

CHATTING...

with M. H. B.

● **YOU DON'T** often hear of children spending part of their summer holidays with relatives anymore. The big upswing to camping and cottaging has largely outdistanced the custom. And certainly, the more modern way of holidaying, offering as it does, fun for the whole family, does seem to be a swing in the right direction. But when you're youngster, vacationing with relatives can be a lot of fun too, for the visitor, at any rate.

● **WHEN I WAS** a little girl, hardly a summer went by that I didn't spend some time with an aunt and uncle who had a bakery business in Elmira. The bakery had a store in front that sold groceries and the products of the bakery. The family lived in the apartment upstairs. It was a way of life with a big element of novelty for a child used to living in a self-contained house.

● **I MUST ADMIT** I loved to watch the comings and goings of customers and friends in the store. There was a certain excitement about it, and eavesdropping a little on the chitchat of an adult world. Another strong attraction of the store was its big stock of penny candies. They had varieties I had never seen or sampled before — and all were delectable. In my youthful opinion.

● **I SOON DESERTED** the store however, when the bread dough was being made. I never wanted to miss seeing the giant mixmasters dip into the great vats of dough, pulling it high into the air, and letting it drop back down into the batch again. When the mixing was finished, swags of dough were left clinging to the mixer blades like Spanish moss.

● **A FEW HOURS** later, when the dough had risen, I liked to watch my aunt and uncle punch it down into soft, elastic pillows. The pillows were all used up to fill hundreds of bread tins which disappeared into the half-moon maw of the wall ovens. It seemed to me those ovens must have stretched back into eternity.

● **AND OF COURSE,** I always tried to be among those present when the newly-baked loaves were brought from the oven on long, paddle-like lifters. The aroma was heavenly. Afterwards, when the ovens had cooled a little, my aunt would often slip in a pan of raw peanuts-in-the-shell. That was hard by the way to discourage a young niece from lurking around their busy bakery!

● **SOMETIMES** I'd still be there when they mixed up special small batches of dough for coffee cakes, date loaves, etc. Onto the giant wood mixing board would go big mounds of flour. This way they made the holes in the centre into which they poured milk, eggs, molasses, butter, etc. reminded me of the way we made mud pies. It was sort of gooey but looked like fun. "Duff" would be the right word to describe the way they combined the liquid and dry ingredients. And 'delicious' the word to describe the end-product sampled fresh from the oven as a special treat.

● **STILL ANOTHER** treat my aunt often held in store, was making ice cream. This involved using a big container of crushed ice, into which a gallon tin of cream and eggs was set, and sort of churned if I remember correctly. A lot of work for my aunt, to be sure, but the ice cream she made was something unequalled then or since.

● **IN ADDITION** to the bakery and store, I had another favourite haunt. At the back of the property was a big storage barn with sliding doors. The inside was sort of dim and mysterious, making it all the more fun for us kids to climb in, up, and around the gaily painted bread-rigs stored there. My uncle must have been a sentimental sort of man, because horse-drawn wagons were practically obsolete by then. The only time they were used for delivering bread was when a truck broke down. We tried to be careful not to scratch them though, because he took pride in keeping them in a state of perfect repair.

● **IN A PERFECT** state of repair there, too, was his first car — a shiny black Model T Ford, with high seats, window flaps and lamps at the side. Even then it was a collector's item. Once in a while, for a lark, somebody would drive it a few miles into the country. It was more fun than a ride on the midway. Suspense was the watch-word from start (involving anything up to fifteen minutes of hard cranking) to finish, when we triumphantly chugged back safe, sound, and riding high, with Lizzie still in good working order.

● **EVEN RUNNING** an errand downtown for my aunt was speeded by the unusual. I looked forward to seeing the Menomonic in their horse-drawn buggies, with their different way of dressing and talking. Hearing a strange language spoken fascinated me then, and still does. The names on the store windows reflected the German ancestry of many of the proprietors. And when I went in, it was often to buy such district specialties as summer sausage, farmer's sausage, cooked cheese or sauerkraut. I learned to like them all.

● **IN FACT,** AS you may have gathered, I liked everything about my holidays in Elmira. Due in large measure to the kindness of my relatives, I have fond memories of a kind that no other type of vacation could ever have given me.

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eastern Canada and a little of the USA. The trip included Montreal, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island and Nova Scotia. Then they crossed the border into Maine and travelled down to Boston then up to Buffalo and across the border again to home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 15th with their children and grandchildren at Estimote overlooking Lake Ontario. Congratulations on the happy occasion.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. I. Reynolds who has returned home from Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.


— Mrs. Ed McLean

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CORN-COB CROWD

MEMBERS OF THE NEW BETA SIGMA PHI Georgetown chapter indulge in a seasonal activity a lot of local groups are enjoying these autumn weekends—a corn roast. Husbands were guests of the members at the roast, their first social function.

