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Dispersed by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Echo

September is really something special isn't it? It's the one month of the year when I would have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, out of Canada, my native land.

Let the poets rave about spring. Let them warble of the awakening of life, the first tender shoots of green, young lovers with arms entwined. You and I know that spring in this country is strictly for the crows. We know it as a time of muddy feet, sniffling children, winds that give you an ache and water in the cellar.

Some fanatics will try to tell you there's nothing like a Canadian winter. I agree. Brisk, bracing, hearty, they say. The crunch of snow. The skating parties, skiling week-ends, the roar of the hockey crowd. Yeah. They neglect to mention the snow up to your navel when you're hanging out the clothes, the bucket of wet ashes banging your shins as you struggle up from the basement, and trying to scrape the ice off your windshield with your fingernails on a sub-zero morning.

"But summer," cry the tourist folders. "Ah, in summer, Canada is a holiday wonderland, a tourist's paradise." Sure, sure. Ask the lad who works in a machine shop in the city, sans air-conditioning. Ask the little stenographer in the office building, who is so wet all the time, she has to look like a mermaid. Enquire of the farmer, as he finishes a sixteen hour day in the baking sun, if he's enjoying himself in this vacationer's heaven.

September is something different altogether. It holds a rare combination of peace and excitement, to my way of thinking. Peace is a rare commodity these days, so is doubly welcome. September peace is in the still, golden days, the settling into routine after the summer scramble, the breathless blue of the lake, the massive brooding green of the forest, flecked with its first touches of tawny orange. Nature is silent, replete.

Excitement is good for us too, and September has its own liveliness. The nip in the air at night rouses the blood, stirs the imagination. Life picks up a swifter rhythm. In a small town, organizations wake from their summer siesta and make bold plans. The children, back to school, are brimming with life, and not yet bored. Fall fairs, fowl suppers, the World Series and football games add their special flavour.

I remember one September. I was 12. I had a job working in a hot-dog stand in the midway at the fall fair. The owner was nipping at a loaded coke bottle and about ten p.m. told me to take over. He said I could have half the profits. I worked like a beaver, and had about twelve dollars in the cash box when he reeled in at closing time. I figured my half would make a down payment on a bike. He scooped up the loot, threw me a quarter and when I tried to remind him of his half-share promise, told me to shove off or he'd give me such a thick lip I wouldn't get lippy with him again.

I remember one September. I was 17. In one golden day, I had; dropped a pass that lost the high

Thanks Public for Kindness Shown

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Mr. Walter Biehn,
The Georgetown Herald,
Dear Mr. Editor:

May I through the courtesy of your column express to my many friends in Georgetown, my great appreciation for their proof of friendship by the various displays of kindness they have shown me throughout the four years I have lived among them.

Living and working in Georgetown has been a very happy experience for me. In my capacity there I had the unique opportunity of visiting the homes of more families than would normally have been the case had I not been the Public Health Nurse. Because of this, and because Georgetown is such a friendly place, I may say that I have more friends and acquaintances there than in any town or country in the world, and it would be impossible to write to them all individually, as I would like to have done.

So, Mr. Editor, with your permission I would like to say "Farewell, my friends" though not "goodbye" for I shall often return to Georgetown in the future and we shall meet again.

With all good wishes,
Sincerely,
JOYCE NEVITT.

It had lots of furniture. The landlady used it for storing furniture that she couldn't use in her other apartments. You had to climb over a large table to get into the bathroom. "Well, here we are," I said heartily, as I ushered the folks into our first real home. My wife threw one horror-stricken look about, clutched the baby to her breast, burst into tears and fled.

Suggests Controls for Zebra Caterpillars

J. E. W.

During the past two weeks we have suffered an outbreak of Zebra caterpillars in this county. They belong to the cutworm family, but their feeding habits are more like the leaf-eating caterpillars. The Zebra caterpillar, apparently loves "Crucifers" - particularly turnips. They have also attacked tomatoes and gladioli. Our entomologists tell us there are two broods a year.

This past week, in a turnip field near Campbellville, there were both small and large caterpillars present, indicating an overlapping of broods. The larger ones were about two inches in length. The Zebra caterpillar is characterized by longitudinal yellow stripes along both sides of the worm - in addition, they have fainter yellow markings around the body which gives the worm its name, Zebra. According to Prof. H. W. Goble, of the OAC, the control in a turnip field is to spray or dust with one of the following:

- (1) 25 per cent DDT emulsion, 2 quarts to the acre;
- (2) 5 per cent DDT Wettable Powder, 3 lbs. to the acre.

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sprayer applies to the acre. Or if the grower prefers dusting, then the application is 25 or 30 lbs. of 5 per cent DDT dust to the acre. According to Prof. Goble, parasitism was evident on Zebra caterpillars found in a turnip field near Paris on September 18th, thus they will not necessarily be prevalent except in the usual small numbers in 1958.

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