



SPRING SQUARE DANCE festival in Varsity Arena found Betty Barber, left, and Connie Rumney, both of Victoria Square, chatting with John Lundy, one of the three old-time fiddlers from the Caledon area who played the tunes for nearly 400 dancers.

Fred Hare, King Tp. Named Returning Officer York North

In the 13 federal electoral districts, or constituencies, in the Greater Toronto area, hundreds of enumerators will begin knocking on doors May 9, to list the potential voters who may cast ballots in the June 27 election. Returning officers for the 13 ridings have been named and are now preparing their programs.

There is an average of about 190 polling subdivisions in each riding, some with more and some with less, and about 300 voters in each. That means about 711,000 voters in Greater Toronto. The two candidates who had the highest ballot count in the last federal election may name two enumerators each for each polling division.

These workers will go about in pairs and will make repeat calls at homes where no one is present to give the necessary information. If nobody is found, after a reasonable number of calls, cards will be left which the householder and occupants may fill in and mail.

Lists, when they are completed, go to Ottawa and they are also posted in the subdivision. Those whose names have been left off may apply to courts of revision which will be held in convenient places to have their names added.

Will Notify Voters

Each voter is notified that his name is on the list. He gets a list which covers his polling subdivision and can see for himself.

Among the jobs of the returning officers is to appoint deputy returning officers for all the polling places. First, the returning officer finds convenient voting places. Often the householders of these places or operators of stores become the D.R.O.'s. Each D.R.O. has also to appoint a clerk for each poll.

All returning officers have been sent instructions on how to prepare for the election.

Enumeration ends May 14 and by May 16 lists must be in the hands of the various returning officers for printing. On June 1, the preliminary list may be printed; there is revision of rural lists on June 9. Urban lists are revised June 9, 10, 11. They are reprinted June 17, but this is not done for rural lists.

Woman is R.O.

Mrs. Zetta Howe, Eastdale Ave., who has been appointed returning officer for East York, is the first woman so named in Canada for any federal general election since Confederation. She also has one of the biggest ridings with 216 polling divisions. Another woman, named after Mrs. Howe, is Miss Margaret M. Green, Alameda Ave., and her riding in York South. She is the first single woman appointed.

Other returning officers appointed in the Greater Toronto area are: York North, Fred Hare, R.R.3 King; York West, Charles Ring, Mimico; Broadview, William Hogg; Danforth, W. H. Ford; Davenport, William S. Rosen; Eglinton, E. W. V. Scott; High Park, L. A. Leslie; Parkdale, John E. Madden; Rosedale, B. Leslie Shamp; St. Paul's, Leo B. Doheny; Spadina, John Kinsella; Trinity, Harry Gilbert.

Frozen Fruits And Vegetables

(Experimental Farms News) The garden fresh flavour and attractive appearance of frozen products are now familiar to Canadian consumers. What is not generally known, however, is the ease with which these products are prepared. If care is used in selecting high quality products, and good freezing facilities are available, preparation becomes comparatively simple in relation to other methods of preserving, says W. R. Phillips, Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

The housewife can save herself many hours of work over a hot stove during the summer. She can also avoid, to a great extent, all the trouble and worries of obtaining an air-tight seal on preserving jars. For fruits it is a question of normal cleaning and preparation as you would do for serving fresh. Sugar or syrup is added and the product is frozen and stored at 0°F. The only additional work involved with vegetables is that they have to be blanched. This process consists of a short dip in boiling water. The commercial processor and locker plant operators apply

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Mending Fences

Folklore axioms are often rooted in the verities and the statement that "good fences make good neighbors" is time-tested. The Stimulus-Response mechanism of the human nervous system is an unpredictable and awesome conglomeration of dendrites and synapses. Few environmental situations rouse a reaction more swift-

ly and overwhelmingly than the sight of a neighbor farmer's cows or pigs in one's field of corn or clover. In olden days most townships had a fence viewer to settle arguments when the peace of the countryside was in danger of disintegrating.

For thousands of years fences have played an essential role in animal husbandry. When pioneers

began making farms in this new land they used the material available. Stone walls lined the roads and climbed the pasture slopes of the Northeast. Stump fences lasted for decades and were used over a wide area. Thousands of miles of rail fences were built in the Middle West. Hedges were planted in many places. Then wire was invented and later the barbs devised that held stock in bounds by their sharp, multiple points.

Good farmers like to keep ahead of their work. If a man falls behind it seems as though he is forever struggling to catch up. A sunny April day when the soil is too wet to work is a good time to mend fence. Technically the work follows a familiar routine. Wires need to be stretched; some new posts may have to be set. Frost-heaved rocks have to be replaced.

But there's more to mending fence than just making things tight for another season. A man can lift his eyes to the April sky and the shaggy masses of white clouds; he can study the trees and opening buds. First violets are holding their faces to the sun and the deep green of winter rye and wheat is an encouraging promise of coming harvest. The hoarse challenge of cock pheasants sounds from wood's edge and the caws of crows from the meadow tell of the annual, noisy spring convention. Bluebirds' plaintive arias and robins' rollocking calls, tell man that winter is really over and a new season is at hand. Mending fence is a humble task but it gives one satisfaction to walk around his acres and see that all is well.

A fence, according to Webster, is an abbreviation of defence. It is a bulwark—the guardian of one's home. Man is inarticulate before the miracle of life. But his home is a part of it—and the fences represent a bit of earth that is his own. Mending fence may be a mechanical task but it has a deep meaning. —Ottawa Journal

Claim Horses Worked Until They Drop Dead

Thessalon, May 4—Charges that more than 100 horses were worked day and night until they dropped dead or were killed in the bush are being investigated by Ontario Humane Society officials and police in this lumbering community about 50 miles south-east of Sault Ste. Marie.

Humane Society officials said the death rate among 275 horses used by a logging company in the Rocky Lake area, 80 miles north of here, was the highest of any lumbering operation in Canada.

Rosario Tessier, a Sudbury horse dealer who rented horses to the company, estimated that 125 horses were killed by overwork in three weeks of hauling logs to lakes and streams.

Harold Allard, district inspector of the Humane Society, said two senior officials of the society were coming from the society's head office at St. Catharines to help him.

Mr. Tessier, who has brought a suit, for damages against the company, said 30 of the 70 horses he rented to the company were killed and that 20 of the others were condemned by Dr. Thomas Young, Sudbury veterinarian.

A federal horticulturist said last week at Ottawa that commercial strawberry growers in Canada were faced with serious virus infections that stunts the plants and decreases yields. A. W. S. Hunter, of the Department of Agriculture's central experimental farm, said the disease was spread by insects and advised commercial growers to take more care in the selection of strawberry plants and remove any plants suspected of infection.

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