HORNBY

Everybody Wins When Gals vs. Guys at Hornby

A fun night and social evening was held at the Hornby Community park, on Friday night, when a game of softball was played between the ladies and men's teams with Chuck Hamilton calling the play behind the plate. Mrs. Audrey Schrieber and Mrs. Donna McGuffin did the hurling for the Ladies and Gordon Spence and Bob Newman hurling for the men. The ladies proved they were almost as good as the men in fact the majority of them could outrun the men. Mrs. Garnet Howden, who was keeping score so involved trying to figure out which team was which that she ended up with a tied ball game and no hat feelings. Following the game everyone enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee.

The Eden United Church Young People's Society held a hayride at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Williams on Saturday evening, September 21, with a good crowd attending. Following the outdoor activity they retired to indoors where they enjoyed dancing followed by a delicious lunch. During the evening, Ruth Mason a bride-to-be, was called forward and presented with lovely flowers. Ruth, extended her sincere thanks to all for the gift and said she would always remember the good times she had while a member of Eden Church and the YPS.

"PICK-YOUR-OWN" DAY



THE TASTIEST ARE NEAR THE TOP
"PICK YOUR OWN" day at Scordo's apple orchard near Norval brought out pickers by the carload recently. One of the smaller members of the apple army was young Mark Lundy, who scales a step ladder to go after a big-red one.

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowden.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following: Mrs. Bill Bradley and Deana Ruddell who will celebrate their birthdays on October 4, to Scott Loos on October 5 and Guy Lemon on October 8.

The Eden United Church Anniversary Service was held on Sunday, September 20, with a good attendance. Rev. Keith Hawkes was in charge of the service with Rev. Wilbur Rogers of Erindale as the guest speaker. Music was supplied by the Eden Choir with Miss Ruth Mason at the organ.

Mrs. Jim Plant, entertained some local friends and neighbours at her home on Thursday evening, when Mrs. Jean Archer presented 'The New Look' in Reelne Fashions. Following the fashion show lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Laura Greer of Washage, was dinner guest on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peacock and also attended the Milton Fall Fair.

Friends of Mrs. Wanda Anuzis will be pleased to hear she is back home following a stay in the Milton District Hospital.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Irene Saunders who was a patient in the Milton District Hospital.

Congratulations to Ann Ruhl who was chosen as the 4-H Homemaking Queen and to Joyce Wilson who was the winner of the 4-H Homemaking Princess. The Queen was presented with a bouquet of red roses and the Princess with a corsage. Senior girls who entered were Diane Pell, Ann Ruhl and Mary Anderson. Junior girls entered were Judy Gordon, Joyce Wilson, Lorraine Bennick and Barbara Brownridge. This is something new for the 4-H Club girls and certainly adds to the interest of the Club members. The two winners were also presented with a sash.

Congratulations to Frank Hall on winning first prize on his Hereford steer in the Hereford class and the Grand Championship on the all over class.

— Mrs. Jim Hamilton

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NORVAL

Parents Petition for Hwy 7 Crossing Guard, Stop Lights

A petition from the parents of Norval public school children and residents of the village for a crossing guard or for stop lights to be installed on No. 7 Highway near the school and for an enforced 30 mile an hour speed limit through the village was presented to Esquering School Board at a meeting of the board of Wednesday evening September 18 by Mrs. Gordon Browne and Mrs. Ormie Carter.

The School Board members received the petition favourably, well aware of the situation, but as they have no funds for a crossing guard and no authority over the highway, suggested the petition be presented to Esquering Council for action on this matter.

There are at least 25 children who have to cross the busy highway to get to school and again to get home, many others cross to pick up the mail on the way home from school. Traffic on the highway is steadily getting heavier and crossing it is quite a hazard even for an adult. Previous attempts for a crossing guard for the pupils who must cross the busy highway to attend school have failed but parents are determined that they will get some action this time before there is a serious accident.

Norval Presbyterian Church WMS held their first fall meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Hunter on Tuesday afternoon, September 24th, with president Mrs. John M. McClure in the chair.

The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. T. McGee followed by prayer by Mrs. W.J. McClure. This year the study book has been on missions in Korea and Japan so the guest speaker, Mrs. Elmer Archdeacon of Brampton who showed pictures and told about her trip to Korea last winter, proved very interesting and informative.

While in Korea she visited their adopted orphan child and several others in the travel group visited their adopted children. One couple had adopted a whole family. The group visited several Presbyterian churches in Korea and heard the Korean Orphan's Choir sing. This choir will be singing in Massey Hall, Toronto, soon. Mrs. Archdeacon brought the study of Korean missions right up to date.

Plans were made for the fall thanksgiving meeting to be held in the church on Tuesday afternoon, October 22 at 2 p.m. Mrs. John McFarlane of Toronto will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. D. Duff assisted the hostess in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Percy Laidlaw has returned from a very enjoyable 8,000 mile conducted tour of

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