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Chatting...

with M. H. B.

GLANCING OUT THE window the other morning I noticed the milkman was having difficulty with either the horse or cart. At any rate, he was leading the horse down the road, and it attracted the excited attention of the small boy of the household. Seeing that horse on his rounds in the morning is one of the pleasures of his life. There are so few horses to be seen in town any more than the sight of one really is quite remarkable, using the word in its most literal sense.

And that particular horse is quite remarkable in the horse sense department too. Downtown last week it was standing beside a car parked parallel to the curb, when the lady-driver started to manoeuvre her car out of the parking space out onto the road. Apparently sensing what she was trying to do, the horse immediately backed up a car's length to allow her room to back out. I thought that was pretty discerning. But the gentleman I repeated the incident to thought it was even more so. He claims the horse noticed it was a lady-driver and decided to keep his distance.

I MENTIONED IN last week's column I thought it a shame to put away all those beautiful Christmas cards, whether in storage or the incinerator. A lot of other people feel the same way. I imagine but don't know where to send them. Most of the likely places in our own country are only too well supplied with them, some even having to go so far as to send out SOS messages saying "Please, no more Christmas cards!"

Having this in mind, a thoughtful lady in town clipped out a list of places in distant lands where our lovely Christmas cards may bring even greater pleasure to others than they did to themselves. It will involve a little trouble on your part, and a few cents outlay, but 15 or 20 minutes of your time and possibly as many cents for postage, and you'll have done a really worthwhile job.

WHEN PARCELLING the cards, if you'll wrap and tie them securely, leaving the ends, or even part of one end, open, they can go as printed matter at the rate of one cent for two ounces; thus a pound of cards would cost for mailing, only eight cents. At the post office ask for the little green custom stickers and on these write "Used Christmas Cards - No Value."

Now you're all set for the addresses. The first two I'm going to give you are children's boarding homes, where orphans and little lost children are cared for. Incidentally, you may be interested to know that the men in charge of these homes are both Torontonians. So if you'd like to send your cards to children in India, address your parcels to: Rev. Clarence Bass, Ceylon Indian General Mission, Hindupur, Anahpurt District, South India, or to Mr. Bruce Sinclair, Mission House, Anthiyur, via Bhavani, CBE South India. Other members of the family might like to send their cards to the Rev. R. R. Henning, 7 Pottery Road, Richards Town, Bangalore 5, Sth. India; to Miss Lova Bush, Mission, Bungalow, Madakasira, Anantapur District, South India, and to Rev. W. A. Russell, Kadiri, Anantapur District, South India.

Should you fancy to send your cards to Japan you could make up parcels for Rev. Sam Archer, 1088 Z Chome, Setagaya, K.U., Tokyo, Japan, and to the Central Japan Pioneer Mission, 445 Hyaaken Machi, Maebashi, Gumma Ken, Japan.

Missions in Africa, too, would be happy to receive your used Christmas cards. These could be addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gamble, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Post Office, Box 4315, Cape Town, South Africa; to Miss Barbara Stevens, R.N., Mseleni Mission Station, Ubrambo Post Office, Zululand South Africa and to Mrs. W. D. Tucker, Sudan Interior Mission, Mopa via Kabba, Nigeria, British West Africa.

In Pakistan the Rev. Keith Jones, G.D., G.O. Colony, Bahawalpur, West Pakistan, and Miss K. Johnston, Zam-

an Cottage 3412 Link Road Abbotsford, Hazara District, NWST, Pakistan, would be happy to receive packages of cards, as would the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly Hacienda Ambachico, Silvia Cauca, Columbia, South America.

Canadian scenes, the pictures only, (these could be cut off and the rest of the card destroyed), would be appreciated by Miss Elma Inman, Archibald Institute, Tunapuna Guaiaco, St. Augustine, Trinidad, British West Indies. And here's the last address on my list at the Leper Bible School (the only one of its kind in the world, I understand), lepers are trained to do mission work among their own. Should you wish to share your cards with them, address them to Miss Honor Warden, R.N., Khon Kaen, Siam.

TO BRING OUR THOUGHTS back home again, and to Halton County in particular, did you ever know how the Credit River was named? It came about in quite an unique fashion, many years ago, when the French traded with the Indians at a meeting place at the mouth of the river. They were given supplies on credit for which they paid the following spring, in furs. Thus the river was named the Credit River.

This is only a very small sample of the wealth of interesting information contained in the book "Halton's Pages of the Past" written by Gwen Clarke and published by the Dills Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd. of Acton and Milton. If you're at all interested in the history of the county in which we live, I know you'll enjoy this book. Certainly Mrs. Clarke has rendered a valuable service to the county by writing it.

