

**CELEBRATE 54TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Boyce of Palgrave celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 20. Both were born in Albion and have lived in Albion and Palgrave their entire lives. Mrs. Boyce's maiden name was Annie Wolfe.

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**NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER**

**REFORESTATION PROGRAM OF NORFOLK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Ever since its organization in 1925, the Norfolk County Chamber of Commerce has had as one of its chief objectives, the preservation and conservation of the farm woodlot and the reforestation of waste land in the County.

**1. The Farm Woodlot.**  
Except in unusual circumstances such as high priced land for garden or fruit purposes, every farmer should aim to maintain at least 10 per cent. of his farm as a woodlot. This percentage of course will vary somewhat from farm to farm. The advantage to the state in maintaining this percentage has been recognized by granting an exemption from municipal taxation for fenced woodlots up to that amount.

Outside of the desirability of such a policy from an aesthetic standpoint, the many features of which are apparent to all nature lovers, we believe the policy a commendable one from an economic standpoint.

A farm with a good woodlot is easier to sell and brings more money than one without. It provides fuel for the home and lumber for buildings and repairs. It gives work in the winter, tending to relieve unemployment. In fact the scientifically managed and properly cared for woodlot area may be as profitable as any other part of the farm.

**2. Reforestation of Waste Land**  
This is an entirely different project from the farm woodlot. It involves buying up cheap land, planting it to trees, and waiting 20 to 25 years for a return on the investment. (Christmas trees may bring an earlier return.) Several Norfolk citizens have purchased land and had it reforested. For their enterprise they find themselves penalized by an increased taxation due to the increased value of the land on account of tree growth.

The Assessment Act reads as follows:  
1 (h) "Land", "Real Property" and "Real Estate" shall include: All tree and underwood growing upon land.

Under this clause a landowner contemplating the planting of forest trees (or orchard) faces an annually increasing tax which no other growing crop entails. The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce has for years been advocating an amendment to the Assessment Act which in effect would work out as follows:

Land under tree growth shall be taxed on an assessment valuation on a basis comparable with that imposed on neighboring nonplanted land of similar soil and site conditions. We have asked that this amendment be made optional with the County and that it come into force in such counties as would pass a by-law validating it. The Norfolk County Council has already endorsed this proposal.

**Educational Work**  
With a view to inculcating in the minds of our children a love for trees it is our objective to have a small demonstration woodlot in connection with each rural school. This of course is only practicable where land can be secured at a reasonable price.

The County Council has agreed to pay one half the cost of additional land. Several townships have agreed to pay one quarter the cost and a government grant of \$25 is available, on recommendation of the school inspector, for additional grounds.

The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce offered a prize of \$5 in each Township for schools entering in 1936 for the best planted and cared for plantation. A similar prize will be given the same entrants in 1937. Also a grand prize of \$25 for the best planted and cared for plantation in the County at the end of 1937. Judging will take into consideration the size of plantation, method of planting, variety of trees most suitable, care and cleanliness after planting, protection from animals and percentage of survival.

**County Council Activity**  
The Norfolk Chamber of Commerce has supported the reforestation policy of the Norfolk County Council whereby 1,000 acres of land is now owned and planted by the County. We believe 100 acres should be purchased and planted each year by the County until all available cheap land is taken up.

**Compulsory Legislation**  
Alarmed by the ruthless destruction of wooded areas in Norfolk purchased for the purpose of supplying fuel for tobacco kilns and which is being completely denuded of all forest growth, the Simcoe Rotary Club held a meeting in November 1936 for the purpose of considering this question. A committee was appointed to draft a policy to cope with this situation and present it to the proper authorities. The committee has met and a draft bill is now being prepared embodying the principle of not allowing the cutting of any trees under ten inches, two feet from the ground, without the permission of a county forester.

While we do not like too much prohibitory and compulsory legislation it would seem that the gravity of the situation demands some such drastic measure.

**Seed Growers Plan Display**  
Delegates to several agricultural conventions to be held in Toronto, February 9 to 12, 1937, will have an opportunity to get more than the germs of good ideas.

Members of the Ontario Seed Growers' Association are planning a seed display, which will be in position throughout the week. This exhibit will be quite different from those seen at fall and winter lots are shown. In contrast each sample in this display should be identical with commercial lots of similar quality for sale on the farms represented.

Prospective seedsmen and others interested in the highest quality of farm crop seeds will have an opportunity of inspecting the best available in Ontario and of contacting the farmers growers, many of whom are expected to be in attendance.

As good seed is the first requisite of a satisfactory crop, the members of this Association are to be congratulated on this progressive method of placing their products before prospective purchasers.

