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Editorial Comment

Premier William Aberhart of Alberta, re-elected in the provincial election when his government was returned, taught school 35 years ago at Brantford, and before that the Premier attended High School at Seaforth. The school had a ball team and William Aberhart was the pitcher.

Fat Salary, Fat Pension Policy Unfair

The post of chief private secretary to the Prime Minister at Ottawa which carries a salary of \$9,000 per annum is now vacant, and has been since the retirement of E. J. Lemaire, who is relieved of the duties, but is given a nice superannuation. We cannot understand the seemingly unfair practise of Governments in providing superannuation for high salaried officials getting say \$5,000 or more per annum. Men who have drawn such pay ought to look out for themselves in old age. Superannuation in such cases is a pension, and there are a lot of people needing it in preference to men whom the Government paid \$9,000 salaries for years. It is an injustice that is long overdue to be wiped out.

April Fool All Around

Monday was April Fool's Day, as those who failed to purchase their motor plate in advance came to know. There were no days of grace this time as in former years. Now we are on the subject, what a pity the millions of money paid in by the motorists is not used to maintain the roads. It's alarming to know that the highway debt has climbed to 640 millions, an increase of 200 million in five years. Its April Fool all around for the tax payers.

Goodbye, Little Red School

The Christian Science Monitor comments in its recent issue that the little red schoolhouse of America, the one-room schools of any or no color, are going, but not yet gone.

In Pennsylvania they vanish at the rate of 300 a year, eliminated through consolidation, legislation, and transportation—yet 5,000 remain. In New York, some of the contested figures in the budget now before the Legislature involve speeding up the school consolidation program. Other States from coast to coast, are seeing changes for the better, slowly but surely, in their common school plant, the publication points out.

Few will regret the passing of primitive "district" schools built by the pioneers and generations of their successors. Better teaching staffs, better grading, and better equipment, generally come with better buildings. Yet many a boy or girl of forty or fifty years ago recalls tenderly some teacher in a one-teacher school, and cherishes mellow memories of the old singleroom school house itself, with its birch rod, box stove, water bucket and tin dipper, and the jackknife carvings on the desks and hard benches.

Dairy Farm Labour

Labour cost is the largest single item of expense in dairy farming. From 20 to 30 per cent of the cost of producing milk is involved in labour. Not only does labour amount to considerable sum but it is also one of the recognized economic factors to be considered in the production of any commodity. In order to make progress in farm management it becomes necessary to have some easily calculated standard by which labour efficiency may be measured.

Standards of measurement in this connection are gradually being developed for dairy farmers through the Ontario Dairy Farm Management Study. This investigation is being conducted co-operatively by the Economics Division, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. More than 700 dairy farmers of the Province of Ontario including many in the Stouffville area are keeping records of their complete farm business. These records are checked at the farm and taken to Ottawa for analysis.

Two years of study indicate that the cash receipts of a farm business per man provides a useful standard of measurement of labour efficiency in dairy farming. To obtain this the total labour time of all farm workers is reduced to a "man equivalent." The term "man equivalent" means the labour of one man working full time for 12 months on the farm. Members of the family working for part of the day only or doing less than an adult's work, and seasonal and occasional help are reckoned proportionately. The cash receipts include all cash sales of the farm business. A farm with cash receipts of \$2,800, and a "man equivalent" of 1½ would have a cash receipt per man of \$1,600.

It was found in the Study that in all the fluid and processed milk zones, under conditions similar to the year ending April 30, 1938, the average dairyman needs to secure \$1,500 cash receipts per man to secure operator earnings approximating \$1,200. Operator earnings close to \$1,000 were obtained where the cash receipts per man were \$1,300 and where the cash receipts per man fell as \$800 the operator earnings were discouraging.

Though it was found that the most successful dairymen use the greatest amount of labour, not all dairymen, however, should take on a large labour staff. Those dairy farm operators who have the ability to manage labour in such a way as to secure a high cash receipt per man may well be encouraged to use more labour.

LOCAL HERD POSTS UP DOMINION RECORD

The Holstein-Friesian Journal, a very high type of farm Journal, produced the records of what they call the "Big Producers" as regards milk cows from records taken by Government records. Among the list of fifteen or eighteen outstanding cows mentioned two animals from the herd of Mr. Lloyd Turner came in for special reference.

Betsy Roebuck Dixie 307582, a cow which Mr. Turner milked three times a day for 79 consecutive days, is referred to thus:

Betsy Roebuck Dixie is another of the 1939 honor list producers that is taken with a good record for the month. As a senior four-year-old on a twice a day milking she had made 20,252 lbs. milk and 674 lbs. of fat. Her honor list record of 17,011 lbs. and 583 lbs. of fat was made as a senior 3-year-old in 305 days on 3-times milking.

