it should be the weather man himself. But ask him why July was so preposterous and if August will be better and he says: "Hm, think July was wet, eh? With 4.33 inches of rain? Don't be silly. Why back in July, 1841, when we had 8.15 inches —"

Who cares about 1841? The issue is 1950. Surely some genius has written a comprehensive opus answering all the questions. They have written immortal lines about almost every phase of the weather, albeit some of their finest verse was excusing it rather than analyzing it. Indeed, mostly they were not dealing with the weather at all, save as it shaped the fate of their heroes. Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" produced weather that could actually be felt. Joseph Conrad told of a ship "running all over the sea trying to get behind the weather." But both, like so many others, had their plots wrapped about humans and probably cared not a boot for the elements save as a literary servant.

The Old Testament is authority for the statement that "fair weather cometh out of the north", to which it might be added that so do several other kinds of weather. Walt Mason achieved some fame with his imaginary statesman who said: "unless it rains the weather will be dry," a fatuity reminiscent of some of our own politicians, but leaving last July as much a mystery as ever. Even Shakespeare, master as he was in dealing with the portents, struggled off the main riddle of the skies with the remark that "many can brook the weather that love not the wind", which is about

as informative as our commonplace fiction that "it isn't the heat it's the humidity."

So, being hopelessly baffled, the poets left the subject to the philosophers who, in turn, gladly left the scientists to it. And what do they tell us? "Either the world is warming up and thus melting the Polar ice cap, or else the Polar ice cap is melting and thus warming up the world." Yes, but how about July? Easy, they say. It's a matter of locality. On the Western Prairies, be it hot or cold, "it's so dry you don't feel it." On the Pacific Coast they look up at the curtain of clouds and call it "filtered sunlight." In Halifax when fog rolls up the harbor of a morning they say "that's a sure sign of a fine afternoon." In Toronto what they have said recently shouldn't be printed.

We are, after all, an ungrateful lot. Only a year or so ago, remember, we were complaining about the drought. By and large, the weather is consistently unusual, for which we should be mighty thankful.

Since 1830, the number of magazines and newspapers in the United States has increased almost twenty-five times, while the population has

**Trusteeship Council Opens Session**



The United Nations Trusteeship Council, now holding its seventh annual session at Lake Success, will deal with such questions as annual reports on U.N. Trust Territories, proposals for an international regime for Jerusalem, and protection of the Holy Places there. Here, Dr. Victor Hoo, U.N. Assistant Secretary-General, talks with Roger Gervais of France, outgoing President of the Council.

**ASHGROVE  
Church Groups Picnic  
At Vern Picket Farm**

The family picnic of the Baby Band, Mission Band and WMS was held last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vernon Pickett with twenty ladies and forty six children attending. The president, Mrs. C. B. Dick, couldn't be present and the 1st vice Mrs. Hector Bird opened the meeting with the hymn "Mothers-of-Salem". Mrs. George Nurse had charge of the Devotional and Bernice Wilson played a piano solo. The Mission Band members sang a number "Our Church" followed by the story given by Miss Doris Brownridge who told of a little Indian girl, Seta, her life and her contacts with little Christian boys and girls and her conversion to be one herself. The hymn "God sees the little sparrow fall" and Mrs. Hector Bird closed with prayer. The children enjoyed an hour's swimming, back to the lawn for all kinds of races and then a lovely picnic lunch with iced orange drinks.

On Sunday morning the W.M.S. had charge of the service with Mrs. C. B. Dick presiding. Mrs. Thos. C. B. Dick read the Bible reading from the 10th chapter of Luke. Mrs. Frank Wilson led in prayer. A choir of WMS members sang a pleasing number. Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth and Mrs. Hector Bird sang a duet "He was not Willing" and the speaker, Mrs. Grohe of Georgetown delivered a fine missionary address about Christ sending out his twelve disciples to carry on his work, telling them "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel, heal the sick and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunn of Copper Cliff are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Ruddle. Mrs. Percy Oakes of Batavia, New York, has been visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Drake and Ronald, Joan and Joey and their guest Miss Marion Bird have been enjoying a week's holiday at Wasaga Beach.

Miss Charlotte McCullough, Mrs. R. E. Souther, Mrs. Grohe and Mr. W. A. Wilson of Georgetown and Mrs. W. Keith of Owen Sound, were Sunday visitors with the Clayton Wilson family.

