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One of the residents the town i

tivities in organizing the ball club,

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His brother, Gordon W. Brig-

den, is the town machinist and

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routines by it," says Brigden.

"If I am out of town and don't

brick structure with 48 pupils

taught by Mrs. John McCutcheon

and Mrs. Gordon Fisher.

pounds of honey a year.

public activities.

busy people.

by David Prouix Telegram Staff Reporter

It's doubtful whether anyone dle of the night. here will ever forget the afternoon of June 21st, 1951 - the day a tornado danced through the

village. It started as an ordinary afternoon with the men at work and the housewives cleaning up the huge honey market with Hornby remains of the lunch.

Then the sky turned an odd shade of gray and the wind pick. of 1,600 colonies. ed up.

As garage owner Garnet Howden recalls it: 'The twister just seemed to form out of nowhere the unofficial 'mayor' for his acabove a tree on the western edge of town.

(The tree is no longer there.) It cut across a farmer's field, narrowly mised the general store, ripped part of Howden's partly-completed garage roof off, and threw a board at the garage owner's head

The twister turned toward the road and waltzed in and around half a dozen houses, tearing off chunks of roofs and lifting small articles out of backyards.

It uprooted trees and threw them across the Milton - Hornby highway.

Unharmed The twister roared through

Lloyd Wood's house, picking him and Bonnie and Frank Campbell p.m. and 6 p.m. up to deposit them unharmed 50 blow the whistle, half the kids The winds passed as quickly as

in the village and farmers in the they came and the 70-odd residents fields almost miss their lunch. of Hornby settled back with a sigh They've come to rely on the whisf relief. Miraculously, no one was killed. noon unless they hear it."

Only a handful received minor in-

And a few days later, Garnet Howden found the tarpaulin that had been covering the uncompleted section of his garage roof. It was in Streetsville, 13 miles away. The tornado provided conversa

tion material for quite a few weeks in this normally quiet little village five miles east of Milton. Situated on the baseline between Trafalgar and Esquesing townships, Hornby is divided into two parts,

east and west. It is one of dozens of small southern Ontario hamlets settled in the early 19th century. When the first pioneers came they really dug their roots in. Many direct descendants of the original families still farm the same land their ancestors did nearly 150 years ago.

Five Fathers Hornby was founded by five men John Dempsey, John Fisher, Abram Neilson, Thomas Joyce and John

Travelling together from England and Scotland, the five landed in muddy York in 1818 and rode by stage to Halton county.

But for two stately elin trees offering shade beside the dusty oad, Hornby might never have been settled.

The five original settlers spotted the trees and picked them for a resting place for the night. When they awoke in the morning, they looked around at the

flat countryside punctured by countless streams and decided this They moved their possessions in by oxen, with the settlers and

their families walking beside. The ground was cleared, log cabins were erected and Hornby was

Its first hotel was established, in 1930 by John McKindsey, later a senator. As the village grew, it became a stronghold of the Loyal Orange Lodge, with scores of families gathering each year to celebrate the glorious twelfth along streets decorated with archways of banners and Japanese lanterns.

Brain's Brewery A steam powered saw mill pro vided employment for some of the townfolk and in 1845, John Brain decided to erect a brewery - the

only one in the county. His first building was made of logs. As business grew he hired more men, eventually winding up with 10 men producing between 4,000 and 5,000 barrels of beer a

When it came time to pick a name for the growing community, five prominent men gathered to choose between Hornby and

Farlton. Hornby was chosen by a margin of one vote with the name Farlton being given to the soon to be

erected Baptist church. The name Hornby was suggested by John Howson to perpetuate the name of his wife's family country home in England, which Howson could not inherit because of

religious differences between the

two families. Meanwhile, the sawmill had expanded to a cut of 1,000,000 feet of lumber annually and the residents decided they needed a better road to Oakville so they could haul lumber even when mud made

the original road impassable. With the aid of grants from local councils, 7,000 pounds sterling was raised and a road built of planks for 19 miles between Oakville and Stewarttown. To pay for the upkeep, toll gates were

established every few miles. But five years later, the funds were exhausted and the road was

High school pupils go to Milton, continued and the planks slowly Oakville and Georgetown. CBC Tower The town's main landmark the 650-foot transmitting tower of Today, Hornby looks quiet but is the Toronto -CBC's radio station,

actually populated by quite a few CBL. It is also the home of about two a dozen former Avro aircraft workers, some of whom have found as its centre. He has 34 apiaries employment and some who have with 60,000 to 80,000 bees in each not.

