

## YORK PIONEER AND PRESENT BY E. A. JAMES

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Quarterly Meeting Cake

With the establishment in June 1925 of the United Church of Canada many familiar church institutions are of the past.

The union of several church bodies each with different forms of church organization, church government and church policy in one larger unit was bound to result in the disappearance of many forms of service dear to the individual member of the separate church bodies coming into the union.

Just now I recall one form of service that thirty-five years ago was an integral part of the polity of the Methodist Church of Canada. It may be, that even before the union, the "Quarterly Meeting" as a form of service in the Methodist Church was in disuse but be that as it may, it is well and lovingly remembered by many now members of the United Church.

The churches in Canadian Methodism were grouped into circuits and once in three months, as the name implies, Quarterly Meetings were held. On Sunday, a service followed the regular preaching service and on Monday a conference of elected church officers dealing with the financial and business affairs of the circuit.

Usually this meeting was held at the leading church "on the circuit" but occasionally it was held at one of the "outlying appointments." For the children of the circuit this service held several attractions (other than religious.)

It meant company for Sunday dinner. It meant a special dinner and no Sunday School and in addition it meant an abundant supply of Quarterly Meeting Cake at the church.

The preaching service would start at 10.30 a.m. and sometimes with fellowship and communion service last until 1.15 p.m. Therefore kind and fond mothers supplied the children during the service with a cake to quiet them until a two o'clock dinner.

The cakes were made rich on account of there being nothing to drink when eating—they were bread and butter combined.

I am giving here a favorite recipe for cake from the Newtonbrook circuit, and if the children have doubts as to how good Quarterly Meeting Cakes were, get mother or Old Aunt Mary to make a batch.

### Quarterly Meeting Cakes

- 2 cups flour
- 1 small tea-cup butter
- 1 small cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 pint sweet cream
- add currants or raisins
- Make size and shape of tea biscuits.

And so with the passing of a great institution passes another pioneer custom—the making of Quarterly Meeting Cake.

Next Week—THE JOGS ON THE SIDEROADS OF YORK.

N.B.—The writer welcomes comments, criticisms or corrections and he also hopes readers will forward descriptions of incidents connected with the County of York, of which they have particular knowledge.

## Tenth Annual Rural School Fair Held at Willowdale.

### THE PRIZE WINNERS

(Special to the Liberal)  
WILLOWDALE, Sept. 30th:—With 11 school sections from all over North York represented the tenth annual Rural School Fair was held at Willowdale, Don, School Section No. 9, of which Miss L. E. Ford is principal, carried off all the special prizes as well as the Wright silver cup for the school winning the highest number of points per pupil. Miss Ford's school ran up a total of 364 points.

The judging in the various classes was carried on under the supervision of R. J. Rogers, of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and W. W. Trench, Public School inspector, of Richmond Hill.

Reeve R. F. Hicks and Deputy Reeve Jas. Muirhead were interested spectators.

Ross White, aged 13 years, of the Don School, S.S. No. 9, was awarded the silver cup for the pupil winning the highest number of points, with a total of 89. This is the second consecutive year that he has won this prize. Florence Cowie, aged 10 years of the Don School captured first honors in the junior speaking contest, and Frank Flynn, aged 13 years of St. Edward Separate School, S.S. No. 4, Lansing won the senior public speaking contest, and was declared the champion speaker.

#### The Prize Winners.

The following are the prize winners—

Stratheona Drill—Duke of York School; Baron Renfrew School, York Mills; Lansing School.

Singing contest—School section No. 5; Duke of York, Willowdale.

Duet Contest—Newtonbrook, School Section No. 14, Willowdale.

Quartette Contest—School Section No. 5, Willowdale, Todmorden.

Riding Contest—Mary Stewart, Audrey Curtis, Elsie Stephenson.

First Aid—Todmorden, Section No. 9; School Section No. 16; Willowdale Section No. 4.

Champion Public Speaker—Frank Flynn, of Lansing separate school.

Junior Public Speaking Contest—Florence Cowie, Alex Patterson.

Senior public speaking contest—Frank Flynn, Gretchen McKenzie, Mary Cohen

Grain and Vegetables

Wheat Sheaf—Dora Johnston, Alfred Wickens, Charles Henry.

Oats, Banner—Bernard De Ferrari Charles Henry.

Oats, sheaf—Charles Henry, Ronald Muirhead, Ross White

Barley, O. A. C. 21—Stewart Burnett, Donald Hills.

