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## Cole Homestead a Winner



Pictured in the April 23rd issue, the Cole homestead on the 6th Line brought luck to its owner in the form of a framed enlargement of this photo plus a number of credit coupons from district merchants who are sponsoring this interesting Herald feature.

Spruce Villa is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Shortill, who have been living there since purchasing it from Fred Cole, now of Acton, five years ago. Up to that time the farm had always been in the Cole name since Mr. Cole's grandfather, Peter Cole was given a crown deed to the property when he came out from England. It was farmed in the next generation by William Cole, then by Fred Cole who was farm owner since 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortill themselves both come from prominent Esqueping farming families. Fred's grandfather, Joseph Shortill was first owner of what is now S. G. Bennett's Scotdale Farms, the lovely property on the

way to Ballinafad. Before purchasing the Cole farm, Fred farmed on the Shortill home farm which his father, William, now deceased had operated for many years. He is the only member of the family to continue in the family tradition. His mother lives in Guelph with his sisters, Mrs. Reta Ricketts and Miss Deborah Shortill and his brother Robert in Guelph.

His wife is the former Willa Price, daughter of Harding Price who this year is president of Esqueping Agricultural Society. They have two young farmers-in-the-making, Ross and Dan, who will attend the Blue Mountain school where both their parents received their early education. Mr. and Mrs. Shortill are both former GHS students.

The Shortills operate Spruce Villa with no permanent help. Their 150 acre property is given to mixed farming and they favour the dual purpose variety in cattle raising.

## Mother's Special Day

Just when we were turning over in our mind some suitable words for a very important day this Sunday, Mrs. M. Lawr brought to the office a little fancy cushion which her son, Harvey had sent her during his army service.

We could write a lot about Mother and Her Day, but the poem printed on the cushion seemed to say it just as well.

## Pot Pourri

Mrs. M. Lawr wants us to pass on to those who bought tickets on a pillow slip raffle which she held for a sick friend, that an Acton lady won the lucky draw. . . . Back in Georgetown for a short time is Dr. Walter Bloch and we were pleased to have a chat with him on Monday. Dr. Bloch was here a year ago as a consulting engineer at Smith and Stone, Ltd. At that time his wife and daughter lived with him for a few months in Brampton. Dr. Bloch's work takes him to many parts of the world and it wasn't long until they left for England. Since that time he tells us he has worked in Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Britain. Mrs. Bloch has stayed in England this time to be near her daughter who is attending school there. . . . Proud possessor of a letter from Her Majesty is Carole Hunter, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hunter. Carole wrote her sympathy to the new Queen after King George's death and in reply she received a letter, edged in black and bearing the royal crest, signed by M. Charteris. The letter said: The Queen commands me to write and thank you for your kind letter. Her Majesty was deeply touched by your thought for her in her sorrow. . . . A district farmer remarked that we have almost lost spring and fall these past few years. This year certainly bears this out, for our weather has passed

## Weekly Chuckle

The bride was shopping for a vacuum and the clerk was exhibiting several

There's a dear little house inviting  
 In a dear little place I know,  
 And a welcome is always waiting.  
 When to that little house I go;  
 For there lives the dearest lady,  
 The sweetest I ever met,  
 And today if I cannot visit,  
 Dear mother, I don't forget.

from winter chill to summer-like warmth, without the usual transition period. . . . A bit of philosophy heard recently might comfort those who are prone to look on the troubles of the day as too major. We can't do anything about yesterday and today will be yesterday tomorrow, the saying goes. Such philosophy, of course, can be overdone if you remember Scarlett O'Hara who put aside unpleasantness with "I'll think about it tomorrow." One must have a proper balance and realize that while no trouble is unsurmountable, we must bear a share of worry too along with the good times. . . . Mrs. J. H. Lillico, who retired last week from her position at Lillico's Beauty Salon, tells us she is one of the oldest faces on Main Street. Not that her face can be called "old" by any means. It was 28 years ago that with her late husband, Howard, the beauty shop was opened. Since his death the business has been sold to Bruno Scisizzi but Mrs. Lillico has continued on the staff until now. . . . Attending a get-together of summer guests at Deer Lodge, Haliburton, four local young men were at a party at the Club Top Hat in Toronto recently. Corey Herrington, Jr., Ross Norton, Alf Spence and Foster Herrington enjoyed an evening's dancing and met a lot of their summer acquaintances there. . . .

## Too Forward

"That is the Belvidere," replied the clerk. The bride gave him a withering glance. "And can you recommend the Belva, she is required lolly."

## PRESENTATION TO INSURANCE DIRECTOR

A veteran director and former president of Halton Union Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company was honoured on April 28th by officials of the company.