ORIGINALLY, THE BOOK appeared in column form in the Acton Free Press and the Milton Champion. Mrs. Clarke is also well known to people in the district and throughout Ontario through her syndicated column "Chronicles of Ginger Farm" which appears weekly in the Acton and Milton papers, as well as many other weekly newspapers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke live on a farm in the Scotch Block near Milton. I believe that Mrs. Clarke's "Halton's Pages of the Past" as well as making enjoyable reading for the present, will become even more valuable as the years roll by. I have no doubt that it will be used as an important reference book, just as we use the old and I might even use the word "rare" Halton Atlas today.

IN VIEW OF THE tremendous success of the night school classes in Georgetown, I was surprised to read a news item in the Palmerston Observer a few weeks ago, citing what a poor response there was in Palmerston and district to the courses offered by night school. Classes were offered there in drama, folk dancing, felt work and other crafts, commercial typing and bookkeeping, basic English and Citizenship, leathercraft, special cooking, motor mechanics and lastly, general shop work.

The net result was that there were enough people interested in folk dancing to hold instruction in the high school auditorium in Palmerston and enough people interested in the commercial course to hold a course in Harriston, where the bulk of the students lived. The other crafts elicited very little or no interest.

FARM NEWS

Middleman Gets 60c Of Consumer's Dollar

J. E. W.

Canadian farmers are back in the same position they were in, during the 1935 to 1939 period, from the standpoint of the percentage they are receiving of the consumer's dollar, stated Professor Ralph Campbell, the head of the Dept. of Economics, in Guelph. Professor Campbell was the speaker at the seventh of the series of meetings being sponsored on Tuesday evenings, in the Milton public school, by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Sixty two Halton farmers were out to hear the discussion on Marketing, Marketing Schemes, their advantages and Limitations. Professor Campbell, who is a Rhodes Scholar and hails from a farm in Hastings county, delighted his audience with his clear cut, comprehensive knowledge of the subject of Marketing.

He pointed out that in the period 1935 to '39, 40c of the consumer's dollar went to the farmer - in 1946 the farmer received 51c out of every dollar spent by the consumer for farm products - in 1955, the farmer has had to content himself with 41c out of every dollar. Additional services demanded by the consumer, were partially responsible for this drop in revenue to the Canadian farmers. In an effort to improve his bargaining positions, farmers have entered into the field of marketing in various ways - these include 1. Purchasing Co-ops; 2. Marketing Co-ops; Compulsory - a Canadian Wheat Board; b. Negotiating Scheme; c. Agencies.

During the evening Prof. Campbell also outlined comparative pictures for Canada and the U.S. In connection with the latter country he pointed out that the U.S. government now owns farm products to the value of 7.2 billion dollars.

W. R. Hume expressed the appreciation of the gathering to Professor Campbell.

On Tuesday evening of the current week, the group will enjoy the privilege of listening in on a panel discussion, entitled "Health of the Dairy Herd." Dr. Maplesden, Ontario Veterinary College; Dr. J. C. Rennie, Animal Husbandry Dept., OAC; M. C. Bealy, Milton; and E. Ross Segsworth, Burlington; were scheduled to be panel members.

LANSEING POSITION FOR JOHN KEIR

Last week-end, John Keir, of 28 Chapel Street East, left for Lansing, Michigan where he has a position as toolmaker for the Kish Industries there. Mr. Keir has been employed at Smith and Stone Ltd. for the past sixteen years.



ONTARIO FUEL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Franchises Act, Chapter 249, R.S.O. 1950, Section 9 as amended, and

IN THE MATTER OF applications by the Anthony Gas and Oil Exploration Company Limited for approval of proposed by-laws of the municipalities listed below authorizing in each case the execution of an agreement between the municipality and the applicant granting to the applicant a franchise for the distribution of natural gas in the municipality concerned, and

IN THE MATTER OF applications by the Anthony Gas and Oil Exploration Company Limited for Orders declaring and directing that the assent of the respective municipal electors of the said municipalities is not necessary to such by-laws.

The Corporation of the Town of Acton;
The Corporation of the Town of Georgetown;
The Corporation of the Town of Milton;

NOTICE OF HEARING

Ontario Fuel Board hereby appoints Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1956, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon at the offices of the Board, 600 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario for the hearing of the above applications and all persons interested therein.

Copies of each application, By-laws and Franchise Agreement may be inspected and further particulars obtained at the offices of the Clerks of the respective municipalities, the Applicant, or the Solicitors for the Applicant, Messrs. Armstrong and Charron, 25 Melinda St., Toronto, Ontario.

Notice of Application to Disperse With the Vote of Municipal Electors
TAKE NOTICE that at the above public hearing the Board will be asked to issue an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the passing of the said by-laws is not necessary.
DATED at Toronto this 9th day of January 1956.

ONTARIO FUEL BOARD

Signed
A. R. CROZIER, chairman
M. R. HOWARD, Commissioner
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