Women's Page

RIGHT AROUND HOME

by Shirley

Last weekend we enjoyed a drive along some of the country roads in the south-western part of Halton County. It is surprising the beauty there is so close to home which we so often take for granted, then drive hundreds of miles to see the same thing some place else.

We travelled down some roads we'd never been on before and at one point stopped to tramp through the bush. The boys enjoyed this part as they searched for treasures to bring home such as red leaves, small twigs and pieces of birch bark.

Asked the boys that night, "What's the nicest thing you did today?" The reply was the same from both, "Walking in the bush."

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With Hallowe'en coming up next week, we thought you might like to try some candy recipes. Whether they're for trick or treat, Hallowe'en party or the family, they're fun to make and something everyone can help do.

Candied Apples

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
OR ⅔ cup light corn syrup

Stir the above ingredients over slow heat until the sugar is dissolved. Then cook quickly without stirring until they become pale yellow (about 310 degrees) almost to the carmelized stage. Remove the syrup from the fire and add 4 drops lemon juice.

Plunge the pot containing the syrup for a moment into very cold water to check the boiling, then place it in hot water to keep syrup from hardening. Add a few drops of food coloring, then dip in apples on skewers. Place them on a well greased surface.

Lollypops

2 cups sugar
⅔ cup light corn syrup
½ cup water

Stir these ingredients over low heat until dissolved. Cook without stirring over quick heat to just past the crack stage (310 degrees). Remove the syrup from the heat. Stir in a few drops of coloring, 1 teaspoon vanilla or fruit flavoring or a few drops peppermint oil.

Pour the syrup by the tablespoon onto a greased sheet. Press into each disk a wooden skewer. Remove the lollypops when cold.

Popcorn Balls

½ cup corn equals about 6 cups popped corn.
½ cup corn
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups shelled peanuts

CARAMEL SYRUP:

1½ tablespoons butter
1½ cups brown sugar
6 tablespoons water

Pop corn, discard imperfect kernels, sprinkle with salt, then add peanuts (may be omitted). Prepare syrup. Melt butter, add sugar and water. Stir these ingredients until sugar is dissolved. Boil without stirring to soft ball stage. Stir the syrup into the popped corn until every kernel is coated. Shape lightly into balls with slightly floured or buttered hands as soon as it is cool enough to handle.

SOFT BALL STAGE:

Drop a little of the boiling syrup into cold water. When the syrup can be gathered up in the fingers into a soft ball that will hold its shape, it has reached the soft ball stage (238 degrees).

CRACK STAGE:

Drop the hot syrup into the cold water. When the syrup separates into threads that are hard but not brittle, the light crack stage (270 degrees) has been reached. If the threads are brittle, the hard crack stage (290 degrees) has been reached.

CARAMEL STAGE:

This stage begins at the point where the color becames a light amber and continues through to a dark amber color. If caramel becomes too dark, it will have a disagreeable flavor.

Mary Reid, Percy Merry School Wins Fair Essay Competition

Secretary Mrs. G. E. Readhead of the Halton Agricultural Society announced Monday the winners in the Ethel Brant Monture Provincial essay competition, which was sponsored by the Milton Fair this year.

First prize went to Mary Reid of Percy Merry school, followed by Marjorie McCormack, Fairview; Joan Beaty, Percy Merry; Margaret King, Percy Merry; and Bonnie Powell, Fairview. Topic of the essay was "What it really means to be a Canadian."

Miss Reid's essay will be forwarded on for a district semi-final contest, and if it wins, will be sent to Mrs. Monture for final judging of the Ontario winner. Mrs. Monture is a descendant of Joseph Brant, one of the great chieftains of the Six Nations, and is honorary president of the Women's Section of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

—Wooland and Davison Photo

COLORFUL WEDDING CEREMONY was solemnized at Grace Anglican Church on Saturday, October 3 when Helen Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Milton, wed Constable Bastian Groeneweg of the R.C.M.P., Ottawa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Groeneweg of Monarch, Alta. The couple, centre, are flanked on the left by best man Corporal Jack Rankin and maid of honor Miss Sandra Wolfe and on the right by the ushers, Constables Peter Austin and Josh Purney.

STILL AROUND

Wife: Since I have been talking to you, John, I've completley lost my headache.

Husband: It is not lost, dear. I've got it.

UNCHANGED BY TIME

Smith: I shall expect my wife to be the same in 20 years' time as she is now.

Brown: That's unreasonable.

Smith: Yes, that's what she is.

