

Chatting . . .

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● **IT SEEMS WHENEVER** a successful author is asked to give advice to an aspiring writer, nine times out of ten that advice is — write about things you are familiar with. And right now, the thing I'm most familiar with is the flu, since our household has been completely flu-y for the past month or more . . .

● **NOT HAVING HAD** a sick spell for some time, I'd almost forgotten how a touch of fever can relax one so completely. It's nature's own tranquilizer, I guess. Those first stages when it is such bliss to put your head down, feet up, and let the rest of the world go by. Voices sound far off, and all of a sudden the cares of the household seem to matter not at all. The aspirin has subdued the pounding in your head enough so that you can drift off into a dream-riden nap . . .

● But don't let the pleasantness fool you. The flu germs are just getting ready to close in with the old "one two." Then aspirin can no longer control those hammers behind your eyeballs, and it is upstairs to bed for a couple of days, till things simmer down to normal again.

● **FUNNY THE WAY** small things can give you pleasure under such circumstances — was ever anything more luxuriously comfortable than a fresh cool pillowslip — or more fascinating than the way bubbles rush up from ice cubes in a glass of ginger ale — or more refreshing than those sections of a fresh orange first thing in the morning. . . . Then the day you start feeling better, you spend an hour or two reading the morning paper. Imagine this at 10 in the morning. Can't help feeling a little guilty. Temperature's gone — and so is the feeling of detached tranquility. I must be up and get about my business.

● **BUT NO SOONER** was I up, than down came one of the children with all the flu signs and symptoms, for the third time. At first she told me she felt simply delightful — as if she were upside down. I took her temperature again. It was getting fairly high. She no longer felt delightful, and wouldn't feel so for some days . . . And so it went all thru' the house.

● **ONE THING ABOUT** convalescing is that you get round to doing a few of the fiddly jobs that get pushed aside when you're feeling more ambitious . . . Like sorting out all the miscellaneous "souvenirs" of babies' children's school work, reports, birthdays, etc., to say nothing of trips and "special events", all of which have been jammed into three small desk drawers. Amazing, just amazing, what I had amassed therein . . .

● **Needless to say,** the collection is all back in the drawers. After all I couldn't bear to throw any of it out. But it's different now, all neatly sorted out . . .

● **I'M NOT TOO SURE** I'd recommend looking over old keepsakes as a cheerer up per. Gad, how is it that those old school reports of mine are so yellow and brittle? And there was that hastily scribbled note from a good friend, written apparently just before she was about to be married — inviting me over to see and hear all about her wonderful husband to be. I kept the note, but I don't think I could ever have kept the appointment, because I never did find out anything about her betrothed, and she's been happily married now for 10, these many years . . .

● **WHAT DID BRING** a smile, were the Santa Claus and Easter Bunny notes written by the kiddies, and, don't tell Dr. Spock — the odd "run-away" note . . .

● **KEEPING THESE** treasures in such a haphazard way is certainly no credit to anyone tho. From now on my souvenirs are going to be strictly organized. A scrapbook for each department. And I'll think twice before I clutter them up with just any keepsake. They'll have to be really important ones.

● **TILL I GET INTO** high gear, on my new resolves, however, I think there's room to jam just one more bit of paper in that middle drawer. It's a note one of our invalided ones had scribbled in desperation last week. Delivered to me while I was talking on the phone, and guaranteed to cut any phone conversation short, it said "Dear Mom, please hurry up. My tummy doesn't feel too good. I want you!"

● **NEW STORE**

Another new store brightens the Main St. scene with opening of Georgetown Stationery and Office Supply in the old hydro building, which last housed Tom Van Sickler's law office.

The building has been completely modernized by owner Dick Licata and completes a 3 - business block on Main Street South across from Knox Church. The new store carries a full line of office supplies and furniture, as well as all other lines.

Queen's Park News

Receive Approval for Halton Manor Addition

By Stan Hall, M.P.P.

The Hon. Louis P. Ceille, Q.C., I.L.D., minister of public welfare, in presenting the estimates of his Department, made the statement that in his opinion Canada really started two hundred years ago on the Plains of Abraham.

