

BALSAM

Mr. Jack Cochrane of Blaire Lake, Saskatchewan, visited at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Jack Morgan, this week. Mr. Cochrane taught school on the 7th concession of Pickering township many years ago. Mrs. Morgan's aunt Mrs. Mina McMaster and father Mr. John Phillips of Greenbank also visited at their home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Lehman and little grandson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan recently.

Mr. John Hotner has recently purchased a new tractor. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Disney and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hunter and family one evening recently.

Miss June Morgan and Miss Joyce Disney helped Miss Mary Hunter celebrate her eighth birthday last Thursday after school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan and family spent Sunday with Jack's parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan and Mary. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pilkey and family, all of Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burkett of Stouffville visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Disney and family last week.

The 7th concession east of Disney sideroad has been practically impassible for cars recently due to the road breaking up.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lee of Kinsale in the passing of their little baby aged 8 months 23 days.

Motor license plates, 1946, No. 673P7 and 5818C have been turned in at The Tribune Office. Owners are requested to claim their property and pay for this notice.

FROM ME TO YOU

There is one very remarkable thing about grandmothers, and especially about new ones. They are all convinced that their own grandchildren are the cleverest, and most interesting and most adorable, on the face of the earth. And a grandfather, when he lets himself go, can be even sillier than a grandmother. Anyone who can account for this phenomenon, please get in touch with me. For I am quite sure that when my own little Anne rushes to meet me, and clasps her chubby arms about my neck the thrill it gives me is quite "out of this world." The fact that her little fingers have been on very friendly terms with the jam, makes it none the less sweet.

Calling, one evening, on friends who have a new baby, our eyes were greeted by an unconsciously revealing picture. Seated in a big chair was the grandmother, across her knees lay a soft white bundle, tiny hands reaching up, head supported on her arm, and looking into her face with solemn blue eyes. A tall floor lamp shed its light on her silver hair, serene face, and smiling eyes, looking down at the baby. Here, I thought, is one of the rewards of my friend's unselfish life. She has worked unbelievably hard, and under trying conditions. Through the years, she has held up before her children, the best ideals of life, and now she reaps a rich satisfaction in her children's successful lives. They never forget her, and wherever their life work takes them they appreciate more and more the sacrifices she has made for them. Now not only her children, but her children's children call her blessed.

My mind goes back to my own grandmother. Childhood's memory of her is one who never blamed us, who always believed the best, and if by chance we misbehaved, she was sure it was only a mistake. Mother's view of our conduct seemed to be different, for she let us know, in no uncertain terms, that we fell far short of what was expected. The few times that we can remember discovering that mother was at all proud of us, were quite unintentional. No wonder that "going to grandmother's" was almost the same as "going to Paradise."

But Paradise is not the school in which we earthly children learn the hard lessons of life. And grandmother's is not usually the best place to train children for mature and responsible citizenship.

We cannot estimate the amount of the debt owed to Mary's or to John's parents who welcomed Mary and the baby into their home while John was overseas or Mary doing war work. But now John is back so let us by all means in our power help to establish or re-establish a home of their own. The men, far from home, in distant lands or seas, have longed for a settled place of their own. Give them a hand. Our governments give priority to "homes for Veterans," but a government is an unfeeling and unweildly machine, unless implemented by trained hands, clear minds and active good will on the people's part.

When little Jack is no longer running his train or his tricycle grandfather's house is quiet indeed and when night comes, grandfather wonders how the absence of one small boy and his mother, can make such a vacancy.

Grandma says, "But what if Jackie gets sick. What will Mary ever do?"

Grandpa hastily recovers from the momentary dismay caused by this question, and answers cheerfully, "why the same as anyone would do, send for the doctor, if necessary."

He sits down, and opens the paper, which, strangely enough, is folded neatly, is all in one piece, and in its old time place. As he adjusts his glasses he is thinking, "I suppose every season has its own fruits; a taste of fruit out of season is very good; undisturbed nights, peace and a well ordered life are among the many wholesome fruits, which the autumn of life brings."

Says grandmother hopefully, "if you think the tires would stand it, I really think we ought to go to St. Catherines for the weekend. Mary forgot to take one of Jackie's little suits, and I'm afraid he may need it."

Anna Maria Brown

MAPLE SYRUP CROP IS WORTH MILLIONS

This output is produced by nearly 50,000 farmers in Central Ontario, and the total number of trees now being tapped annually ranges between twenty and twenty-five million. Six years ago the total value of maple products was valued at six million dollars, but labor and other conditions brought this figure down since that time.

The tapping of maple trees goes back to the Indian days on the eastern seaboard, and while little appears in history about their method of extracting the sap and rendering it into syrup, references are found in the tribal dances, known as the maple dances, held each spring. It was not until 1865, however, that the maple syrup industry began to receive prominence in the reports of the governors and intendants of New France. Toward the end of the 18th century, the industry gained recognition as a commercial venture of some magnitude. Much of the advancement is attributed to new methods of collecting and boiling sap. While locally, more or less primitive methods are still used where farmers make for their own consumption and a few customers, larger producers have high-speed machinery for the purpose.

