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Plowing Match Dates
 Some dates of branch plowing Matches to be held under the auspices of the Ontario Plowmen's Association for this year are as follows:
 Bruce Co., Culross Twp., Oct. 10.
 Middlesex, Adelaide Twp. October 21 and 22.
 Norfolk, Port Dover, October 22.
 Ontario, North, October 10th.
 Russell, Russell, October 21st.
 Victoria, Bobcaygeon, October 21.
 Wentworth N., Beverly Township, October 22nd.

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Alfalfa and Alsike
 Districts in Ontario which specialize in the production of clover seed and alfalfa report only fair yields. In Halton the alfalfa growers do not expect more than 4 to 4 1-2 bushels of seed per acre while it is feared that seedings of last spring will not survive the drought. Alsike is giving four to six bushels an acre in Simcoe County and around Kenora there are yields of six to nine bushels.

Winter Rye and Barley Tests
 Five varieties of winter rye have been under test at O. A. C. in each of the last thirteen years. The highest yields of grain per acre were produced by the New Invincible and Rosen varieties. The New Invincible surpassed the common variety in yield of grain per acre by 7.4 bushels for the average of the 13-year period.

Two varieties of winter barley have been under test at the college for the past 23 years the Tennessee winter barley producing an average for the period of 44.3 bushels of grain per acre. Winter barley is much more subject to injury through winter killing than either winter wheat or winter rye.

GORMLEY

Miss Verna Dennie also her mother Mrs. Wm. Dennie visited relatives in Toronto last week.

Quite a number from here attended the miscellaneous shower held at the Pavilion at Wilcox Lake for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ash and family who were recently burned out.

Mr. Arthur Steckley accompanied by Miss Greta Ratcliff spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Doner, also Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Beatty, of Richmond Hill, had tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doner on Sunday last.

Miss Anna Winger spent Sunday with Miss Marion Heise.

Mrs. Enos Storm, of Toronto, visited relatives here for a few days.

Quite a number met at Gormley Station on Thursday night last, to bid farewell to Mrs. Clemence who left on the Western Train for Ruthilda, Sask.

Visitors here attending the annual Brethren-in-Christ love Feast were Mr and Mrs. Ernest Didson, of Collingwood, Prof. Wiebe, of Stayner; Mr. O. Cassel and Miss Ida Cassel, of Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Aron Sheffer and Mr. George Sheffer, of Stayner.

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Vellore

The Vellore Choral Class under the direction of Mr. Fletcher, of Toronto, has exceeded the hundred mark and membership is closed.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constable, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cameron and Master Archie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rutherford, Laurena and Albert, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McNeil and Alex. attended Brampton Fair and report an excellent fair.

Last but not least of the fairs is Woodbridge on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th and 11th. Let us boost our own home fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hastings and daughter, of Tottenham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Blough.

Mr. John Nixon, of Brampton, called on Mr. C. H. Rutherford this week.

The Mission Band of St. Paul's Vaughan, met in the basement of the church on Saturday afternoon and report a very instructive meeting and also a good attendance.

A number of people of the district attended the anniversary services at Sherwood Lutheran Church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McNeil and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeil motored to Guelph to visit Art, who is a student at the Ontario Agriculture College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lindsay and family visited at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bares.

Mr. Robbie McNeil with his speed motor car held up the traffic on Maple sideroad on Sunday afternoon, much to the pleasure of Weston Vocational mechanics who soon had the coils adjusted, the spark plugs cleaned, and Robbie was away on high again.

Miss Daisy Humphrey, of Niagara-on-the-Lake is spending a couple of weeks with her brother.

Mr. Herb Rutherford and family, of Schomberg, visited on Sunday at the home of the former's brother-in-law, Mr. C. H. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Julian and daughter Cora spent last week-end with the former's sister, Mrs. Willis Lahmer, St. Catharines.

Mr. Little, of Brampton, visited his niece Mrs. Archie Cameron last week. Mr. Little is one of the old Tyme Fiddlers who has won prizes at the Canadian National Exhibition and is also a gold medalist.

Mr. George Brownlee and Mr. Jack Cowan motored to Flesherton on Sunday to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson, of Oak Ridges, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. John Bech on Sunday.

We are glad to report that Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron's children are able to be out again.

A joint service of St. Pauls and St. Andrew's Church will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple on Sunday, October 5th at 11 a. m.

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MARKHAM

6th LINE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnett and family, formerly of the Cashel Store, and now living on a farm near Bowmanville, were Sunday visitors to dinner at Mr. Wm. Stots and they also attended the Rally Day service at Melville where they met many of their old acquaintances.

The prediction of the presence of some of nature's loveliness for the occasion of the Rally Day service in last weeks news was by no means exaggerated and judging from the appearance of the interior of the place of worship there was a great deal of time spent on the previous Saturday by some of the young people. The service proved to be very helpful and interesting. One of the features being a chorus by all the Junior classes which was very pleasing indeed. Miss Clara Topham told the story to the children entitled "Among the Lowly" and our reliable superintendent, Mr. A. D. Bruce gave us food for thought all through the programme. The attendance was much larger than usual. Let us hope this will continue in the future. Three prizes were given for regular attendance at Sunday School to Verda Gayman, Helen Stots and Roy Carter. Several others came at a close second and will perhaps reach the top next year.

We are very glad to be able to report the satisfactory improvement in Mrs. Adolph Cook's condition which has been so doubtful. She seems to be gaining strength quite rapidly.

Miss Ellen Brown is also improving greatly from her recent sickness.

Those who were victims of the flu last week are able to be around again, but Jack Nigh is taking his turn at present. Sorry Jackie we hope it won't be for long.

Mr. Cyril Parish had tea at Mr. W. J. A. Powells last Sunday evening.

Those from Melville who expect to join Mr. Fletcher's choir at Stouffville may have to wait awhile as the date is postponed until the completion of the new pavement through town.

Mr. Willis Lehman and others of the family attended the funeral to Altona cemetery of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Myers and Benson visited with Mr. Jacob Widemans on Sunday.

The Rev. A. MacNeal will resume charges at the Melville, Peaches and Bethesda circuit again next Sunday, after their vacation. Service is at 7.30 p. m. this Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stots celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary last Thursday evening and a number of relatives were present from Toronto. The family presented the parents with a handsome fernery. A very pleasant evening was in full swing when about 9.30 p. m., above the music and laughter; clatter! clatter! bang! In the house, "What's that noise?" "An earthquake!" sounds like windows falling in." One of the guests coming to senses jumps in car, turns on lights beholds a multitude just out for fun. Hadn't a chance to chivierie them 29 years ago so better late than never. When the bride and groom had recovered sufficiently from the shock they came on the scene and were the recipients of many hearty hand shakes and good wishes and were left to proceed

with their celebration.

Another man smiles in Almira and it's another son. This time to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steckley on Sept. 24th. Mrs. Brecken is back with her sister again after spending a few weeks in Toronto.

The ladies of the Melville W.M.S. were invited to Ebenezer church, Milliken last Tuesday afternoon. Will perhaps have more to say about this next week.

Mrs. Geo. Love is having her stable remodelled into a modern poultry house and intends keeping quite a number of fowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carruthers spent Sunday with their son Arthur and family.

Mr. Thos. Hobbs' cozy looking bungalow is nearing completion.

Everybody welcome to the Melville young people's Guild this Thursday evening. The subject for the topic is, "What happened at Pentecost?"

We are wondering what is wrong with the Guild this year having missed the corn and weiner roast for the first year in the last 10 years.

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