

Jarvis Women's Institute

by Jessie Miller
Mrs. Robert Smuck, the newly elected president of the Jarvis Women's Institute was hostess for the May meeting held in the United Church Parlor on the afternoon of May 13.

Mrs. Ross Dossier, who was named to attend the provincial convention in Guelph, was unable to attend, so no one went from the Jarvis Branch this year.

The Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sumner Church read the correspondence announcing a meeting in Kohler the same evening under the title "Calorie Count Down." A letter of thanks was received from Janet McSorley for a recipe file presented by the Women's Institute.

Two resolutions had been presented to the Jarvis Council since the April meeting, both of which received replies. The first resolution asked that all residences and business establishments be numbered. The second resolution was that a library be established in the Village.

The District Annual meeting will be held in Selkirk on May 28, starting

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The Jarvis Lions Club, Jarvis, Ontario

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8 Years and Under:

Vocalist Instrumentalist Variety

9-12 Inclusive:

Vocalist Instrumentalist Variety

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Miss Wilhelma Cramp of Meadford spent Tuesday with Mrs. R. A. Miller. Miss Debbie Guiler of Port Dover spent the weekend with her great grandmother. Her mother came to Jarvis to take her home on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ben Johnson, Miss Myrtle Johnson of Jarvis, and Mrs. Lucy Walter, Mrs. Rita Anderson of

Board Of Trade Contest Success

by Ted Oldham
The first attempt at a Miss Jarvis Board of Trade Contest was a tremendous success.

The girls were beautiful, Bill Snowden did a first rate job as MC, and Marilyn Hazlett as co-ordinator and committee chairman deserves a vote of thanks.

Some 200 people attended the dance and I think everyone had a good time. As president of the Board of Trade I wish to thank everyone for their support.

Our Queen is Miss Linda Mitchell daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gord Mitchell of RR 3, Jarvis; First Runner Up was Miss Linda Cassidy of Jarvis; Second Runner

Jarvis Community Fund

The Institute will place a float in the Victoria Day parade.

Mrs. J. W. Duxbury and Mrs. R. A. Miller were tied in the Mother's day contest. Mystery prize was won by Mrs. Tom Brown.

Mrs. Preston, president of the Cancer Society announced an open meeting of the Cancer Society with Mrs. Walters showing pictures, etc., later in June at the Oddfellows Hall. Everyone is welcome. Mrs. Harry Belbeck gave the courtesy remarks.

Successful Show

Another success, and another year, is the way to describe the Scout Show for 71.

The shows cast are a group of boys and leaders from Haldimand County, who when combined, resulted in a fine amateur talent show.

It was held in the Secondary School, Hagersville on Friday evening and in Dunnville High School Saturday evening.

Rev. John Roberts is president of the Haldimand District Council, Boy Scouts of Canada, and Mr. Steve King is District Commissioner.

Hagersville, were in Toronto guests of Mrs. Grace Wood.

The Jarvis Women's Institute honored Richard Telford for flowers at the May meeting for Mothers day.

Mrs. John Awe returned from visiting Catharines with her Mrs. Esther Kerlake.

Dr. Russell Colman Grimsby had the misfortune of breaking his hip week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Donaldson of Fergus visited Mrs. Lilian Long Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, Mr. Allan Smith and Edith Hudson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Puslinch Wednesday in honor of Hudson's 89th birthday.

She is the last of a family of 10 born in St. John's, Yorkshire, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Underhill of Detroit, Marks; Mrs. Reynolds, Simcoe; Dr. and Mrs. Milner of Kincardine daughter who is a nurse training at St. Thomas visited Mrs. Telford Sunday.

Guests at Presbyterian Manse Sunday and Monday, May 16, were Steve Taylor, his wife, Joyce and son, Gary.

Deborah A. Taylor-Munro returned Sunday evening from young peoples and inspirational "Thaw-Out" weekend at Camp Knap Lake Huron.

Board Of Trade Contest Success

Up, Miss Marilyn Slater of RR 1 Jarvis; Third Runner Up, Miss Kathy Brinnell of Jarvis, and Fourth Runner Up, Miss Cheryl Jaques of RR 1, Jarvis.

Village business people donated nearly \$400 worth of prizes which were shared among the 12 entries. Door prizes were donated by Bailey and Linklater and Malen Wilkins.

The judges also deserve a vote of thanks for giving their time on two separate nights and their task was not easy. They were Nina Hinks, Hamilton; Moyna Rutherford and Betty Bedford of Simcoe.

Our Queen will represent the Board of Trade at the upcoming Victoria Day Celebrations and this fall at the International Plowing Match.

To all concerned that donated prizes and those who worked at the dance, wives who helped provide lunch for the semi-finals and to the community for supporting us, it proves that there is no place else to beat Jarvis.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Neglecting The Essentials?