The Department of Public Welfare will spend in the Province this year \$61,000,000, the minister said. He paid a compliment to the Girl Guides and the Boy Scouts associations, saying there is no juvenile delinquency among the members of these organizations.

The attorney-general, the Hon. A. Kelso Roberts, Q.C., I.L.D., gave a report of his investigation into the disagreement between the two warring groups at the Six Nations Indians. His opinion is that the trouble will soon be settled satisfactorily.

The Hon. Matthew B. Dymond, M.D., Minister of Health, in presenting the estimates for his Department, said that he could take no credit for the operations of the Department for the past year, for he had just been head of the Dept. for a short period, but he paid honour to the former minister, Dr. Mackinnon Phillips.

The Hon. William A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture, named the committee that will administer the new Agricultural Act in connection with production and marketing of farm products. Mr. Frederick Jones, University of Western Ontario, Mr. George McCague, Dr. Frank Palmer, Professor Ralph Campbell, Ontario Agricultural College, Mr. Gordon Greer, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and Mr. Gordon Hill, president of the Ontario Farmer's Union.

I am very pleased to announce that the Hon. Louis P. Ceille, Minister of Public Welfare, has approved the request of the Board of Management of the Halton Manor, for an addition to the Manor of 139 beds and an auditorium and a chapel at a cost of approximately \$900,000. This addition will make the Halton Manor one of the best in the Province of Ontario. I wish to pay my compliments to the Board of Management and to the staff of the Manor.

During this Session of the Assembly, there were 37 private and 109 Government Bills passed. A total of 146 bills, this is about the average amount of bills passed at any session of the Ontario Legislature.

The motion of non-confidence moved by the leader of the opposition, Mr. J. J. Wintermeyer, was defeated 12 to 77.

On Thursday, March 26th, your Ontario government was pronounced by His Honour, John Keiller MacKay, Lieutenant-governor of the Province of Ontario. This brought to a close what is expected to be the last Session of the 25th Parliament of Ontario.

In saying goodbye for the present I would say it has been a pleasure for me during the Session to bring you each week the doings of your Ontario Government over CHWO, your friendly White Oak station.

ANNUAL AUCTION SALE to be held at the BRAMPTON LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE 3 miles north of Brampton on No. 10 Highway at Snelgrove SATURDAY, APRIL 4th at 1.00 p.m. Horses, ponies, tractors, power machinery, farm equipment, furniture. If you have anything in this line you care to sell, bring it to this sale. Past sales have been successful. TERMS — Cash on day of sale Remember the date — Saturday, April 4th at 1.00 p.m. Auctioneer and Proprietor HERB M. REINHART Snelgrove — Phone 42

CLEARING AUCTION SALE — of — TRACTORS, TRUCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE, ETC. The undersigned have received instructions from GEORGE BROWNRIDGE to sell by public auction, at his farm, 4th line, Township of Trafalgar, ¼ mile north of Omagh Store on SATURDAY, APRIL 4th commencing at 1.30 p.m. sharp. Terms: Cash. Settlement with clerk on day of sale. No reserve as farm is sold. B. W. A. Booth. HINDLEY & ELLIOTT Auctioneers R. R. Ford and C. Eves, Clerks

Do You Own the Proper Type of Fire Extinguisher

by W. Ross Milne, Extension Specialist

All fires, no matter how large, have a small beginning. If the right type of fire extinguisher is available and handy, most fires can be put out if noticed in time. For this reason fire extinguishers are necessary on the farm.

Each extinguisher has its own use and place. There are basically three types of classes of fires and there is no all around extinguisher that can be used for every type. Fires come under the following classification.

Class "A" — Wood, trash, paper and similar combustible materials. These fires are best controlled by quickly quenching or cooling with water or with a solution containing a large percentage of water.

Class "B" — Grease, oil, gasoline and other flammable liquids. These fires are best controlled by smothering or blanketing to cut off the oxygen supply.

Class "C" — Electrical Equipment motors and generators. Here it is important to use an extinguishing agent which does not conduct electricity or injure equipment.