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Horticultural Notes

For the Month of October

Prepared by the Milton and District Horticultural Society

Perhaps you have house plants that will need repotting. We must not expect them to live in the same soil indefinitely. Ordinary garden soil is not good enough for this and you should have a potting compost heap. It can be prepared now by using top soil, fresh fibrous loam such as the top three inches of grassland, with the sod stripped off.

Pile alternate layers of this soil, six inches deep, and fresh cow manure, three inches deep. Shape the pile with vertical sides and flat top. To aid in decomposing, make a number of deep holes with a crow bar, thus permitting the penetration of water. If prepared immediately, the pile can be chopped down before winter sets in, and with turning and mixing on your part, can be used. Take a winter's supply into the garage or cellar for use.

To repot such things as ferns, palms, foliage etc., clean the roots by removing a portion of old earth and replace in fresh soil in pots of the same size; if root bound use pots a size larger.

If you want to have geranium bloom from your outdoor plants, the following method may be used. When bringing them in previous to frost damage, prune them back severely. Plant in pots or boxes of sand a little deeper than when planted outside. Water enough to keep moderately moist—not wet—and keep in the window.

When the young shoots have three or four small leaves, they may be repotted to half sand, half potting soil in three inch pots. This usually is late January or early February. Two months later they can be repotted into larger pots. Some like to put the plants in the cellar directly and keep dry in order to start growth in February or March and be ready for outside again.

We have seen geraniums wintered over for growing outside by hanging them upside down in a dry cellar, then in February they are pruned back to stumps and started in sand with the water and light treatment. This made for healthy, rested plants for the summer season and took a minimum of storage space.

For Parents Only

Will Royal Baby be Boy or Girl

by Nancy Cleaver

The announcement that Queen Elizabeth II is expecting a baby early in the New Year has aroused a great deal of interest. Canadians, when they reflect how strenuous was her tour in this country, may feel a bit conscience-stricken. They can have only admiration for the way in which the Queen fulfilled her duties, no matter how she was feeling, nor how hot was the weather. It was a very imaginative thing, on her part, to postpone the announcement of her "great expectations" until her Canadian visit was over.

There is a great deal of speculation whether the baby will be a boy or a girl. If it is a boy, it will take precedence over Princess Anne and be placed second in the line of succession. Charles Philip Arthur George, the heir apparent to the throne was born on November 14, 1948, and his sister Ann Elizabeth Alice Louise, first opened her eyes on August 15, 1950. The queen was a young mother, 22 and 24 when Prince Charles and Princess Anne were born.

When Elizabeth herself was born, it seemed unlikely that she would ever be Queen. At that time, 1926, it was thought likely that the Prince of Wales, her uncle, would marry and have an heir. If this did not happen, there was a possibility that Elizabeth's parents, the Duke and Duchess of York, would have a son who would in time be King, rather than his older sister. Life is a very uncertain business, even for royalty, and the second, third or fourth in line of succession never know what the future will hold for them.

Whatever the sex of the new royal baby, a name must be chosen and thousands of people are guessing what it will be. Quite possibly the most important people concerned, Prince Philip and Queen, have not yet made a final selection of a boy's and a girls' name. It is well known that Her Royal Highness Elizabeth II admires her great-great grandmother, Victoria. The Daily Express, London, mentioned Victoria or Albert, the name of Victoria's Prince Consort, as possible names for the expected child. Charles and Anne are Jacobite names, and this paper added the possibility of James or Mary being chosen. These last two names are the guess of the assistant editor of Burke's Landed Gentry.

Duke of Ottawa

Naming the Royal Baby, and the title a prince might receive, is a game that will be played in a great many groups, not only in Britain, but throughout the Commonwealth. The London Chronicle has suggested that if a boy is born he be given a Commonwealth title when he is grown and as Canada is a Senior Commonwealth country, the Duke of Ottawa was mentioned as a possible title.

The traditional colors for babies, blue for a boy, pink for a girl often suggest what sex the parents hope their offspring will be. Queen Elizabeth has been clever in choosing yellow for the Royal Nursery Color Scheme, suitable for either a boy or a girl. She has enough imagination to know that blue or pink decor would be discussed in countless households. Then if blue had been used and the royal baby was a girl, people would say, "Too bad the Queen and Prince Philip are disappointed!" and vice versa.

A number of scientists have tried to work out various schemes by which parents determine the sex of their future chld. No absolutely reliable plan has been evolved which is likely just as well.