Little Dianne and Danny Golden of Georgetown visited last week with their cousins Catherine and Nancy Hunter.

Marilyn and Dianne Wrigglesworth of Hornby visited a few days last week with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Hector Bird, Jean and Margaret attended the World Convention on Christian Education at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wrigglesworth, Douglas and Robert were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth.

Miss Valerie Nurse is having some holidays with relatives in Toronto.

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Hello Homemakers! This is the season when holiday folks come to visit for the afternoon or the evening. The emergency calls to mind the modern song "If I'd known you were coming I'd have baked a cake". Perhaps this may be a timely reminder for you and me. It is so easy to beat a batter made from a packaged cake mix, and pour into a preheated oven, of 375 degrees for twenty minutes.

Small cakes do not have the same tendency to fall that a large square one does and so you may open the oven door after fifteen minutes to sprinkle nuts on each one. A topping of chopped nuts or shaving of candy will save the time to frost the cakes.

For company meals during the summer there's nothing better than a "cold" plate. Don't be afraid of plain fare when it's tasty and attractively served. For instance if you planned to serve a bread and milk pudding make it and top with a spoonful of jelly or garnish with a mint leaf. If you haven't enough milk in the house use 1 cup condensed milk and 3 cups water. If there is not sufficient time to bake bread puddings in the oven for an hour, put it in a pan in the pressure cooker and steam for 10 minutes.

**BREAD PUDDING**  
2 cups raisin bread (cut in cubes)  
4 cups milk (or diluted condensed)  
1 tsp. butter  
3 beaten eggs  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla

Soak bread in hot milk 5 minutes. Add butter, salt, vanilla, and sugar. Pour beaten eggs over mixture and spoon into a greased mould that can be placed in a pressure sauce pan. Tie wax paper over the dish. Pour 1 cup water in pan and place casserole on the rack and adjust the oven. Cook for 10 minutes at 10 lbs. pressure.

**BLUE PLATE IDEAS**

1. Potato Salad in Lettuce cup, Cabbage-Raisin salad, Tongue, Lime jelly; wedge of Cantaloupe and buttered rolls.
2. Parsley Potatoes, Corn-on-the-cob, steamed Marrow with Cheese sauce, spiced hot Beets; Blueberries and cream.
3. Tuna casserole, Green Peas, home-fried Potatoes, and hot tea biscuits, spiced applesauce.
4. Jellied Carrot salad, fresh Peach and cheese, Macaroni and Green Pepper salad, devilled Egg.
5. Assorted Cold Meat slices, Potato cake, String beans; Honeydew melon.
6. Chicken and Rice Salad, sliced Cucumbers, Tomato wedges, Radishes, green Onions, Celery-apple-nut salad; Maple ice cream.
7. Fish burgers, french fried Potatoes, whole Tomatoes, Green pepper rings; Refrigerator cake.

**THE QUESTION BOX**  
Mr. O. B. asks: For a tasty Chinese dish.

**CHOW MEIN**  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 1/2 cups (3 lb.) lean pork or veal cut in thin strips  
1 cup onions  
1 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 cups celery, chopped  
1 1/2 cups hot water  
1 can bean sprouts  
Melt shortening in hot skillet. Add meat, stir and sear quickly (without browning or burning), add onion and fry for 5 minutes. Add celery, salt, pepper and hot water. Cover and cook for 5 minutes. Add drained bean sprouts. Mix thoroughly and heat to boiling. Add the following mixture of flavoring and thickening:  
2 tbsps. cold water  
2 tbsps. cornstarch  
2 tbsps. soy sauce  
1 tsp. gravy powder  
1 tsp. sugar

Miss G. T. asks: For a quick frosting recipe.  
3/4 cup coconut  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2 tbsps. cream  
Combine all ingredients and cook, stirring constantly until sugar melts. Using spoon, spread lightly over top of cake and place in hot electric oven of 400 degrees for 10 minutes.

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**Local Man Joins  
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John Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer, Main Street, has joined the Toronto police force and is at present taking a training course in the city. He is the second local man to join the Toronto force, Owen Hughes being also a member.

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

Cpl. and Mrs. Bruce Collins and daughter Patricia, Mrs. Alf Collins and Mrs. Fred Yates motored to North Bay and Ottawa last week for a vacation trip.

Mr. Howard Armstrong and Mrs. Lillian Brewer have returned home to Winnipeg after visiting in town with Mr. and Mrs. William Maybanks.