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Sugar and Spice

We all know what a young man's fancy is supposed to lightly turn to in spring. But when you get right down to it, young men are vastly uninteresting, except to themselves, recruiting officers and, of course, young women.

They lack the appeal of a boy, the sensitivity of an adolescent, the charm of maturity, and the dignity and wisdom of old age. In fact, aside from a certain healthful energy, and a strong dash of animal good spirits, they have little to recommend them. Except to young women.

So we will ignore the fancy of young men this spring, especially since it's lightly turned to the same sort of thoughts in the other three seasons too. Let's examine the fancies of some of the more interesting age groups.

Sole aim of very small males, in the spring, seems to be mud. They love mud. It has the same fascination for them that it has for small pigs. They like to walk in it, kneel in it, roll in it, push small girls down in it, and bring as much as possible of it home with them. Small girls are exactly the same, and this is the only time in their lives, that the two sexes are completely agreed on everything.

Slightly older boys have a fancy in the spring for anything that is dangerous, foolish or irritating. On the first day the temperature is above 40 they want to go hatless and barefoot. They build rafts that sink. They dig caves in the sides of crumbly sandpits. They cross swollen streams on the slippery trunks of fallen trees. They walk on railway tracks. They fall into bogs. Or they come home redolent of leaks.

The mature, or married, man is stunned by spring. A few weeks ago, his home was quite attractive with that nice white snow covering everything. Now it's nothing but a big, fat, eyesore. Paint peeling, eavestroughs dangling, cellar window broken and a potato sack stuffed into it. Storm windows for the southeast side of the kitchen still leaning against the house, where he left it last fall. Front lawn littered with hickory car, and grapefruit rinds dropped while hustling out with the garbage, four empty wine bottles contributed by generosity, the rake, a pile of dead leaves, and the whole form into trenches worthy of Flanders fields. By the visits of the coal truck.

He does the only sensible thing, in the circumstances. He sits down with pencil and paper and lays out a plan of cleaning up, painting, and general improvements. He reads it triumphantly to his wife. He's so sincere she's really impres-

sed. She's proud of him. A new leaf. First job he'll tackle is the front lawn. Then the cellar.

Half an hour later, she discovers the new leaf is just the other side of the same one he turned over last year. She catches him cleaning up the front lawn by chipping grapefruit skins into the coal-truck. cinders with a golf club. They have seeds. She does her best, and rakes the lawn, sending him to the cellar.

When he doesn't show up for supper, she figures he's really bushing down to it, and goes down cellar to call him. And there he is crouched on the remnants of the coal pile, with his fishing rod, practicing his fly-casting into the large pool between the vegetable-bin and the furnace. He's as happy as the half-witted hermit. And that's the kind of thing a mature man's fancy lightly turns to in the spring.

What about the oldster, the codger? What kind of a fancy does he have, come spring? After dicing with death through a long, cruel winter, when his old side-locks were appearing with momentous regularity on the obituary page, I imagine he's pretty pleased with himself. In fact, I know he is. I was talking to one the other day. As he sunned himself in front of the post office, he told me:

"Didn't think I'd make it, back there in January. Flat on my back and gettin' worse every day. The old lady practically had the insurance collected and off to Florida for the rest of the winter. But, with an evil chuckle, 'she got fooled. Caught the cold and I buried 'er the end of February. Have a snort now whenever I feel like it. Say, son, when do them tourists start to arrive? I'm going to spend the whole summer watchin' them girls in their shorts. I figure it won't do them any harm, and should do me a lot of good."

If that's what a senior citizen's fancy turns to in spring, I'm going to stop worrying about getting ancient.

FARM NEWS

Pasture Improvement Program Is Planned

In recent years, every cattle man, whether beef or dairy, has become more and more impressed with the importance of good pastures in the economical production of milk and beef. In order to still further focus attention on this most valuable crop produced on the livestock farm, the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association has made tentative plans to sponsor a "Pasture Competition" in 1957. While all details have not been finalized, the competition will involve not just one field, but the entire pasture programme of the farm for the complete season.

A somewhat similar competition has been underway in Oxford county for a number of years. That it is bearing fruit is evidence by the good pastures one sees on trips through that so-called "Holland of America."

Further details concerning the Halton competition will likely be available in early May.

Cairns, Plaques Will Mark Historical Sites

At a recent meeting of the newly appointed advisory board on historical records for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, a round table discussion was held on the work to be done to collect and preserve the priceless records of early history in the Valley.

The meeting was held at the home of the chairman, Miss M. S. Castle at Meadowdale. The immediate marking of three important historical sites was decided upon. Cairns and suitable plaques will be used, and E. Sutter, field officer for the Authority was asked to obtain information and prices for this work.

Alex McKinney, Jr., Brampton, brought some interesting documents to the meeting concerning the history of Chinguacousy Township and suggested that many people must have similar papers that should be preserved by this board. The dream of one or more museums was discussed and it was suggested that all the members should explore the possibilities of old houses that should be preserved with this in mind.