Little Disappointment

Over and over again, parents who have set their hearts on either a boy or girl quickly forget their disappointment. Each little child who comes into the world deserves all the love a father and mother can give. Not long ago, an expectant mother said, "I don't care a whit whether we have a girl or a boy, so long as the baby is well—and perfect!"

Few parents will admit that a baby is anything else but what they desired. It is quite true that a father or mother may be downcast momentarily when they discuss the sex of their new infant. But the dismay should be only temporary.

Individuals do not chose their sex and it is a thoughtless, even a cruel attitude to hold this against them. What happens to the heart of a child who gradually becomes aware that he or she, in being a boy or girl, is a disappointment?

CAMPBELLVILLE

Send Food Parcel To Man in Formosa

Mrs. Robert Hurren was hostess to the Ladies' Aid of St. David's Church on Wednesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. E. Cairns opened the meeting with the poem, His bank account. Hymn 495 Pass me not O Gentle Saviour was sung.

The devotions were in charge of Mrs. Parker who read the 136th Psalm and Mrs. Marr gave a brief reference to the ten lepers, following with a Thanksgiving prayer. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. J. Robertson read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Crawford. Some thank you notes were read by the cheer secretary, Mrs. Menzies. Several items of business were discussed. It was decided to send a food parcel to Rev. Tan, missionany in Formosa, to be sent in time for Christmas.

Plans were made to have a Friendship Tea in the near future. It was also decided to purchase some necessary articles for the kitchen. The birthday song was sung for three members.

The offering was received and dedicated. Hymn 599 O God of Bethel by whose hand Thy people still are fed was sung. The meeting was closed with The Lord's prayer in unison.

A social period over the tea cups was enjoyed.

POET'S CORNER

BE HAPPY

Why shouldn't we all be happy?
When God has given us so much,
We may not all be blessed with money,
But we do have trees, and sunsets and such.
Have you ever watched a sunset?
From high upon a hill?
Or ever watched a miller making wheat
Down at a country mill?
Have you ever planted a tiny tree?
And wached it grow so high,
Or just sat and watched those fluffy white clouds
Float through a blue blue sky?
These are only a few of the little things
We can always have for free,
So why can't we all be happy?
The way God meant us to be.

—Edith Sharpe.

Wedding in Mimosa Church Attended by District Guests

The recent wedding of Lois Babe Talbot and Lorne Thomas Hurren was solemnized in Mimosa United church.

White and bronze gladioli, white chrysanthemums and candles decorated the church for the ceremony, performed by Rev. Ewart Gulley. The church was decorated by the bride's uncle, Fred Miller. Mrs. Mel Spicer, Fergus, was soloist, accompanied by Don Rowan, cousin of the bride, Belwood.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Talbot, R. R. 3, Belwood. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurren, Guelph.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown of chantilly lace over nylon net. A headdress of net trimmed in rhinestones held her fingertip nylon net veil and she carried a bouquet of red sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Phyllis Ireland, sister of the bride, Markham, was matron of honor. She wore a ballerina length gown of rust peau de soie with drape and bow of pumpkin shade. A headdress of matching leaves and a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums completed her ensemble.

Miss Margaret Miller, cousin of the bride, Norval, and Miss Sheryl Talbot, niece of the bride, Belleville, were bridesmaids. They wore gowns of green peau de soie with drape and bows of pale green. Headdresses of matching leaves and bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums completed their ensembles.

The flower girls, Carolyn Hurren and Barbara Hurren, nieces of the groom, wore dresses of white flowered nylon over green taffeta with headdresses of pale green, trimmed with pearls and baskets of mixed daisies.

Bill Hurren, brother of the groom, Guelph, attended as best man. Ushers were Floyd Talbot, brother of the bride, and Alfred Hurren, brother of the groom, Guelph.

Mothers Receive

For a reception at the home of Mrs. Ewart Rowan, aunt of the bride, her mother received the guests wearing an ice blue crepe dress with matching pink accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

The groom's mother assisted wearing a lace trimmed crepe dress in rose shade with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

For a wedding trip to Chicago and the eastern United States, the bride donned a mink brown sheath dress, beige duster coat, moss green accessories and a corsage of red sweetheart roses. The couple will reside in Guelph.

Guests were present from Montreal, Toronto, Markham, Belleville, Shefferville, Quebec, Galt, Campbellville, Milton, Belwood, Fergus, Bronte, Norval, Eden Mills, Richmond Hill, Brampton, Burlington and Guelph. The groom's grandmother, Mrs. William Hurren of Campbellville, was an honored guest.

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