AUCTION SALE

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

1946, the following property belonging to

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 Part Jersey Cow, bred Aug. 1
 Red & White Cow, fresh, calf by side
 Red Cow, bred Aug. 16
 Ayrshire Cow, bred Oct. 16
 Black Cow, fresh, calf by side
 Part Jersey Cow, fresh, calf by side
 Black Cow, bred July 15
 Brindle Cow, bred Oct. 21
 Blue Heifer, fresh, calf by side
 Jersey Cow
 Roan Steer
 Holstein Heifer, not bred
 Red Heifer
 Red & White Heifer
 Black Heifer Calf
 Red Heifer Calf
 Holstein Heifer Calf
 Yorkshire Sow, bred Dec. 3
 Yorkshire Sow, bred Dec. 6
 Yorkshire Sow, bred Dec. 6
 8 Shoats

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 150 Bus. Feed Wheat
 300 Bus. Banner Oats
 50 Bus. Mixed Grain
 25 Bus. Rye
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 Set Neckyokes
 Set Single Harness
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 Set Sloop Sleighs
 Sulky Rake, M.H.
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 Cockshutt 15 Disc Drill
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 Gas Engine, 2 1/2 h.p.
 Blacksmith Forge
 Walking Plow, Wilkinson No. 21
 2-unit Aluminum Pails, Wright
 Way M.H.

Fanning Mill
 P.H. Cutting Box
 Manure Spreader, M.H.
 Many Other Articles

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 Quantity Linoleum
 Kitchen Table
 Odd Dishes
 Mail Box
 Box Stove

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Fred Johnson, Clerk
 A. S. Farmer, Auctioneer

THE OLD GRAVEL ROAD

In the old part of Ontario it is reported on official authority that supplies of gravel rapidly are disappearing. It is said that in some instances gravel is being hauled for a distance of 100 miles or more.

As to our Thunder Bay district the Times-Journal is informed by the Department of Highways that there are still adequate supplies of gravel for road improvements for an indefinite time ahead. In this respect we are fortunate.

Gravel is a deposit which occurs in a sort of sporadic fashion. There also is a wide variation in the quality of the gravel found in different deposits and different pits. Some gravel, while all right for certain types of roads, would not be suitable for concrete work.

In the old days in the east the gravel road was not like the broad gravel highways of today, built for motor traffic. The difference was even greater when we consider the splendid paved highways which now are the main arteries of motor traffic. The old-time gravel road was a narrow track in the middle of a grade, with ditches on each side. The vehicles using these roads were buggies and wagons drawn by horses. When two vehicles met on the road the horses would be slowed to a walk. Drivers then did not whiz by one another at speed. There was plenty of time to exchange greetings, for travellers on the old-time gravel road were likely to be well acquainted with each other. Often when they met on the road they would stop for a chat about crops and all sorts of things. In fact they might even take the time to negotiate a horse trade. Those old days were decidedly more leisurely than our modern days of rush and speed.

There used to be an old gravel road story which was told around many a corner grocery store stove, where the cracker barrel was with-in convenient reach.

Two farmers met on a gravel road. It appears they had met about a week previously and had traded horses.

"Good mornin', Bill," said one farmer.

"Good mornin', Tom," replied the other.

After some conversation on general topics Tom said to Bill: "Remember that horse you traded to me last Wednesday?"

"Yep," replied Bill.

"You didn't say anything about that horse havin' the heaves,"

"Nope," replied Bill. "The feller who traded him to me didn't say anything about it so I thought it was a secret."

—Fort William Times-Journal

HOW SPUD WAS NAMED

"Spud" in common parlance nowadays means a potato, but there was a time two centuries ago when SPUD stood for the Society for the Prevention of Unwholesome Diet. The Society was formed in protest against the introduction of potatoes into Great Britain. Potatoes were

looked upon as something unfit for food.—Consumer Section, Marketing Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

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Jobs Follow Organization

But Employers and Workers Must Assist

During the war organization of manpower was made possible through co-operation of employers and workers.

This co-operation is no less necessary to assist in organizing the employment market during the present critical period.

Some manpower controls still remain. These are still law. They are aimed at assisting in organizing the employment market.

Remaining controls are designed to help employers and workers—and actually require only minor assistance from the public.

YOU ARE URGED TO COMPLY WITH THE FOUR CONTROLS WHICH REMAIN:

- 1—Employers MUST notify the National Employment Office of any need for workers, as soon as that need is known.
- 2—Where employers engage workers outside the National Employment Service they MUST notify the nearest NES Office within three days, that an employee has been engaged. (Form NSS 312 is provided for this purpose.)
- 3—Unemployed workers seeking employment MUST register with the National Employment Office if unemployed for seven consecutive days.
- 4—Generally speaking, any employer or employee MUST give seven days' notice to the other party of any intention to terminate employment. (Form NSS 120 is still required.) Exceptions may be learned from the nearest NES Office.

The partners to industry—employers and employees—should help the National Employment Service to promote a high level of employment by complying with these simple rules.

Only with public support can an employment service give full assistance to the community.

Make full use of the Local Office of the National Employment Service. It is there to serve your needs, and those of the entire Community.

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NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Dominion Labour Department

HUMPHREY MITCHELL
 Minister of Labour

A. MACNAMARA
 Deputy Minister