Members of the historical committee include Miss M. S. Castle, of Meadowdale, chairman; Alex McLaren, Georgetown, vice chairman; Miss Adelaide Link Miller, Walter Blake, Georgetown; Mrs. Elizabeth Hooper, Georgetown; Mrs. McKinney, Jr., Brampton; Mrs. McKinney, St. Catharines; Mrs. McKinney, Port Credit; Mrs. Robert Lynd,

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Two million copies of the Holy Scriptures have been distributed in Canada by The Gideons since 1911. The 2,000,000th copy, a Bible specially bound in gold finished leather, was dedicated on April 13

at the King Edward - Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. It was presented to Manager A. Gordon Cardy by Albert Stedelbauer, president of the Gideons International in Canada and it is interesting to recall that in 1911 the King Edward was the first Canadian hotel to receive Bibles for its guest rooms from The Gideons. One of these original copies was on display during this ceremony and it has an interesting story. It was returned to Canadian headquarters in 1951, together with \$2.00, by a lady in South Carolina, who confessed that when she and her husband were in Toronto on their honeymoon and staying at this fine old hotel, they had taken it with them—in 1911. So it came back, after 40 years!

Urges Everyone Attend Free TB Xray Clinics

Dr. Archie F. Bull, Medical Officer of Health for Halton County, urges all residents to get a free chest x-ray in the TB clinics which will be surveying the entire Georgetown area next week.

Dr. Bull made this statement: "Tuberculosis plays no favorites. In its early stages TB usually has no outside symptoms. Only an x-ray tells you the inside story. You'll feel a whole lot better if you know your chest is okay, that neither you nor your family has TB. Spend the little time it takes to be sure. It's the best investment you'll ever make. Visit the TB clinic in your locality."

Clinic sessions will be held in the United Church in Norval on April 29th; and in the Knox Presbyterian Church hall in Georgetown on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Hours are from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. daily. All adults, and children of 12 and over, receive chest examinations free of charge.

HORNBY

Girls Ball Club Dance at Trafalgar

Over two hundred people were entertained by and danced to the music of James P. Leybourne and his orchestra from Elora, at the Trafalgar hall on April 12th. The dance was sponsored by the Hornby Girls Ball Club. There was a wide variety of dances. Each square dance was a different change and young and old took part in the Gay Gordon, Cross Country Waltz, heel and toe dance and many others. During intermission lunch was served. Tickets for lucky draws were drawn by Kenny Howden, with Jim Gilles winning a bushel of apples and Kenny Howden a box of chocolates. With repeated requests from many that attended, the Girls Ball Club decided to hold another dance at the same place on May 10th.

Allen Simpson has accepted the sales and service agency of the J. I. Case Company under the name of Simpson Farm Supply & Service. Mr. Simpson, better known as Al, is well acquainted with the J. I. Case agricultural equipment. He has been servicing Case machinery for seven years. This is enlarging the business in Hornby and his business office can be located at the Briggden Manufacturing Co. building.

Mr. Allan Harrop has been sick with the mumps.

Mrs. Jack Marchment is recovering from an appendicitis operation in Brampton hospital.

Miss Georgina Leslie is a patient in Milton Private Hospital. She had an operation on her knee, but is now well on the way to recovery.

Hornby Mission Band held their monthly meeting at the home of Myrna and Billy Marchment with fourteen members present. Myrna Marchment, president, and Patsy Wilson, secretary, conducted the meeting. After the devotional service Mrs. Marchment read the story from the Mission Band book. The meeting closed with a hymn and a prayer, and the children worked on their scrap books. The Mission Band members conducted the worship service on Sunday morning at the Hornby United Church.

The new tile floor is being laid in St. Stephen's Anglican church basement. It will make a great improvement to the basement floor.

Visitors to the St. Stephen's Anglican Church service on Sunday were Miss Mary Thompson from Brampton and Mr. Gregory Clarke from Toronto.

St. Stephen's Church congregation have been having the opportunity to listen to new electric organs. Next Sunday a third different organ was in the church on trial. An organist from Toronto has been demonstrating and playing the organs each Sunday. They are trying to see which one sounds best in the church and which one the congregation likes best.

Smelt fishermen this last week end were George and Bill Bailey, Edward and Ross Robertson, Jack Simpson, Ernie May, Garnet Howden, Bill Bradley, Glenn Saunders and Doug Leslie. The catch was good each night. The lake is lower this year than last, making the bottom of the lake rough causing a lot of wet feet when the water goes over the top of the water gate at the fishery. One of the fishermen had a basket of smelt which he had



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Christ. Later three of his brothers entered the Christian ministry. As I write these lines, my father, at the age of 71, is pastoring a church. My sister is active in Christian work. My younger brother is an evangelist and I am now in my sixteenth year in evangelistic work. It is not unnatural that I should want to thank you, The Gideons, for that Bible which reached my father and resulted indirectly in countless conversions. God bless you. — Rev. Wilfred Cantelon.

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