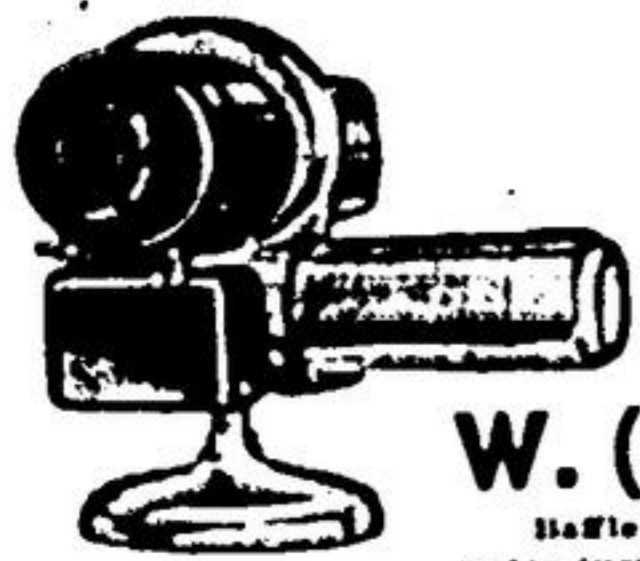


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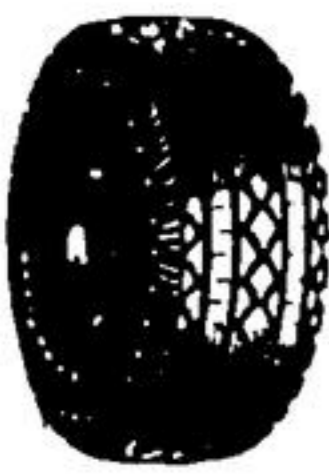
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**MERRY HALL**  
by Beverley Nichols pp. 317  
This new work by one of Canada's best known expatriates is a book about a garden. Gardeners of every sort will enjoy the author's account of his work with five acres of land that had first been horribly mid-Victorianized and then neglected. While flowers, trees and shrubs occupy the foreground of the book there is really nothing technical or particularly informative about the book. Nevertheless every gardener will be interested in the story and in the background there is a fund of humorous stories revolving about Oldfield, the wise old gardener who could 'make' things 'come on' and Our Rose, a professional decorator who did ghastly things with cut flowers.

**EARLY MEDIAEVAL ILLUMINATION**  
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This is one of the famous Iris Colour books printed by a special hand-process in Switzerland. These are wonderful examples of the fine work done by monastic artists between 800 A.D. and 1200 A.D. Both the artist and the average reader can gain some idea of the richness of the treasures still left to us from one of the lesser-known periods of history.

**BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH**  
by Harley Williams, pp. 288  
This is a collection of brief but authoritative biographies of men who have made medical history during the past 150 years. The list begins with the strange career of John Hunter, the Scotsman whose experimental work in anatomy laid the foundation for modern surgery. It ends with the story of a Canadian Sir Frederick Banting. I confess I found his story as interesting as any other in the book with the possible exception of Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science. It may seem unrealistic to place Mrs. Eddy beside Sigmund Freud as a pioneer into the realms of mental and psychological maladies but in this connection it may be recalled that in the last week or so the Convocation of Bishops and Clergy of the Church of England passed a resolution calling for the recognition and adoption by the Church of the elements of truth in Christian Science.

**THAMES TO TAHITI**  
by Sydney Howard, pp. 210  
The story of a deep sea voyage across the Atlantic and Pacific in a small 8-ton auxiliary cutter. The book is enlivened by a shrewd ob-

servations of the places visited and a variety of off-the-beaten-track stories in connection with them. There seems to be an increasing number of people interested in the modern sea-adventure stories from real life, and this one carries the imprimatur of the Mariners' Library.

**GOLD IN EVERY GRAVE**  
by H. L. Nelson  
A lively murder story with a Colorado setting of the conflicting claims of real estate development and gold mining. A frontier day celebration with a mock trial and lynching ends in a real murder. Jim Dunn, a stranger in town, found himself in the position of No. 1 suspect. When a second murder involving a beautiful and popular local girl was "planted" on him he found himself just one step ahead of a real honest to goodness lynching party. Even the sheriff left the town and the jail keys behind.

**FRONTIER INCIDENT**  
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**OTHER BOOKS**  
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**CHILDREN'S BOOKS**  
Bear Party, William Pene DuBois; Dragon Farm, Garnet; Darbie, Bullen; Island Pony Club, Wainwright; Stories From the Bible, De la Mare; Prehistoric America, White; Snow White; Howdy Doody in the West; Mave's Summer; Bare; A Pony for Linda, Anderson; The Talking Cat, Carlson; Muggins, Bradbury; Tiny Toosey's Birthday, La Rue; The Gray-Nosed Kitten, Mason; Tammy Chipmunk, Allen; One Kitten Too Many, Bradbury; In the Great Apache Forest, Schultz; Bases Loaded, McCormick.

