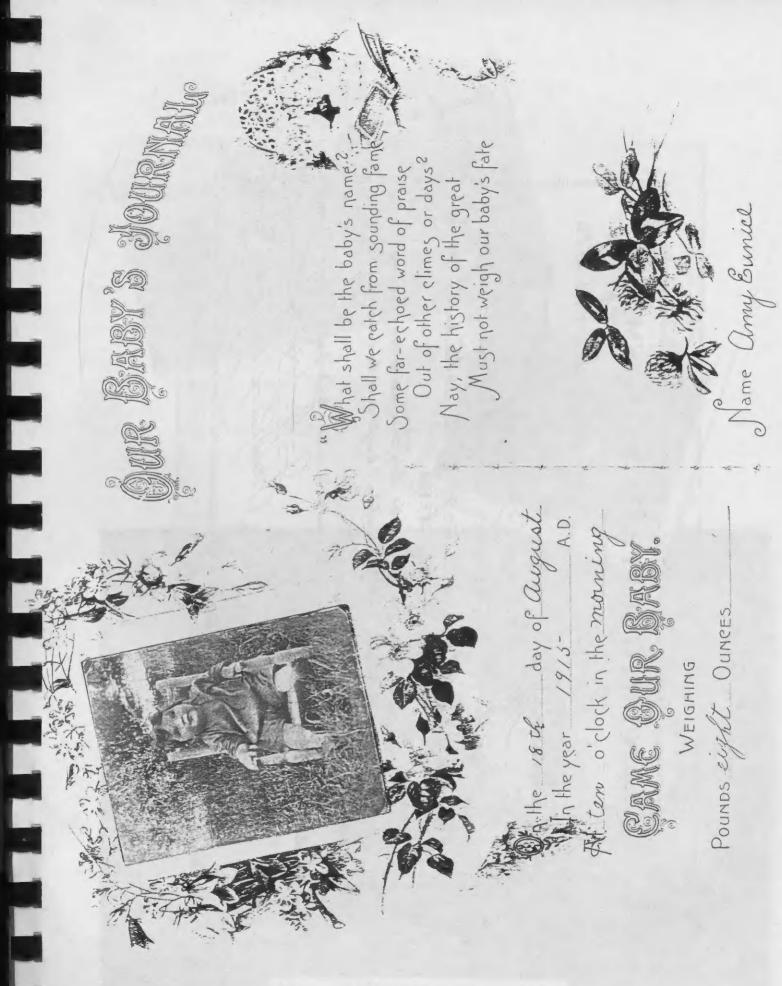


AMY CRUICKSHANK JARVIS



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Amy's parents John & Ida (nee Ridley) Cruickshank

Poetry
about
"Paris Fair"

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The Poet's Corner

Welcome The Day

May the sun be shining to welcome the day

When all roads lead to the "Fair's Gateway",

Crowds in eager anticapation

To see the experts in competition.
To greet old friends, and meet the

There'll be something to interest all of you.

The fair board, with ever increasing zest

Long hours of planning, and little rest.

Have raised Paris Fair to a standard high

Be sure to attend, don't pass it by. On Friday night there's a good stage show

Come along, and bring all the people you know.

Competitive classes, educational displays,

Will point out to farmers in many ways

How ■ major source of farm revenue

Can be increased, if they take the view

Of the Dept. of Agriculture and Meat Packing Plants,

This tent will warant more than a glance.

A new feature is the egg exhibit, The Brant County Poultry Industry did it.

The Department, of coure cooperated,

To see this, poultrymen are obligated. Brant County girls will have a display

To prove that garden clubs really pay.

Swine, beef, dairy calf clubs—down that way

This is their achiement day.

The T. Eaton Co. offers a prize For market hogs of right finish and size.

The Black and White show for County of Brant

Is at Paris this year, and a new slant

The premior exhibits will win a new trophy

Show all the purebreds, the 'Countess Sophie'.

The Brant County Jersey Parish Show,

And the Red and White too, is there you know.

Hunters and jumpers with graceful ease,

Will sail through air and spectators please.

See the Preston Scout House Band Give a musical drill, give them a hand.

The tractor rodeo for junior farmers

Will have fans among the feminine chamers.

Let the children bring their pets to the fair

Be it a tortoise or be it ■ hare.

Domestic science, dairy, and apiary There's a place for all, just make an enquirey.

Plants, flowers, home baking and canning

To show some of these you're surely planning.

Hurry now, take a walk down the lane,

Gather in those vegetables, fruit and grain,

You never know when you're luck will turn.

And the Fair board "may" have money to burn!!

E. H. Buck will hand out the prizes, Which come in various assorted sizes.

There'll be music by the Citizens Band,

Lots of good food at the 3-H Club Stand.

But now, the fair isn't over quite,
Attend the C.K.N.X. dance and
broadcast Saturday night.
We're proud of our fair board,
We're proud of our fair,
Co-operate, let's all be there!

Amy E. Jarvis, Paris.

Come to the Fair !

The time has come, as the walrus said

To speak of many things, And the Paris Agricultural Fair September always brings.

"Operation Fair Board" is now in progress
Working to make the show a success, Messrs. At MATelfer and E. H. Buck Are hoping, with any kind of luck To put the show over with a bang, So swell the crowd, and bring "the gang".

All the directors are striving too
To make this fair attractive to you.
Exhibit A and Exhibit B
And more there'll be for you to see,
That is, if all will take a part
To give the fair a royal start.

Flower growers, coax your blooms, For very close the fair now looms, And gardeners, plying your garden tools

You are all familiar with the rules,

Vegetables alike in size, colour and form

Freedom from blemish and the turning worm.

It isn't case of the bigger the better But of strictly obeying the rules to the letter.

And ladies, queens of the culinary arts Whip up those cakes and delectable

for at the baking stand the crowd will pause

And ejaculate with "Ohs" and "Ahs", And those who knit and those who

sew Can add a great deal to the show, For feminine interest in this corner lies

And many will be the envious sighs.

In all departments of domestic science

You can exhibit without-a license.

Livestock breeders, is your stock in

To exhibit at this fair so great,

Well bred and well groomed? these are the traits

Upon which the judge his decision makes.

A feature of the Horse Show this year,

(And this should bring entries from far and near)

Is a Heavy Horse Special of \$100.00 An attractive gadget to pin on their collars!

Prize money for teams has been increased

To quote from the Fair Book, its been released.

We'll all be winners if we can
But don't mind being an "also ran",
When he doesn't achieve his hearts'
desire
A good loser is a man to admire.

Right here we'd like to insert a plug For the booth sponsored by the 3H Club,

There'll be coffee with the Webber

Your sense of smell will detect that much.

And hot dogs served up a la Scott, With mustard, relish, and piping hot. Sandwiches, and pies home baked, Eat here folks, make no mistake.

Other attractions we'd like to men-

But these few we bring to your attention.

Exhibit if possible, be sure to attend, Your support at least you can generously lend.

Be a Booster at any rate
And above all, folks, co-operate!

Hopefully yours, Amy E. Jarvis, R.R. 3, Paris.

The Poet's Corner

AFTER THE FAIR

us your ears!

Was it not the best fair we've attended in years?

And doesn't it warm your heart to think

Our Fair Board isn't tottering on the brink?

But full of ideas, smart and new To make the Fair appeal to you.

They suffer, perhaps, from growing pains

Which means, for sure, they're blessed with brains.

They want to see the Fair advance. So join us in this "song and dance." We know they've burned the midnight oil

For Paris Fair they nobly toil.

At the Fair there was something to interest all,

The young and old, the large and small,

The Playground Equipment won our applause

To give thanks for this we have ample cause.

Small boys have no interest in Baby Shows.

Quilts, rugs, or sewing trimmed with bows.

But teeter-totters! slides! and swings!

For boys and girls these are the things

Which ring the bell, and keep them happy,

And call "time out" for each harassed pappy.

The Livestock show at Paris Fair Was a credit to breeders everywhere, Cattle and horses, sheep and swine; Class after class, they toed the line. And the Grand Parade was the culmination

Of weeks of grooming, and speculation

On the merits and demerits of each horse and cow,

But all of them now can take m bow, And an orchid we hand to E. H.

Who ably announced all from the stage and sound truck,

Did you see the people standing in

At the 3-H Club booth where the food was so fine?

This would be a reasonable surmise! That is pays, as they say, to advertise!..

We think the Board and Directors would like to know

That the Fair last week really gave us a glow.

To the Fair Board then we all say

thanks

We hope there's a little to leave at the banks.

Now folks, rise as one man and sing Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend More power to the Fair Board, may the rafters ring!

Amy E. Jarvis

A SALUTE TO THE FAIR BOARD

You say, my friend, you weren't at the Fair?

Then lend an ear and draw up a chair

And I'll tell you some things you ought to know

Of this Agricultural and Livestock Show.

Mr. Coulbeck, the President fine, Has given untiringly of his time To boost the Fair, with fervour and

He made to all an urgent appeal To exhibit their poultry, grain and

roots, Flowers, vegetables and fruits, Dairy produce, and pedigreed stock, Some to be sold on the auction block. The ladies he urged to sew and bake And worthwhile prizes many would take.

And exhibitors responded to this appeal

Till the judges cried: "We've had a New Deal!"

But it warmed the cockles of their hearts

To see them coming in trucks and carts.

Here also, we give credit where credit is due,

And hand Ernie Buck an orchid too. As Secretary, his mail descends like blizzard,

As Treasurer, he is a financial wizard. A myriad details demand his care,

The Fair runs more smoothly be-cause he's there. He is expected to be in the office, at

all the doors, And oil on the troubled waters he

pours. And to all the directors a big bouquet,

Who worked so hard for success of the day.

We draw this now to your attention, And to them all give honorable men-

tion. Another fine Fair has been written down

On the history pages of Paris town. And you there, my friend in your easy chair,

Next year you'd do well to go to that Fair.

A. E. Jarvis, R.R. 1, Paris.

ON COMMON GROUND

Have you heard the news that's going round?

Listened to that happy sound? When friend calls to friend with a carefree air

An invitation, "Come to the fair".

The Fair grounds, this year, have blossomed out,

We must go and see what its all about.

The new annex adjoining the easterly end

Is right in step with the modern trend,

It is the directors joy and pride They'd like to have one on every side!

But the ladies added the final touch Weilding paint brushes, that's "a must".

This addition means more exhibit space

Increase your entries, set the pace.
There are new and larger cattle
sheds

All equipped with fine straw beds! The half mile track is hard and

To keep those horses "in the groove"
There's ■ machinery display, shows
and rides,

And lots of other things besides.

The 3-H Club booth, that old stand by,

Treat your friends here to home made pie.

The Livestock Parade at 4:30 p.m., Is a highlight for all who have a yen

To see the best in every breed, To wish, they too, could be in the lead.

The Hanover Girls Band you'll want to hear

A joy to both the eye and ear.

Horses, cattle, sheep and swine, Classes for all, and prizes fine.

Messrs. E. H. Buck and Ivie Mc-Clure

Will have the money, that's for sure.

On Friday night there's a grand stage show

You won't regret it if you go.

If you'd like to join in a gay barn dance

Go Saturday night, you'll have a chance.

We'll say it, and say it, and again we'll say

Make this the end of ■ perfect day. So many have helped in so many ways

The calibre of this fair to raise,

With labor, materials, cash and goods

The Fair Board hopes to be "out of the woods",

To all who have helped in any way A sincere "thank you" is what they say.

They plan to make improvements each year

They'll do it too, never fear.
Support the Fair Board, 'tis your 'duty

To the Fair, and Paris, Town of Beauty.

Come to the Fair! Oh! happy sound! Where friend meets friend, on common ground.

