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Each year, as I approach the subject of Mother's Day with something akin (about 4th cousin) to reverence, I try to write something gentle and tender about mothers. Each year, it seems to get a little tougher.

Sitting here contemplating the whole complex problem of Mothers, one fact has been borne in on me as relentlessly as a beer bottle is borne in on the evening tide. Mothers Are Not What They Used To Be.

Anyone who has ever had a mother, if he stops to think for a minute, will realize that I'm right. And those of you who haven't had that privilege are invited to look around, and I'm sure you, too, will agree.

Just compare your mother and mine with those young rips that are masquerading under the title today. It's enough to make you cry. Oh, not for us. We had our mothers in the days when AM is for the many" used to leave hairy a dry eye in the house. But I feel like weeping when I think of what it's going to be like for our children, 25 years from now.

Who is going to write sloppy poems about Mom, or get all misty-eyed about that little ole mother-o-mine, when all they can remember is a female who always had a cigarette in one corner of her mouth, swore fluently and drove a cat like a bat out of hell?

Who is going to reminisce, gluttonously, about the meals his Mom could cook, when all he can conjure up is a picture of his old lady tearing the wrapper off a frozen food dinner, or grumbling as she threw together a ready mix cake?

Who is going to tell his children, a couple of decades from now, what a dear little Christian lady Gramma was, when all he can recall is herself hustling off to the bingo, or sitting around complaining because the beer wasn't cold enough?

How, indeed, will he be able to talk about that white-haired little, old lady in the vine-covered cottage handing out smiles and cookies to the neighbours' children, when he knows full well that she's in Florida, bronzed as a Bantu, in the process of going through her third husband?

Ah, it's a bitter road ahead for

our children, when Mother's Day rolls around, and they might as well steel themselves to it. Not for them the pious expression, the once-a-year trip to church with Mom, the phony flower, the suddenly acquired thoughtfulness with which we approach Mother's Day. They'll probably have to take the old hellion out and play her 18 holes of golf, unless she slows down a lot in the meantime.

However, there's a bright side to everything, as the new husband said when he found out his wife could play cribbage. Mother may not be the hombody she used to be. She may be handler with a swizzle stick than a darnin' needle. She may be more at ease on the end of a surfboard than rocking a cradle. But she's no pushover.

In the old days, if father came home drunk, about all she could do was wring her hands. Today's mother is much more likely to wring his neck.

Fifty years ago, Mother was a household slavey. She was nurse, governess and teacher, all unpaid, for her children, and a foot-warmer for her husband. Today's she don't take nothin' offa nobody.

She can run more machinery than the average stationary engineer. She can whip up a meal for twelve in the time it took HER mother to go out and pick the vegetables in the garden. She can raise a healthier, brighter child, with half the effort, than Gramma did. She can have the so-called head of the house cringing in a corner in the time it took HER mother to get out her handkerchief and start weeping, when Father got a little owly.

Don't waste too many tears on today's mother. She'll come out on top physically, financially, and psychologically, without interference from the likes of you and me. And when it comes to the show-down, when a child is sick, or a husband has lost his job, she'll be there with love and tenderness and courage, as all mothers have always been.

FARM NEWS

Pasture Experiment is Watched With Interest

J. E. W.
Brock Harris of Lowville is planning an interesting experiment on one of his pasture fields this year. This is a 16 or 17 acre field, which has been in sod for 12 years. The field in question now consists almost entirely of orchard grass. Mr. Harris practices rotational grazing, and the field is divided into three areas, each of between 5 and 6 acres.

A year ago the Harris herd of 32 cows was turned on the pasture on April 30th. During the month of May, this field produced over \$100 to the acre in the form of milk, in addition to carrying 3 or 4 dry cows. While an additional field was available for pasture during the remainder of the year, nevertheless this Orchard grass field did produce considerable more pasture for the herd during the summer and fall months. It may be interesting to learn, that in the fall of 1956, Mr. Harris applied 150 or 160 lbs. to the acre of 20 per cent superphosphate, and then during the winter months gave the field a coat of manure.

