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THE NANTICOKE SIDEROAD

AFTER DRIVING along the Nanticoke side road a few days ago we came to the conclusion that if anyone could have a justifiable peeve against their living conditions it would be the people who reside on this road.

Throughout the war years and since they have experienced the consistent flooding of their fields from the water line feeding the Hagersville Army Camp.

This seems to be the only hope of better things to come for the residents along the Nanticoke sideroad.

OUR WEEKLY PAPERS

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS in the Ontario-Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association again call attention to the important role the weekly paper is playing in the journalistic field.

It is customary, three newspapers have been selected for special recognition.

In spite of the fact that editions of city newspapers can be delivered to any community in Ontario within a few hours after they come off the presses, the weekly paper, in the most local sense, would seem to be more than holding its own.

There are good reasons for this. People will always be more interested in what is going on in their immediate vicinity than in events in far-off places, and the local paper is now, as it has always been in the past, a mirror of the life of the community it serves.

It has adopted many of the syndicated features of the daily press to widen its reader interest, and its appearance has been improved by the introduction of modern printing methods.

In the larger towns there has been a tendency towards increased specialization and many of the larger weeklies have a business and advertising manager, a composing room, a printer, linotype operators, clerks and reporters almost on the scale of a small city daily.

With this expansion editorials have been apt to follow more and more the lines of leading articles in the daily press, so that when awards are made such as that of the Fort Erie Times-Record it actually means that adjudication has been made on the same "points" that would govern a competition among city newspapers.

WHAT PRICE WIFE? AT THE RECENT CONVENTION of the Liberal party in Ontario, provincial leader Farquhar Oliver paid tribute to his wife, with whom, he said, he could not give the time

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

His wife was invaluable. "She runs our farm expertly," he commented. Undoubtedly many farmers realize just how valuable a wife is, but it took an American economist to transcribe that value into dollars and cents terms.

After years of study, this economist said a farmer's wife is an asset worth precisely \$2,760 annually. Just how he reached this calculation, isn't known, but on the strength of it the capital cash value of a good wife works out at about \$91,000 if interest on an investment is taken at three per cent.

Most farmers probably didn't realize that when they went to the altar, they came home \$91,000 richer. If they were worth their salt, most farmers were not thinking in terms of cash at that point.

To a fair-minded man—especially after a good meal—a good wife, even if she cannot milk a cow or gather an egg in the barn, is worth a good deal more than \$2,760 a year.

Of course there are many cross entries in this calculation. The expenses of a new hat, purse or hair-do, must be deducted from her earnings.

Wordsworth, who was notoriously bad with figures, called her a "vision bright with something of an angel's light." This definition will serve better than any figures the economists are likely to produce.

CHURCHILL THE WRITER

MOST PEOPLE are familiar with the spoken word of Winston Churchill and will remember his stirring speeches during the war.

Now that September is here the fraternal societies, The Board of Trade and other organizations that take a holiday in the summer, will be getting back on the job.

Getting away from the domestic picture to again pose the question of the British agreement for further tariff reduction it will be of interest to quote the main commitments made by the British government.

Under the Wheat Board, a total of 600 million bushels of wheat for a tentative 4-year delivery. Under the Meat and Poultry Act, the following: 120 million lbs. of beef annually down to 1947.

These days shorebirds or waders are found on any beach or in any shallow area in shallow streams.

Two common shorebirds which are seen on sandy beaches are the Least Sandpiper and the Western Sandpiper.

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The Time For Decision

By George W. James The Canadian Statesman, Bowmanville, Ont.

So far the articles in this series have dealt with the political situation by way of contrast between the Ottawa Liberal administration and the policies advocated by the Progressive Conservative Party led by John Bracken.

Two previous articles have dealt with the British Provisions Act and the Farm Products Marketing Act. Under these two acts the farmer has lost all freedom over his surplus production.

These British Agreements were later laid before parliament for ratification. The debates that ensued have revealed the attitude taken by the parties most interested.

But first it would be well to present the main features of the agreements as they affect Canadian farmers generally and to the prices arranged for them, not by them, and the controls that now govern them.

In Article 10 Canadian farm prices in almost all cases were shown to be about 45 per cent less than those obtained by U.S.A. farmers.

Bringing the matter down to a concrete basis so that the position may be better understood by the hard working farmer of the back concessions we quote from Hansard debates.

Now in regard to the situation generally and the British agreements particularly, the question is, have the changing policies of our present government led to the agricultural and other organizations to maintain the position of this country in world markets?

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