A. E. Jarvis R.R. 3, Paris.

TO E. H. BUCK - November 13, 1951

I'm going to start right now to holler For I'm mighty hot beneath the collar. The Fair Board must be a bunch of nuts The reason - they wouldn't show my pedigreed mutts. What kind of a fair is this anyhow With no class for my darling little chow. My daschund too, is long and gloomy No place for him, tho the joint is roomy. My cheesehound also is down in the dumps He was evicted by those Fair Board chumps. Things have come to a pretty pass When for my purebreds there is no class. Another thing sir - tell you I must I couldn't see a thing for the horrible dust. My new fall shoes are almost a wreck I'll charge that to the Fair Board too by heck. My hot dog too was grimy and gritty For the girls this year weren't nearly so pretty. I tell you sir I'm burning up There wasn't a class for my precious pup. I'll advertise this fair no more I'll never darken that door. And my prize money I ain't got yet This dough sir when am I gonna get? I've sent in my bill 15 times All I got was a few measly dimes. If you don't do better next year it must Be because your gray matter is gathering rust. Maybe you need a blood transfusion Might help you out of this mess and confusion. Be sure it's Scotch it will really pay But remember a little goes a long, long way. This critisim sir is strictly free I may be Scotch but I don't charge a fee. If the Fair Board next year does a little better I'll write you a nice complimentary letter.

> Wrathfully yours A. Nonnie Moose (anonymous)

Vera, Uncle Bert, Amy



Joyce, ?, Amy, ?





Joyce, Uncle Bert, Vera, Amy





Poetry
about
"Christmas"

OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Woodstock, Ontario

November 23, 1956

You'll likely carry quite a load On Christmas Eve down Ayrshire road Your bag will be packed with lots of toys For all the good little girls and boys. But what of we old folks, dear Santa Claus? Let's talk this over, a moment pause. Some vital statistics we have recorded here And we hope you have time to lend an ear. We have an accomplice on the inside track And we have it all down in white and black. It would tickle Alec like a feather To take his bonnie lass to the land of the heather. Two free tickets on an ocean liner For a Scotsman now, what could be finer? To the Caverhills, Santa, you know the way And they do want a one horse open sleigh. But you'll know something else ofcourse They'll also need to have a horse! With the Wm. Martins it would ring a bell To have a lovely weekend at the Thamesford Hotel. Jean Griffin likes jewelry in nice big chunks But for Jack, bring a good deoderant for skunks. The Hallocks, Santa, we've heard them say Would appreciate a seasons pass to the ballet. Well, Erle Dyment, Santa, I guess you know All he wants is Marilyn Munroe! Don't you think Charlie and Mrs. Dunn With a helicopter would have lots of fun? They could travel here and travel there And see Ayrshire cows just everywhere. A lazy boy chair Mrs. Herbert would please At auction sales she could sit, while Len shoots the breeze. You know the Harrisons, Santa, Irwin and Blanche? Do you think there is a chance You could send them to Miami Tho' we've heard that more than the weather gets balmy! I'm sure for Mr. and Mrs. Cable To do something special you'll be able After you balance your budget with care Could you give them 2 free passes to Paris Fair? For Arnold and Mary it would be fine To bring something for their leisure time Now on a bicycle thats built for two They could go all the places they've wanted to. Oh, and bring Arnold some ear muffs red And Santa, bring a spare for the top of his head! Albert and Margurite would just as soon As anything else have a trip to the moon Some flying saucers they could get Margurite says they match her set! For the Hossocks, Santa, we suggest roller skates Anyone can use some lucky breaks.

Remember the Dyments, Santa, Leslie and Ollie On their door will be a wreath of holly Leave a bale of hay in the bedroom there They need it sometimes to feed their nightmare! At the Loveless home when you make a stop Just leave a surrey with a fringe on top. And when Owen goes down to the rink to curl He'll ride in style with his favorite girl. Oh yes, Santa, when they with the Grahams travel over the map Perhaps Owen could use a lobster trap. And his wife, she loves the ocean breeze And just yearns for a pair of water skis. Last year, Marvin and Velma shouted from coast to coast They wanted a toaster that made pop up toast. Now bring them a low pressure one and don't forget For they haven't got the toast off the ceiling yet. For Mac Carters gift you shouldn't have paid He just wants to be first on HER hit parade. Santa, I know you'll put something nice on the tree For Mr. and Mrs. Lazenby Oh yes, Santa, we can see them now A monogramed bell for each Ayrshire cow. A mink coat, a Cadillac and I think that's all Alden wants for his red haired doll For Alden now Santa Claus really Bessie would like a new shillalegh. There's Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Stansell Their house will be gay with bells and tinsel. Just leave some mistletoe, you can't miss So Margurite can count on that New Year's kiss. Glen Snary doesn't give a rap As long as he gets a coonskin cap. He can put it on his head, or in his pocket As long as Mrs. Snary gets Davy Crockett! When you go to the Armours, Santa, we hear They'd be so happy if you'd leave Rudolph, your red-nosed deer. The Archie Kains just wish for an escalator To go up and down so they won't dislocater! When the Holtlys go for the Ayrshires down the lane It would be nice if they had a deisel train. Remember, Santa, when years ago To the Graham home you used to go? You gave little Donald a rattle, then a pup, A football and skates as he grew up Then one Merry Christmas and this is the truth You brought him that wonderful girl called Ruth. Time marched on 5 Sarah Street And you heard the patter of little feet. They pattered and pattered and pattered more Till you counted little girls, 1, 2, 3, 4. Sometimes they're good and sometimes they're bad For their like their mother and they're like their dad! At Mrs. Grahams nursery school Girls only, Santa, has been the rule

But the girls this year are jumping with joy For their mother enrolled a little boy. And this rollicking, bouncing bundle of joy They have labelled Peter Roy. We know you'll look after these children well But there's something else we'd like to tell. Their father, he won't need wind to blow his horn Just bring Mr. Graham a new brand of corn. For Ruth, bring a medal and pin it on For she, dear girl, has to live with Don. Well Santa, we have a quite authentic hunch There'll be lots of food for your midnight lunch. May your trip this year be smooth as silk And at every Ayrshire home there'll be Ayrshire milk. Remember, Santa, as you write each tag With you, and the Ayrshires, it's in the bag!

The Santa Claus Myth--

When a little boy is just five years His father and many another

And the facts about Santa he hasn't |. Claus, been told,

erable saint, in his eyes,

Christmas brings to a little boy.

Painstakingly penning ingenious pe-

To Santa, and there are hundreds of repetitions

From countless numbers of girls and

Pleading for games, and dolls, and

Despite stern rejoinders from fathers and mothers

That there are millions and millions of others -

But there! the web we have started A richer gift than silver and gold

We're entangled now in this intricate

Shall we explode the Santa Claus Myth?

It's atomic force to be reckoned with, For it will destroy his trust in his mother.

Who solemnly vow there's a Santa

What to do now? . A moment pause, When he looks at us with his heart Shall we shatter his faith in the ven-

How can we spin him ■ web of lies? This fanciful fabrication quaint? Ecstatic, expectant, full of the joy It's bound to happen sooner or later So it may as well come from his doting mater.

We'll explain that Santa is really a fable,

That the tale is marked with ■ fairy book label;

When we've destroyed for him this enchanting belief

Give him something better, to banish his grief;

Tell him the spirit of Santa is a genuine thing,

Righ round the world its echoes ring. Whom Santa must visit on Christmas It lives in the hearts of young and old,

Let him grasp the true meaning of Christmas joys,

More precious even than Santa's toys. For one lie to another has quickly led. Let's all think of the zest we can put into living,

For joy comes you know, from not getting, but giving.

Amy E. Jarvis, R.R. 1, Paris.

Poets' Corner

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

You haven't finished your shopping yet?

A few more little things you have still to get?

You've rushed along with the maddening crowd

Despairing, frantic, complaining aloud That Christmas shopping is such a bore.

They don't have what you want in any store.

You're jostled and pushed by hurrying throngs,

Who search in vain for precious nylons.

Or that almost forgotten gift so dandy A five pound box of chocolate candy. Or does Junior yearn for an electric train?

Well don't befuddle your weary brain By looking for things which don't a exist,

Just mark them off your shopping list.

Come now folks, its not so grim, Have you not felt the Christmas spirit within

Soften your heart, give you a lift When for each dear friend you buy a gift?

Our local merchants have attractive displays

Of gifts that will please, and brighten the days

Of father and mother, brothers and cousins

Whom most of us can count by the dozens!

So don't wear your face so awfully long,

Relax, smile, and burst into song,

A melody gay, contagious mirth, Will spread goodwill upon the earth.

Will spread goodwill upon the earth. It isn't the cost of the gift we treasure,

It's being remembered that gives us pleasure.

Just write "with love" on the Christmas tag

To father and mother and cousin Mag,

'Twill gladden their hearts your love to share,

For the gift without the giver is bare.

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Amy E. Jarvis.

Perfect health is above gold; a sound body before riches. (Solomon)

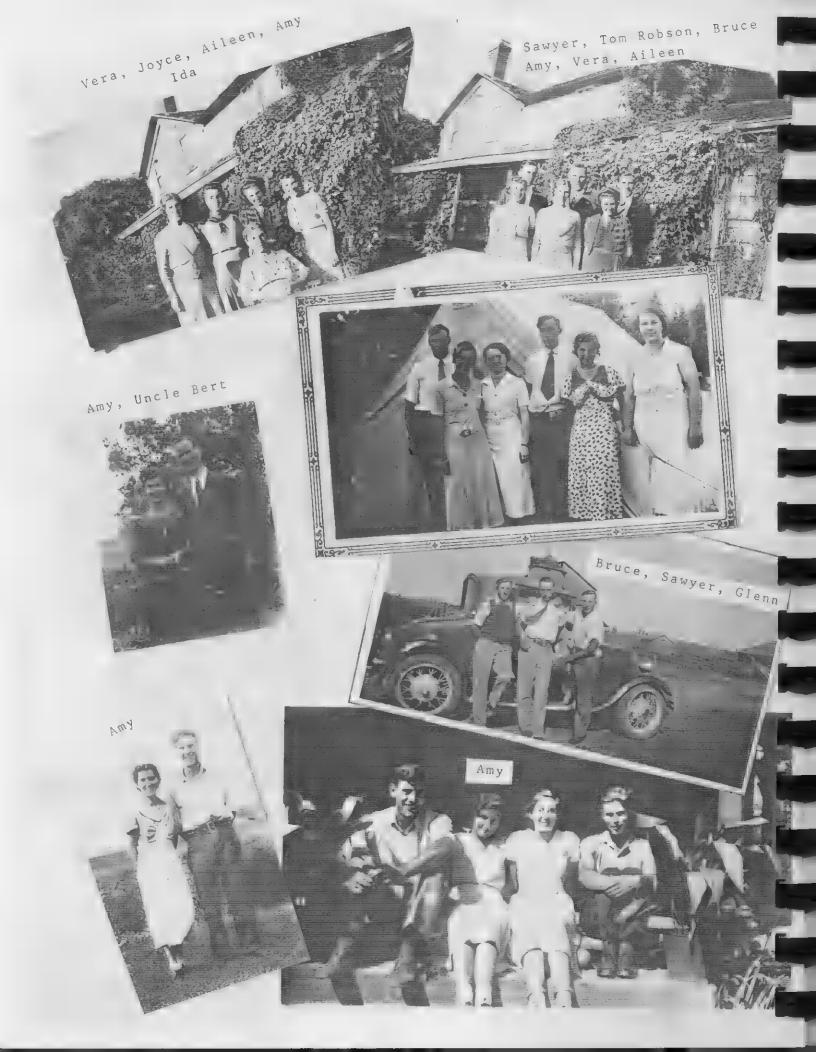
What do you long for most of all? A beautiful painting on your drawing room wall? Exquisite jewels in a setting rare? A graceful slender Chippendale chair? Things of beauty are these to treasure? Unless unkind fate may dim your pleasure, If perfect health is not your lot What value are these things you've got? You'd exchange them all for the glow of health You must surely agree this is greater than wealth. Solomon, great wisdom gained with his many years, Compounded truths in this vale of tears. Perfect health, he said, is above gold, And we question not htis saying of old. Down through the ages its truth is proved, And though all our gold be from us removed If perfect health is our companion today This priceless gift we'll not cast away. A sound body is before riches, Solomon said And though this wise man has long been dead This truth endures, and always will Though aches and pains may irk us still. Accumulation of riches may give us a glow But sound bodies are not purchased this way we know. Bank accounts and palatial homes Are not a cure all for aching bones. A sound body is before riches Ah! - how wise was he Who passed on this wisdom, to such as we.

