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## Coneybear Sketch is Home & School Feature

Rod Coneybear, widely-known writer and announcer for the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, and a resident of 79 Sargent Rd., Georgetown, delighted a large and enthusiastic audience Monday evening at the regular meeting of Harrison Home & School association.

Ably supported by secretary Douglas Unsworth, Mr. Coneybear presented a satire suggesting that a Home & School meeting should take the form of a meeting of students gathered together "to get to know their parents."

Donald Gosling introduced Mr. Coneybear and a vote of thanks moved by membership chairman, Don Powers was heartily seconded by those present. President Mrs. Alistair Macintosh had charge of the meeting. At the conclusion social chairman Mrs. John Eastdale presided at a pleasant social hour.

### FARM NEWS

#### FORECAST NET RETURNS LOWER FOR LIVESTOCKS

J. E. W.

One of the highlights of the four day annual soil and crop convention, which was again this year held in the Coliseum at Exhibition Park, was the annual address by W. P. Watson, Ontario's live stock commissioner, on the agricultural outlook for 1959.

Early in his address Mr. Watson pointed out that his views on general conditions coincide with those who contend that inflation is Canada's number one problem. Higher wages and the higher prices which are bound to follow; easier credit, the increase in the buying of speculative stocks; and deficit financing, all point, he stated, to that conclusion. Accordingly Canadians are almost certain to enjoy the privilege of more money in 1959. Whether this augurs well for the farmer, he is in some doubt. "If every dollar," stated Mr. Watson, "was worth 100 cents, I would answer in the affirmative, but inasmuch as the dollar will only buy a portion of what it used to, a farmer's net returns are not necessarily increased by having more dollars in circulation."

"My analysis," stated Mr. Watson, "can be summarized in a few words. At this early date in the new year, it would appear that supplies of cattle, hogs, dairy products and several other animal products, will be higher than last year. In short, supplies will be slightly in excess of domestic requirements. At the moment it appears that the Americans will be the highest bidders for our cattle, so their bids will determine the amount that our people will be obliged to pay for beef."

In the case of hogs, butter, cheese, and powdered milk there does not appear to be any surplus. In fact, if more than the Canadian Price Stabilization Board.

Therefore traders who wish to purchase these products will have to pay as much as the Board but very little, if any, more. Mr. Watson also pointed out that the prices currently being offered by the Board are effective till March 31st, at which time they can be raised, lowered, or reaffirmed. Since this Board, added Mr. Watson, is not in business for the sole purpose of accumulating products it is reasonable to assume that some prices may be adjusted, particularly if surpluses increase to unrealistic proportions.

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### TERRA COTTA GIRLS PROVINCIAL HONOURS

The Terra Cotta 'Little Lambs' attended Achievement Day on Jan. 17th in the Brampton Junior Farmers' Building.

Achievement day was for the 4th Home-making Clubs of Peel county and it was the conclusion of the club — "Working with Wool". Twelve clubs took part in this achievement day.

At 9.30 a.m., the members registered and Mrs. Borgstrom, Home Economist of Peel and Halton, explained the morning activities. They included (1) judging a class of wool skirts, giving reasons; (2) judging a class of wool materials suitable for wearing with a given skirt; and (3) selecting a blouse material and pattern suitable for wearing with a given skirt.

After lunch, Mrs. Borgstrom welcomed the mothers and told about the spring and fall programs for 1959. Following this, 5 clubs, one of which was Terra Cotta Little Lambs, presented exhibits on the topic "A wool skirt and its companions." The Terra Cotta exhibit displayed a school wardrobe centred around a green tweed wool skirt.

Irene Hunter gave a bright and interesting comment.

Next, demonstrations or skits were presented by the seven other clubs on the topics: "New Life for an Old Skirt" or "Wool, the fibre and the fabric".

Two visiting Home Economists criticized the exhibits and demonstrated and made helpful suggestions.

Then all the girls modelled their skirts or jumpers, telling their name and age, and cost of the garment.

Afterwards, both county honour certificates and pins were awarded to those who had completed 6 projects, and provincial honour certificates and pins were awarded to those who had completed 12 projects. Betty Jean Anderson and Marian Downey of "Terra Cotta Little Lambs" received provincial honours.

Following this, silver spoons and 4th crests were presented to those who completed this club successfully.

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## Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Echo

I have a big brother. I've had him ever since I can remember, and he's always been big. Right now he's about 6 feet 2 and he weighs about 190. When I was 12, he was at least 7 feet tall and stronger than Jack Dempsey.

Next week, I'm going to Toronto to see him off for South America. As long as I can remember, I've been seeing him off for some outlandish, exotic place or other.

He's one of those characters whose figurative necks chafe under the tight collar of civilized society. In another day and age he'd have been a buffalo hunter or a buccaneer, a lumberjack, a gold-seeker, a sailor or a cowboy.

But living in this stuffy, inhibited, colorless Canada the intellectuals tell us we inhabit, he has merely been able to be a banker, a hardrock miner, a soldier who lost an eye in World War II, a shift boss in Canada's first uranium mine in the far north, a well-driller, a construction superintendent, and is now off to Surinam to develop a gold mine. Pretty dull, huh?

We're fond of each other, as brothers go. For the past 20 years we've kept in touch, in a desultory sort of way, seeing each other once or twice a year, sometimes not for two or three years at a time. When I'm hard up, he lends me money, and I never pay it back. When he's hard up, I lend him a sympathetic ear.

