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## Chatting..

with M. H. B.

● **WE TOOK A LITTLE** motor trip over to Niagara Falls, N.Y., the other weekend to see a Melody Fair musical comedy. The trip down was lovely. We've done a lot of grousing about the wet weather this year, but one nice result has been the way the grass and shrubs have kept their fresh greenness. No parched summer landscapes this year. It happened to be around summertime as we drove along the Queen Elizabeth, and I noticed that nearly all the wayside tables were being put to good use by families on a picnic outing. As we neared Niagara Falls of course, the majority of cars heading for the States were from the state of New York, and both of us observed that the licence plates of more than half of them had rusted and corroded, some to the point where the numbers were hardly distinguishable. Very likely the result of poor enamelling. It detracted from the appearance of the sleek new models.

● **THE BIG MELODY FAIR** tent was filled to capacity that evening for "Wish You Were Here." Visiting Melody Fair when it had summer seasons in Toronto was always a treat for us. It seems to me that they made their big mistake when they took the production indoors to Mutual Street Arena. Even had the sound amplification problem been surmounted to the satisfaction of everyone (which it wasn't) the whole informal charm of a summer theatrical in a huge tent reminiscent of Chautauqua days, was lost completely. They are using the same tent in North Tonawanda as they did in Toronto, and I was glad to see that they were being well-patronized. From what we gather from the Toronto papers, I am sorry to say that Canadian summer theatres are not thriving this season.

● **ANOTHER SUMMERTIME** pleasure I used to enjoy — and still could, mind you, was dancing in the open-air pavilions. I'm not at all sure that I would, however, after overhearing a group of excited teenagers

reshaping the night before, when they had attended their first such affair. Apparently a couple of them had been asked to dance by "an old man — why he's at least thirty — they say he goes to all the dances and tries to get the girls to dance with him . . . a real character!" . . . at which point I snuck quietly out the back door.

● **WHILE VISITING** relatives recently, the conversation veered around to the subject of losing things. My aunt told us a remarkable little story about how she had lost a valuable diamond bracelet while driving down to Florida last winter. When she discovered it was missing, they were a good many miles past their last stop where they had bought gas. Quite naturally, they hadn't taken note of the name of the gas station. However, they did remember that there was a turkey farm also run by the gas station owner, and everyone had got out of the car to relax for a few minutes before proceeding. My aunt didn't recall even touching her bracelet, but it was the only clue they had to finding it.

After discovering her loss, they stopped at several gas stations to see if anyone knew the name of the service-station owner with the turkey farm. They thought they could phone back and ask him to look around his property. But nobody knew him in that locality. They had travelled more than a hundred miles since their last stop, so they weren't really expecting too much help along that line. Thus the bracelet was practically given up as lost, with one small hope still glimmering however . . . they would call back at the turkey-farm-station on their return trip.

● **SO THREE WEEKS** later, that is what they did. My uncle spoke to the owner about the bracelet, and asked him if by any chance it had been found on his property. The proprietor said that yes, a bracelet had been picked up off the grass a few weeks ago, and would my uncle please step inside. He had put it with several other lost articles and odds and ends in a dirty old tin box in the garage. Sure enough, there was the missing bracelet. Receiving his just reward, the proprietor of the service station was more than surprised. He had never even suspected that the "rhinestones" were the real thing. And needless to say, his pleasure was more than matched by my aunt's, who valued the bracelet as a keepsake above all else.

● **IF YOU WERE READING** "Chatting" about a year ago, you may recall that we talked about homing pigeons. My curiosity had been aroused by seeing quite a number of them in crates up at the CNR station. It turned out that they were "racing homing pigeons" and it was quite interesting to find out about this sport which I hadn't known even existed before. Last week in Time magazine there was an article about pigeon racing in the Ruhr, where they say the sport has an "almost mystical attraction." Apparently last month, when a rash crook kidnapped half a dozen prize-winners and sent one of his own homers with a ransom note, the whole valley rose in wrath.

What interested me most, however, was reading of their special trick to bring their birds back quickly. They play on the pigeons' monogamous habits, my separating competitors from their mates for a week before the race. They give him one long soulful look at their spouses before shipping them off to the starting line. Thus is the inspiration provided for a speedy return, for it is known that while bloodlines are important, no pigeon will log a fast flight unless it has some strong urge to get there. In just the one Ruhr valley race, there were 70,000 contestants.