> A. E. Jarvis February 1952









Poetry
about
"3-H Club"



3-H CLUB MEMBERS

I'm sure you all know your A.B.C.'s, But just to check - well - listen to these.

A is for Alice so helpful and cheery, She comes thro' with a grin, tho' she's down right weary.

B is for Bernice, who has a little girl and a baby boy fine, Now the doctors say there is no other kind.

C is for corny, you'll likely think this, But pull-ease, don't throw tomatoes and hiss!

D is for Dorothy our most recent bride, Whom we'll welcome again when she's back from that ride.

E is for Elsie, you know, that was Hood? As a farmer's wife now she rates "very good".

F is for Florence to us all a good friend, Her time and her talents she willingly lends.

G is for the girls of this Club of renown, When they sponsor a booth they go rite to town.

H is for Helen, our pride and joy, And is she a great president oh boy, oh boy.

I is for Isabel who down here did hike, And left her fine son in the good care of Mike.

I is for Irene with the artistic flair, A trim little model from her shoes to her hair.

J is for the junk we store in the attic, To clear it all out grates like static.

J is for Joyce, so jolly and kind, A few more like her we wouldn't mind.

K is the kick we haven't got coming, If it ever does we hope we're running.

L. We have 3 gals here, all very fine, We'll take them slowly now, one at a time. First there is Lillian who teaches school, And pounds into each dome the golden rule. And now Leone, you can take a bow, To keep house like an expert, you know how. And then there is Laurel, whom we all adore, If we could we'd love her more.

M is for Mary our hostess tonight,
And frankly Mary, we have hopes of a bite.
And then there's Marg Dance, Mae Sayles and Marg Hall,
Each of these nice girls have 2 daughters small.
M is for Margaret, the other name's Markle,
She's always here with vim and sparkle.

And then there's that cute Millie G., Who has good sense for we all agree.

N is for the nuts we pick in the fall, And the nuts we pick, well, they aren't all.

O is for Oh! it was cold at the fair, And I shivered and shook from my toes to my hair. O is for oats, we've all sown a few, Oh yes you did and you know it too.

P is for Peggy a ways ready and willing, To lend a hand tho' her feet are killing - her.

Q is for the long queue of people who stood At the 3-H Club booth, clammering for more food.

R is for Ruth who is really a card, Who needs to be dealt with, but not very hard. R is for Ruby, our blond streamlined trick, The bell-bottom trousers, they whistle "slick chick".

S is for Sayles - Marie as she's known, And her sweet smile would bring tears from a stone.

T is for those who froze at the fair, And a reasonable facsimile of heat was not there.

U is for us the 3-H Club so jolly, And we think quite well of ourselves by golly.

V is for victory achieved at great price, The situation yet, is not very nice.

W is for those noble women who in the booth worked so long, And who didn't get out to mix with the throng.

X is for X-hausted my brain is becoming, And out, your patience, I'm sure is running.

Y is for this year of '45, And may this club grow and prosper and thrive.

Z is for the zest we can put into living, For joy comes you know, from, not getting, but giving.

As you've travelled this world o'er field and plain Did you 'ere chance on a road oddly called Keglane? It was named, we've heard, for a dubious trade For home brew, in kegs, was stealthily made! But as we journey along this well worn path First trod by some primeval calf, Familiar landmarks meet the eye And all seems serene 'neath the azsure sky. But a young man's fancy one spring long ago Was turning to love, but he didn't know Which number to call in his little Black Book So thoughtfully, then took another look -There were numbers he'd called, and often too Girls with brown eyes, and many with blue! But he didn't feel ready his choice to make, So he called the number of the Barker estate. Jean answered the phone, and heard a voice say "Let's go to the show Jean", and you won't have to pay! Jean didn't know who was "shooting the breeze" So she said: "Why sure, and who's speaking please?" This didn't faze Ernie, and he hustled about And got the fringe-topped surrey out. He harnassed his pacer, and off he flew To win the hand of you know who! This romance was off to a flying start Ernie began having trouble with his heart, But Jean was cautious and took her time She wasn't falling for just "any guys" line! At every barn dance for miles around, Jean and Ernie could always be found. As through the town the midnite bell tolled His buggy "always" homeward rolled! But then, it always developed a defect before He could drive away from the Barker door. He whispered sweet nothings in her ear, And this went on for maybe a year. He dreamed of Jeannie with the dark brown hair, And squired her to every country fair. (Fair Fever then got under his skin, He's never recovered through thick or thin.) They went for a ride on the Ferris Wheel, And they knew at last, this love was real. Ever since they've been going around together Through rain, sunshine, and stormy weather. Then, one rare March day in the early spring The wedding bells were heard to ring, Love watched to see that the bride didn't swoon And Roscoe ably supported the groom. The guests threw confetti and wished them well, But where they went they'd never tell. Finally, they came down to earth For life is not all joy and mirth. They put their shoulders to the wheel And life, for Jean, was Ernest and real. In a year or two they moved up the road To the farm which is their present abode.

They were now the parents of a bouncing boy Little James who was their pride and joy. But life was not all froth and bubble At times it was a mighty struggle, The roe was long, and hard to hoe, But working together they made it go. In due time there was another, For Jim had a cute little baby brother, We've heard it said Bill was a dear little fellow With eyes so blue, and hair so yellow! They fought and played as all boys do, And helped their dad as older they grew. When they'd saved a little ready cash They invested it in something rash. Oh! but it was stream lined and chronium plated A spot in the tale the Maxwell rated. Sad was the day of its demise, They laid it away with tears in their eyes. When the roll call was quite complete There was Lorna and Shirley, two little girls sweet. And Harley we're not going to overlook For he has a place in the Buck history book. By now, they travelled with jet propulsion, The next car was in constant convulsion. Especially with Jenny at the wheel The passengers, sometimes, got a very rough deal. Many a joy ride the neighbors had And after all, it wasn't so bad. It went to church, brought chop from the mill. The ghost of the Old Dodge haunts us still. A hive of activity this farm became And soon attained a certain fame. For all the gang, a meeting place, Each weekend brought another face. Comaghin Farm as a summer resort This family belongs to the Brotherhood Of helping all for the common good. Nothing is ever too much trouble To lend a hand they'll come on the double. With a cheery word, a twist of the wrist, Our troubles, we wonder, did they exist? They help their neighbors, and neighbors help them And it's not just a fancy, nor yet a whim, But a firm established way of life In the country, there is little strife. Ernie has been seen, his brow to mop, But he's never been known to blow his top! We often wonder what this "Great Brain" thinks When he leaves us awhile to take 40 winks. Likely dreaming up, for the fair, an added feature, And his wife, this genial long suffering creature Tries, with well timed, indulgent pokes To keep him awake for the speaker's jokes! Or when Ernie is holding forth at length And the customers marvel at his vocal strength, Jean snatches his notes to give them respite For after all they want to get home that night.

In a Pontiac now they cruise around
And that's one family that covers the ground.
They're "in-laws" now and grandparents too,
And we marvel at the things they do.
They're public spirited citizens of some renown,
Equally well known in country and town.
We're proud to count them among our friends
And before this happy evening ends
We'd like to express in a tangible way,
Our congratulations on your 25th wedding day.
This gift we now present to you
And hope we all get to use it too!

A.E.J.

THE 3-H CLUB BOOTH

The best little booth that was at the fair And with it no others could hope to compare, Was the one right over there in the corner Supplied with pie like little Jack Horner. And right here we'll give them a great big plug, For they dispensed coffee in fine china mugs. The delectable aroma filled the air, The best doggone coffee there was at the fair. We were sure it had the Webber touch, Our sense of smell detected that much. Home-baked pies stood in tempting array, And people got in each others' way. Striving to reach a winsome waiter, For they knew there'd be none if they came any later. And hot dogs cooked up a la Nelles, Made the customers say: "They really fill us". And mesdames Scott, Kelley, Cochrane, Richardson, Sayles, Had people leaning far over the rails, For sandwiches and chocolate milk, Finer than the finest of very fine silk. So to the valiant ladies who dispensed their wares, And didn't see much of the fair of fairs, We take off our hats, they deserve the best, And a medal we'd like to pin on each chest.

I've heard the 3-H Club cuts some remarkable capers, But all I know now is what I read in the papers, Many years have passed since I was on the roll, And the years, dear friends, have taken their toll. Lines have been added to this furrowed brow, But we laughed a lot then, and so we do now. My most vivid memories are of laughing and eating, And of rudely disturbing each orderly meeting. I don't think I'm the only repentant sinner, For my partner in crime, is here at this dinner. I'm sure the hostess often viewed with disgust, Those members who raised this particular dust. I recall with dismay some of the pranks, Instigated by me, a raw recruit in the ranks. But always by my side there was, A busy bee and together we'd buzz. I was never quiet nor anywhere near it, But I was aided and abetted by this kindred spirit. Now, there are silver threads among the gold, Yet, we don't feel that we are growing old, But have the years brought decorum, a sense of propiety? Well, we'll put on a "front" for this birthday party, Our association with the past are happy tonight, And you all look so charming, beautiful, bright. We'll turn back the pages to '44, And see who came in the 3-H Club door. Down memories lanes we're going to wander, And some of your precious evening squander. While we call the roll, and reminisce, And I hope you won't be too bored with this. We had a great president in that year of grace, Who always arrived with a smiling face. With poise and dignity she held the gavel, And all knotty problems she helped to unravel. We admired her then, we admire her now, Helen Webber, you can take a bow. Mary Cochrane was on the executive too, So let us give credit where credit is due. The money we raised was put in the bank, And for taking it there we have Mary to thank. This capable energetic creature, Had a job that was really a double feature. For secretary too was she, Recorded all minutes to a "T". Finances and books were all in good shape, Audited by experts who found no mistake. A ways and means committee was elected, And any scatter-brained plans rejected. I don't recall just all they did, But their light 'neath a bushel shall not be hid. Ruby Watts was the convenor of this, Marie Sayles and Elsie were her assists. You remember Ruby, that statuesqe blonde, Who found romance down by the old mill pond. Marie and Elsie co-operated, Their talents and services freely donated. Lillian Kelley you will recall,

Was home in the summer,

But off in the fall, To the little schoolhouse, Where she held sway, And children plodded cheerfully every day. As through the roll I take a glance, I see a name - one Margarent Dance, This name brings instant recognition, Do you think she gives her husband competition? At auction sales his voice is heard, But the little woman likes to have the last word. There was another blonde I seem to remember, Who was a very faithful member, Oh yes, how could I forget, She is another Margaret. Always there come spring or fall, Was our good friend, Margaret Hall. Dorothy Watt, a brown-eyed colleen, At almost every meeting was seen, Her step was light, her smile was gay, She helped a lot in her clever way. At Florence Carr's we had a pot-luck dinner, It didn't do a thing to make us slimmer. Her meat loaf I remember well, What was in it she wouldn't tell, But a delightful aroma filled the air, And we were lucky that day to have dinner there. We quilted, I think, in the afternoon, And this happy day passed much too soon. At Bernice Telfer's we picniced on the lawn, Here we dined, merrily, well and long. Our children joined in the fun and races, And we travelled home with happy faces. At Peggy's home one memorable night, The members were exposed to a breath-taking sight. Beautiful models came down the runway, In wedding gowns of another day. Great grandma, the flapper, the modern miss, Many of you will remember this. I know you won't have to think very hard, To recall one in the club who is really a card. To get things moving they'd often tell us, Just appoint to the committee our Laurel Nelles. In the club she has been a moving force, Though this is common knowledge ofcourse. A project which put us in a high income bracket, And later developed into quite a racket. Was a brush party at Leone's, you'll remember no doubt, Though your brushes now, will be quite worn out. Brush parties then broke out in a rash, The things we do with our hard earned cash! Leone is always kind and jolly, And her toasted sandwiches are a treat by golly! Two hostesses who were always charming, (Their husbands are engaged in farming), Are just a little different from the others, For they are sisters and married to brothers. Oh, I think you've guessed it, I see your eyes sparkle, You know now, ofcourse, their name is Markle.