We've come a long way from the old days when homemade bread, homemade butter, home cured bacon or other home produced foods constituted most of our diet, especially for those of us who lived on farms.

Now, for those who can afford them, there's a mad rush towards convenience foods and packaged foods - things that require a minimum of preparing.

The housewife who bakes her own cakes and makes her own puddings is probably in the minority now. It's much easier to take something out of a container and eat it on the table in a jiffy.

Another trend is towards artificial and substitute foods. This one has nutrition authorities worried.

Canada's food and drug directorate is concerned that this tendency may lead people to deprive themselves of essential nutrients. It says that unless some control is exercised, people may in time replace more traditional foods with new products in the belief that they are equally nutritious.

The directorate suggests that if a food normally is a source of 10 percent of the daily requirement of a nutrient, the substitute food should contain equal amounts of nutrients.

As an example, a substitute for real milk would be to contain equivalent nutrients to real milk - 11 vitamins and five minerals. The same rule would apply to other foods.

Why the growing popularity of the substitutes? One reason presumably is that they are easy to prepare, save time and trouble in the kitchen. Another may be that we are becoming less interested in eating as a pleasure and looking on it merely as a necessity to keep ourselves alive.

Certainly today people don't take eating as seriously as our forbears did 70 or 80 years ago. When sat down to dinner, then it was likely to be a serious business running to four or five courses and lasting an hour or more.

Less attention was paid in those days to the nutritive value of the foods. Quantity was stressed rather than quality. But if today we are more interested in the quality of what we eat, it is surprising that we are going for substitute foods so strongly and paying so little attention to the nutrients in them.

Perhaps it is time we got back to eating food which is wholesome and putting more emphasis on the nutrients derived from it than the convenience of serving. Certainly the farming population would be happier if we might all be healthier.

Wise, Unwise And Otherwise

by The Old Owl

What The "New Math" Has Done

Frankly, I do not understand the new math. I made up or two half hearted attempts then gave up. Arithmetic and grammar were my worst subjects in school. What I am interested in just now is the result or effect of such teaching and also of the neglect of the old.

Recently I heard over the radio a report on this subject. This news item was later printed in the "Star" and an editorial appeared in the same paper, which was also considered important.

The item starts out by saying that a Toronto school principal said that grade nine pupils were unable to handle fractions they should have learned in grade seven. Here are some quotations: "More than half the class could not express 65 percent as a decimal." "Only a small minority of the class (grade nine) knew the number of feet in a mile." "How to calculate the circumference of a circle, or express 2 1/2 percent as a decimal. Less than half of the students tested knew the number of pints in a gallon and could find 15 percent of 20."

How can a student, graduate or not, work in any laboratory, if he could not pass a grade seven arithmetic test? What good would he or she be to an employer? They will soon find out that real life is not in an ivory tower or on a plateau far above the clouds, but it must be lived in the mass of struggling humanity. It is for this that our schools and universities should be preparing their pupils - to live and make a contribution in the workaday world. This is what the editorial "The defects in our educational system will not be corrected if we continue in complacent acceptance of it as they are. Parents expect that their children will receive the best education possible to equip them for life."

The writer of the editorial is evidently dissatisfied with the school system, he describes it in these words: spelling (grammar drill is "old fashioned"); feeble literary (leading to the weird use of words . . .); and a knowledge of general literature. (The classics and Shakespeare are also old fashioned.)

The radio one teacher was quoted as saying that he set up special classes to teach orthodox arithmetic to pupils and a lady teacher said she also had special classes to teach spelling and composition to her pupils. Her statement that parents should investigate not only their children know but also what they don't know should know, the editorial concludes: "The essential question is the learning of the basics required in our way of living."

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO

It will soon be 78 years since the great fire occurred in Jarvis, but memories of the destruction which resulted from the same, are still vivid in the minds of a few residents like J.J. Parsons, Thomas Brown and others. The issue of the Simcoe Reformer dated May 30, 1873 contained the following description of the catastrophe - "On Saturday, May 24, 1873, a very destructive fire occurred in this place. It was first discovered in the store and dwelling house of Messrs. Armour & Hartwell. The flames spread rapidly, and soon covered the whole building. Mr. J. Smith's hotel and stables soon caught fire and were totally destroyed. The fire continued spreading and destroyed the following places, mostly residences. Mr. Whitaker's dwelling, total loss; Montgomery's hotel and buildings, total loss; Messrs. Mobolo's tin shop, store and house, total loss; Wm. Chambers' buildings, total loss.

The following were also heavy losers: J. Lambert, J. Parksall, Mrs. St. Onge, S. Burbidge John Heasman, John Jones, James Jones and S. Underhill.