**TEMPERANCEVILLE**  
The Euchre Club met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. W. E. Barker. Prizes were won by, ladies, 1st, Mrs. C. A. Henshaw; consolation, Mrs. W. Jennings. Gents, 1st, Mr. C. A. Henshaw; consolation, Geo. Thompson.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. M. B. Beynon on Wednesday afternoon, January 13. The roll call is to be added by a "Definition of Home." Rev. E. W. G. Worrall will speak on the topic, "Home." A demonstration on washing woollens will be given by Mrs. Floyd Watson. All ladies are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Whitten celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary at their home on Tuesday, Dec. 29th. They were tendered a surprise when St. John's A.Y.P.A. Dramatic Club, of which Mrs. Whitten is the honored director, presented them with a lovely silver relish dish. We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Whitten.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Forrester of Laskay spent New Year's with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Paxton.

School re-opened on Monday with Mr. Donald Frisby of Richmond Hill as the new teacher.

Encouraging reports were received at the annual meeting of the St. John's W. A. held in the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoon last. Mrs. Snively, the president, presided and led in the devotional period. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Snively; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Fred Legge; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Capelle; sec., Mrs. Norman Chatterly; treas., Mrs. A. Sambrook; pianist, Mrs. Lowndes. This splendid group of busy women have accomplished much in this department of the church work during the past year.

A charivari party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kerswell. About sixty friends and relatives attended. The evening was spent in playing progressive euchre. There were nine tables and twelve hands were played, and the prize winners were: Men, 1st, Mr. Nelson Thompson; consolation, Mr. Jack Marrow; Ladies, 1st, Miss Dorothy Cosgrove; consolation, Miss Ella Dibb. After lunch a beautiful electric clock was presented to the bride and groom by Jack Marrow. Miss Helen Burnett read the address. On behalf of the charivari boys a vote of thanks was moved to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett and family for their kind hospitality in opening their home for such a happy occasion.

Misses Jennie and Ruth Kerswell of Toronto spent the week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kerswell.

**KING CITY**

The following letter was received by Dr. D. H. Pinkerton of King City from Manitoba:

Lauder, Manitoba,  
November 8, 1936.  
To the givers of the car of vegetables, King, Ontario,

Dear Friends:—  
On behalf of the members of this Ward each of whom received something, we, the members of the committee who distributed the vegetables in this Ward, express our grateful thanks to the donors who made this gift possible. We highly admire the spirit behind the gift, and appreciate the fact that some of those who shared their vegetables with us have done so at a sacrifice themselves.

Our municipality, together with adjoining municipalities, has been hard hit by drought, wind, grasshoppers and rust (1935) for the past seven years. This year our supply of garden produce is very small.

Our Ward has 92 families of 319 members and received 64 bags of potatoes, 32 bags of turnips, 10 bags of onions, 6 bags of cabbage, 2 bags of carrots and a few pails of honey and jars of fruit from the car. Each family was given something.

We feel that your thoughtful consideration of our condition is having a good effect in knitting East and West more closely together, as sharers in prosperity and adversity. We will be glad of the opportunity to share our produce with others less fortunate when conditions change.

Again thanking you for your kind thoughtfulness,  
Yours sincerely,

G. D. Robinson, Pastor of United Church,  
G. T. Bent, Councillor,  
A. W. Turner, J.P.

P.S.—I do not seem to be writing to strangers for Rev. Robt. Brydon, B.A., who was your pastor for a number of years is my brother-in-law.

G. D. Robinson.

The annual Week of Prayer will be observed at this centre as follows: Monday, Jan. 4—King United Church Tuesday, Jan. 5—King Anglican Church.

Wednesday, Jan. 6—King Baptist Church.

Thursday, Jan. 7—Eversley Presbyterian Church.

Friday, Jan. 8—McDonald & Wells Hall—Rally Service.

All are welcome to make this the centre for Prayer Week.

**PALGRAVE**  
Messrs. N. J. Barton, William Boyce and John McLean were re-elected police village trustees by acclamation on Monday. J. E. Patterson was also re-elected School Trustee by acclamation.

Mr. Septamus Thompson, of Terra Cotta shot a great horned owl that had a wing spread of over fifty inches. Mr. Thompson is going to have the owl mounted.

**VERSE FOR THE KIDDIES**  
A child am I, yet in me lies  
Part of the future of the race.  
A child, in whom the good or ill  
Of ages past have left their trace.  
A child, with right to dream and play;  
To grow as just God's flowers do.  
A child, look deep within my eyes  
And you can read God's message true.

Protect me now, that I may keep  
The flag of freedom floating high;  
Protect me, that the altar fires  
Of truth and justice may not die.  
Protect me, ye of larger growth,  
Hear my appeal. Please take my hand  
And lead me safely through the days  
Of childhood into Grown-up Land.  
Olive G. Owen.

**TORONTO GORE (accl.)**  
Reeve, Charles London; Council, Joseph Parr, Ira Champlaine, John Hooper, Anthony Pendergast.

But the thing to remember is that Russia's upward climb must get a lot higher to reach what we consider bottom.

George Evans was installed Master of Caledon East Masonic Lodge on December 11th.

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