We think now of the lass with dark brown hair, Her husband if President of Paris Fair. Bella's entries have often taken prizes, And her family comes in assorted sizes. Mildred Guthrie we knew from the start, Would always be willing to do her part. She lends a hand to all and sundry, And does her washing every Monday. There's a girl who brings to our mind a song, We heard on the radio, both loud and long, It's many years since she we have seen, But we used to say "Good night Irene". Joyce Kelley, never known to be late, Is secretary now of this club so great. I remember well, when years ago, Joyce served a lunch which stole the show. The piece de resistance, hot dogs, piping hot, I don't know how many I ate, but it was a lot. At Alice's house we had a Christmas party, Our appetites were sharpened, keen and hearty. A barrel of monkeys never had more fun, Than we at this party, and we laughed till one. We exchanged gifts, and kind was fate, Though I'm sure we lingered much too late. I have a nodding acquaintance with one other member, I'll refresh your memory, you may remember, A girl who always did her share, And worked very hard in the booth at the fair. Always willing, come fair weather or rain, And Ruth I. Guthrie is her name.

These are all the names on the '44 roll, But others have gathered round the festive bowl. The charter members as you all know, Organized this club 15 years ago. Here's to the faithful few of bygone days, Let's give to them word of praise. They started this club on the road to success, Co-operation and new members have done the rest. But members come, and members go, And progress at times seems somewhat slow. Backsliding in this club is not tolerated, And no doubt someday you'll be decorated, With merit badges by the mayor, An answer to any maiden's prayer! This New Year is a challenge to us all, To do better things, what'ere befall. Hitch your wagon to a star, 'Twill give you a lift, wherever you are. And though ties with the 3-H Club we sever, We know this club will go on forever.

Amy Eunice Cruickshank

Married

Richard Sawyer Jarvis
October 6, 1937









Poetry
about
"Bethel"

"Let's praise each other now and then give credit where its due".

When the church supper is left to the faithful few Let us give credit where credit is due. When they're trying hard more funds to raise Boost their morale with a word of praise. If Edna Pottruff makes the best lemon pie, Tell her so with a light in your eye. There are many here who have that touch. Give a word of praise, it will do so much. To give them a lift and brighten their day, A few kind words are easy to say. We all know Ellen sews a very fine seam. To sew like that we only dream. At Paris Fair she takes prizes too, So let us give credit where credit is due. There are those who play the piano for us. Graciously, willingly, never a fuss. Others give of their talents too So let us give credit where credit is due. Our Sunday School teachers, those long suffering people Who come at the call of the bell from the steeple, Let us give to them a word of praise, Who teach God's word on Sabbath days. School teachers too, are a noble race, And fill a most important place.

Then there's that hard working crew who washed the floors
Of the church one week, and polished the doors,

Cleaned upstairs, downstairs, the windows too -- Well let us give credit where credit is due.

The Rible Society knows that each year
Two faithful souls on the road will appear.

On the path of duty they falter not,
Welcome them kindly, tho' you can't give a lot.

To all who co-operate, or in office sit,
Praise them a little, it won't hurt a bit.
Is your neighbor's house always spic and span?
Does her work always as according to

Does her work always go according to plan? Though you can't keep house this perfect way, Give your neighbor some credit today.

When the ladies are busy at the church
The men don't leave them in the lurch,
They put up the tables, and take them down,

And bring the groceries out from town. They move the piano, and fix the fire,

Shovel snow and sing in the choir.

Some of these things we'd rather not do,
So let us give credit where credit is do

So let us give credit where credit is due. For them, in the winter, the car always starts. They know just what do do, bless their hearts.

They lighten our load, gladden our days.

Ladies, let's give the men a word of praise.

And we all will find real happiness too If we give credit where credit is due.

Bethel Building Reflections

by Mrs. Sawyer Jarvis

The time has come, as the walrus said, to speak of many things,

Not shoes, nor ships, nor sealing wax, nor cabbages nor kings,

But of things familiar to us all, A project started just last fall.

A meeting was called where we aired our views,

Expressed opinions, we had nothing to lose.

We rallied to answer the clarion

Let us have everything or nothing at all,

A new organ, oil furnace, and kitchen too.

Just see what co-operation can do.

To the strains of the old organ, long

You probably sat with your very first beau

And raised your voices in hymns of

Ah; those were the happy, bygone

How many brides in this church have been kissed?

How many bachelors have been missed?

Whilst the faithful old organ played on and on.

We remember this, now it is gone. It played as if it understood

That children were trying to be good.

It played while their childish voices rang

And the choir their sacred anthems. In these little parties it had quite a

Always we heard those organ strains.

But then, when it developed pains, It seemed as if it would be best To give this faithful friend rest.

And the electric organ is a joy to you.

Here where we tread with willing feet

It fills the air with music sweet. Now we have the organ in, On the kitchen, let us begin.

Before anyone could bat an eye, They were on the committee, and The cupboards are a tribute to his

The walls rose no and then the roof To be an everlasting proof

That sons of the soil can work together

that is why

In fair, or cold and rugger weather. It's quite the nicest floor we've seen, The men all worked here with will. If you should go and take a peek, They dug and toiled for days until The fruit of their labour appeared at length

A lasting tribute to will and strength.

Honest reward for honest toil, A salute to you, ye sons of the soil.

The roof was on, they moved inside, The kitchen was big, and bright, and wide.

The ladders went up and the ceiling went on,

And the lovely plywood walls nailed down.

There was just one day, it couldn't have been sadder

When the Schuyler boys fell off the ladder.

In view of the years they've been up a tree,

The cause of this downfall we fail to see:

But the first-aid crew was on the alert

And luckily no one was hurt,

Now I have quite an authentic hunch lunch,

For it is part of the workman's plan To fortify the inner man.

Messrs. Whiting and Green, they boiled the brew

Consumed by this hard-working сгеж.

And this is just as smart as it sounds,

They sold for cold cash, the used coffee grounds.

Remember the old stove? It sat over there.

share.

Many church suppers owed their success

To that old stove, and can we do less

Than give some credit where credit is due?

The old order changeth, gives way And I'm sure that these are your sentiments 100.

> The kitchen cupboard, they quickly took shape,

> For Earl and his staff worked early and late. '

We think that Earl had the time of his life;

Some days he didn't see much of his wife.

skill,

Remember who built them? Of course we will.

Did you see the floor? A beautiful green,

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No stepping there with muddy feet.

The ladies added the final touch, We think the men will grant that

Bethel Building

much. way,

A few paint brushes-used the right

contid

Reflections And paint and varnish are here to stay.

But now the kitchen is completed, Somehow, some way, it must be heated.

So we installed a new oil burner To make it hot-'er warm-for Mr. Turner.

But it will never sit in the Sunday School,

And listen to the golden rule As taught by the teachers, those long-uffering people,

Who come at the call of the bell from the steeple.

We learned to like it after awhile, And to be sure, it has much more style,

And adds a fine new modern note, Smartly dressed in a soft green coat. But green are our memories of the old furnace yet,

And let us not too soon forget This warm and friendly monster

With pipes, like arms, enfolded you Against the wrath of winter's cold, And watched us gracefully (?) grow old,

Who devoured wood in a fabulous fashion

passion.

Boxes and papers were gone in a We salute the old furnace, it stood flash.

And floated silently down into ash. By the way, what becomes of that And so we've expressed in word stuff now?

What happens to it, anyhow?

Who had a fit of temperament, When smoke, upstairs, to church it sent.

Dimming the eyes of people there, Filling the air with a fragrance rare? Who always warmed the Sunday School,

Tho' sometimes, up above, 'twas cool?

Who, in all the church never had cold feet?

That dear old couple in the register

Chester and Hazel, week after week, By the old furnace register warmed their feet.

They must miss it now, it isn't there, Be it hot or cold, they always had air.

At church repasts 'twas hard to see The folk who sat on the other side, For the furnace was so very big, Big, and high, and broad, and wide. And Mr. Turner, we didn't mind If you found it convenient to stand behind .

This friendly giant, when you came in late

For Sunday School, Perhaps 'twas fate

Who placed it in this convenient

For 'tis truth for sure, it hid a lot.

But it was dismantled and torn apart.

And a sad, sad feeling filled our heart,

They took it away, we know not where,

And still in our mind we picture it there.

Nostalgic tears may dim our eyes As we sever with this old friend our

But honestly now, you've felt no lack,

You know you wouldn't want it back.

And for church supper debris had al Down through the years it did its

the test.

and thyme

Our thoughts and feelings of this great time

When the folk of Bethel, this fine congregation,

Became discontent with their lot and station,

Decided with a will to build This, which 'tis hoped will e'er be

With happy folk, and girls and boys, Sharing sorrows, hopes and joys.

A family folk, who for years to come,

Will find, as we, a real church home.

May 8 Dear Mro. Lovett: It e all felt so bad when we got the word. From that gably little lind I some just have a cold in the head, Some slice their fingers with a knife instead. Ason some thing work.

Corne and bunions, too are though since enough. now before your pains get any worse, What you need is a good smart nurse! I sure like to give advice and don't charge a thing sent that suce ? -

Chester, there in that easy chair, He aint goin anywhere, Don't you trepto do po much Let him do the soulling with trusty Old Dutch! For, remember when you we learning to cook? He didn't believe it was in the book! "Aside from the taste it's not bad."

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"Take one tablespoon every four hours until your money runs out."

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GOOD RECOVERY

Community Friendship see. W.M.S.

any James

Willing Workers' Bible Class,

Oct. 28, 1959.

Dear Friends,

The lane was long, the rain was wet, But Margaret and Roy received us yet, Roy was quite the genial host; Whatever it is Roy has the most. Margaret, his sweet and gentle spouse Made us welcome to their house. Margaret Davis, in her endearing way, Read lovely poems to mark the day. Ellen's clever fingers made a corsage; It was beautiful, real, not a mirage. A flower too, for Sawyer's button hole, Lorne put it there; He's a real good soul. Two performers who had had their day ---Refugees they admitted from old Broadway, 'Twas all they could do to stand on their feet, But they did very well, and it was a real treat. The wedding cake was wondrous thing; After many years the bells still ring. And so we thank you all most dearly, And we remain, your most sincerely,

Sawyer and Amy Jarvis.

A SONG FOR BETHELITES

You'll wonder where the yellow went When you brush with "Peart's Pepsodent". If this doesn't give your teeth a gleam Try Reg's "Rapid Shaving Cream"!

When your back gives out, you're going under, Try "Dr. Albin's Medical Wonder". Soon you'll square dance with the mob, Dr. Albin's does the job.

Won't you spend a little ready cash To cure your baby's diaper rash? Get Folsetter's "Non Scuff Wax", If this is what your nursery lacks!

Do you have muscular pains when you sit in church? For a remedy have you had a long search? Try "Chester's Chest Rub", in the end This is money you'll be glad to spend.

Are you pale and skinny and thin? Look like something the cat dragged in? Pearl's "Reducing Pills" are what you need Then you'll really go to seed.

With tranquil nerves, enjoy you life You'll get along better with your wife And make new friends both far and near If you take a dose of "Cain's Blue Cheer".

Stop that tickle that makes you cough And lifts the top of your head right off. Take Ellen's "More for your Money Shampoo" And it will make a man of you!

Need something to put on your feet? Pep you up so you'll really eat, Take "Green's Gargle", a gallon a day, Your friends will carry you away.

Boys, do you want your pigs at the bacon show? Then take this tip, they'll be sure to go. Use "Howlett's Pig Starter", they'll win a prize And it comes in the Big Economy Size!

(This was composed for a Bible Class program

by Amy E. Jarvis, R. R. # 3, Paris)

a Saluhe the Mister Lovett, The way was long The wind was cold, But Miskes Lovett was brave and bold, Over the lumps and through the woods It arrived at our house To deliver the goods.

The trailor was loaded with pipes and stuff-He thought he really hack more than enough. But lafare we knew it it is the city, and we know ght of the city, a piety, To tell you the twith, we really did think That we had drewen! the man he chink! But he came back when dinner was Hungley, sober and almost" steady !!