Now for the experiment which Mr. Harris has planned for this year. Again the field will be divided into three 5 or 6 acre paddocks, by electric fence. By the time this appears in print, one paddock will likely have received its first application of 100 lbs. to the acre of 33 per cent Nitrogen (Aeoroprills). Then in late June, this experimentally minded farm operator proposed to give the same paddock a second 100 lb. application of the same material. A third similar application will be given the same paddock in late August - in short, over the season this 5 or 6 acre paddock will receive a total of 300 lbs. to the acre of 33 per cent Nitrogen. Needless to add, Mr. Harris hopes to time his second and third application with anticipated showers. A second 5 or 6 acre paddock in this same field will receive a similar amount of Nitrogen in the form of Urea, which contains 45 per cent Nitrogen. As we recall the Urea will go on in two applications rather than three, as in the case of the 33 per cent Ammonium Nitrate.

The third paddock in this same field will be utilized more or less as a check during the early season and will receive no fertilizer treatment. Then around July 1st, Mr. Harris proposes to plow this unfertilized paddock, and seed it back to a mixture of grasses and clovers. One only needs to see the flats on this same farm to realize that the operator believes in pastures which have a nice balance of grasses and clovers.

Some may wonder why the field in question has been left down so

Harrison Adjudicates Rural Music Festival Preliminary

Finalists who will compete in the rural public school music festival on May 2nd were chosen on Monday when the Esqueusing township preliminaries were held in the township hall at Stewarttown.

Kenneth R. Harrison, ARCT, RMT, who is music supervisor in the Georgetown public and high schools was adjudicator for the all-day affair. Hornby Women's Institute served a noonday lunch for contestants and others attending.

Kathryn Sinclair, Ballinafad and Christine Foyers, Dublin, will represent the township in the solo class for girls 8 and under; Ricky Corbett, Stone School and Laurie Death, Hornby, boys 8 and under.

Other contestants in these classes were: Margot Clarkson, Milton Heights; Jill Thistlewaite, Ligny; Sharon Hume, Dufferin; Deborah Rogers, Stone School; Mary Bos, Stewarttown; Rosy Gathof, Waterloo; Robin Simpson, Quatre Bras; Janice Cox, Ashgrove; Deborah Kendall, Pinegrove; Beverly Wood, Hornby; Connie Coles, Bannockburn; David Sanmiya, Ligny; Patrick Gibbons, Dublin; Harry Harris, Stewarttown; Douglas Gardhouse, Quatre Bras; Harry Spoelstra, Ashgrove; Robert McGee, Pinegrove; Roy Brooks, Bannockburn; Nigel Spicer, Ballinafad; Phillip Powell, Milton Heights.

Nancy Hunter, Ashgrove and Donna Rennie, Dufferin, were soloist winners in the class for girls 11 and under; John McGee, Pinegrove and Greg Gibbons, Dublin, took similar honours in the boys class.

Others who competed in this year were: Sandra Franklin, Lorne; Bonnie Norton, Stone School; Carolyn Pope, Stewarttown; Susan Tindale, Waterloo; Trusje Ouwendyke, Quatre Bras; Lynn Brown, Pinegrove; Sue Learmont, Hornby; Ruth Coles, Bannockburn; Evelyn Kirkpatrick, Ballinafad; Janice Leyland, Dublin; Glenn Freeman, Milton Heights; Margot Irving, Ligny; Paul Kidney, Stone School; Arthur Brooks, Quatre Bras; Jeffrey Nurse, Ashgrove; John McDonald, Bannockburn; Brian Sinclair, Ballinafad; Bill Cargill, Milton Hts.; Ricky Sanmiya, Ligny; Hugh Graham, Dufferin; Lloyd McIntyre, Lorne.

In solo classes for 12 and over, Audrey Brown, Ligny and Heather Leyland, Waterloo, were chosen to represent the girls, and Tommy O'Neill, Hornby and David Kidney, Ashgrove, the boys.

Other contestants in these classes were: Jean Hunter, Pinegrove; Bonnie Wood, Hornby; Lynda Swackhamer, Bannockburn; June Hilson, Milton Heights; Margaret Melanson, Ashgrove; Maxine Gough, Lorne; Joyce Rennie, Dufferin; Viola Melanson, Stone School; Carol Devereaux, Stewarttown; Sandra Carney, Quatre Bras; Kenneth Transom, Milton Heights; Lloyd Davis, Ligny; Michael Stroud, Dufferin; Melvin Reynolds, Stone School; Bob Peddie, Quatre Bras; Bruce Brown, Pinegrove.