Mr. R. Sill sustained considerable loss on dry goods, etc., caused by removal, but his buildings were all saved. Mr. A. Grimshaw, while working at the fire, hurt his hand badly. The cause of the fire is not positively known, but is attributed to fire crackers. The total loss is very heavy and hard to estimate.

Messrs. Armour & Hartwell were insured; all the others are poorly insured. No lives were lost. At six p.m. the fire was under control. In addition to the above, Mr. Epp's watchmaker shop, Mr. Reynolds' Show shop, and Mr. Abraham's dwelling, were consumed."

received supplies. Nurses and Wardens found their way to the offices of the Canadian National Railways in Cocksport Street and their requests for poaster have been promptly granted.

Bombings in Britain have the cows on edge - and the nervous reaction is affecting the milk supply. Bossy's milk fairly curdles when the bombs begin screaming, Major Gage of Kansas City was informed in a letter from Capt. T. Allen Stevens, breeder of dairy Shorthorns near Farington, Berkshire, England.

Beavers in Algonquin Park are sabotaging the Canadian National Railways. So says A. Hoffman, Section Foreman at Brantford, Ont., as reported in The Canadian National

Magazine. For months she has had to break up dams to prevent damage to railway property from floods. He has tried all sorts of ruses but the beavers are clever and persistent. Too close to the railway track is their pond, 75 feet square, the work of three years. The

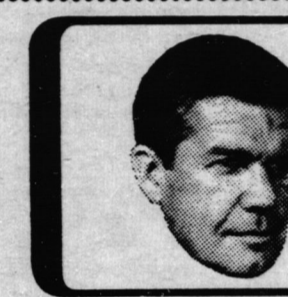
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Dear Ante Brownie:
Thank you for the sweater and for the baby doll pyjamas. I like them both very much. I have worn the sweater 4 or 5 times. Last week and the week before I went to Windsor. My friends have a dog named Gala. It is a Sheatland Sheep dog and it makes puddles. The kinds of dogs I like are Sheatland Sheep dogs, Scotties and pudels. I am trying to talk Mummy into a pudel, if I can't get one it will be a Scottie. Sorry I didn't write sooner.

Affectionately,
(name withheld)

I captured the above letter by accident, with the co-operation of a nice secret operative named Auntie Brownie who has agreed to help me investigate the spelling situation in Grade 4, which to me is more funny than atrocious.

As a beginning, we will pass over the opening use of the term "ante", in place of the familiar diminutives "auntie" or "aunty" for one's aunt, (even if she is in fact as undiminutive as a barrage balloon). "Ante" is a completely natural error for an 8-year-old poker player to make.

Sweater: At first glance, this would appear to prove that the child can spell and pronounce the word "wet", and probably that she has been cautioned that little girls never employ the word "sweat"; "pursuasion" being far more John Teal. I contend that this is not simple carelessness, for she spells "sweater" the same way later in the letter. (Quit jumping up and down, madam; we'll get to "Sheatland" in a minute.)

Pyjamas: I rather like this. Every time I spell the word properly as "pyjamas" some bizzibuddy editor changes it to "pajamas", then a couple of colonels huff and puff in letters to the editor that I am taking short cuts with a fine old British word. "Pyjamas" is an excellent Canadian compromise.

Boath and Verry: So what? Before: In Grade 3 she used to spell it "befour". Now she knows that is wrong.

Sheatland: If she had used this spelling only once, in contrast to her phonetic approach in "sweater" (above), I would be inclined to call it careless-

ness. However, since she pronounces it "shetland", I can only assume that her acquaintance with the language induces her to believe that no word ever is as easy to spell as it seems; hence the extra a.

Pudels: This is very close to being right, of course. I am inclined to believe that since a Sheatland sheep dog is a small dog, a pudle is a small pudle.

Pudels: This is very interesting. She obviously was searching for a way to express the "oo" sound. If a pudle is a puddle, then a puddle obviously becomes a pudle - add e after the d to get the deep u, as in "strudel".

Affectionately: To my mind, this shows ambition, drive, and a desire to do these things in a large way. She could have taken the easy way out (luv), but this child is somewhat reserved. Undoubtedly the shade of meaning between "affectionately" and "luv" was what attracted her to the former.

There is one other possible answer which would cover all the spellings examined above.

It is this: There is nothing a small girl or boy can do which causes such widespread enjoyment, fun, and laughter as writing a letter and making spelling errors.

Suppose you, or any other Auntie Brownie, received a letter from a little girl which read:

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Would you roar with laughter? Would you call for everyone to come and hear? Would you spell half the words, with tears running down your cheeks at the juxtaposition of "puddle" and "puddle"? No, you'd yawn. Vive little girls.

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