I guess he was glad & the Mis did nag, & And told him to slip on the old nose lag! There were letally Tunes when well got in his hair as he tripped over the dog and The balus high and detoriced around The trains and tage, and also around one girl and 3 bays. Ch he was as lungy as he could be Re time for even a cup of hea

Now, with a twist Show a fair He have running water Goze are the clarpf just everywhere -The coal villamp and this housewife looking like he longer de I six and more and wish for hot water to quewith the soap For now, when I wake up and open my eyes I know that in them than pipes we have a

Wash day row is really a pleasure and you mister Loueth we esterme beyond measure " He sure were glad The see you coming, The water naw is freely running And when our proggy bank has had his fill _ Still lie oulr and pay the rest of that bill

There's nothing Scotch about this check (well, not much)! Olthough my kead is sort of thick ! The sur really c. Thone for des the dayall those apples Came our The Janvis family all all did smile from they will last un quite a while Fis our pleasure to bouldy and electyou, six, THE MANOFTHE EAR The apples are really quite DELICIOUS So THANK You from Sawyer, the children - and the MRS!

THE TRAVELLING BASKET

Ellen was worried, the funds were low The Institute would have to show A bigger balance and mighty quick Or the financial report would really look sick. She talked it over with the girls They had an idea, (it was really Pearl's)! A Travelling Basket, and a can for the money Would travel the roads, on wet days or sunny. Mary put a box of cookies in it And was at her neighbor's in a minute. "She" kept the cookies, that we know And in the can she put some dough! A cup of tea was indicated While neighborhood news was all related. The basket travelled on its way It carried a cake the very next day. To a little lady down the road Who relieved it of its toothsome load. As she ran to put the kettle on She dropped a donation in the can. Down at the corner the newest bride Took the basket for a ride. Her neighbor was busy scrubbing the floor But not too busy to answer the door. The bride's cherry pie made her glow And the funds in the can continued to grow. That cherry pie really saved the day For she hadn't felt so very gay. But she served the bride a cup of tea Now they're both ashappy as can be. A little book too the basket brought And each contributed a kindly thought. A helpful hint, or a funny joke To bring some joy to other folk. Husbands and fathers were happier too For delectable additions to their own brand of stew. A tidy sum came backd to Mary And not only food did the basket carry. Good will was carried one to the other And we're thinking now of starting another. We not only partook of the cup that cheers But we're having more fun than we've had in years!

ODE TO AN UNDERPAID NURSE

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend your ears To the saddest tale you've heard in years. 'Twill make you rave and make you curse 'Tis the tale dear friends of the underpaid nurse. And dresses - I guess! slops her makeup on She cleans her shoes, pins up her curls And runs for the bus with the rest of the girls. She breezes around with a cheerful "pan" One for each woman and one for each man! She rushes here and she rushes there The patients must get in her hair. Lorna, "the Mrs." and little Grace Each present a glowing face. And all the rest are good to us Though we rant, and fume and raise a fuss. If the sheets aren't smooth and the pillows fluffed We ornery patients are apt to get huffed. Never mind nursie, pay day comes Reward, my dears, when you stick to your guns. You can trip gaily into town With your hard earned cash and do it up brown. You buy a new hat and nylon hose And thingamabobs with buttons and bows. You sock in the bank what's left of your dough Your eyes light up and you really glow. Though it's only one measly little dollar You'd like to whoop and you'd like to holler. And this is the end of this corny verse. Of the poor deflated underpaid nurse.

CHESTER LOVETT'S BIRTHDAY - December 16, 1950 Dear Mister Chester: Like "Horace the Horse" I have lots of pull, Over my eyes they don't pull the wool! That little bird sure gets around. And the date of your birthday I have found. What will you do to celebrate? Have your wife bake a little 'ole sunshine cake? Or the ice-box you're likely to raid -- " To see what else she might have made! Why don't you go fishing for a day? Even though the big ones get away! Or in the "early" morning you could go for a gallop; That 5: a.m. air really packs a wallop! At the back line fence you could rest a bit; Your neighbor, too, will he glad to sit And reminisce, and with pleasure look back To the days when you drove a "Cadillac"! Why don't you just jump over the traces And make yourself some dough at the races? Anyway when the days work is done; You might as well step out and have some fun. With a little rest, and some home-made brew, You'll be dancing jigs and the Highland Fling too! You may have to shovel a little snow, When you're all dressed up and ready to go --But that shouldn't phase a guy like you When you're on the outside of that home-made brew! Or perhaps you'd rather sit home and relax And "figger" out your income tax! You'll likely have chicken a'la king. 'Twill make you mellow --- and make you sing! (heaven forbid) There's a whole lot more I could have said, If I didn't have this cold in the head (ker-choo!) I guess I'd better call it a day, contid.... Stop right here and hit the hay, (ker-choo!) Good luck, and a Happy Birthday too, You know I've a soft spot in my head for you!

A. E. J.



Chester Lovett

Jack Powell

Poet's Corner

TURKEY SUPPER TIME:

All roads lead to Bethel if you care to search,

When it's turkey stuffin' day; down: at the church.

The way wasn't so long,

And the wind wasn't so coldi.

Some ladies were young,

And none were so old.

They came from here and there, hither and you,

With housedresses and aprons on. They came with pans and peeling knives,

Prepared to work, have the time of their lives.

Almost everyone found a chair,

Except poor Jean, she was standing there.

She can be thankful times without end,

Because she hasn't got so far to bend!

Fingers were flying, and tongues were buzzin',

As they crumbled bread by the baker's dozen.

The wash tub and the boiler were filled to the brim,

And "then" the things we saw go in!

Onions and butter, sage and such, Not too little, and not too much. Pearl salted and seasoned, tested and tasted,

Nothing that could go in was wasted.

Then an assembly line formed out at the door,

Ladies with turkeys by the score. The birds were scrubbed, and washed, and rinsed again,

And all the time it looked like rain.

Ellen manned the hose with vim and vigour,

As she swished out each rotund turkey figger.

Then needles were threaded with cord and string,

And nineteen turkeys couldn't do a thing.

Ah! the tales that were told,

And the tales that were heard, As they stitched up each wellstuffed bird.

Edna Pottruff was the hit of the day,

With her hair styled in chic new way.

And Mrs. Schuyler with clever fingers.

Arranged lovely flowers for the scent that lingers.

Green peppers and celery were being prepared,

Mrs. Wilson and Leone, this task they shared.

Potatoes were peeled as thin as thin,

None was left with any skin. We saw Mrs. Whiting folding serviettes,

This souvenir each visitor gets.

The tables all were set with care, For company was coming and lots would be there.

Wednesday night they came from far and wide,

Some for the turkey, and some for the ride.

Some to see how the turkey was cooked.

And some to see how the waitresses looked!

There were no complaints, it was all so good,

The ladies had done everything they could.

When each departing guest had fled,

We all sat down, our feet like lead. Before we had quite eaten our fill, Nor had yet enough of just sitting still,

We had, of a sudden, a great reprieve,

For the lights went out and we "had" to leave.

—Amy E. Jarvis, R.R. 3, Paris. Quotation from the poet wordsworth.

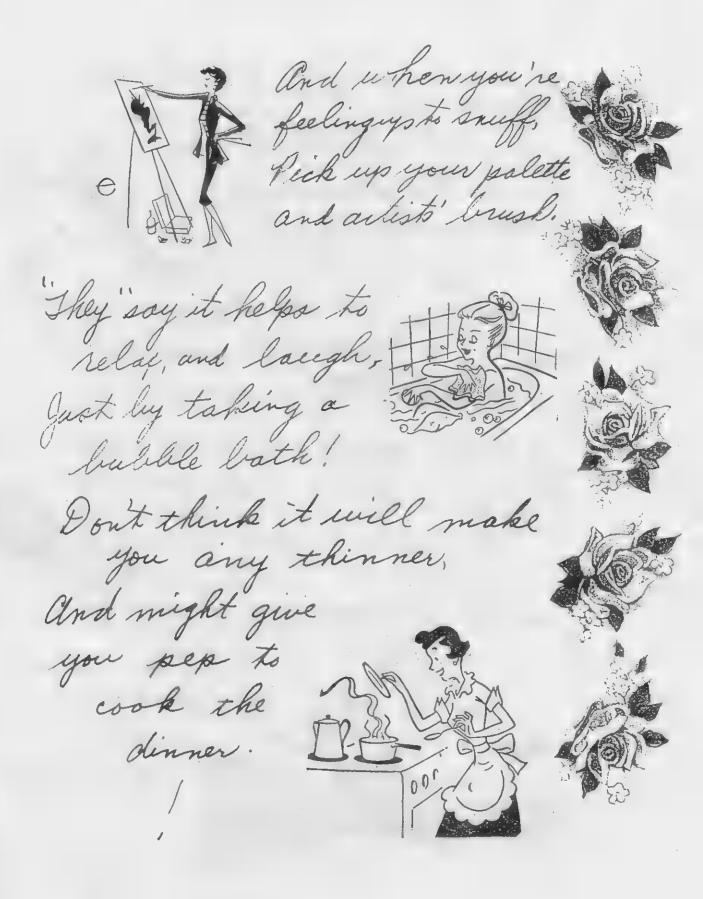
"The smoke ascends to heaven as lightly from the cottage hearth as from the haughty palace. He whose soul ponders this true equality may walk the fields of earth with gratitude and hope."

IF YOU CANNOT HAVE THE BEST; MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

If you cannot have the best Of everything, to feather your nest, Make the best of what you own, Four walls, a roof, and love, make home. Maybe it doesn't look like Buckingham Palace, So don't be downhearted, neurotic and callous. Just let your personality shine And the family will think the house looks fine. We're filled with envy, sometimes we confess, But does it matter if we have less Than he who dwells in palatial halls? Let us be thankful for our own four walls. I don't think a yacht would be best for you, Let's be content to paddle our own canoe. You'd like to send your daughter to a finishing school? In the country they teach the same golden rule! If you haven't a light and feathery touch Like Ellen, with an artists' brush, Don't think life's an awful bore, Go home and paint the kitchen floor. We can't, like Nellie, wear a nurse's cap, But we can hold upon our lap A little lad with a finger cut, A band-aid and a kiss will fix him up. If to play the organ you've always been wishin' Never mind, there has to be someone just to listen. While Mrs. Kirkpatrick, or Mildred is playing, Just be glad that you have good hearing. Our cakes and pies (and this is the truth.) Can't compete, at the fair, with our Ruth's. We must be content with what we cook, And trust our family has a well-fed look. Miriam's fingers are quick and nimble At the piano, or with needle and thimble, We may fall short in style and fashion But for patching overalls we have a passion. If little dresses we cannot smock, Then be content to darn a sock. If you haven't got a figure like Venus Don't you think, girls, just between us? That a big, wide and friendly smile Makes all that weight you carry worth while? If you can't squeeze into a 34 Then be glad that you have more! It's people, like me, who are skinny and pale That have all the appeal of an old fence rail. You ain't gifted like Toscannini? But you can sew a clever beanie For that little girl of yours, And help your husband with the chores! And if you can laugh when the clothes line breaks, You have, good friends, just what it takes. If you laugh at trouble, you have the best, For surely this is the acid test. And with this, just be content, Your spirit's not broken. it's only bent!

Ash. 13. 1955 Dear Ellen: you know that little Aird that gets He surely covers a lot of ground. His latest song isn't quite as sweet; The theme: Poor Ellen is almost off her feet" Like the elephant I couldn't forgot, How good you were to me, my pet. now I'm not wise and I'm not wetty, I can't arrange a corsage pretty,

I can't stand on my head like a ferny clown, I can't group in the rar and drive you around. I can only write you this little verse, and hope it won't make you feel much Let not think about waking floors, Just ignore those house. hold chores! did!



Ellen, do you think that she - ing we should try, Or take swimming lessons at the 4 2 maybe a lot smarker we would be, To settle for a cup of tea. Ithen you're cold is better, & you feel and the days are a little longer To out with HIM and celebrate. and everything will look Just Great ? Eller gor a quick and complete recovery, May Sincerely, Urry.

