

Dog Churn Included in Interesting Antiques

When Fred Ruddle of R. R. 2, Georgetown demonstrates his butter churn he puts on the dog — literally. It's an authentic dog-powered churn once considered a truly modern invention saving the farmer or his wife hours of work by hand.

"Farm dogs, particularly Collies, were trained to revolve the churn which would make up to 25 pounds of butter at a time," Mr. Ruddle explained.

When he demonstrates it he uses his black Labrador retriever, Rex, which he said learned how to churn in one evening. His efforts were rewarded with a piece of meat.

Fred's an antique farm equipment collector and over the past few years has accumulated two old tractors and a variety of blacksmith tools.

"My father was a bird taxidermist and also enjoyed saving numerous old Indian relics. I sort of fell into this same pattern," said Mr. Ruddle.

TWO MORE

The treadmill powered a churn and was built by J. Tackaberry, Alliston, 1882. "I have two more just like this one," he said, "but the name is not recognizable on either one."

Aside from the treadmill Mr. Ruddle also has in his possession one of the first chain saws in Canada and three of the original blades. These include the five foot, four foot and three foot lengths. An 1821 Dulcimer

(musical instrument resembling a harp) is another of his treasures. A relative sent it from Scotland to add to his collection. It had been played by some of Mr. Ruddle's earlier relatives in Scotland. Though a little warped and weather beaten, its authenticity is quite noticeable.

He also has one of the first metal fence posts of 1817, an 1880 sheep brand, a square and level dating back to the year 1800, spades, door clamps, axes, buggy jacks, an adze, cream separator, horse collar, water yoke, buggy seat, hand corn and potato planters, and a copper trading dish. "This dish was used by the Indians when they traded with the first Canadian settlers."

Mr. Ruddle buys many of his antiques at sales around the province. He paid \$10 for an 1875 two-row planter. "I bought it because the original manufacturer's name was still recognizable," he said. It was built by Thane Elliott of Guelph in 1875 and was bought at a sale in Snelgrove two years ago.

Two tractors in his possession cost him \$300 each. One is a 1925 Huber, the other a 1918 Hart Paar. The Huber has been completely restored, the Hart Paar has been completely restored all but re-painting.

SOME INEXPENSIVE

Two or three dollars would cover the cost for a single buncher, wood pump and horseshoe cork machine, all owned by Mr. Ruddle. Many relics he finds or picks up from people who no longer want them.

Guidance Too Costly School Board Decides

Haltoun public school trustees had trouble swallowing a lengthy report last week which urges more in-school guidance counselling.

Trustee Liberty Pease estimated salaries for guidance counsellors needed to implement the report's program could cost county taxpayers \$1½ million, or about three per cent of the Haltoun board of education's total 1970 budget.

A half dozen trustees also shot numerous holes in the theories behind the report.

DETAILED REASON

The report itself was called confusing and was only "received" by the board with the proviso the Guidance Council furnish detailed reasons for its recommendations.

The cold reception from the trustees "caused dismay" among the guidance personnel. Carl Hokanson, council chairman, told the board after the discussion had ended.

He had hoped that at least three guidance counselling pilot projects could be set up in the grade schools and that more "student services," particularly in the area of clinic psychologists, could be made available.

TIGHT LIMITS

Director of education J. W.

Singleton pointed out that new departures in programs, such as what the council proposed, would not be possible under the tight financial limits now set by the province.

He also said a council which comes to the board asking for funds for a specific purpose is contradicting a general board policy for giving a lump sum to each school's principal and giving him the autonomy to decide how it is used.

Vice-chairman William Priestner said schools are "not equipped to be social agencies." He said vocational counselling is hurt by the time given over to personal and social guidance.

Teacher's Wife Tells UCW Of Ojibway Life

Mrs. Sadler, whose husband is a teacher on Christian Island near Midland, was introduced by Mrs. Cecil Davidson, as speaker at the thanksgiving meeting of St. John's UCW, October 14.

Mrs. Sadler showed slides of the island and its Indian population of 500, and a question period followed her talk for which she was thanked by Mrs. Earl Lince. She displayed many of the handicrafts done by the

island women. A taped version of the Lord's prayer in Ojibway was played.

Mrs. Dick brought to attention the need for knitted bandages for the mission to lepers. On display was a complete layette members had made, to be donated where needed.

Unit C gave a skit Tell Me, Doctor. Devotional on the theme Being Thankful was taken by Unit G. Mrs. Gordon Kidney sang Thanks be to God.

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