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Chatting . .

M. H. B.

I'M A WILLING victim every spring. No matter how discouraged I may feel come August — dreams of a verdant paradise shattered by weeds, plant pests and seeds that never did come up . . . No matter how disappointed by those scraggly rosebushes that were supposed to make hedge of bloom — by the petunias that didn't live up to their description on the seed packet — by those Heavenly Blue morning glories, so full of buds and promise, that didn't quite make it before the frost — I repeat, in spite of it all, I'm a willing victim come spring, when the gardening bug puts the bite on me . . .

When the last crusts of snow melt into the earth like butter on a piece of warm toast — it starts. With the sight of those first tender leaves and the delicate blooms of crocuses and snowdrops — I'm a goner. Out comes the seed catalogue. It's my downfall. Those pictures and descriptions — well, who could resist!

JUST FOR FUN I looked up the word "gardening" in a dictionary. It was defined as: "The economy or management of plants." Well . . . suffice it to say that is not a fitting description of my gardening efforts. There's no economy in ordering enough seeds to plant half an acre when your flower beds are already bulging at the borders with perennials, as there . . . And by the same token the "managing" part doesn't apply to me either. You know, those perennials are so small and compact in the spring, it's hard to realize that by mid-summer they'll all become good-size shrubs. Often by August I've even forgotten where I planted those seeds that never did sprout . . .

I like to think there's hope for me tho. Each year I learn more about what not to plant next year. If I live long enough, I might one day earn for myself the title of "gardener"!

FOR EVEN EXPERIENCED gardeners, however, I strongly suspect their happiest time is in the spring when aching backs and grubby hands are balanced by visions of the "best garden yet" — be it flowers or vegetables . . .

WHICH REMINDS me of the time we lived in a house that had a little vegetable garden. It was fun. We grew just enough for the table and made the wonderful discovery that absolutely no vegetable grown ever tastes as uniquely delicious as the one planted and grown in your own garden . . .

We missed the little vegetable garden when we moved to our present home. Perhaps that's why I can't resist sneaking a few into that over-crowded flower garden. As a result, we have asparagus popping up at odd points at the back of the flower bed — a goodly patch of rhubarb — chives in the rock garden — and sometimes a couple of tomato plants just for the fun of watching the tomatoes rippen . . .

WHILE WE'RE still on the subject of gardening, we musn't overlook those who have lawns as their labour of love. This is a specialized branch of gardening about which I know next to nothing — other than the fact that when the grass gets too long, it has to be cut. Along with everyone else, however, I admire — yes, even envy — the householder with a velvety expanse of green turf complementing his home . . .

YOU'LL NOTE I said I knew "next to nothing" about lawns. I do have a little tip on the care of lawns up my sleeve which I think is too good to keep to myself. Like most discoveries, it was chanced upon accidentally, when a friend of mine phoned a friend of hers. As is the way with gals before launching into a little phone chat, she asked — "What were you doing when I phoned?" . . . To which her friend replied — "Oh, I was just out vacuuming off the lawn!" . . . To which my astonished friend replied, "Vacuuming off the lawn?" . . . To which her industrious friend replied, "Why yes. The dandelions have gone to seed, you know, and we thought it would be a good idea to vacuum up the fluffy heads before they spread all over the lawn and reseeded for next year!" . . .

WELL, I MAY NOT be any great shakes as a gardener — but never let it said I don't keep on the lookout for hints on how to become a better one!

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LEGION NOTES

by
Les Clark

Last Thursday's visit of the GG was a great deal better attended than we expected it would be by Legion members. We thought, as the hour was such an awkward one, that very few would be there. However, both the army, and the branch made a creditable performance . . .

One thing that we thought was very poor, tho, was the lack of interest shown in the downtown section of town. There were very few flags (only 3) flying, and very few acknowledgements in windows of the vice-regal visit. We feel that a great deal more effort could have been made to "smarten" up the downtown for the visit . . .

The story that is our favorite about the visit was the one about that lengthy conversation he held with a certain sergeant major during his inspection . . . Later that evening the gentleman concerned

HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McArthur
County Weed Inspector

Weed Control & Conservation

Perhaps the most common definition of a weed "is A Plant out of Place." Down through the ages these "Out of Place Plants" have been a serious enemy of Agriculture. Ever since that historic occasion recorded in Scripture, when "While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat," the farmer has been fighting weeds. Sections of this province have occasionally become so overrun with serious weeds that abandoned farms have been the result, to say nothing of the heavy annual losses suffered by farmers, from weed infestations.

