

FARM NEWS

FLOWMEN MAKE PLANS FOR 1958 COMPETITIONS
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Halton Flowmen under the leadership of president Leonard Lister met in Milton on Wednesday evening of last week, when tentative plans were made for both the Junior and Senior matches. The Junior Farmer match is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6th, and the senior county match on Saturday, October 25th.

John W. Pickett, Keith Merry, and Don Taylor, were appointed to select the site for the Junior Match and Messrs. Lloyd May, Thomas Howden and J. C. Marshall, as the committee to select the site for the big county match, which this year is scheduled for Trafalgar Township.

Sugar and Spice

Reprinted by BILL SHELLEY of the Winton Echo

In a chat with one of the teachers at the high school open house the other night, I got a severe jolt. Talking of the pupils, he remarked: "It's hard to believe that most of the kids in high school don't remember the war." He pointed out that they were either toddlers or in diapers, when the war ended, 13 years ago.

I must admit it upset me. Made me feel old and sad. However, that night in bed, I reminisced, and cheered up considerably, as I recalled the exciting, even happy days of May, 1945.

I wasn't in diapers when the war ended. I was in-jail. Me and 10,000 other knights of the air, whose Pegasi (a pre-jet model) had been shot out from under them.

We had reason to be somewhat less than ecstatic, when Mr. Churchill announced that the conquered people of Europe were at last free. About May 5th, our German guards had folded their glockenpiets and crept away into the night.

We scarcely had time to pour into the countryside, drink everything we could lay hands on, start

affairs with all the German girls and slaughter a few down heads of beef for a massive barbecue, when our gallant allies, the Russians arrived, and herded us all back behind the barbed wire. We'd merely exchanged one set of scowling guards for another, complete with burp guns.

So there we sat and sulked, while roisters roistered in Times Square and Piccadilly Circus, celebrating the end of the affair. The war was over and we were still on the cabbage soup and black bread circuit.

Day after day we waited for the aircraft which were supposed to come and fly us home. Finally, a few of us, driven to despair by the thought of all those beautiful women, brussel sprouts and oth-

er delicacies on the outside revolted.

And so it came about that, just 13 years ago this week, I was walking down the highway from Rostock to Wismar, a song in my heart, a blister on my heel, a vacuum in my stomach, and a very rugged character from Chicago, Tony Manoli, by my side.

Six hours before, we crawled on our bellies between two sentries after cutting the wire with homemade shears. Then we'd run, in the dark, with a speed and silence that amazed me still, waiting for the shout or the burrrrrp. Jolly!

But that was behind. Ahead lay 90 miles and three days in a country in chess, swarming with people of every nationality, Balts, Slavs,

French, German and Russian, Jews and soldiers. We learned that nobody travels on foot and in free as the man who has nothing.

We walked miles. We feasted and we starved. We rode in everything, from a two-horse landulet, driven by a tough old German lady who spoke about Shakespeare, to a big Buick sedan, driven by a drunken Russian officer who scared the living ectoplasm out of us.

We drank a pitcher of warm milk, proffered by a young German girl, who told us, with what seemed remarkable unconcern, that she'd been raped by Russians four times in four days. The same evening, under a railroad bridge, we roasted stolen ducks over a fire and shared a couple of bottles of bingo with some Russian soldiers.

Tony fell in love with a blond French refugee, and fell out again just as quickly when her husband, a large, dark, fierce man, materialized and began scratching his dandruff with an eight-inch knife. I had a fight with a Yugo-Slav (a small one) when he tried to steal some cigarettes Tony had stolen from an even smaller Italian. A free-for-all started, but nobody's had much to eat for a year or so, and the resultant bloodshed was what you might see if a couple of members of the Over-90 Club had a pillow fight.

And so it went, in a hundred other incidents. When we finally gained the British lines, we stopped and looked back into that sea of humanity in which we had sputtered, swum, and sometimes nearly drowned. We bade it goodbye wordlessly, sadly, before turning and walking into the desert of organized, sensible, disciplined living again.

TORONTO IS DULL

By Elmer Wright

For some years following the close of the war of 1812-14, few settlers came into the Credit Valley. However, the Home Government finally decided to encourage settlement, partly to improve the military situation in the event of another war with the United States. A number of treaties were "negotiated" between 1818 and 1825 with the Mississaugas and other Chippewa nations. These added huge tracts sufficient to open up the entire region south of Georgian Bay. No lands or fisheries were reserved for the Indians in this new purchase and the Indians soon surrendered the old reserve. The townships thus opened up were sometimes named from Indian associations and sometimes from associations with old world sources. The names Esquesing, Nassagaweya and Chingacousy were from the Mississaugas. Nassagaweya was spelled various ways, in some papers it appeared as Nassagaweya and meant "two outlets." Esquesing or Esquisink meant "Last Out." Chingacousy was pronounced Sting-wau-koons-see-be and meant "Young Pine River."

Whether this was for the Indian Chief or from the river with the stand of young pines after which the chief himself was named is uncertain.

There was some confusion in the application of these names. Esquesing Township is drained by the Nassagaweya (Sixteen-Mile) Creek while the Township of Nassagaweya is drained by the Esquesing (Twelve-Mile) Creek.

The Townships of Albion, Caledon and Erin, of course, were named after the poetic terms for England, Scotland and Ireland.

The confusion extended beyond the two townships already mentioned. The Toronto Purchase referred to the lands lying west of the Humber and not toward the east. That was York, but the natives, dwelling between the Humber and the Don apparently did not relish the Muddy York of that day, envied the fresh, green loveliness of the Credit Valley and even took away its good name, Toronto.

