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## HITCHHIKERS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER PEACE was declared there seemed to be fewer hitchhikers on the roads. During the war Servicemen, by reason of circumstances, found it necessary to seek rides from the public if they expected to make good use of their short leaves. But now, a couple of years later, the thumb hinking fraternity seems to be growing again.

We never could, even in the depression days of the thirties, understand the necessity of men riding all over the country by the thumbing method. And particularly in these days when employment is waiting for anyone willing to work we fail to see any reason whatsoever for full grown men standing on the side of the road like cigar store Indians, except that they have their thumb in the air at the sight of every approaching motorist.

The world is full of free riders and we suspect that most of those who travel that way on the highways are doing it in many other ways.

OLD HOME WEEK

THE OLD HOME WEEK idea is gaining favor. This year more towns and cities than ever before are calling home their scattered sons and daughters from across the continent to renew acquaintance with the people and scenes they left behind.

For both the stay-at-homes and the wanderers the reunions are happy occasions.

Older folk, returning to old haunts, marvel at how much the town has grown, how Main Street has spruced up and the present municipal council has gone after improvements. With the entire community in the best bid and tucker, they realize that the home town was a mighty good place after all.

The younger men and women who went away to the war and when they left the services, just happened to settle in the cities, gaze on the familiar streets with mingled emotions. To them, despite chamber of commerce figures on population increases, the old town may look smaller than ever. But, as they mingle with friends of their schooldays, they inevitably wonder whether they would be happier in the small town than in the busy — and lonely — big city.

The parades, led by the town band, the public dinners, the church services, the picnics, the beauty contests, the quiet family get-togethers and the display of new babies — all the events of the reunion week add up to wholesome fun and memories to be long cherished.

Love of family, love of home town and love of country are all intermingled in these celebrations which give present citizens of the towns a chance to look at those who left to make their mark elsewhere and give the seekers of the far horizons an opportunity to draw new inspiration from the scenes of their youth.

TO A CANADIAN returning from abroad probably the most meaningful of the flood of sensations to greet him on his homecoming is the distinctive sound of the engine whistle. The low, prolonged wail as the train speeds past Maritime marshlands and fishing streams, quiet Quebec farming communities, rugged northern Ontario, the limitless western plains, or the Rockies' mighty grandeur is as nostalgic and significant a sound as is bagpipe music to the Scot.

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We do not what we ought; We do not what we ought; And lean upon the thought; That chance will bring us through; But our own acts, for good or ill, are mightier powers.

So we make no apologies for the frank look at the Canadian banks. The reason they stand so high in public esteem is because of the service they provide the people and the nation. Seven million depositors can't be wrong. The system is the best in the world. It gathers the deposits, large and small, of millions of people,

provides the loans that enable production, processing and transportation, and furnishes a rock-like foundation under employment and national prosperity. They have never failed in two world wars and all the economic turmoil arising from them. No depositor ever fears the loss of a dollar in a Canadian chartered bank.

No doubt you'll be told that our financial secrecy can be taken care of by legislation. Canadians, we venture to say, have too realistic a knowledge of practical politics to be taken in. If you are one of the seven million depositors ask yourself if you want patronage to become the basis of banking accommodation; or if you want your savings to be the instrument of economic experiment.

Then take a good look at recent events and ask yourself if in irritation or perplexity you haven't at times used your franchise "against" something without fully realizing that the person to whom you gave your ballot is "for" something you certainly do not want.

## IS BUSINESS A PROFESSION?

SOME PERSONS dismiss the question about professional ethics for business by just saying, "There's a difference." But do not the basic qualities of professionalism hold true for business?

There is not yet the unity in business one sees in the professions, but each business is working steadily toward self-expression in the ethical field. Judged on the basic requirements the only difference between business and the professions is one of degree, not of kind.

The question has been asked, why make a difference between those who build a school and those who teach in it; between the supplier of food and the provider of health? It's all in the way you look at it. As R. H. Taves, of Oxford, said in his book, The Acquisitive Society, "The work of making boots or building a house is in itself no more degrading than that of curing the sick or teaching the ignorant."

It is as necessary and therefore as honorable. The man in business is as proud of having his work referred to as "a good piece of work" as the lawyer is of hearing his brief called "a professional job." The Oxford Dictionary leaves the way open for business men, because it defines a profession as "the occupation which one professes to be skilled in and to follow," a description which certainly includes business.

Of course, some will say that business men are in business to make money, and that is not wrong. It is true that a large income is incident to success in business, but he who exaggerates the value of the incident is likely to fail of real success. Successful conduct of business includes also excellence of performance, continuous betterment of methods, and process improvement of products, perfection of organization between management and workers, and right relations with customers and the community. In all this there is the making of a professional strike which renders great practical service and be noble in action.

Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to, the more ought law to weed it out.

