

'Rhymes And Rambles' Sells Well

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 "This is really a great example of rural central Ontario writing. . . . Some of the verses bring back memories."

He went on to say that Doug's book reminded him of the kind of poetry James Whitcombe Riley wrote at the turn of the century. These words of praise were especially appreciated because Riley is one of Doug's favourite writers. "Whitcombe Riley had a way with words."

"Oh! we're living in a favourite spot, In a prosperous, peaceful land; For there's nothing been forgotten, Here, beside the dear old Grand."

Doug was born in 1897 on a 200 acre farm three miles north of Cayuga along the Grand. He spent the better part of his life until 1947 farming there and often refers to the river in his poetry. The old Grand River "seems to be part of you," he said. "It kind of grows on you."

Doug is also proud

of his "one of the last of Haldimand County's old timers" label because he identifies with and loves the common country people.

To substantiate the old time image for a picture on the cover of his book, Doug drew his hair close to shoulder length and sported a moustache and goatee. The image was topped with the Murray trademark - a big Western hat.

When Doug was young, he was "a kind of rough, tough boy." So, his father told him to go out west. "It was a great education," says Doug. He worked on bridge gangs and on a cattle ranch at Kamloops, B.C. This is where he picked up the "Peter! Pumpkin Eater!"

Upset George Greenaway's hydro meter." Doug first became interested in poetry when he was five years old. He memorized all the Mother Goose nursery rhymes and jingles. Then, he would twist

them around or make up his own.

"My mother saw I had a trend that way and every year, she gave me a book of poems for my birthday," he said. "I was kind of fascinated by poetry."

In school, Doug received top marks for his compositions written about such simple things as the birds flying south and country scenes - "things that people never think about."

When he was in his teens, Doug wrote to girls in verse. "I wrote some pretty wild poetry." They used to keep me on a string just to see what was next, Doug added.

"Our town who bashed in the Padres smile, We're proud we had him for a while."

Doug doesn't list any particular poem as his favourite, but did say he was rather proud of "On The Passing of Padre Pryse." The Padre was a local man "who made people feel good. . . . and was buried among the Indians." Area friends were quite pleased with the writing.

Occasionally, people will complain about Doug's poetry printed in the Advocate. "I wrote a piece about our family picnic which some people thought was

\$1,200 Fire Raise

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 reduce for each hour at a fire could be implemented.

Walpole representatives will discuss the matter further at the joint level.

Also at the meeting: Reeve Gordon Miller is the appointed member to the Hagersville and Suburban Planning Board for Walpole Township for 1973.

It was resolved that tenders be called for culvert material for the Phibbs and Mitchell culverts.

The replies from the consultant and lawyer regarding moving of cottages at Woodlawn was accepted by council and passed to the Building Inspector to enforce.

Council received certification of approval from the Health Unit for Sprucedale School for Boys.

Two persons are appealing against proposed bylaw No. 1548 to close a portion of Water St. and Back St. (.034 acre) in the hamlet of Garnet.

Lawyer John Smith of Hamilton, representing Ronald Roulston and Fred Roulston is to appeal against the bylaw on the grounds that the closing of these two portions of streets could be prejudicial to the interest of his clients to the sale of lots to the Canadian National Railroad.

Council reserved their decision to a later date.

off colour," he said. One person wrote a letter to the editor suggesting that an old man of Doug's age should have something better to do than write that tomfoolery and said the editor should have exercised his right of censorship.

"The Scotch woman washed the paper plates, And I hid behind the kitchen."

It was adult entertainment Just to hear the old girls bitchin'."

However, Doug couldn't care less and his family "is always prepared for the worst." When he's not writing, Doug goes fishing, plays cards, talks to school classes and tells stories at banquets.

Well that's the story of our lives, We have our ups and downs, Half the while, we wear a smile And half the while a frown."

Jarvis Budget

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 bylaw became effective as of Jan. 1, 1973 and thus, they are eligible for a grant this year. Rabies clinic will be held in Jarvis May 8, 1:30 to 5:00.