Other evidences of knavery abounded. Black, in making inspections for completion of obligations of settlers to improve their lands, encountered many instances of absentee applicants, undoubtedly living in York, attempting to obtain lands in the Credit Valley by means which, to say the least, would be unworthy of a Mississauga. Black wrote:

"The present regulations bear hard on the honest man and the rogue is at any time for a few shillings able to evade them. I can now for a sum less than a dollar procure an oath to any purpose whatever and I am sorry to say where public morals are not sunk already, the ingenuity of some Magistrates will soon destroy all regard to conscience. The poor man that owns 100 acres will scarcely be willing to perjure himself, but a man with a thousand acres can easily procure a witness who will swear to anything."

An inhabitant of London, Upper Canada, wrote in 1835:

"Toronto is exceeding dull!"

More confusion. Of course that was the former York.

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THIEVES POKED IN TWO BREAK-IN ATTEMPTS

Would-be thieves last week were felled when they made two attempts on local stores.

Police report that the burglars had to leave empty handed after trying to enter Hunter's Inn on Mountainview Road late last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. Entry was gained to the basement through a window, and scratch marks on a door leading upstairs to the store indicated attempts to force it had failed.

Late Thursday morning McNamara Jewellers reported that an attempt to enter the store had been made during the night. The door at the rear of the building was scuffed around the lock and the bolt was bent but again there was nothing taken.

Both attempts are being investigated by Cpl. Jim Bilbhorow.

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The Ontario Hospital Insurance plan becomes effective January 1, 1959. The plan will pay the cost of essential standard (public) ward in hospital services for Ontario residents who are insured under the plan.

Benefits will be available in approved hospitals in Ontario for as many days as hospital services are medically necessary. Approved hospitals will include public general hospitals, hospitals for convalescents and the chronically ill, tuberculosis sanatoria and provincial mental hospitals. The only 'out-patient' benefits in Ontario will be for emergency hospital services received within 24 hours following an accident.

Benefits will be allowed for hospital care received outside Ontario as the result of a sudden attack of illness or an accident.

ALL RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO ARE ELIGIBLE
Enrolment will be open to every resident of Ontario - regardless of age or physical condition - either through a group, or individually on a Pay-Direct basis.
Non-residents of Ontario will not be eligible.

PREMIUMS
The low premiums of \$2.10 a month for a single person and \$4.20 a month for the family (husband, wife and children under age 19) are made possible by extensive financial participation of the Federal and Provincial Governments.

HOW YOU ENROL

COMPULSORY ENROLMENT - If you are a resident of Ontario employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll (including the employer) you are subject to compulsory enrolment through your place of employment.

VOLUNTARY ENROLMENT - If you are a resident of Ontario and not employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll, you are eligible to enrol through any of the following means: -

- (a) **Voluntary Groups.** Persons employed where there are from 6 to 14 on the payroll (including the employer) may be enrolled as a group, if the employer applies for approval as a Mandatory Group and all employees participate.
- (b) **Collector's Groups.** Organizations such as professional associations, medical co-operatives, craft unions, credit unions, etc. may apply for approval

to act as collectors of hospital insurance premiums on behalf of their members.

(c) **Pay-Direct enrolment.** If you are not eligible to participate through a group, you may apply to pay directly to the Commission. See "When You Enrol", below.

(d) **Recipients of public assistance** who are covered by the Medical Welfare Plan through the Ontario Department of Public Welfare will also be eligible for hospital insurance benefits. It will not be necessary for them to apply for enrolment or pay a premium.

THE ONLY BASIC HOSPITAL INSURANCE. - On and after January 1, 1959, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission will be the only agency offering standard ward hospital insurance in Ontario. No private insurance company or prepayment plan will provide benefits covering standard ward hospital services after December 31, 1958.

WHEN YOU ENROL

To have protection effective January 1, 1959 and also qualify for the two months' free coverage:

GROUPS must submit lists to the Commission by August 31, 1958, and begin payments in December, 1958.

Notice to Employers: This week the Commission is mailing to Ontario firms with 6 or more employees, the required forms and instructions for registering their employees.

ANY EMPLOYER WITH 6 OR MORE ON THE PAYROLL WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE THESE FORMS BY JUNE 1, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE COMMISSION.

INDIVIDUALS applying for Pay-Direct enrolment must make application by September 30, 1958, and pay one month's premium at the time application is made.

PAY-DIRECT APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOT BEING MADE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. A province-wide enrolment campaign will be conducted in August and September when these forms will be widely distributed.

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PAY-DIRECT ENROLMENT UNTIL THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All group premiums will be payable monthly in one remittance to the Commission beginning in December, 1958.

Individuals remitting to the Commission on a Pay-Direct basis will pay as follows:

One month's premium at the time of application on or before September 30, 1958 - and after that on a quarterly premium basis beginning in January, 1959.

PREPAID 'CUSHION' - The first payment of one month's premium by groups and individuals registered prior to the closing dates stated above, will cover a benefit period of three months

from January 1, to March 31, 1959. This will set up a "prepaid" period to maintain benefits during times when a person may be laid off, changing jobs, or temporarily out of the province.

THOSE REGISTERING AFTER CLOSING DATES
Groups and individuals not registered by the closing dates stated above under "When you Enrol" will not only fail to qualify for the two months free coverage but will be required to wait three months following application before benefits become available. For example, a resident applying in February will not have protection effective until May 1.

You must BE REGISTERED TO BENEFIT

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