—Francis Bacon

## LINKS OF STEEL

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## Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

When Richard Arkwright invented his cotton spinning machine some time around 1760, it was predicted that workers would suffer because the machines would replace them. At that time, in England, there were approximately 7,000 handloom weavers in the production of textiles. Twenty-seven years later, when the first power loom was introduced, the number of handloom weavers had fallen from 7,000 to 2,000. The textile industry was the foundation for the machine that made the Industrial revolution which made Britain the greatest textile producing nation in the world.

We picked this up in "Stelco Flashback." "It was rather late at night when the man of the house went to the kitchen for a midnight snack before retiring. He opened the refrigerator and was startled to find a cold chicken when suddenly he stopped short. There, on the bottom shelf, was a widdle rabbit curled up and sound asleep."

"Whatcha doing here?" asked the worthy gentleman. "I was just taking a little nap," replied the rabbit. "This is a Westinghouse, isn't it?"

We have an idea that some day, in the not too distant future, Walpole street is going to be a widdle rabbit street. Right now the profusion of weeds is obscuring the real beauty of the street. But we expect they will go before long and the new residents on the east side will follow the example for neatness set for all residents on the street by Jim Mitchell. The fine new road with its curbed sidewalk will make it a joy to see.

We are still in need of good weeds. We confess that our knowledge of such things is limited but we were at one time that after a certain stage the weeds scatter the result that come another season a lot of weeds make their bow to society. Maybe we should have a weed cutting bee and call on all the Post Office every night at seven o'clock and the weeds will be in need of weed. Maybe it's not in need of weed. Maybe it's not in need of weed. Maybe it's not in need of weed.

Arrell Martindale, of Caledonia, and Wilfred Willis, of Hagersville, have jobs in common. They are managers of the Bands in their respective towns. Through the initiative both organizations have developed to the point where they are interested in the same things. They have earned the pride of their citizens. The combined bands presented a splendid example for the Children's play in Caledonia last Sunday evening. It was estimated that 1,000 people were in the grandstand. While the combined bands were the feature, other artists rounded out a program of an extremely high calibre. We would like to see a similar program presented in Jarvis — and don't be surprised if the Lions Club sponsor such an event. Don't miss it if they do.

We just received a flash from head quarters that swimming in the nude was barred this year at the annual picnic meeting of a certain organization that meets at Lake Erie at a certain cottage. The fellows were dispatched with flash cameras for a scoop came back empty handed and seemingly a trifle disappointed.

Letter To The Editor

The Editor,  
The Jarvis Record.  
Dear Sir:  
It is two weeks since you received a letter stating the condition of the Nanticoke sideroad. In the interval, absolutely nothing has been done by the Council to alleviate the situation.

At that same time, a copy of the letter was sent to the Chairman of the Good Roads Committee, and was subsequently read at a Council meeting.

Evidently, all that it did was cause the Councilors to infer that "members of the County Council don't know anything" and therefore they "don't know enough to oil the Nanticoke Sideroad." Such were not the implications, as it is not the purpose of these communications to belittle Councilmen.

The fact remains that the road continues to offer up clouds of dust, and nothing is being done about it. Through the generous co-operation of our local garage owner, some thirty gallons of oil were poured in front of our home, but of course, the effect has greatly diminished. Then, too, it befitted, if briefly, only by the one reason.

Such matters as the conditions of this road and every similar road in the county are too important to be overlooked any longer. They are the direct concern of the County Council, and should be attended to without any urging from ratepayers.

If the neglect is continued then a higher authority must be appealed to for a questioning into the administration of our affairs.

(Mrs. H. L.) Helen M. Snowden  
July 26th, 1948.

"A MITE TETCHED"  
Almost without exception, events (for Old Home Week) came off as scheduled. Catering was good; activity of the police was amazing; and anyone who could not find enjoyment in Perth last week would have been blind, deaf, dumb and a mite tetch.

—Matthew Arnold

## NOTICE

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER IN ME VESTED, I HEREBY PROCLAIM

MON, AUG. 2

Civic Holiday

AND REQUEST ALL CITIZENS TO GOVERN THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY

Geo. W. Walker, Reeve  
THE VILLAGE OF JARVIS

## GOEDERICH TOWNSHIP FARMER HAS 4-YEAR-OLD PONY

W. R. Dougal, widely known County Weed Inspector, in the course of his duties throughout the county, comes across some strange things. It was at the farm of Del Gardiner, near Homeville when Mr. Gardiner showed him an Indian Pony frail.

which, he said, was forty-eight years old. According to Mr. Dougal, the pony had been on the farm about half a century, and Mr. Dougal he well recalled the members of the family to whom it had been passed down.

"I never heard of a horse being that age, but after I saw the pony, I can well imagine it is forty-eight years old," Mr. Dougal said.

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## News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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