weeks of occasional work, says he has found a new job as guard at the county jail in Milton. "It was quite a blow at first, proud of is Alfred Brigden dubbed

around the farms until something better comes along," he says, munity park and dozens of other So far, the townfolk haven't decided whether Highway 401, being constructed near the edge of town, inventor, with a rotary snow plow is going to bring in more busin-

for township roads, a machine that ess. · Says garage owner Garnet Howplants gladioli bulbs and an asparden: "We get quite a few people Gordon Brigden also carries on in the spring and fall when they're going to increase business no one Sundays excepted, he blows a whi-

stle powered by compressed aire is quite sure. "Most people just want to travel "It can be heard for four or five miles and people actually set their fast on these super highways. They been added and provision made for don't bother stopping off and see-He blows it at 8 a.m., 12 noon, 1 ing the towns along the way."

LORNE SCOTS TO GUARD QUEEN.

Lt. Col. Arthur Kemp, commanunit has been assigned to furnish Hornby's school is a two-room a 10 man guard of honour for Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her departure from Malton on June 30th.

Trout fishermen - and they've

310 - acre Terra Cotta recreation a banquet and danceu Some 250 Area which recently entered its attended. Awards were won by second year of public ownership, the following: Purchase of this popular area, which last year attracted more than 45,000 people, was made last year by the Credit Valley Conservation authority.

Anticipating even larger attend ance this year, the authority conducted a vigorous winter - work program which included the manufacture of 100 peeled - cedar. John Wallace, after several planked picnic tables, and additional comfort stations.

The staff completed the closing in of the picnic pavilion, and is1 now building extra outdoor fire-

being laid off like that, but you can always manage with odd work During the winter and spring additional access roads have been built into the property, and several hundred traffic - control and information signs prepared. Signs have also been made to identify flowers, shrubs and trees along the various nature trails which have been cut through the well forested acreage.

Two dams will be replaced by an old tradition most towns have out for rides in the countryside, this fall, and further stocking of forgotten. Each day, holidays and but whether the new highway is the spring - fed ponds is anticipated next spring.

New group picnic areas have a limited amount of overnigh

Last fall, the Authority established its permanent headquarters in the original central lodge at Terra Cotta. The building accommodates the business office, board room tle so much they don't believe it's ding officer, announces that his and workshops. It also serves as the base of operations for Field Officer Ted Sutter, whose "beat" extends throughout the entire Credit/Valley watershed.

The Industrial Dart and Crit been having fair luck, too - are bage league brought their season's the advance guard of visitors to the play to a close two weeks ago with

CRIBBAGE Champions — Orenda: Earl Emond (capt.), Jim Bradley, Neil Elli- PASTURE MANAGEMENT

McCandless, Jim Williams. Play off Champs (Orenda) Provincial: R. Lorusso (capt.), T. Williams, R. Molet, O. Herrington.

DARTS Panthers: (league champs) Herb Harlow.

Thistles (playoff champs) Fred Briggs (capt.), Harry Bottoms, Ian Veitch, Roy Rudiger, Dave Capperauld, Vic Perry, Geo. Sandifer.

Dermott, Jack Cole. Singles Champion Harry Bot-

Consolation champs: Mushrooms Harry Brandford, Claude Reid, Frank Anderson, Herb Wild, Nelson Handy, Don Ward. This year's leagues were prob-

ably the most successful in the history of the league, which has been organized for Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the Legion Hall for some years.

The banquet was held in Legion auditorium.

FARM NEWS

son, Ken Woods, Art Hilts, Zeke MEETING PLANNED

Pasture Management will be dis-Herbert, L. Boyd, O. Rayner, B. cussed at a meeting sponsored by Tuck, B. Breen, H. Arnold, R. the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association, on the farm of Brock Harris, Burlington. This meeting is called for Monday after-Bruce McCartney, capt.; Ken De noon, May 25th, and will mark the Rose, Joe Stamp, Ron Cash, Har- starting of Halton's Pasture Deold Hilts, Dave Stamp, Jim Yates, velopment Programme. This will feature a Pasture Management competition in which livestock

farmers may compete. . The programme for May 25th will include as speakers, Howard Henry, Field Crops Branch, Ontario Doubles Champions: Eddie Mc- Department of Agriculture; Wm. Campbell, Soils Department, O.A.C.; and J. Norman Bird, Pasture Competition judge for this year.