Over such terrible roads we went in search Of a chicken pie supper at the church. We had a feeling as we travelled there That we would find most ample fare. Our appetites were big and they were hearty; We were all set forthis chicken party. There is no ham with the chicken tonight; We hope Ralph will pardon this oversight. The price of ham has hit a new low, And won't be seen with chicken, we know. To make a chicken pie is Alton's delight, And we did enjoy his chicken pies tonight. Behind Marvin's barn, heads rolled today And two more chickens found their way Out of the gravy unto the plate, And everyone just ate and ate! Lorne would love to make a chicken pie But he couldn't bear to see those chickens die; But he ate four pieces with mighty zest. We expect Dorothy likely did the rest! We think the cast is out of this world, And the ladies have their hair so beautifully curled. Gary Moore would have a fit If he could see the half of it. His T.V. rating would go up fast If he could have these stars on his cast. The moderator too is one for the book; He has for sure that polished look. He acts as though he's done this before, And he'll get better as he does more. If he'll get top billing we'll never know; But we'll all turn out to see his show.

Here we have a moment's pause To boost our local channel's cause. If you have any trucking to do today, Call C. Peart and Son. It's the only way They'll come in a hurry; they'll come on the double; It's never really any trouble. Their truck is heated and chromium plated. Don't everthink it's over rated. Give a little time and thought today To pigs that travel this modern way. C. Peart and Son have really got class, And they have only to step on the gas, To be at your door -- a quick pick up. They work every day; there's no let up. Every Sunday we see them in church; They aren't hunting pigs; they've slowed the search. But Monday morning they'll be on the road To gather up their squealing load. And if you have any kind of luck You'll get Peart's with that trusty truck. At times he may seem heaven sent, Except when his get up and go has got up and went!

Tune: Home on the Range

1: O give me a home where the people don't groan,
Where their always cheerful and bright;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And they've yet to have a good fight.

Chorus:

Home, Home on the range; Where we bake chicken pies for a change. On this there's no ban, though, not really Ralph's plan. He eats only tenderized ham.

- 2: The chickens can't go, we need them you know, And the ladies need feathers for hats.

 Eat an egg every day keep the doctor away, Though with Ralph we may have some spats.
- 3: Over ice and through snow to church suppers we go,
 And the ham it always is there.
 It's medium rare or it's very well done.
 Sometimes it means having fun.
- 4: Chickens and pigs get along if they wish,
 They're a most quite traditional dish.
 To strengthen your legs, eat bacon and eggs,
 We can't always eat tenderized ham.
- We don't think Ralph's kickin', to-night he ate chicken.

 Let the feather fall where they may, through slush and high water,

 We'll do what we oughter;

 We'll eat either chicken or ham.

Amy E. Jarvis

Dear Santa Claus:

We know you'll carry quite a load,
On Christmas eve down the Bethel Road.
Ofcourse you'll pack in lots of toys,
For all the good little girls and boys.
But what of we "old folks", dear Santa Claus,
Let's talk this over, a moment pause.
For some special thing each has a hope,
And Santa, old friend, I have all the dope.
I slipped right in on the inside track,
And have it all down in white and black.

Clarence and Eva will never stop, When you bring them a surrey with a fringe on top. Lorne and Dorothy will be thrilled to tell, How they got a weekend trip to the Burford Hotel. The Schyler boys we're sure you'll please, If you bring umbrellas for the cherry trees. Have you got for Nellie a cherry pitter, For Verna a reliable baby sitter? Lewis doesn't give a rap, As long as he gets a coonskin cap. I'm sure in your bag there'll be a place, For a diamond tiara for his Grace. Could you give John and Fern a southern cruise? Come on Santa, you have nothing to lose! Wilfred and Edna might raise a fuss, So bring them a streamlined, Greyhound bus. For Percal now, a big deep freeze, To hold that deer he shot 'mong the trees. Mary will be pleased with anything, Like a 50 karat diamond ring. Mildred Albin, now Santa, really, Would like for Robert, a new shilalegh. And Robert for his sweet colleen, A beautiful gown, as long as it's green. Alton and Ellen would just as soon, As anything else, have a trip to the moon, Some flying saucers they could get, For Ellen says they match her set. The Turnbulls now, Santa, do you think They'd like an outdoor skating rink? To Clarence and Daisy it would be fine, To give something for their leisure time, On a bicycle built for two, They can go all the places they've wanted to. By the grapevine we have heard, Velma would like a budgie bird. Marvin should have some lucky breaks, And will, if you bring his roller skates. The Davis family will get a thrill, If you leave a roller coaster on that hill. And if this should be a failure, The Milburns will pick them up in the long, long trailer. Santa there's just one thing Ivan lacks, That's a carload of potato sacks.

And Marie, Santa, we should think, Would like a season's pass to a curling rink. Just think, what fun for Ernest and Pearl, On a merry-go-round to have a whirl. And Chester (and we got this from his wife), Has yearned for bagpipes all his life. But Hazel we know will surely win, When she finds in her sock a rolling pin. For Taylor's and Leach's without a doubt, It's snowshoes, and they'll surely get out. There's Billy Brooks, let me see now, Oh yes, for him, a super colossal Gurnsey cow. To please his wife you could not fail, With a three-legged stool and shiny pail. That flying carpet, you could leave under the tree, At the Kirkpatrick's, how happy they'll be. For Delbert, a pair of ear muffs red, Oh yes! bring a spare for the top of his head. And Clara would have some jolly sessions, If she could have some ballet lessons. And the Carter's, from what we hear, Would be delighted with, Rudolph you red-nosed deer!

Now Santa, there may be some we've overlooked, But we know you've got them all down in your book. We've given you all the help we can, May all proceed according to plan. We've made the list, and checked it twice, You know whose been naughty or nice.

Now Santa Claus, for your midnight lunch We have a quite authentic hunch, That east of the church there'll be tarts and cake, Up west there'll be sandwiches on a plate. Santa Claus, we wish you luck, we wish you speed, We're sure you'll have everything that we need.

VISITING REPORT OF 1956

My visiting is all done by letter When folks are ill, and we wish them better. We give advice like every good nurse And hope they don't take a turn for the worse! We'd like to send them roses sweet But our piggy bank's M. T. most every week. Yes, the "Taber" ladies do visit the sick And that's why we all get better so quick. Aches and pains are hard to bear And it's nice to know there are those who care. There are shut-ins too, who "plain and purl" And just "watch" the snowflakes gaily whirl. They have time, their mail to read So we drop a line where there is a need. There are always some who can visit and talk Who can drive a car and don't have to walk. And when a new member arrives with bonnet and bows Off to the mother a poem goes. We try to learn by the party line About folks who aren't feeling quite so fine. And try to think of something to write And send it off that very night.

> Amy E. Jarvis Community Friendship Secretary Bethel W. M. S.

DEAR RALPH & GWEN:

May 24, 1958

The road was long but it was smooth And Ralph, for sure was in the groove. He wooed and won this lovely miss And sealed the contract with a kiss. Oh joy ecstatic, joy complete This guy has swept her off her feet. When the wedding bells were heard to sing Gwen wondered, now, have I done the right thing? But she was radiant, very regal And Ralph was there to make it legal! Life is not all froth and bubble At times it is a mighty struggle. The row may be long and hard to hoe But working together you'll make it go. If storm clouds threaten domestic bliss You know that miracle, the hug and kiss. May your dreams all come true at Hidden Springs No more pictures, no more jokes Just good wishes and love from the Bethel folks.

P.S. One more thing needs no explaining
The Bethel Dodgers are now in spring training!

Poet's Corner

Enchanted House

(Dedicated to R. and M. Milburn)
Quaint is this house that long has
stood

On a sloping rill, close by the wood.

Great trees with spreading arms enfold

Its walls, yet with grace it's growing old.

It's sturdy bricks are mellow with age;

Here stands ■ landmark on history's page.

The entrance hall is spacious and wide,

With doorways opening off either side.

We pause a moment, and in our mind

We picture a world of another kind.

Crinolined ladies arrive for a ball With escorts, handsome, gallant and tall.

In the drawing room they toyed with their fans,

Whispering secrets, romantic plans.

The minuet they danced with grace;

Chatter was gay, and bright each face.

These walls have seen both joy and tears

And stood withal, these many years.

The winding stairs to the upper hall

Lures us on to see it all.

Little windows 'neath the eaves, Whose panes are brushed by whisp'ring leaves;

How many people here have stood Gazing off across the wood — Weaving dreams of things to come Lost in world that's never humdrum.

Away from the busy world below, Oft to these beck'ning windows they'd go

To build their castles in the air, And then come down to simple fare.

This old house stirred with sur-

To see four little girls with shining eyes

On vast explorations bent, Discovering new places wherever they went.

Rosemary, Sylvia, Sharon too, And sweet, adorable Betty Lou. Joy and laughter fill the halls, Bringing new life to aging walls. Mysterious cupboards 'neath the stairs

Are homes for dolls and teddy bears.

Three stairways rise to the great upstairs,

And brave indeed is he who dares To prowl about on a windswept night,

Without the benefit of light.

But the little girls with fairy book names

Make life merry with their games. An enchanted castle is their home And I'm sure at midnight fairies roam,

Bringing sweet dreams to sleepy heads

All safely tucked in little beds.

And in the morning they go hand
in hand,

Down the lane to flower land.

A. E. Jarvis, Paris, Ontario.

May 7, 1952.

(Dedicated to Mr. W. H. Green) October 26, 1953

He'd suffered long, he'd suffered a lot, A yawning chasm in a tooth he'd got. It wasn't quite as big as the Canyon Grand But it was more than he could stand. A conference was called by the Mighty 3 The Dr., the dentist, and suffering he. They inspected, rejected and then detected A cavity they had long neglected. They discussed it long with serious face For this was a rare unusual case. They finally came to a ponderous decision Arriving there by careful precision. They decided then it should come out And Mr. Green he gave a joyful shout. The itinary then was planned for a day The 26th of October it was, by the way. With a bodyguard of 100 strong He travelled the Oakhill Drive along. His heart was ticking, his pulse was steady For this grim ordeal the victim was ready. They cruised along without a care Enjoying the drive in the country air. Down Brant Ave. and then forthwith They arrived at the workshop of Dr. Smith. He had spied the welcome mat Just vacated by the cat. Nurse was there with arms open wide Urging him to come inside. Made him comfy in a lazy boy chair Polished his shoes and brushed his hair. They made ready the operating room He was ushered in and none too soon. His bodyguard was standing by Their's but to stand, not question why. Dr. Smith, with ready wit Says: Open wide please, this is it! For 60 minutes, nearly an hour The Doc. did probe with a countenance sour. The nurse soothed his brow and held his hand The Doc. he struggled to beat the band. He used a derrick pulley and rope To give his arm a wider scope. Mr. Green he hung on for dear life Upheld by the nurse, by Marvin, and Mr. G's wife. With a mighty jerk, and a gleaming eye Dr. Smith he held the prize up high. Mr. Green emerged without a scratch But said: "I'll keep the rest of this batch." He paid his bill (I think) and homeward sped Where Mrs. G. tucked him into bed. I hope, she said, you'll never rue it By gum, he says, there's nothing to it. He dozed awhile, then the Dr. came Surprised: no doubt, to see him the same.

He could hardly believe his eyes
So he tried a needle on for size!
That should hold you for awhile
The Dr. assured him with a smile.
Just sit tight till I see you again
And now this poem(?) is nearing its end.
You thought I could, and here it is
The best I could do, old pal, Gee Whiz!

A. E. Jarvis

Presentation to Mr. & Mrs. George Folsetter and Mr. & Mrs. Doug Folsetter (October 24, 1951)

OLD NEIGHOURS NEVER DIE THEY JUST MOVE AWAY

There is an old Homestead not far away Where they spread a welcome mat three times a day. A bolted door we never see We get invited in to tea. But they are packing up to move away.

George has tilled the fertile soil year after year, Birdie sewed and hoed and canned and lent him cheer. George can plough a furrow straight And for meals he's never late. But soon will come the day They move away.

Faithful workers they have been, that is their way Truer friends we've never seen. Day after day we will never say good bye, They'll be back to each fish fry They'll hardly even know They've moved away.

George and Birdie Folsetter are (both) tried and true Doug and Grace will follow in their footsteps too. We'll be glad to have them call, Summer, winter, spring and fall, A happy landing we will say When they move away.

You'll wonder where the yellow went
When you brush with "Peart's Pepsodent".

If this doesn't give your teeth a gleam
Try Reg's "Rapid Shaving Cream"!

When your back gives out, you're going under,
Try "Dr. Albin's Medical Wonder".

Soon you'll square dance with the mob,
Dr. Albin's does the job.