But he annoys me thoroughly. Every time I think I have him settled down in a good job with security, a future, a pension plan and all the attachments, he informs me out of the blue that he's just quit his job, and is heading for a job at Great Bear Lake, or Dutch Guiana, or someplace.

Another thing that never fails to infuriate me is his attitude that I am a skinny, freckle-faced, scared, romantic, foolish and inadequate small boy of 9, who needs protection. What bugs me, of course, is that he doesn't realize that I'm looking after him all the time. He thinks he's looking after me. This can be as irritating as having an old lady take your arm and lead you across the street, right in front of a pack of boy scouts.

We disagree on practically everything. Except the fact that life was a lot less complicated before we were married back in the days when we'd meet in a London pub for a leave together. And I'd spend my whole leave taking the fat, giggly one, or the mean, scrawny one, while the living dolls went for my big, good-looking curly headed brother.

And of course, speaking of wives, my big brother couldn't marry a nice, intelligent, reliable, haywire Canadian girl, as I did. Oh no, not him. He had to be different and marry a nice, intelligent, reliable, haywire Dutch girl.

But he was mighty good to me when I was a kid, and I'll never forgive him. I mean forget it. I'm one of the best oarsmen in Canada, and if my big brother hadn't let me row him around for hours and hours, while he trolled for trout, I might have been a mediocre man with the oars today.

And he taught me practically all I know about guns. Every Saturday, we'd go hunting in the Long Swamp. He'd let me carry the 22 rifle all the way to the bush, and after he'd hunted there for a couple of hours, all the way home. Sometimes, he'd even let me have a shot at a tree. Which probably explains why I've never shot anything but a tree since, despite numerous blasts at all manner of wildlife.

Then he used to let me help him with a lot of interesting things. Sometimes, on stormy winter nights, he'd even let me deliver his paper route. And I remember one time, when he was making maple syrup, he'd let me go out every day and empty the sap cans, and just as like as not, he'd give me a drink of sap, when I brought the big bucket in, and never think anything of it.

He certainly taught me plenty, that brother of mine. Fortunately I was able to turn a great deal of it to the best advantage in training my little brother, with whom we shall deal on some other occasion. There is a kid who doesn't know how lucky he was to have not one, but two big brothers, to teach him things.

Anyway, my big brother is heading for somewhere south of the Equator, and I want to be sure to see him before he leaves. I want to do him a favour. He's got a lot of bulky stuff that would only impede him in the jungle, and if he did get it there it might go mouldy in that hot, damp climate. Like his Zeiss binoculars, TV set, Leica camera, that beautiful Mauser rifle, all his fishing tackle, that shotgun with the silver mountings, and a lot of old heavy stuff like that.

We have lots of storage space around our place, and it would be nice to know that someone in the family was looking after his old useless junk like that, just in case the fever, the poisonous snakes, or the Indians, uh... you know!

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## FOUR PARENTS OF COUPLE MARK GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Something just a little different happened when the parents of Howard Lichty of Elmira, Mrs. Ted Timbers of Milton, Milton both Mr. and Mrs. Ted Timbers, of Robert Street, Milton, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on the same day, Tuesday, January 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Timbers of West Mary Street, Milton, held a family dinner to mark their golden anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gowling of Glen Allan were among the guests. The previous Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gowling held a dinner at Kitchener with Mr. and Mrs. Timbers among the guests.

Several friends called at the Timbers home during an open house on the anniversary to extend best wishes and congratulations. Mr. Timbers was born in Nassagaweya township in 1885 and worked at Milton brick yards 55 years, retiring in 1956. He was a brick burner and was taught the trade by his father. Mrs. Timbers, the former Edith Atkinson, was born in England in 1882.

They were married in Milton in 1909 by Rev. Smyth driving in a horse and cutter in 20 below zero weather. Both enjoy fairly good health and Mrs. Timbers has a hobby of making quilts and crocheting. They have four children and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The children are Ted of Milton, Marshall of 53 Normandy Blvd., Georgetown, Mervin of Moffat, and Myrtle, predeceased in 1949.

Out-of-town callers included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dakin and Mrs. Harold Gray of Galt, Mrs. Herb Kitchen and Jack Atkinson of Brantford; Mrs. Bob McFaden of Kitchener, and several from Georgetown. Many lovely cards, gifts and flowers were received by the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Gowling were married on the same cold day in 1909 at Estoway, and lived in the district all their lives. For the anniversary they received many lovely gifts and flowers and were presented with a purse of money by the family.

They have seven children, 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Children are Mrs.

### MRS. EASON HOSTESS TO CHURCH LADIES

Mrs. Thomas Eason, Shelley St., opened her home for the February meeting of the Daughters of St. George's on February 2nd. There were forty ladies present, which included members, prospective members, and three charter members, Mrs. Fred McNally, Mrs. Fred Armstrong, and Mrs. Joseph Gibbons.

Samples of material, and cost estimates, for the new drapes for the crypt room, were submitted by the appointed committee. The estimates met with favour, but it was decided to defer a decision on the material to be used until the next meeting.

The organization will give a skating party for members of the boys' and girls' junior choir on a Saturday afternoon in February. They will go to the arena for skating and return to the church rooms for supper.

During the business portion of the meeting, work proceeded on a project for the Lilac Tea. After the closing, everyone joined in a pleasant hour of games and contests.

Mrs. Bill McNally, Mrs. Harold Catling, Mrs. Larry Maughan, and Mrs. Walter Biehn, assisted the hostess in serving coffee and sandwiches at the conclusion of the evening.

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