The Weed Control Act of Ontario is designed to give the farmers protection against some of the most hazardous weeds. Schedule "1" of the Act designates 25 varieties as being noxious, this however being only a small percentage of the plants commonly known as weeds. There is no attempt being made to completely eradicate the less harmful weeds.

This county happens to be one of the parts of Ontario which is rapidly changing — many farms are being sold for residential and industrial development. During this transition period, active farm land, and Weed Control has become a problem. Eventually these areas become built up and urbanized, and here again a weed control program is necessary to protect property values. Ragweed and Poison Ivy also must be eradicated in fairness to residents and visitors who are susceptible to their hazards.

In an article published in the Star Weekly magazine of March 7th, 1959, entitled "Why We Need Weeds," the writer seemed to oppose present weed control methods. It pointed out that certain modern farm cultural practices carried on with the aid of commercial products tended to destroy nature's way of supplying food and cover for the birds, building and maintaining soil fertility, etc. I believe there is a great deal of truth in this, but I wish to point out that due to economic conditions the farmer is very often compelled to clean up stump and rail fences and control noxious weeds in order to secure profitable production on his farm. Chemical research is providing an ever increasing number of selective weed killers which, when properly used by farmers, are an excellent aid to good cultural practices.

Since a hundred years or more of progress have wrought many changes in this country, and sometimes nature's balance has been upset, certain adjustments are necessary to protect our future. Today, for instance, we are becoming more and more conservation conscious. The preservation of soil and water are perhaps the chief benefits to Agriculture, but to accomplish this a program of conserving trees, dams to store water, etc., must be carried on. A number of River Valley Conservation Authorities have been established in Ontario in recent years. Fortunately, the practices naturally involved in conservation programmes have several important by-products one of which is the acquisition and maintenance of natural beauty spots — usually rough, wooded areas, dotted with creeks and springs.

Perhaps we have been guilty, because of necessity, of depleting some of nature's original resources, but we still have vast areas which are being set aside and here God and man are working together, supplying food and cover for wild life as well as suitable areas where our ever increasing population and future generations may find recreation and solitude.

was asked what the "big brass" had to say:
The answer went like this . . . He said to me "Hi Shep."
Reply "Hello, Vince."
"What are you doing now?"
"Sir, I am chief lubricating engineer on the engineering staff of Alliance Paper Mills, Ltd. And also chief consultant on all lubrication problems to the general manager."
Reply: That must be quite a position.
And with a dazed look the GG moved on.
Now that's just the way it was told to us.

The annual zone church parade is to be held in Brampton this year on June 7th. It is hoped that a good number will be present to the Imperial section. Both the W.A. and the Imperial section. All are urged to bring a colour party. There will be a number of other W.A.s present and we believe that a number of colour parties are being invited from other Imperial sections.

The regular meeting of the local branch will be held one week this Thursday, as usual in the Legion auditorium.

Anyone who happens to have the spare cash is urged to see the treasurer about his dues.

The golf tournament is being held on Saturday, June 6th at the local golf course and a large number are expected to attend from the zone.

Norval United Church

Rev. R. Freal, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAYS
10.00 a.m.: Sunday School
11.15 a.m.: Morning Worship

FARM NEWS

PLANT CHURCH PARADE, COUNTY FIELD MEET

J. A. F.
At a directors' meeting of the Halton Junior Farmer Association on May 4th, plans were made for a county field day, and a church service.

The annual Junior Farmer field day is scheduled for 12.30 noon on Saturday, May 16th, at Hornby park. The four Junior Farmer Clubs — Milton, Acton, Palermo and Norval — will all be entering teams in the various events. The Field Day will be used to select the county teams to represent Halton at the Provincial Junior Farmer field day at Guelph on Saturday, June 27th. The field day program will include boys' and girls' softball, horseshoe pitching, and tug of war. Last year Halton's entry won the Softball event at the Provincial field day.

An inter-denominational Junior Farmer Church Service is being planned for Sunday, May 24th at 8.00 p.m., in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton. Guest speaker will be Howard Herrie, from Waterloo county, who was the winner of the provincial public speaking competition held at the Junior Farmer Conference in Toronto, on January 10th, 1959. The Junior Farmers will be entertaining at a fire-side hour, following the service on Sunday evening.