MANY LATE SELECTIONS IN NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Several of the latest selections of fiction and non-fiction have recently been added to the shelves at the local library. Some of these, according to a list prepared by the librarian, Miss Rosemary Jordan, include - Fiction: The Sound of Thunder, Taylor Caldwell; Street of Riches, Gabrielle Roy; Atlas Shrugged, Ayn Rand; Doctor in Love, Richard Gordon; 4.50 from Paddington; Agatha Christie; Remember Me to God, Myron S. Kaufman; Repent at Leisure, Joan Walker; March the Ninth, R. C. Hutchinson; No Small Tempest, Evelyn Richardson. General: Baruch, My Own Story, Bernard Baruch; The New Class, Milovan Djilas; Canada - Tomorrow's Giant, Bruce Hutchinson; The Hidden Persuaders, Vance Packard; Time & the Hour, Howard Spring; No Dogs in China, William Kimmond; We Have With Us Tonight, F. A. Cofbett; Please Don't Eat the Daisies, Jean Kerr; Girlie Me A Globe, Eric Nichol; A Woman Doctor Looks at Love and Life, Marion Hilliard.

long or until nearly all of the legumes have disappeared. In the first place, the field is adjacent to the barn and also to water for the herd - secondly, it is an early field, thanks to some underdrainage Mr. Harris has had installed - otherwise it would have been impossible to turn the herd on it on April 30th of last year. Furthermore, from his experience, Mr. Harris has found out that it is the milk which can be produced on pasture with a minimum of stable feeding, which lowers the cost of production. According to Mr. Harris, it definitely pays to clip the field several times during the pasture season, and he also makes use of the barrows, once or twice during the season, to spread the droppings, etc.

It should be obvious by this time that this enterprising farm operator considers pastures the No. 1 crop on a dairy farm, with hay a close second. When one notes the results he is securing, it would be a bold man, who would say he is wrong.

Dave Smith, Stewarttown; Dirk Jansen, Lorne. Danny Marcucci, Hornby and Robert Foyers, Waterloo, will be contestants in the class for boys with changed voices.

Stone School was judged best of the four choir entries for schools with enrolment of 24 and under. There were four entries also in the class for schools with enrolment of 29 and under and Waterloo is the finalist. Six schools entered the larger class, with Hornby chosen as winner. A double trio from Waterloo reached the final, best in a class of 5.

Finalists in the duet class were Nancy Hunter and Margaret Melanson, Ashgrove, Joyce and Donna Rennie, Dufferin.

Other competitors in this class were: Janice Leyland, Victoria Newton, Dublin; Paul Kidney, Melvin Reynolds, Stone School; Dave and Susan Smith, Stewarttown; Heather Leyland, Carmen Lachance, Waterloo; Sandra Carney, Bob Peddie, Quatre Bras; Audrey Brown, Lloyd Davis, Ligny; Jean Hunter, Lynn Brown, Pinegrove; Donna Kingdom, Margaret Robertson, Hornby; Ruth Coles, Annie Duenk, Bannockburn.

At the request of the Chinguacousy Municipal Telephone System, the Bell Telephone Company has had employees from Brampton working on line installation and repairs for the past several weeks. Bell's purchase of the system will be effective May 16.

L. G. Denby, Bell Manager for this region, this week announced rates will remain essentially the same.

Chinguacousy subscribers will pay the following rates:
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Individual business - \$ 7.40

A booklet listing present rates and other pertinent information about Bell Telephone service in the area will be mailed to Chinguacousy subscribers, Mr. Denby said.

"The majority of Chinguacousy employees will be retained in their present positions," reported Mr. Denby. "Vacancies in the installation and repair departments will continue to be filled by Bell employees and the same is true of clerical staff."

The Chinguacousy System serves about 1,200 subscribers in the northern section of the township through the Huttonville, Snelgrove and Victoria exchanges.

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MINISTERS MAKE PLANS SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans for a bible school in Norval in July were discussed when members of Credit Valley Ministerial Association met on April 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Neelon, Ballinafad. Another successful project, a training school for Sunday school teachers was also on the business agenda.

Rev. W. Edgar Gill, minister of Norval, Glen Williams and Home United churches, who is leaving this charge in June, was commended by his fellow members for the work he had initiated and helped carry through during his ministry there. After the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Neelon.

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