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The Editor's Corner

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

History, repeated itself, with unpleasant consequences for residents of Hornby last Wednesday, when a "twister" did thousands of dollars damage in a few short moments.

It was on Monday, June 25th, 1923, that a violent electrical storm and gale plagued farmers over a wide area from Cheltenham to Hornby. The sky darkened shortly after 5 p.m. and hydro and telephone lines bore the bunt of the storm's fury.

The Herald of that day recorded several results of the storm. Thomas Bird's barn on the 5th Line was blown from its foundation and wrecked. Corrugated metal from John Armour's barn at Stewarttown was blown a quarter of a mile. Dan Wright's barn at Ashgrove, and barns of Fred Wrigglesworth and James Mc-Dowell at Hornby were in the path of the storm and all were heavily damaged. At Limehouse, John Newton's . barn suffered a similar fate. The roof of Hornby schoolhouse was blown off. Hundreds of trees were down throughout the township.

There was no serious damage in Georgetown, except for loss of a portion of the roof of Georgetown Coated Paper and Wes Cook's chimney.

The day is particularly memorable because it was a provincial election day when Premier Drury's farmer government was swept from office in a Conservative landslide. The premier himself ran in Halton and was defeated by George Hillmer. Local lawyer, LeRoy Dale carried the Liberal standard in Halton that day.

A FUND FOR STORM VICTIMS

While Hornby lies somewhat too far from Georgetown for a local fund to start, there have been several enquiries already about whether one is to be established.

Perhaps someone in the county town will get busy on an estimate of damage and start a fund to help the unfortunate Hornby people who lost heavily. There are many in Georgetown who would wish to contribute.

Wind insurance is something which most people do not carry in this part of the country. We have heard of only one farmer who had coverage of this type at all. Neighbours have been kind in pitching in to repair some of the damage. There are others who cannot help that way, but who would gladly shell out a dollar or two to help the storm victims.

POT POURRI

Proof of the good crops in store for Halton this year was a spike of hay measuring 6 feet, 8 inches, brought to the office last week by Norman Brown. It was picked from a field behind his home on the highway near the white bridge The Herald missed reporting two recent fire calls. One was to a motorcycle in front of the Dominion Store, the other a car in front of Ken McMillan's implement agency. There was no damage in either case . . . It's hard to keep on top of all the news during May and June. Each week the editor is faced with a mounting pile of notes which he never has time to transcribe into news stories. Then, all of a sudden, comes-July. Organizations stop meeting until the fall, people go on vacation, and there is a dearth of news . . We are sorry to report that our Norval correspondent, Mrs. J. E. Maxwell, who has been guite ill since the birth of her baby a few weeks ago has had to return to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment again . . . Plans have all been made for the big Orange celebration here on " July 12th. The merchants are cooperating in the big day by closing on Wednesday afternoon and staying open all day Thursday . . . The heavy rains last week washed out a portion of the sidewalk over the highway bridge near Saxe Motors and pedestrians are warned to watch their step until it is fixed . . . Hornby was front page news in the three Toronto dailies when it was struck by a "twister" Wednesday night. There was large property damage, but fortunately no one was injured . . . Some changes on Main Street include Charlie Brown, who switched positions a few weeks ago from Budget Market to Silver's, Walker Cleave, who has left Bradley Brothers for a new job at the Liquor Control Store and Ruth (Goldham) Miller, formerly of the Alliance Paper office staff, who is replacing Bernice Jones at McClure's. Bernice expects to join her husband in Sault Ste. Marie next week A new man joins the staff of the Herald next week. Bill St. Amand, who was from Waubaushene and started his trade in Orilwill replace Doug Caldwell as a member of the staff.



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Mrs. Gordon Agnew Guest Speaker CGIT Banquet

Mrs. Gordon Agnew, a sister of Mrs C. J. Buck, one of the leaders of the local group, was guest speaker at the Mother and Daughter of the CGIT on Monday in St. John's Memorial Hall.

Mrs. Agnew in her talk, stressed the importance of the breaking down of all barriers of distinction between people of different races, classes and colours.

Mrs. Buck, presided and toasts were offered: to the King by Rev. John M. Smith; to the mothers, by

Ann Hyde, with a response by Mrs. Charles Willson; to the CGIT organization by Mrs. Smith, and a response by Mrs. Agnew.

One of the highlights of the year's program was a cooking class conducted by Margery Mackenzie, and at the banquet a group of girls received their cooking badges. These were Betsy Willson, Ann Hyde, Jean Muckart, Katherine Sorensen, Claire Bradley, Carol Seddon, Joyce Denham and Patsy Richardson, In token of their appreciation the girls presented a beautiful bouquet to Miss Mackenzie.

Leaders of the CGIT group are Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Dorothy Denham, and Mrs. Ernest Forgrave.

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