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Specially written for Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association

Dear Sir:  
I appreciate the compliment conveyed in your letter asking if I had any suggestions to make which might be helpful to publishers of the rural weekly newspapers.

The suggestions which I might make, I am afraid, would bear on their face my lack of knowledge and experience along the lines to which you refer. The first thought that occurs to me, however is that publishers of rural weekly newspapers after the style and vigorous editorial policy of some outstanding rural weeklies which come to my attention.

It would seem to me a mistake for rural weekly newspapers to attempt to compete with the large metropolitan dailies in many of their features, but on the other hand, I am sure that in their own community they can perform a worthwhile service by making a study of the conditions and of the ways and means in which their community might be advanced.

If the territory is rural as you suggest, I am inclined to think that news, featuring current developments in agricultural practice that is suitable for the community, would be of real value. This may seem to encroach on papers which are exclus-

ively farm weeklies, but I hardly think so, because these farm weeklies have to cover a wide range of subjects, whereas the local paper would deal only with those items which are of interest to the branches of agriculture carried on in the district.

After all, the success of the rural weekly newspaper is wrapped up in the success of the district in which it is published, and, therefore, every worthwhile movement for the advance of the community is beneficial at once to both the community and the paper.

Yours very truly,  
**T. A. RUSSELL,**  
President,  
Massey-Harris Company Ltd.  
Toronto.

In Weston John P. Allan was elected deputy-reeve over Walter Murray the vote being 1186 to 650. George Gardhouse, son of W. J. Gardhouse, M.P.P. headed the poll for council.

Dr. H. J. Cody, former rector of St. Paul's and now president of the Toronto University observed his 70th birthday on December 6th. Interviewed he said, "I am very happy in my work. My recreation is my work."

**Amateur Show Aids  
Hall And Hospital**

Claireville Hall was well filled on Friday evening of last week when the Castlemore Women's Institute staged an entertaining Amateur Contest. Funds raised by the affair were for contribution to the Hall fund and the Peel Memorial Hospital.

Prize-winners in the three classes were as follows: Juniors, 1st, Gwen Robb, Woodbridge, acrobatic and tap dancing; 2nd, Joan and Marie Cooper, Mount Dennis, tap dancers; 3rd, Joan Cooper Cooper, song and dance. Intermediate, 1st, the Dunfield sisters, Toronto, acrobatic dancing; 2nd, Danny Kitchener, Woodbridge, guitarist and cowboy singer; 3rd, Margaret Dalziel, Woodbridge, piano soloist. Senior, 1st, Mrs. May Johnston, Toronto, comedienne; 2nd, the Tormore Hayseeds, orchestra; 3rd, Mr. Turner, monologue. Youngest competitor, Marie Cooper. Oldest competitor, J. Dumbleton, Woodbridge. Major A. A. (Lex) McKenzie, Woodbridge, proved a capable Master of Ceremonies and the judges were Miss Dorothy Moody, Weston; Harold Heap, A.T.C.M., Toronto; and Bert Parker, A.C.C.M., Richmond Hill. Committee members prominent in arranging the affair included Mrs. E. Dalziel, Mrs. Leslie Livingston, Mrs. S. Shaw and Mrs. H. W. Fletcher.

What this sad world needs at present is less might and more should.

Fascism may prove a blessing to us. If we can get interested in fighting it, we may quit trying to hold one another down.

**Twin Sisters, 80  
Celebrate Birthday**

Mrs. R. Robson Feted in Brampton—  
Mrs. T. Shaver in Chicago

(Conservator)  
Two sisters, one in Brampton and the other in Chicago, celebrated their 80th birthdays last Thursday. Mrs. John Shaver, formerly Miss Cordelia Robinson, observed the occasion with family members around here in the American metropolis. Mrs. Robert Robson, formerly Miss Mary Robinson, was honoured at a family dinner in the Royal hotel here on Thursday evening. Both were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson and were born at Kleinburg.

Five years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Robson operated the Station hotel at Woodbridge. They came to Brampton 55 years ago and purchased the Royal hotel. Then an important junction point on the Grand Trunk and Credit Valley Railways, Brampton was a favourite stopping place for commercial travellers. The fall fair and other community events brought sufficient out-of-town patrons to tax the capacity of the house frequently. Farmers coming in from points more than five miles distant usually remained for dinner, supper, or both. While accommodation was limited at that time, the Royal now is regarded as one of the finest hotels in this part of the province.