In addition to the competitors enrolled in the Competition the programme is designed to be of value to all livestock farmers.

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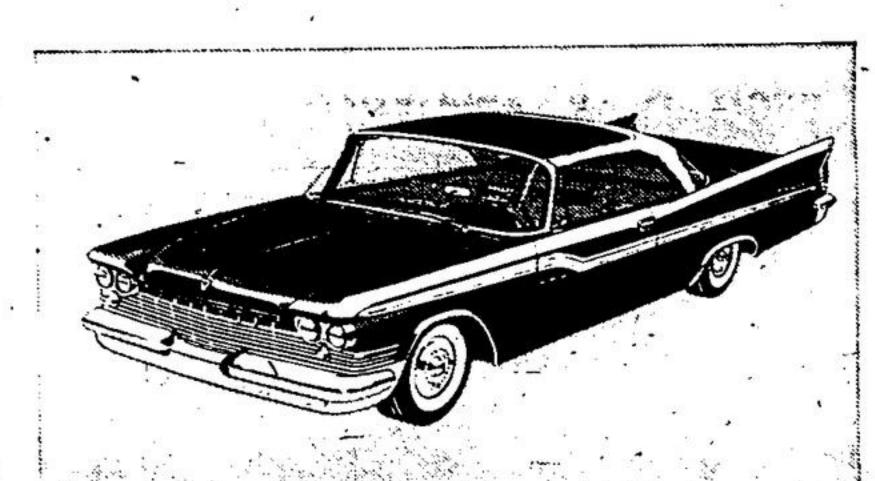
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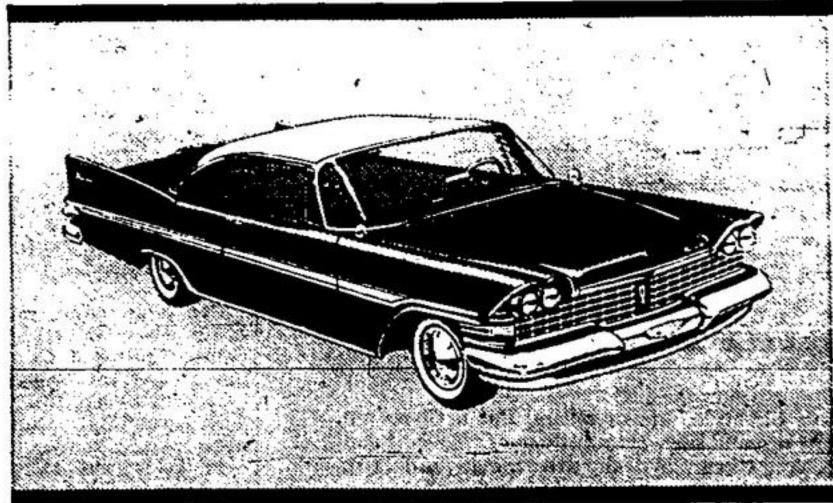
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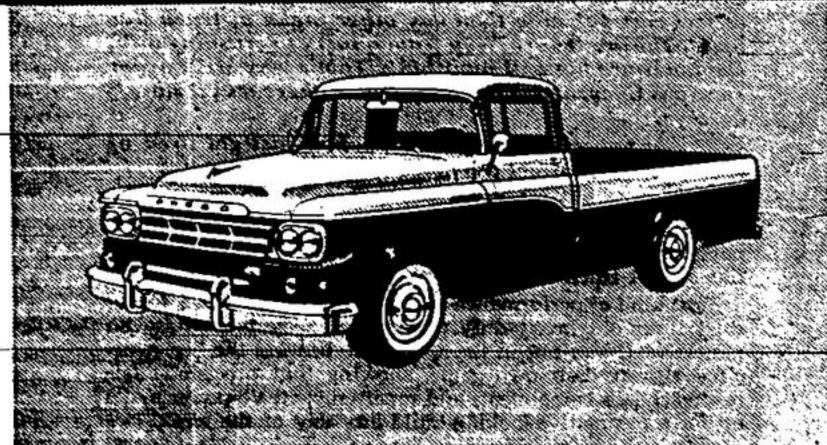


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