At a meeting in Acton, Thomas L. Lealie of Georgetown was presented with an electric razor. A complimentary address said:

"We, the members of Halton Union, gathered here in session, felt that we could not let the occasion of your retirement pass unheeded. We realize that during your years of service, many advances and accomplishments have been made. You have shared the responsibility as a member and president. You have never spared your time and energies in the interest of the company. Some of us have had the privilege of working with you longer than others and your advice has

always been sound and helpful to us all. We ask you to accept this gift as a token of esteem and to serve as a reminder of those who worked with you.

Those present at the meeting were Dan Gray, president; A. T. Moore, secretary; T. J. Brownridge, vice-president; Leslie Kerns, Cameron Kitching, Emmerson Ford, Charles Headhead, Victor Hall, J. E. Pearen and M. T. McNabb.

Mr. Lealie who is an ex-warden of Halton County, had served on the company directorate for 25 years at the time of his retirement this year. The directors sent home a beautiful bouquet of carnations to Mrs. Lealie.

planted the balance of the crop for six successive years, each year donating one tenth to his church, the replanted the balance of the crop for six successive years, each year donating one tenth to his church. At the end of the six years, this tenth, amounted to over one hundred and fifty thousand bushels of grain. At the close of the meeting those attending were given the opportunity of viewing the excellent remodelling work which is being done on the church basement, by the Milton Churchmen.

Observing the Law  
 County Constable: "Pardon Miss, but swimming is not allowed in this lake."

City Flapper: "Why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"  
 Constable: "Well, there ain't no law against undressin'."

## ATTEND BANQUET IN GRACE CHURCH, MILTON

As members of St. George's Men's Club, John T. Armstrong and Cecil Davidson attended the semi-annual dinner of the Halton Laymen's Association at Grace Church, Milton, last Friday evening.

President Frank Thompson of Milton, introduced the guest of the evening, Mr. Leonard Eames of Hamilton, who spoke in an exceedingly interesting manner on the topic "Christian Stewardship." He also showed a movie dealing with the old Church system of "Tithing" in which and American churchman, with the aid of the late Henry Ford, had taken one cubic inch of grain, planted it and donated one tenth of the crop to the Church, then re-

SECOND OF EIGHT ARTICLES ON

## The History of Assessment and Municipal Taxation in Ontario

In 1899 the Provincial Government realizing the inadequacies of the section of the Municipal Act, created under the Baldwin-La Fontaine Act of 1849, which dealt with assessment to some extent, appointed a commission under Judge McLennan to hear appeals, arguments and submissions, etc., against the assessment methods laid down in that Act.

The Commission which met for nearly five years and heard many submissions from Boards of Trade, merchants, labor organizations, municipal officials and single tax advocates among others brought in a number of interim recommendations many of which were incorporated in the first Assessment Act of 1904 which dealt solely with municipal assessment and taxation.

They made many recommendations — the majority of which, with some major and in other instances minor amendments, constitutes our present Assessment Act.

The outstanding changes were that the value of the property was to be considered and not the type or class of construction; that the actual value of farm land instead of the type of soil was to determine the assessment value; that business assessment was to be levied on the value of land and buildings; used for such business instead of such hypothetical and hard to ascertain methods as amount of trade and stock on hand at the time of the assessor's call.

Taxed on Real Value  
 In that value they placed more reliance on the selling value of property than we wisely do today. In view of the demand for housing accommodation which governs the selling price but not the real or actual value.

In 1940 an amendment to provide for the appointment of County Assessors was brought into force. As this amendment is very important it will be dealt with in a later article. In 1946 the provisions which dealt with the method of ascertaining assessment values were amended and these changes are now contained in Section 33.

In 1947 the present Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Hon. G. H. Dunbar took the first concrete step to actively assist municipalities in assessment by creating an Assessment Branch to aid and advise municipalities and assessors in their assessment problems. In 1950 Mr. Dunbar went further by issuing a Manual of Assessment Values to be used as a guide by assessors in determining values for assessment purposes. The adoption of this manual was not made compulsory but was at the discretion of the municipalities and the assessors.

County Councils  
 The form of municipal government which we should be most interested in is our local municipal government. Yet we have another form of municipal government which administers some municipal services and to pay for these municipal services a charge appears in our local tax bills.

These governments are known as county councils or territorial district organizations. In Southern Ontario, there are 38 Administrative County Councils.

ern certain municipal services. Their administration for some purposes includes 97 towns, 150 villages and 429 townships, and one improvement district.

In Northern Ontario we have 11 Territorial Districts which for some purposes levy charges rated on assessment. The charges for the municipal services dispensed appear in the tax bills of the local ratepayers in these territorial districts and they comprise 5 cities, 46 towns, 10 villages, 144 townships and 16 improvement districts.

An explanation of why we as ratepayers should be vitally interested in the assessment of other municipalities besides our own will appear in the next article.)

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