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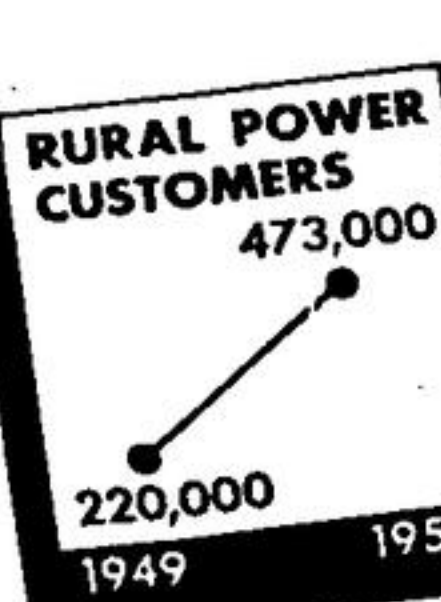
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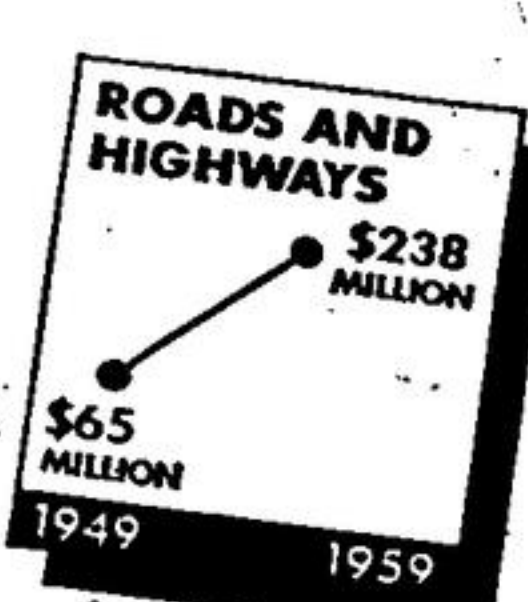
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
90% of Ontario's farmers now have power. Provincial grants totalling \$100 million have increased rural power customers from 220,000 to 473,000 in ten years.

HIGHWAYS
In ten years, Ontario's investment in our vast provincial highway system has risen from \$65 million to \$238 million a year. Road grants for the improvement of municipal roads are up from \$15 million to \$61 million a year.



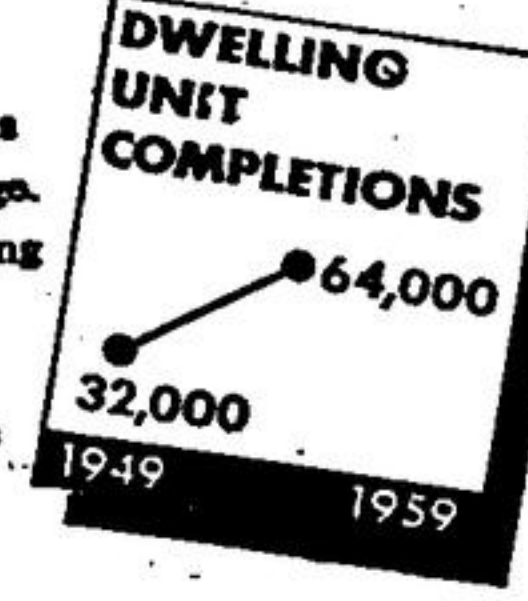
AGRICULTURE
Farm cash income in Ontario reached an all-time high last year. Great strides forward have been made in the orderly marketing of farm products. Price supports are a reality.

MUNICIPAL AID
P-C Government policies have lightened the burden on every municipal taxpayer. Provincial aid has increased from \$82 million to \$310 million annually in ten years.



HUMAN BETTERMENT
Ontario's advances in health, education and welfare are unequalled. Investment in human betterment has risen from \$104 million to \$329 million a year—about half of Ontario's total revenues. Personal income has risen much faster than living cost.

HOUSING
Vigorous government action has abated the acute housing shortage. In 10 years, 425,000 new dwelling units have been completed, a record without equal on this continent. 1958 saw an all-time high of 64,000 completions.



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