Wan't you spend a little ready cash
To cure your baby's diaper rash?

Get Folsetter's "Non Scuff Wax",
If this is what your nursery lacks:

Do you have muscular pains when you sit in church?
For a remedy have you had a long search?

Try "Chester's Chest Rub", in the end
This is money you'll be glad to spend.

Are you pale and skinny and thin?

Look like something the cat dragged in?

Pearl's "Reducing Pills" are what you need

Then you'll really go to seed.

With tranquil nerves, enjoy your life
You'll get along better with your wife
And make new friends both far and near
If you take a dose of "Cain's Blue Cheer".

Stop that tickle that makes you cough
And lifts the top of your head right off.
Take Ellen's "More for your Money Shampoo"
And it will make a man of you!

Need something to put on your feet?
Pep you up so you'll really eat,
Take "Green's Gargle", a gallon a day,
Your friends will carry you away.

Boys, do you want your pigs at the bacon show?

Then take this tip, they'll be sure to go.

Use "Howlett's Pig Starter", they'll win a prize

And it comes in the Big Economy Size!

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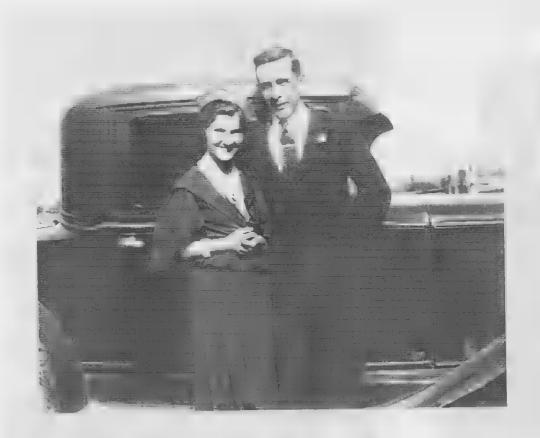
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Hi Neighbor! /-

Hi-Neighbour is grateful this week to Mrs. A. E. Jarvis, of R.R. 2, for the following poem. Though she signs her epic of the storm "appreciative rural subscriber," we have taken the liberty of telling you her name. Many thanks go to Mrs. Jarvis for saving Hi-Neighbour from burning the mid-night oil.

ON THE BACK CONCESSION

The way was long and the wind was cold,

But our neighbor, he was brave and bold.

With the Paris Star clutched under his arm

He made deliveries from farm to farm.

He plodded along through the drifts and the woods,

And arrived at our house to deliver the goods.

We read with interest your column, Hi-Neighbor!

And commend you highly for your day and night labor.

The Star arrives at the appointed places

And you and your staff can relax your faces.

This, the week of "The Terrible Storm",

Has given us problems down on the farm.

We, too, have cause to resort to the aspirin and

I'll tell you now what really happened.

Our problem was this: the milk to deliver.

We could travel neither by road nor river.

The gals on the bovine assembly line

They didn't sit down and moan and pine,

From spotted Brindle on down to Brunello

Continued to "give" with the cream so yellow.

The milk stand, mark of the milk producer,

Was blotted from view by a fierce nor'wester.

The valiant driver of the St. George milk truck

Had not to our knowledge ever been stuck.

He struggled on as his temperature rose.

And heartily blessed this "land of snows."

And what are we breathlessly waiting for,

The farmer, the trucker, the rich and the poor?

Unanimously we all exclaim, Why the snowplow, of course! And we bless its name. No G. I. Joe, with his pin-up gals, Has half as many loyal pals.

Ungainly you say—no— a thing of grace,

And a welcoming smile is on every face.

And a warm, warm feeling filled our hearts,

And the tears 'almost' from our eyes did start,

When the plough sashayed up this rural by-way;

Exuberantly, we shouted hurrah! We watched it struggle and snort

and quiver,

And the drifts parted with me ghastly shiver.

It wavered moment, then followed through.

Long live Canada, and the snow plow too!

(An appreciative rural subscriber.)

Hi Neighbor!

Dear Editor of Hi-Neighbor: ,

Having been thrilled and encouraged by seeing my maiden effort, "On the Back Concession," in print, I was inspired (?) to try again. Whether or not you find this acceptable for your paper, I will have had the fun of writing it, and you will know how we, on the back concession react to being

SNOWBOUND

Down on the farm it has snowed more,

Obscuring all roads, even that to the door.

The farmer, rising at crack of dawn To round up his chores down at the barn,

The lantern and milk pail in either hand,

With sinking heart, surveys the land. Through snowbanks high he must dig and delve

Muttering audibly up to twelve.

Though 'tis the habit of mice and men

When on the spot, to count to ten! The snowplow, through no fault of its own

Has unintentionally let us down.

There was a spot on Oak Avenue
Where even the snowplow couldn't

get through.
We can't possibly reach the stores-in

town,
So have to resort to stores of our own.

Our fuel is dwindling we're alarmed to, see,

Regretfully we cut down the old

But now we meet old winter's

Simply by throwing another log on the fire.

Bacon on the hoof is now bacon on the rind,

And don't think that we don't think that's fine.

Our feathered friends are on the way to the larder

Excepting the ones that try to lay

Although our baker is marooned in Ayr,

Our biscuits, they say, are passing

So, with fruit and vegetables in the cellar,

What, care we for the wind and weather.

Perchance 'tis but the hand of fate, And it's good for us to have to wait. Our ingenuity gets I fling;

With necessity driving we can try anything.

So, we'll carry on, and we'll laugh at fate.

We're quite content to sit and wait.

Amy E. Jarvis,

R.R. 2, Paris.

Poet's Corner

Winter's Child

Oh! to be ■ child again
With keen delight in snow and
rain.

Skipipng along to country school.

Here is my daughter, with lunch box red,

Snowflakes melting on bonneted head,

Covered with snow from boots to chin,

"Oh! I couldn't go by and "not" jump in!"

"Are you cold, my dear?" (As mothers say).

"Oh mummy, no! It's the grandest day!"

School, today, is pure joy, you see Because Sheila Elizabeth is just Grade 3.

There is lots of ice to slide upon, With merry shout and a lilting song;

A playful pup to run at her heels. "Happiness", that's all she feels. When winds are chill And gray are the skies,

I'll be warmed by the glow In my daughter's eyes.

Amy E. Jarvis.

MAR. 1, 1956

DOWN ON THE FARM

The last few weeks have been more than difficult for our neighbours down on the!farm; but to Amy Jarvis, the situation has not been hopeless. In fact, she appears to have taken it all in her stride as have most of the other snowbound farm folk. This week we are happy to see that the "Snowbound," "Back Concession" is -1948

REPRIEVED

(By the Snowplow)

The all clear has sounded, we are reprieved!

You can say it again, for we are relieved.

Oh, we may have laughed, and manfully joked,

But down underneath we harboured a hope

That we would see the snowplow soon,

At least, before the change of the moon.

This is the day we'll remember long.

For the snowplow went up, And the snowplow went down;

so sweet,

This tuneless wonder, this civilized But this is the winter we're making jeep.

To Pat and his plow our thanks are | We, in this streamlined, modern day, due;

From where we sit there's a wonderful view.

The road is clear, and the road is smooth.

And we are "hep", and we're "in the groove,"

The neighbors gather 'round the cup that cheers,

And we're having more fun than we've had in years;

It may be only ■ cup of tea

And we kid ourselves we're out on spree,

But to-night, when the chores have all been done.

We're going to town, and we're going to have fun.

We'll hie us forth where the lights are bright

And celebrate far into the night. So Paris! Open your portals wide, The farmers are coming from every side;

It isn't often we come to town But when we do, we do it up brown. To-day really calls for unique celebrations

With friends, contemporaries, and

relations.

It played on our heartstrings music With the years our memories may grow rusty,

history.

Are not equipped as was grandmother's way;

It took more than weather, grandma to stop,

For she rode in the surrey with the fringe on top.

My grandchildren, in the sweet bye and bye,

May look on me with a quizzical eye When my gnarled fingers turn back the pages,

And I recount to them, "The Storm of the Ages."

Wide-eyed, incredulous they'll listen, And I'll reminisce, and my eyes may glisten.

The little skeptics may doubt my veracity,

But to my tall tales I'll cling with tenacity.

That, little ones, was in '45:

Enchanted, they'll shout, "Did any . survive?"

With gleaming eye, I'll reply with alacrity,

"Your grandmother, dears, is still alive!"

> Amy E. Jarvis, R.R. 2, Paris.

Your missle received, I'm enchanted no end, I marvel anew at what drips from your pen. You make me laugh and you make me cry And leave many a reminiscent sigh. Among my friends to have such a genius! Though no one would guess, if together they'd seen us. I treasure your friendship above priceless rubies Tho admittedly we are a pair of boobies. Your tender solicitude is endearing, heartening And cheers me vastly when days are darkening. My health improves by leaps and bounds In fact I'll soon be riding to hounds. Your reference to a lark in the dark Aroused in me a responsive spark, To prove that it really can be done I'll tell you how Joyce and I had fun. She was on holidays - neither was I! We decided to celebrate; the limit - the sky -I phoned the "Dominion Royal" at noon, The "Big Boss" himself, he answered the phone, I asked for Sawyer, the light of my life, The Boss he swore: "Gad! An Office Wife!" But Sawyer said: "Come hell or high water" He'd rush home and I could date mother's daughter, To the corner we flew at 7:30 And neither our necks nor our ears were dirty. Our seersucker models were streamlined and chic The bell bottomed trousers, he whistled "slick chick"! We decided to avoid the fate and the fuss And gave a quick brush off to the old Paris bus. A glad-eyed male he passed us by And he looked to us like an alright guy But by our actions he had no way of knowing Whether we knew if we were coming or going. Soon a very prim female stopped by our side And right to Brantford we got a free ride. On to the Capitol we scurried and scampered And our giggling was all that really hampered. Altho' we were the object of many a stare They seized our money when we paid our fare. We had a seat (2) in the balcony fit for a king And enjoyed the works, the whole darned thing. By the way, "The Enchanted Castle" was the show Sorry, old thing, you didn't know! Devoid it was of humour and wit But in spite of that we enjoyed every bit. It proved the old adage that "love is blind" That all it takes is two of a kind. Ofcourse, we found humour where humour was none And our neighbors considered us balmy and dumb. We saw it through to the happy end And now my tale takes a different trend. We entered the "Laides Retiring Room" But "Shades of Ulysses" we let out a groan

We hollered "help"! and we hollered "murder"! For the sign plainly said: "I'm Out of Order, With admirable nonchalonce and great aplomb We meandered out the way we had come. No one will know what the effort cost us Tho' many an unknown soul went past us. We retained our dignity by the king of our teeth Nor Emily Post could detect a breach. We realized with a start that the bus was leaving So with a desperate leap and our senses reeling We jumped on the drivers corns - he yelped (ha, ha) But anything else we couldn't have helped. We gave him the money, he gave us a glare We drew a deep breath and eased into a chair. (to ryhme with glare) We stopped at the corner of 2 and 5 And you know where we made a dive. At Randal's Lunch Room we plunked down a quarter Altho' we knew we shouldn't oughter. And then we decided to buy some nuts. Ay now we were really a couple of muts. Up No. 5 we hysterically wavered And asked our sitter if ice cream he savoured. We sat us down to the nuts and ice cream And woke to find that it wasn't a dream. But the end of a perfectly lovely day And the next time kid: "I'm going your way"!

Your little cheese bite, Amy J.

- P.S. # 1 Your tactful reference to my tender age Will glow like a jewel on memory's page.
- P.S. # 2 My seating capacity accomodates one And deserves it's rest when day is done.
- P.S. # 3 This stationary I received today
 From my little sister who draws her pay!
- P.S. # 4 The birthday card was really a honey I wouldn't exchange it for a mint of money.

& them's my words! A.E.J.

HOME ECONOMICS

(With apologies to the experts!)