Another notable record reported this month by Mr. Turner is that of Pine Grange Duchess 340714 that was first in her class as Markham fair Black and White Day after being in milk for 9 months. This cow was a member of the Senior herd, and her senior 2-year-old "B" record is 17,842 lbs. milk and 661 lbs. fat.

Mr. Turner is certainly due for congratulations on having in his herd such outstanding cows, records of which the finest stables of Canada would be glad to post up. Mr. Turner incidentally speaking of heavy producers declares they should be milked 3 times daily in fairness to the animal, if for no other reason, and there are other good ones, he says.

A SUNDAY PEST

One of the Pillars in a Local Church Complains That Despite the Severe Winter a Fly Has Been Able to Subsist Throughout the Week-days On What it Apparently Gets Off His Bald Head on Sundays.

Instead of following the commandment to hustle for six days and lay off on the seventh a fly in a local church reverses the decalogue and is only busy on the Sabbath.

The fly, which parks in a window near his seat and is in a comatose state during the days that man is enjoined to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, gets busier than a bee on a bear's leg when a certain churchman settles in his pew or peaceful meditation and devotion on Sunday. Fanning a fly in church is as out of order as pounding a crippled child with a mallet would be in an up-to-date orphanage, so the churchman, who has his temper tried like another Job, has to suffer in silence and contrition, not to mention having his attention distracted until he almost loses the thread of the discourse.

The fly has a remarkably impoverished memory, you may drive him out of your ear, and he will land on your forehead, disturb him again, and he enters your nose; the oftener you get rid of him in one spot, the more he gets onto another, the only way to inculcate him with your meaning, is to smash him up fine. But reverence prevents our friend from carrying out this rash impulse in church and compels him to live up to the injunction, "Thou Shalt Do No Murder."

The churchman mentioned complained the other Sabbath morning that notwithstanding the length of the service that fly never seems to consider itself full, but since, like the camel, it has to store up for the week, there may be method in its madness after all.

THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR NORTH YORK RIDING

Col. W. P. Mulock, Maj.	1,882	
Dix		Mulock
Woodbridge	312	243
Maj. for Dix	69	
North York	2,716	2,642
Maj. for Dix	74	
Georgina Twp.	325	457
Maj. for Mulock	132	
N. Gwillimsbury	218	473
Maj. for Mulock	255	
Sutton	244	277
Maj. for Mulock	33	
Newmarket	948	1,167
Maj. for Mulock	219	
Vaughan Twp.	976	1,389
Maj. for Mulock	413	
Whitchurch Township:		
Wilcox Lake	120	104
Bethesda	50	63
Lemonville	47	111
Bloomington	22	90
Newmarket	54	72
Boggartown	33	70
Pine Orchard	39	76
Vivian	57	81
Aurora	825	713
Maj. for Dix	112	

Send the Tribune to absent friends.

NATIVE OF UXBRIDGE TWP. J. F. WILSON DEAD

A man who had been something of a "rolling stone" and who had lived an interesting varied life, John Franklin Wilson died at York county hospital last Thursday in his 68th year, says the Newmarket Era. Mr. Wilson suffered a nervous break-down two and a half years ago and had not worked since then. He was subject to falls and two weeks ago he fell in his own home and broke a cheekbone.

Rev. Arthur Greer, assisted by Rev. B. Babcock, conducted the service on Monday afternoon. Interment was in Newmarket cemetery.

Born at Glen Major, south of Uxbridge, John Franklin Wilson grew up there. As a young man he learned his trade as a stationary engineer and served for four years in the Grenadiers, on active service duty in the Klondike, along the trail of '98.

He had many stories of those exciting days, and was in Dawson City at the time of the great fire. On one occasion, he used to recall, his company had guarded \$300,000 in gold, sleeping on the sacks of precious metal.

Returning to the east, he married Agnes McComb of King township '37 years ago. They went to Midland to live and were there for nine years. He followed his trade as a stationary engineer and also worked as a fireman. Their daughter was born there.

His wife, a daughter, Mrs. Thomas B. Monkman, Oak Ridges, and one brother, Wm. of Midland, survive.

IN ILL HEALTH THREE YEARS W.H. WILLIAMSON PASSES

In ill health for the past three years, William Henry Williamson, well known resident of Newmarket passed away early Saturday morning.

Born in April, 1865, on the 4th concession of Whitchurch, the son of Mathew and Agnes Williamson, he married Josephine Toole in April, 1903. For 21 years he was with William Cane and Sons, farmed for 11 years, and before coming to retire in Newmarket in 1926, was in the dairy business in Aurora for six years.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Wilfred of Maple, Howard of Brandon, Man.; a daughter, Stella of Toronto; six brothers, Frank, John, Arthur, Dan, Charlie and Edgar, and two sisters, Susan and Hannah. Newmarket Express-Herald.

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