

### Fifty Years Ago

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Neil McPhail, of Campbellville sang a solo at each of the services at Knox Church, Guelph, a week ago last Sunday. The Guelph newspapers speak highly of Mr. McPhail's singing.

The Free Press says that about 40 farmers took part in a bee in which 30,000 Milton bricks were teamed to Acton for the erection of a new machine shop for Mr. Grindell to replace the one which was burnt.

Councillor John Somerville went to Rosseau, Muskoka, on Tuesday to visit the sawmill, near that village, owned by him and R. S. Porter. Councillor Armstrong and Fred Wales accompanied him.

On Saturday five members of the Milton Gun Club went to Burlington for a match at blue rocks with a team of the same number from the club in that village. The shooting was done on the ice of the bay in a gale of wind, which interfered greatly with accuracy and the scores were low. Milton scores were as follows: Jas. Somerville 7; W. E. Inmann 6; K. D. Pantton 6; A. Higginbotham 5; H. H. Freeman 3.

#### MARRIED

McGREGOR-FOREST—At the residence of the brides' mother, on the 17th ult., by Rev. W. A. J. Martin, Janet Forest of Guelph Township to John McGregor of Nassagaweya.

#### DIED

DAWSON—At Wingham on February 27th, Alex Dawson (father of F. Dawson, Georgetown) aged 51 years.

HARRIS—At Oakville, February 25th, Anna, daughter of the late John F. Orr, wife of T. T. Harris in her 49th year.

#### ANIMALS DON NEW CLOTHES

Animals are indeed fortunate for Mother Nature provides them each year with a new spring outfit, free of charge. In most cases it is a change from a heavy fur coat to a much lighter one of a similar color, but often of a different shade.

The deer sheds his dull greyish brown winter coat for one of a brighter reddish hue. The red squirrel sheds his bright winter coat with its marked reddish stripe down the back for a duller summer coat of tawny olive. The lynx and snowshoe rabbit lose their snowshoes now that the long thick hair on their feet is no longer necessary for travelling over deep soft snow. The weasels and snowshoe rabbits make the most drastic change as they discard their white winter garments and don brown clothes for the warmer months.

#### THE HERRING AS AN INVESTMENT

Many millions of pounds of herrings are caught every year by Britain's fishermen, but many millions more could be used. The United Kingdom Herring Board has now decided to make better and fuller use of the possibilities of herring fishing. A fleet of modern trawlers is to increase the catch so that it will be possible to land about 3,000,000 cans. Approximately 450,000 cans of fresh herrings and the same amount of bloaters, kippers and red herrings should be available for home consumption. One part of the remainder would, with the aid of modern methods of freezing, be earmarked for export while the other part would be used for the manufacture of herring oil. Extraction of herring oil is to be started on a large scale during the winter at Falkirk, in Scotland. Similar plans for using up the herring surplus in East Anglia are being prepared.

#### STREETS NO WASTE BASKET

One of the unpleasant sights in many towns is created by the amount of waste paper and litter which is thrown into the streets. Many people seem to have formed the habit, when they have emptied some bag or paper container, of throwing this refuse into the street. So long as it lies there it is an unsightly object, and gives an unfavorable impression.

This throwing of waste into the street may be attributed mostly to children. If so, their parents should tell them that this habit gives the impression that many of the people of the town are not neat and careful.

The children can be told that they would be corrected if in their homes they threw their waste paper onto the floor. It is also undesirable to throw it into the streets where it makes an unpleasant object. They should be told that when they avoid throwing litter in the streets, they are helping their home town and are doing their best to keep it clean. They can be told that their streets are not kept as a public wastebasket, into which people feel at liberty to throw any refuse they do not wish to keep.

The attempt is made in many cities to correct this habit, by placing waste paper and refuse cans or barrels along important streets, and having them marked with some such notice as "Keep your home town clean". This plan is a constant reminder that if people want to do something for the home town, they can help by disposing of their refuse in some way so it will not be an unsightly object.

Throwing litter in the streets is no doubt the result of thoughtlessness, and if people were often reminded that it is a habit that should be corrected, one would think most of them would refrain from doing it.

### At Ontario Good-Road Convention



Some 1700 members attending the Ontario Good Roads Association's annual convention in Toronto, Feb. 25-26, pledged strong support to Highways Minister George Doucett in his efforts to reduce traffic accidents in this province. Here four delegates discuss some of the facts and figures concerning Ontario traffic problems. Mayor J. Frank Kelly is at extreme left. Others are: Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, Reeve of Kelly Township; Roy F. Smith, Engineer for Halton County; and W. H. Biggar, Reeve of Trafalgar Township.