Barley Sheaf—Charles Henry, Ross White, Norman Muirhead.

Field Corn—Lois Gray, Edward Jones.

Sweet Corn—Meryle Nelson, Margaret McPhail, Gerald Farrow.

Potatoes—Alice Crowe, Betty Fleming, Hill Verna.

Mangels—Leslie Perry, Melville Woods, Harold Smith.

Turnips—Lloyd Street, Melville Woods, Dick Perry.

Beets—John Neal, Millicent Elbourn, Jean Clandinan.

Carrots—John Farrar, Marjorie Watts, Leslie Marselby.

Parsnips—Ernest Stirling, Ernest Meades, Audrey Curtis.

Onions—Jean Cowe, Dick Perry, Arthur Trivett.

Fruits

Northern spy apples—Eldred McKenzie, Donald Mowatt, Wilbert Duncan.

Snow apples—Charles Henry, Bernard De Ferrari, Howard Hill.

Wealthy apples—Alfred Wickens, Herman Cohen, Bernard De Ferrari.

Collection of apples—Melville Hill, Audrey Curtis, Alfred Wickens.

Plate of Plums—Mary Patterson, Harold Hill, Gertrude Perry.

Dish of assorted fruit—Ross White Eldred McKenzie, Bernard De Ferrari.

Tomatoes—Bernard De Ferrari, Victor Moore, Elsie Joyce.

Fowl

Barred rock cockerel—Mary Cohen, Jean Boddy, Hicks Smith.

Barred Rock pullet—Hicks Smith, Jean Boddy, Baybelle Henry.

Bared Rock Trio—Jean Boddy, Victor Moore, Hicks Smith.

Pair of Rabbits—Roy Line, Bert Cohen, Ruth Gelder.

Pair of Pigeons—Leslie Hill, Ross White, Alfred Frogley.

#### Cooking

Chocolate cake—Edna Gray, Sivilla Smart, Marie MacPherson.

Oatmeal Cookies—Jean Boddy, Morris Gray, Betty Riddell.

Candy—Ross White, Lois Gray, Eleanor Moore.

Date Loaf—Ross White, Jean Cowe Eldred McKenzie.

Cocoonut Macarons—Florence Rowell, Mary Patterson, Edna Gray.

#### Sewing

Hand-hemmed towels—Dora Johnston, Winnifred Thacray, Rosie Smith.

Dressed Doll—Jean Clandinine, Dorothy Shelton, Isabel Tustin.

Factory Cotton apron—Fred Allen, Eva Thomas, Doris Hardive.

Centre-piece—Bertha Davey, Marian Baker, Dorothy Hart.

Any other article—Ethel Steel, Bertha Davey, Evelyn Dymond.

#### Manual Training

Plan of School Grounds—Ernest Meades, George Chadwick, Ross White

Bird House—Walton Glover, Lorne Snow, Lorne Brown.

Milk Stool—Ross White, Walter Glover, Stanley Moore.

Any other article—Thomas Riley, Walter Glover, John Ralph.

#### Flowers

Asters—Alex Patterson, Alice Jack Charles-Watson.

Cosmos—Betty Pridding, Audrey Curtis, Lucy Hutchinson.

African Marigolds—Margaret Craig, Jack Allard, Kathleen Neal.

Verbenas—Margaret Chapman.

Zinnias—Marjorie Watts, Gordon Reading, Charles Steel.

Asters, home garden—Charles Watson, Marjorie Madell, Ross White.

Living Room bouquet—Mary Paterson, Alex Paterson, Mary Cohen.

#### Nature Study

Cuts of live stock—Albert Moses, Jean Cowe, Helen Burnett.

Weeds—Charles Watson, Dorothy Chadwick, Arthur Ince.

Weed seeds—Carrie Miller, Leonard steel, Ross White.

Collection of pressed leaves—Glenn Miller, Viouet Flynn, Catherine Keating.

Collection of acorns—Charles Watson, Jack Brennan, Jack Chinnery.

Collection of Forage Plants, etc.—Kathleen Neal, Charles Fleury, Ross White.

### York Market


The York Market last Saturday and Tuesday was crowded to capacity with buyers and sellers and the choice products of the County of York. It is being recognized as a producers market. This means better buying but better than that it means fresh produce. There is talk of an enlarged building and the enlargement cannot come too soon.

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