Since 90% of the fires are class "A", water is the most important fire fighting agent. In many cases the fire department can do little after they arrive, even to save other buildings, due to lack of water. If there is no adequate water supply within 1000 feet of the buildings it might be advisable to consider building a farm pond within pumping distance of the buildings. An investment of two to three hundred dollars might not seem so large when a pond might mean the difference between saving some or none of the buildings if one starts on fire. A small place in shallow streams should be scooped out. It is necessary to have some depth of water for the fire truck to pump out of to prevent the pump drawing air and losing its prime.

For Class "A" fires the 2½ or 4 gallon water pump tank or soda acid type extinguisher is recommended. These should be centrally located and prevented from freezing by adding 3½ lbs. of calcium chloride for each gallon of water.

The second most common type of fires are fires with gasoline, oils and grease. Taking tractors into barns is not recommended but sometimes it is necessary. Anyone taking their tractor into the barn should have a fire extinguisher right on it. If a fire does start you will not have time to run to the house to get an extinguisher. Many fires result from the gas line spilling over a hot motor or a spark igniting gasoline vapours. It is necessary to act fast and particularly if your clothes catch fire.

A dry chemical type of extinguisher is recommended to be carried right on the tractor. Electrical fires are best controlled with either a dry chemical or carbon dioxide type. Vaporizing liquid types are effective to a degree, but are not as effective as the other two.

The basic material in most vaporizing liquid extinguishers is carbon tetrachloride. Carbon tetrachloride is a highly volatile substance and the vapours are extremely poisonous. These extinguishers

should be used only in the open. This chemical is extremely toxic. Carbon dioxide extinguishers are very popular. They are easily recognized by the funnel-like discharge nozzle. They are particularly effective in controlling gasoline, and electrical fires. Dry chemical extinguishers are most effective for gasoline and electrical fires. This type uses sodium bicarbonate which is expelled by pressure from a carbon dioxide cartridge which must be replaced each time the extinguisher is used.

For fire protection a water type fire extinguisher should be placed in or near the barn where there is the greatest hazard from common combustibles. A dry chemical or carbon dioxide type extinguisher should be available in kitchens to deal with grease or electrical fires, in the garage or driveway shed a dry chemical, carbon dioxide or foam type is recommended to combat gasoline and other flammable liquid fires. Carry either the dry chemical or carbon dioxide type on your tractor.

Whatever type you choose, be sure that the extinguishers bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories of Canada. This ensures you of an approved product. Further information is available in an excellent bulletin published by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office entitled "Your Farm and

Fire". It is worth obtaining. Remember, an extinguisher is only of value if it is handy and is in working order. Are you protected with the proper extinguishers?

THE MAIL BAG
Thinks Town Brochure Best Ever Published
Parliament Bldg., Toronto 2, Ont. March 25th, 1959
Dear Mr. Editor: I would like, through the medium of your paper, to express my congratulations to the Georgetown Industrial Commission on the brochure they have published in connection with the Town of Georgetown.

The Commission sent me several editions of the brochure. I took these pamphlets with me to the Parliament Buildings of Ontario and distributed the pamphlets to members and ministers of various departments. I would like to say that the members and ministers expressed their opinions in the highest terms.

The information in these brochures on the Town of Georgetown is viewed by the public with high regard. One minister of the government said that this brochure, in his opinion, is the best ever published in the Province of Ontario. The information included in these pamphlets as to what the town has to offer in services to residents, commerce and industry should be of great benefit to the growth and development of the town.

Again I would compliment the industrial commission, also the town council and your energetic mayor for the creation of an industrial commission with the ability to publish such a brochure. Sincerely yours, STANLEY L. HALL, M.P.P., Halton

Here's one for the road

Teh elderly gentleman came upon a stranger fishing on the river bank and called to ask if he was having any luck. "Sure am" said the fisherman. "I caught forty pike here yesterday."

"I'm the local judge here and all this estate is mine" said the old gentleman. "Who are you?" "Me?" I'm the biggest liar in the territory."

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