#### FARM PRODUCTS UP

VICTORIA, B. C. (CP)—British Columbia agriculture production in 1945 was valued at \$100,000,000 by government officials. The agriculture department predicted still greater returns for 1946, when it will be suggested that farmers increase potato production by planting 1,000 additional acres.

#### CLEARING AUCTION SALE

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE, ETC.

The undersigned have received instructions from

A. G. FREEMAN

To sell by public auction at his farm, Lot 6, Con. 2 Nassagaweya, 1/2 mile N. E. of Moffat Station on

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th

Commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES—1 dark grey Percheron filly, rising 5 yrs.; 1 Bay Percheron filly, rising 3 yrs.; 1 Percheron Mare, 10 yrs. old; 1 Percheron Gelding, aged.

COWS AND YOUNG CATTLE — 1 Roan Durham Cow, due time of sale; 1 Red Durham Cow, due time of sale; 1 Black Jersey Cow, due time of sale; 1 Red Durham Cow, due March 28; 1 Black Holstein Heifer, due March 20; 1 Black Holstein Cow, fresh 6 weeks; 1 Durham Cow, fresh 7 weeks; 2 Red Durham Cows, in full flow, not bred; 1 Roan Durham Cow, in full flow, not bred; 1 Roan Durham Cow, milking; 4 Durham Steers, 2 yrs. old; 3 Durham Heifers, 2 yrs. old; 2 Durham and Poll Angus Heifers, 2 yrs. old; 6 Durham Steers, 1 yr. old; 1 White Durham Heifer, 1 yr. old; 1 Holstein Heifer, 2 yrs. old; 5 Durham ast summer Calves; 1 White Durham Bull, 2 yrs. old, good stock bull; Any one looking for good grass cattle would do well to attend this sale.

HOGS, SHEEP, HAY AND POTATOES—1 York Sow with 12 pigs, 5 week old; 5 York Sows, due in April; 1 York Hog, 9 mos. old; 1 Suffolk Ewe, heavy in lamb; small quantity of Timothy Hay; 40 bags Potatoes, Kataddins.

FARM IMPLEMENTS — M.H. Binder, 6 ft.; Deering Mower, 6 ft.; M. H. Drum Hay Loader; Outthrow Disc; M.H. Side Delivery Rake, reversible; M.H. Manure Spreader; Farm Wagon; 2 M.H. Cultivators; Walking Plow, 21; 2-section Drag Cultivator; Gravel Box; M.H. 13-hoe Grain Drill; Flat Hay Rack; M.H. 12-hoe Grain Drill; Sloop Sleighs; 4-section Seed Harrows; 2 Dump Rakes; low Truck Wagon; Fanning Mill; Melotte Cream Separator; Hay Fork; Stone Boat, new; Gas Engine, 5 h.p.; Stewart Hand Clippers; Cutter; Small Bench Cream Separator; Halters; Brooder Stove, coal, 500 chick capacity; rubber tired Buggy; Single Harness; set of heavy Breeding brass mounted Harness, in good shape; Odd Collars; back band Harness; Bridles, etc.; Single Harness; 4 high topped Collars; Milk Pails; Strainer Pails; Forks, Hoes, Shovels, Bars, Chains, etc.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—Solid Oak Extension Table, large; Davenport; Dresser; Odd Tables; 2 Lawn Mowers; 1 Child's Crib; Wringer; Brass Bed; Wash Stand; Odd Chairs; Daisy Churn, small size; Dishes, etc.; Butter Bowl and Ladle.

TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk day of sale.

No reserve as the farm is for sale and the proprietor is giving up farming.

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### How To Be Mistaken For A Lumberjack

(By John Gould in Christian Science Monitor)

Because somebody with bear-paw snowshoes wanted my peavey, I went to town yesterday to buy another. I hid it under a juniper bush the night before, and intended to use it again, because I am not able to roll 16-foot saw logs without it. Our local hardware man was fresh out; so I had to drive 10 miles beyond, and I landed a-la-deep-Maine woods on the main street of the thriving town just as the fashionable set were making their afternoon enjoyable.

I bought me a peavey for \$3.85, and then I walked up the street. People began offering me jobs and bidding for my services. I used the peavey like a walking stick, and gazed at the steeples, watched folks hunt for goods to buy, and shook hands here and there with old friends and strangers. From all quarters I was accorded esteem and enthusiasm, and bankers rushed out urging me to make a deposit, to use their telephone, and meet the girl bookkeepers in the back office.