Council approved a bylaw requesting permission to close highways 6 and 3 between 1:30-3:30 on May 21 for the annual parade. Council gave the Lions Club permission to close James St. and set off fireworks on May 21.

Celebrates

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 Port Dover and eggs sold at nine cents a dozen.

Mrs. Huffman has two children residing in Hamilton, Mrs. Hazel Griffin and Ross Huffman, five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

When she was asked to reveal her secret of longevity, she replied "hard work."

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Hit Farm Input Cost

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 reflected back through the system ultimately establishes the price for cattle."

Farm input costs have risen substantially during the past few years and consequently beef producers cannot be expected to continually raise cattle at prices which existed five or ten years ago.

Said Brown, "As an example a new tractor today costs about twice what it did five or six years ago and livestock feed prices have increased from 30% to 100% during the past year due to bad weather conditions in a large part of North America. Consumers should realize as well that their annual or semi-annual increase in wages is reflected back to me in the form of higher costs for input items such as fertilizer, farm equipment, parts, and gasoline. For years I have absorbed these increased costs by becoming more efficient and working on larger and larger volumes but receiving the same price for my cattle to the point where I was receiving lower and lower returns for my labour, management and capital investment."

When this point is reached, individual decisions are made by beef producers to either get out of beef production or reduce the size of their operation."

Current cattle prices will insure a continually expanding supply of beef for future years. Lower prices will eventually mean reduced supplies. "Ontario beef producers are ready, willing and able to provide a continuity of supply of high quality beef for Canadian consumers and will do so if given a reasonable return for their efforts," concluded Brown.

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Junior Farmer News

Paula Gee Wins Trip To Nova Scotia

The Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario held its Annual Meeting and Conference at Inn on the Park, Toronto, March 23, 24, 25, 1973.

Friday's program included an introduction to the Conference program with an opportunity for delegates to become acquainted within groups and an exchange of local Junior Farmer club ideas. This was followed by the Annual Meeting, Zone Meetings, and that evening, a get-acquainted party.

The theme of Conference '73 was "Meet Your Neighbour." The program was designed to help delegates become acquainted with "neighbours" in varied social situations, many of whom we'd never had the opportunity to meet. We split into ten groups, and were bused to various community agencies Saturday morning. Our visits included "Life in the City," "Suburban Living," the Aged, the Physically Handicapped, Unemployment, the "Working World," the Drug Scene, New Canadians, the Mentally Handicapped, and Youth and the Law.

In the afternoon, delegates met in groups back at Inn on the Park, to exchange information on our "Meet Your Neighbour" experiences.

One of the highlights of the Annual Banquet, Saturday evening, was the announcement of the Travelling Opportunity winners. One of our

Haldimand County Junior Farmer members, Paula Gee, won a trip to Nova Scotia this summer. A dance and reunion of past Junior Farmer members followed the banquet.

The Conference ended Sunday, on the note "Reach Out. . . . With Caring." Over a hundred delegates from across Ontario attended the Conference, along with a number of visiting delegates from Prince Edward Island, Alberta, Quebec, Indiana, and the U.S.A.

Haldimand's delegates to the conference included: Jim Cowie of R. R. 2, Caledonia; Paula Gee of R. R. 1, Fisherville; Ralph Hedley of R. R. 2, Canfield; Diane Martindale of R. R. 3, Caledonia; Joyce Murray of R. R. 4, Cayuga; Jeff Turnbull of R. R. 1, Canfield.

The Haldimand County Junior Farmers' held a directorate meeting Sunday, April 1st at Dave Murray's.

Discussion centered around distributing Junior Farmer memberships, now on sale; and upcoming events -- we're to supply lunch at the Zone 4 Conference, Saturday April 21st at Kohler. The program sounds interesting -- with group sessions on social problems, recreation, officer workshops, and a banquet and dance on the agenda.