## Alrex Equipment Performs Miracle Job, Maple Ave.

Using heavy equipment rented from Alrex Contracting, work on the Maple Avenue extension is being rushed to completion, in time for school opening in September.

The roadway opens a town road allowance which will provide an important link between sections of Georgetown on either side of No. 7 highway. Up to the present all traffic is funnelled through the Mill and Water Street bottleneck, including through traffic from Milton to Toronto.

Most important locally is that the road will provide a passageway for pupils from the park district of town who will be attending Wrigglesworth School in the future. Before setting their plans for the fall, the school board was assured by council that the road would be in passable condition when school opens.

The 40 foot road, planned by the town engineer Douglas Wilson, bridges Silver Creek. Tremendous amounts of fill have been removed from property recently acquired by the high school board from the Jack Tost farm, to fill in a valley and to provide an embankment for the new bridge which is completed.

A sidewalk will be built on the south side of the road, and guard rails erected on both sides as a safety measure for pedestrians and traffic.

Many residents have visited the site to watch the huge Alrex scrapers, described by one man as "dinosaurs" they would look very much like prehistoric monsters if they had eyes painted on the engines. A relay of machines, with 12 and 20 yard capacity, have transferred hundreds of tons of earth to the site, distributing it along the new road.

It is one of the miracles of modern machinery to watch the scrapers at work, and to figure how many months under construction such a major engineering work would have taken fifteen or twenty years ago.

## Legion Imperials Have Picnic in Streetsville Park

The Imperial Section of Branch No. 120, Canadian Legion, BEST, held their annual picnic at Memorial Park, Streetsville, on Saturday, August 18th. This proved to be one of the most successful outings ever held by the Section. Results of the various events were: Darts, under 7 years, Billie Crawford; girls 7 years, Jill Kemshead; Boys 7 years, John Ganton; girls eight years, Joan Kemshead and Patsy Bowman; Boys 8 years, Mickey Dow and Jackie Kemshead; Boys 9 years, David Fletcher; Girls 10 years, Betty Ann Parton and Joan Crawford.

Girls 3 legged race, Linda and Elizabeth Bottoms; Boys 3 legged race, John Ganton and Mickey Dow. Women's spot race, Mrs. P. Chaplin and Mrs. C. Ganton; Girls spot race, Betty Ann Parton; Boy's spot race, Jimmy Bowman. Wheelbarrow race, Alva Grieve and Ethel Cuthbert.

Bobby Grieve was the youngest baby present. Mrs. H. Bottoms won the event for throwing the baseball the farthest for the ladies and Tom Herbert won for the men.

In the adult dart contest Mrs. H. Bottoms won first prize and Dave Bowman won first prize in the men's division. Mrs. Crawford Jr. and Harry Bottoms won the cigaret race.

## George Mitchell, C.A. Moves from Guelph

George E. Mitchell, C.A., partner with Ed Malson in a public accounting and auditing business here has moved to town from Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and their sons Dale, 8, Douglas, 6, Kevin, 4 and Ross, 2 are living in a new house at 1 Joseph Street.

Mrs. Mitchell, who is the former Ruth Miller, is moving closer to her old home, for her father, the late Bill Miller was a 6th Line farmer and also did road work for the township when he lived there. He died after moving to Guelph about twelve years ago, where Mrs. Mitchell's mother still resides.

A Toronto native, Mr. Mitchell taught school at Fordyce near Wingham, served overseas for four years as a navigator with RAF Squadron 626, then worked for his chartered accounting degree with a Guelph firm. He received his degree in 1952. In addition to operating his own business, he is supervisor of municipal accounting and auditing for the provincial government.

The family attends the Presbyterian church and Mr. Mitchell is a member of Speed Masonic Lodge, Guelph.

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#### Anglican Parish ST. GEORGE'S

TRINITY XIII

August 26th

8 a.m. Holy Communion

The Rector

9.45 a.m.—Church School & Bible Class

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7 p.m. Evening Prayer — Mr. J. L. Lambert

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