"He's a logger," said a young girl to her little sister. Dogs paid me compliments and a woman opened an upstairs window and waved a dust rag at me. The Times, as the feller said when he bought a Tribune by mistake, has certainly changed. When I was just a farmer, and put on my tight brown shoes and a clean shirt for going to town, people scarcely noticed me, and they pushed me off the sidewalk as they exercised their urban prerogatives and dogs. But now I cut quite a figure and am definitely somebody.

I can tell you how to do it, too. You need a pair of felt boots, number 11, with several pairs of socks inside. The outer pair will have bright red tops, and you will turn down a two-inch lap on one leg and a four-inch on the other. Underneath you will have a pair with blue tops, and in a place a spruce knot snagged it as it went by, the blue will be plainly visible. Our pants will be of the breeches type, preferably of black and red checks, although all-red are available and approved. Your hip pocket will sag because in it you have the bucksaw wedge — and the rawhide thong on it will be hanging down between Florida and Yucatan, a piece of red flannel on the end so you can find it in the snow. People who pull it in the crowd give the fiber a good tensility test, and usually, everything snaps back so you think you've been struck by a wild pitch. Your cap can be of any useful style, but I like a toque that fits tightly and just slacks enough for the windward ear.

The shirts are most important. You will wear at least three, and four if you don't have a pullover sweater for next your underwear. Since the war it appears that any mill which at some time has been loosely associated with a sheep, if it is only a pastoral scene on the office calendar, is permitted to make woollen shirts. The tags that come on them make interesting reading during the long winter evenings, and delineate the customs of the period—10 per cent, reclaimed wool, 15 per cent, reprocessed wool, 25 per cent, redeemed wool, 18 per cent, imitation wool, 36 per cent, pre-fabricated wool, 10 per cent, salvaged wool, 7 per cent, diverted wool, and everything a yard wide by the use of a WPB-approved warp, squirted through the wool at high pressure, made from hop-vine vegetable plastics. These shirts are absolutely essential if you want to freeze every-time you get 10 feet from the fire.

The best thing to do is hunt up all the prewar shirts hanging on nails in the barn, and patch them with old blankets and bran bags, until you have something suitable for intemperate winds and uncompromising thermometers. A logger with a new shirt, today is an imposter. So your outer shirt will be blue-patched with green, next a checked shirt made whole with stripes and herringbone, and so on according to the weather. You will look the part, and you will warm. I have a better shirt with

patches on the patches. You will have heavy mittens with leather overmittens, and you will not have shaved later than some time ago.

Once your appearance would frighten the women, and children would be called home until you'd gone by. But the logger is now an esteemed person. He can stick his peavey into the floor beside the overstuffed in the best parlor in town, and can polish the tops of mahogany coffee tables with his felts and impunity. He is spoken of highly on the radio, and newspapers eulogize his patriotism and public spirit.

And he is fabulously wealthy. Every time the whine of the saw assaults neighboring ears, he makes another \$100, and the mailmen grow hump-backed bringing him war bonds and big bundles from Spiegal's. Once people felt his bulging muscles. Now they know his wallet is far larger, and when he comes to town they hurry up on all sides to help him carry his axe.

I do not thirst for notoriety, and glory is not my aim. I just wanted a peavey, and I am modest at heart. The next time I go to town, I shall dress with care, and I shall put on a necktie, and I shall try as far as possible to look like a civilian.

#### SPRING IS LITERALLY IN THE AIR

With the return of Canadian songsters, most of whom have spent the winter somewhere between the Ohio Valley and the Gulf States one is reminded that spring is on its way.

The early migrants are horned larks, appearing anywhere from the middle to the end of February, followed by crows early in March.

During the month of March they are joined by robins, coming in numbers around the middle or third week or sometimes earlier; bluebirds, kill-deers, redwings, bronzed grackles, meadowlarks, cowbirds, phoebes, flickers and song sparrows.

Ornithologists at the Royal Ontario Museum estimate that birds require one day to fly from London to Hamilton, 10 days from London to Toronto, 10 days to Ottawa, 12 days to Collingwood, 14 to Sault Ste. Marie, 16 to Fort William and 33 to Cochrane.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

Consideration of the noon-day school lunch as an important contribution to a child's success at school is recommended by Ottawa health authorities. A child's progress in school and his interest in studies may be affected by the type of lunch he gets.

Nutrition officials of the National Health department point out that a good lunch for the school-age youngster should include milk, meat or meat alternate, whole wheat or Canada approved bread and a fruit or vegetable.

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