**FARM NEWS**

**Bus Party Visits Western Ontario Farms**

Forty three participated in the fourth annual bus tour sponsored by Halton Crop Improvement Association. Judging by the comments overheard every member of the party felt it was worth while. We have no intention of attempting to cover all of the points visited on the two days, notwithstanding the fact that each stop had its points of interest.

The farm of Alex M. Stewart and Son of Alisa Craig was perhaps the highlight. As we intimated in this column two or three weeks ago, it is the cleanest and tidiest farm it has ever been our privilege to see. Growing of registered grain is a specialty — included in their cropping programme are sizeable acreages of soybeans, white beans, grain, corn and sugar beets. We were particularly interested in John A. Stewart's comments on soil, fertilizers and cultural practices. John A. by the way is the farm operator — He follows the practice of varying the depth of plowing from year to year. In other words if he plows at a depth of 5 inches this year in a certain field, next year the depth will be six inches — the following year seven inches, and finally to a depth of 8 inches. Then gradually works back to the five inch depth. He is also a strong advocate of soil testing as a guide in his fertilizer programme. He is also using increased amounts of nitrogen.

It is John A.'s opinion that it is better to use a little less of the recommended mixed fertilizer when sowing fall wheat in the fall, and then top dress in the early spring with from 40 to 75 lbs. of ammonium nitrate. While Alex M. Stewart prefers corn silage for feeding steers nevertheless they are utilizing grass and legume silage, primarily because it works in better with their farm programme.

Incidentally the ensiling of grass silage was the order of the day at the Frank Silcox farm at Iona. Hon. M. F. Hepburn's near St. Thomas, Charles Munroe's at Embro, and W. Alex Muir's near Woodstock. There did seem however, to be a wide divergence of opinion on many factors in connection with grass silage making. Where upright silos were being utilized, few if any of those visited had anyone in the silo. They used distributor pipes and allowed it to come up in the silo and it was only for the last eight or ten feet that they did any tramping. One thing all of these men did agree on is that it is better to put the grass and clover in a little too wet than too dry. While this may be the exceptional year, most of them had the forage harvester following immediately behind the mower and windrower. In fact at one of the Hepburn farms, they were using a forage harvester which combined in one operation the cutting of the standing crop and the chopping the green crop and blowing it into the accompanying truck.

Mr. Hepburn is a strong believer in pit silos — last year in one huge pit he put in 105 acres of grass and clover. At the time of our visit they were again filling this pit and at the same time another equally large pit was being bulldozed out nearby. While he has a tower silo on the farm it is not being utilized in so far as we could determine. It should be borne in mind however that Mr. Hepburn had an ideal location for the construction of pit silos and furthermore, the idea ties in well with his system of ranch feeding his large herd of Herefords, which at the present time numbers nearly 500. Perhaps we should also point out that all of the equipment necessary for the construction of the pits as well as the actual harvesting of the green crop is owned on the farm.

In other words, some of the equipment used in the construction of his pits is simply borrowed for the time being from his gravel pit enterprise, which, incidentally, is a story in itself.

One does not need to go on a bus trip however, to see some of these new ideas tried out. Yesterday on the Fred Nurse farm, near Ashgrove, we were privileged to see the pit silo which Mr. Nurse constructed and filled with grass and legume silage before starting off on the bus trip. Then at the Lindale Farm of Maurice C. Beatty we saw a horizontal silo built on top of the ground with the aid of some posts, some snow fence, a few planks and some paper. It is going to be interesting next winter to learn how the silage comes out of these different type storages.

Some of our readers will be interested to learn that Harvey Nurse of Ashgrove last fall substituted his Graham Hoeme plow for the conventional mouldboard plow when getting an alfalfa field in readiness for fall wheat. True he also made use of his double disc, etc. in preparing the seed bed. While we haven't been in the field in question his wheat crop looks fine from the road as one passes by. These are but a few of the new ideas which are being tried out here in our own county. Perhaps on some future occasion we will refer to some of the others which we run across from time to time.

**FARM NEWS**

**EXCELLENT PROGRESS WITH THE HAY CROP**

Halton's hay crop is much, much lighter than a year ago. True there are some heavy fields but in general they are old stands of alfalfa or mixtures of alfalfa, brome, orchard grass, and timothy. Last year's seedlings while good in the bottom for the most part have failed to make very much growth. However, there has been a lot of good hay taken off during the past week. In fact we are inclined to think there has been more good hay taken off up to Friday evening last than there was altogether a year ago. True the tonnage on most farms is going to be away down, on the other hand the quality harvested to date is top and should produce milk next winter. The spring crops in most cases were badly in need of moisture when we were writing this column. While the colour, in most cases, is still reasonably good, the cereal grains haven't made much growth the past two weeks. Some of the earlier sown fields are now heading out and present prospects point to a short crop of straw.

**FARM NEWS**

**LABOUR IS IN GREAT DEMAND**

The Agricultural Office, Milton has the past two or three weeks been literally deluged with requests for farm labour. It would appear that casual help secured from Western Canada for the past number of years is going to be very limited in 1952. In any event no Western farm hands had arrived at the end of last week. Some inexperienced farm labour has been secured from Newfoundland, and in addition a number of immigrants came forward this week.



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