Twenty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Robson took over the Queen's hotel and operated both for some years. Her husband passed on 11 years ago. Her son, R. D. Robson, who later became proprietor of the second hotel, died last May. Her only daughter, Mrs. Bertha Holwell, now operates the original hotel. Her only remaining son, Major Harold Robson, is associated with the management.

The club dining hall of the Royal hotel was brilliantly decorated in yellow and was banked with roses of the same colour when the surprise dinner was held there last Thursday evening. There was a birthday cake bearing 80 candles. The 9 immediate relatives surrounding her on the happy occasion were Mrs. Holwell, Major Robson, Mrs. Harold Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Beatty, Russell Holwell, Jerry Robson, Mrs. M. Southby, and Mrs. R. D. Robson, now proprietress of the Queen's hotel.

**NOTED CLERIC GIVES  
ADVICE TO ANGLICANS**

Should Forget Dogmas, Claims Retired Archbishop Marking 81st Birthday

A great future lies ahead for the Church of England if its members will only forget the differences between low and high church and follow the example of the United Church in forgetting dogmas, Most Rev. J. Fieking Sweeney, retired Archbishop of Toronto who recently celebrated his 81st birthday stated. His happiest memories, he says, are the 52 years of service in the diocese of Toronto.

It was in 1909 when he was elevated from the rectorship of St. Philip's Church to become a bishop and head of the diocese. A controversy developed between high and low church members over his selection as a successor of Archbishop Sweetman. Some of those in attendance favored the translation of Bishop George Thornloe from Algoma and the low members wanted Rev. Canon H. J. Cody, rector of St. Paul's Church.

"I believe it was ordered by God," His Grace declared recalling the incident recently. He admitted though, that it was a surprise when he was chosen. He added that if he had his life to live over again, he would not hesitate to enter the service of his church.

Although confined to his home, the veteran churchman keeps in close touch with outside affairs and retains office in many organizations.

For 27 years he served as rector of St. Phillip's Church and he has never been forgotten in his parish. And not so long ago a program of redecoration was carried out as a memorial to his work there. It was Archbishop Sweeney who was responsible for the formation of the Anglican Young People's Society which has grown to such dimensions in the years that have followed and also the Brotherhood of St. Andrew with its international scope.

"The young people of to-day are an improvement on those of past generations," he declared.

**J. FOX**

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**Celebrates 94th  
Birthday At Almira**

Mrs. Samuel B. Lehman celebrated her 94th birthday on December 1, at her home in Almira. Mrs. Lehman, who is a daughter of the late John Hoover and Elizabeth Reesor, was born on the Eighth line of Markham at what was then known as Milne's Corners and on the farm which had been a Crown grant to her father.

Following her marriage she farmed with her husband at Mongolia and she recalls that the first hip-roof barn to be built in the district was erected by her husband on their farm. Later they moved to her present home, where they operated the Almira woollen and grist mills, which her sons are still operating.

Mrs. Lehman is a Mennonite in religion and is the oldest living member of the Wideman Mennonite Church. She has been afflicted with rheumatism for many years, which prevents her going very far from home, but she is very bright and cheerful and her chief pleasure is in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren of whom she has 13.

Her husband died 15 years ago. Her six children were all home for her birthday. They are: Mrs. Thos. Myers, of Zephyr; Mrs. Jacob Wideman, Peachs' Corners; Mrs. George Baker, Gormley; Mrs. Joseph Gayman, Stouffville; Harman and Willis Lehman of Almira.

**Notice to Creditors**

In the Estate of WILLIAM HENRY HORTON, late of the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, Ontario, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of William Henry Horton, late of the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, deceased, who died on or about the Twenty-seventh day of June, 1938 are hereby notified to forward to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1939, full particulars of their claims against the said Estate verified by Affidavit. After the said date the Administrator of the said Estate will distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to claims of which he will then have notice, and he will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice for the assets so distributed or any part thereof.

Dated at Richmond Hill, in the County of York this 7th day of December, 1938.

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