Our bowling team: Wayne Burgess of R. R. 5, Hagersville, Mitch Holt of R. R. 2, Caledonia, and

Bryan Smith of R. R. 2, Hagersville, Kim Turnbull of R. R. 1, Canfield, Jim Weatherston of R. R. 3, Hagersville won the Zone 4 Bowling Tournament, and travelled down to the Junior Farmer Provincial Spring Competitions (basketball, bowling, curling, volleyball), in Ottawa, April 7th.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Inez McWhirter, who will be visiting in Haldimand County April 13th to 27th. Inez is an exchange delegate to Canada from the United Kingdom. She is representing the Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster, Northern Ireland, of which she is an active member. A

chiropractor, employed by the Antrim County Health Committee, Miss McWhirter resides on a 200 acre farm, where her father and brothers raise cattle and hogs.

This is the first place in Canada Inez is visiting. The Earl Murray family of R. R. 4, Cayuga, and the Herb Martindale family of R. R. 3, Caledonia, will be hosting Inez during her stay in our county.

The Haldimand Junior Farmers are having a get-together, Saturday, April 14, at 8 p.m., at Kohler, for people to come and meet Inez. She will be presenting slides of her homeland and giving a little talk -- to be followed by a luncheon.

Community Centre Needs New Roof

The Hagersville Community Centre "cannot be run another year without re-roofing," councillor Robert Gedye said at Monday night's meeting of Hagersville Council.

And, he was seeking direction from council on pertinent money questions concerning the Community Centre and fire hall in preparation for the village's 1973 budget.

Mr. Gedye said he knew there had been some talk of closing the hall down and wanted to know council's feelings. If it is to remain open however, he said the roof definitely must go on this year.

Council members agreed that the centre served a purpose and should not be shut up.

Mr. Gedye pointed out the Centre pays for its own routine maintenance, but added that it would need the \$2,100 for roofing as a grant from the village.

Although the centre is suffering from competition with new halls, churches and schools, Mr. Gedye said there won't be a Saturday night open for booking until July.

He also questioned if council had any inten-

tions of building a new fire hall or making any alterations to the present one during '73.

It was decided that a meeting of all firemen and council representatives should be held to determine the men's true feelings on this issue.

Councillor Dominic Vanni said an article printed in the Hamilton Spectator last Thursday did not represent the wishes of the entire fire fighting force.

In the article, fire chief, Bill McClarty said firefighters have been after council to provide them with a new fire hall for three years . . . and the men are becoming disenchanted.

80 per cent of the firemen are quite happy, Mr. Vanni said. "No way are they feeling the way this article indicates."

Mr. Gedye said he had also talked to some of the firemen and they need a new building. They are taxpayers and don't want to see the village going into the hole, he added.

Council discussed the possibility of extending the present fire hall, putting on a new roof and installing facilities.

Nanticoke News

by Mrs. Harry Evans
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dennis and Gail spent the weekend in Williamsford visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elliott and family.

Many local residents enjoyed a visit to the Frank Peart Farm on Sunday and sampled the pancakes and syrup.

On Thursday evening, the Hi Neighbour Club of Nanticoke United Church visited the J. Coyle Nut Factory in Tillsonburg, returning for a business meeting and lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomson.

Miss Louise Banfield of Waterloo spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Banfield. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Snowden and family have returned from an enjoyable holiday in Spain. On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Creaser and Miss Stella Pratten attended the Induction Service for Rev. Ron Seanor at the Little Chapel of the Delaware Grand River Charge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hedges were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans on Wednesday evening.

The members of the A.C.W. held a quilting

several afternoons last week at the home of Mrs. Harry Evans. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed on Tuesday.

We are pleased to report that Mr. George Jones is much improved in health and is back at work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Perett of St. Thomas were visiting with their Aunt, Mrs. Alta Saunders, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lindsay were supper guests of Mrs. Helen Steel Thursday evening.

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 - Hagersville Municipal Council
 Art A. Roth, Clerk-Treasurer.

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