On Home Economics Ruth asked me to write But this is a subject on which I'm not bright. I just number among the "also ran" But I'll try and do the best I can. As you know, Home Economics comprise A great many things to make us wise. Style and Beauty, Health, Food and Clothes We can't mention them all, goodness knows. But on a few ideas we've enlarged a bit If you'll have patience to listen to it. When you go shopping is your mind in a dither? You can't recall the length of that zipper? You forgot that sample to match the thread Your feet, oh dear! they feel like lead. The stores are crowded with people like you They have forgotten their shopping lists too! Did you turn off the oven when you left for town? Again your brow wears a worried frown. But, a gay, mad hat you see in a store And life, all at once, isn't such a bore. You buy it implusively, cost too much money But you couldn't resist, 'twas such a honey! Later, you'll think, it matches nothing I own You'll regret that purchase too late you'll moan. Be a wise shopper, take tips from your neighbor Looking in every store is sheer hard labor. Know the best places when you go to shop Then from store to store you won't have to hop. Know your needs, and time limitations Dispense with a lot of needless frustrations. Now you feminine unpredictable creatures Don't be tempted by bargain sale features. It isn't a bargain if you don't need it This advice costs you nothing, mind you heed it! And remember the salesclerk is a human too Don't condescend, be nice, it's more like you. We hope these shopping hints are useful And save your money till you have a purseful.

Now every woman knows 'tis her duty To do all she can for the cause of beauty. Get lots of rest both day and night And your eyes will glow with a lovely light. A skin like the velvety bloom of a rose And never a shine on a femine nose Is something to which we all aspire And I'll tell you how it can be acquired. The main essential is really Good Health More precious to all than any great wealth. Our faces reflect our physical condition This is an arm, a lifetime mission. Health habits which specially affect the complexion Are right foods, fresh air, and relaxation. Muscular activity is recommended by some We can all get this by chewing gum!

That's not enough - you suggest - you scoff Well just lie down, till the feeling wears off!
Cleanliness then is the second rule
Something we've learned at home and school.
Work up a good lather with warm water and soap
With this we can surely, very easily cope.
Rinse with warm and then cold water
And you'll really glow like the books say you ought to.
Toward a fresh, fine-textured skin
Creams can help, why not begin?
Natural beauty can be enhanced
By skilful make up - take a chance.
The thing to do is keep them guessing
Whether it's real or not! now your progressing.

If your long past being pleasantly plump Don't go into a mental slump. Don't refer constantly to a feature or failing Don't complain that your always ailing. We all have defects but there are ways to meet them Disguise our shortcomings, to then forget them. If your weight is 150, and a bit to boot Don't ever appear in a red slack suit. A soft, plain colour or a pattern small That's for you when on friends you call. If you are tall and terricfically thin Then you can go into a stylish spin. And emerge with peplums, ruffles and lace And a smiling happy and cheerful face. A flock of freckles needn't give you a complex Tho' they may not add glamour to the fairer sex. Your tried and true friends will love you the same As for the others, we won't mention their names. Think for a moment of your best friend Is she streamlined in the modern trend? Or is she a little bit wrinkled, a little bit grey? It doesn't matter you like her that way. A belt's chief purpose in life is not Just to keep your dress from falling apart. But can be a bright accent on your costume An eye catcher when you enter a room. Ring in innumerable changes with one basic dress And you'll find you can be well groomed for less. Do you feel badly because glasses you wear? Well stop that fuming and tearing your hair An up to date optician will take some pains To fit you with attractive becoming frames. You can look quite distinctive wearing glasses Get a second glance from he who passes. Frames now come in many shades and shapes You can even get them to match your drapes.

For June brides we have a column too This may be helpful to all of you A quarter of our food budget goes for meat So here are some hints which can't be beat. Flavour is destroyed by long, long cooking Remember this and at the meat be looking Sear to brown the surface fat Of steaks and chops and things like that. Preserves the juices in them too So of this we take a pleasant view. When cooking meat to make a stew Simmering in a little water will do. Add salt after the first 1/2 hour, not before Another bit of meat cooking lore. In grinding meat for patties and loaves that are nice Try running it thro' your food chopper twice. This gives a better flavor you'll find And to do it twice you really won't mind. Your meat loaf now will slice like a charm When company drops in down on the farm. Make penny stretching a lucrative game Don't let them say you have a lame brain. Buy small oranges for juices to squeeze Unless the money you pick from trees. Another way to save a few cents Buy the large box of soap, less is the prize per oz. of contents. Use bacon dripping for seasoning and frying Save a nickel here without half trying. That vegetable cooking water put in the gravy Makes it much more nutritious and oh so savoury. Use up those extra whites and yolks You can whip up something to please your folks. In the oven don't bake one thing at a time Make full use of it - save a dime. Substitute grated orange and lemon rind in some recipes Don't buy extracts, do this it will please. Check up on the leftover tidbits each day Invent new dishes, serve a different way. You'll save vitamins, time and pennies too Just like our mothers taught us to do. There is so much satisfaction in really good tea That very particular it pays to be. The very best quality cost, for one cup, a cent So, your purse it scarcely shows a dent. If you have to eat your lunch alone Don't just sit down and worry a bone You can't be bothered with your own noon meal? But just think how much better you'll feel If you fix an attractive tempting tray And have it outside, if it's that kind of day. A comfy chair, a cheery corner -Oh no! sit over there, it's really much warmer. You can lunch alone and like it too -Why not do what's good for you? Full of promise our gardens are So hitch that dinner plate to a star.

Let's try to rate high with those in our homes Don't let them look like a bag of bones! A cream soup packed with protein is good for a start Helps keep the family from falling apart. A vegetable plate or vegetable dinner Is a painless, surefire healthy winner. This vegetable plate is high in food value and color Will pep up the days that tend to be duller. Variety in flavours, texture and method of cooking The things we put in when nobody's looking! Scalloped potatoes, buttered beets, lima beans, spinach or chard There are endless varieties and no need to think hard; Potato croquets, scalloped tomatoes, creamed carrots, green peas -By now, they'll be warbling like birds in the trees. To please the men in our lives we always try So for a substantial dessert, serve apple pie. Our quota of eggs is at least 4 a week If we, really good health are trying to seek. If you lose out on these extra vitamins and protein With the home economists you daren't be seen. Over low heat they (the eggs) must always be cooked, This rule must not be overlooked. Add salt after cooking is good advice So that they won't toughen, but be ever so nice. We relish green onions these warm summer days And use in endless, countless ways In tossed salads with lettuce if you wish We are all familiar with this dish. Do you ever put them in omelets too? A simple but tasty trick to do. Even old mashed potatoes get a new lease on life When dressed up with onions by the farmer's wife. Stews and hamburger, onions pep them up There'll be nothing left to feed the pup. So if you suffer from anything chronic New spring onions are a very good tonic. It is by invisible organisms canned food is spoiled We feel badly to lose it when long hours we've toiled. There are 3 types of these organisms everywhere, On fruits, in soil, on hands, kitchen gadgets and in the air. These types are moulds, yeasts and bacteria There's likely some hiding in your wisteria! For canning by approved methods containers are clean This, first of all, you will have seen. Contents, then, kept at a sufficiently high temperature For a sufficient length of time, of this be sure. This will stop the action of all chemical substance This is reassuring, when we can in abundance. Food may be heated or processed in a boiling water bath This method would have made great-grandmother laugh. A method some expert canners extol Is in an oven with automatic heat control. The open kettle for jams and jellies is good For these need lots of sugar, and so they should. For pickles this is satisfactory too Those this isn't news to any of you. Can only the quantities you require for a year

After this time it deteriorates, so we hear. Canning less than your requirements will cost you more For you know it's expensive at the store. Can generous quantities of tomatoes and juice For of these you can make the very best use. A large serving of tomatoes can substitute For your daily requirement of citrus fruit. Yearly crop and market conditions may alter your plans So it's a good policy to estimate your family's demands. This plan reduces year end surpluses of some canned food And prevents inadequate supplies of others, just as good. Understand reliable directions for the complete canning process Abide by the rules, don't can by guess. Vine, bush and tree ripened fruits have the very best flavour Choose only these, you'll be repaid for your labor. Pack "garden freshness" in your cans and sealers They'll be superior to any you buy at your dealers. Two hours, from the garden to the can The ideal to work for, the ideal plan. Memories of a berry patch down the Bethel road And church suppers, with berries served a la mode Strawberry shortcake - food for the gods Gets nothing but praise and approving nods. And on a frosty morning with the toast Serve that berry jam on which you boast. And "just berries" with thick cream and angel food Who would say... "this is not good"! And so - on this delectable note we close And "dear ladies", you each look as fresh as a rose!

> A. E. Jarvis August 1950

"DEDICATED TO BABY JANICE ANN" (born May 2, 1952.)

Who says the age of miracles is past? Good news, it surely travels fast We jumped for joy when we got the word Nothing sweeter we've ever heard. Bert, I'm sure is walking on air And telling all of his daughter fair. All has proceeded according to plan, At last she arrived, dear Janice Ann. I have a quite authentic hunch That you three are as pleased as punch To have a little girl with shining eyes Who smiles a lot and sometimes cries. She won't be just "queen for a day" This little girl who came in May. But each day will bring its added joys, And Bobby - a sister is better than toys! She'll fill your hearts with joy and pride And loving hands her steps will guide.

Paris was nestled all snug in the hills With no more than the usual run of ills.

The unsuspecting went their way Nor little dreamed that on this day "The Flu" would come down like a wolf on the fold,

Poisoned fangs gnashing, gleaming and cold.

This venemous monster writhed through the town

Into homes, schools, up hill and down.

It struck out with cruel fancy at old and young

"The flu is spreading", 'twas on every tongue,

Prostrate, the victims fell by the way We paused. "would our number be up today?

Scarce had the query passed our lip When of the bitter brew we tasted a sip,

We tried to shrug it off with m grin.
But Old Man Flu had walked right.

The little man with his hammer and tongs

Sat on our head and beat out his songs.

We saw sunsets, and beautiful stars, Jupiter, Venus, or was it Mars? We're at the circus, we're at the fair

We're on a train, we're in the air, "Oh, Lie down, poor dope, you're sick in bed

That thing you are holding is your head!"

We cough and cough, our throats' on fire

Our temperature rises higher and higher,

We've aches and pains, we're sore to the marrow,

We haven't the strength of ailing sparrow,

We failed to rise to the quail on toast

Nor the first slice of the Sunday roast,

Remove those victuals from our view

Speak not to us of pie or stew.

Don't mention food in our presence
pray,

It all has the appeal of so much hay. Bring us liquids, hot or cold,

That's the stuff on which we're sold. The crises, now, they say is passed, We must rise up, assume our task, Our feeble hand picks up the torch, Oops! is it really "that" far to our front porch?

But hope springs eternal in the human breast

And surely now we are over the crest.

Sap is stirring, the sun is warmer, Spring is just around the corner!

Recuperatively yours, Amy E. Jarvis, R.R. 3 Paris. Oh spring, you are a fickle jade
Of many capricious moods your are
made,
Your winds they blow both warm

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And you're miles ahead of the April fool

· and cool,

With your sleight of hand, your merry pranks,

But for these, Mistress Spring, we don't give thanks,

We marvel at your changeable ways; But come now, Spring, give us days and days

Of warmth and sunshine, and gentle rain,

To burst the buds and swell the grain.

Our garden we planted, our hopes were high,

You turned a cold shoulder, we watched it die.

Those brave little shoots you nipped in the bud;

Our garden is, (and you know it!) and dud

Your winds blow cold, the dust is whirling;

We stay indoors with our "plain and purling",

And then, like magic, warm is your smile;

All the lads and lasses you beguile, They shed their hats and coats and boots.

And rend the air with their; happy hoots;

Then you turn on them with a glassy stare

And a hint of frost is in the air;

The golden daffodil unfolding her leaves

Retreats again and sadly grieves.

Ah! Now you feel touch of remorse Detour again on your wayward course,

And with a lavish and generous hand You warm again the shivering land. Then for a few delightful days,

Gay and charming are your ways.

But don't keep us balancing on a rope For its off again on again with our coat,

And our Easter bonnet hasn't a

When you trip your deceptive, elusive dance,

We wore it downtown to a nylon sale,

You rushed us home, riding the gale. Oh Spring! well are you called the feminine gender,

For your moods are terrific, terrible, tender,

Oh Spring! we mortals can scarcely believe

That any more tricks you have up your sleeve.

Amy E. Jarvis,

R.R. 2, Paris.

BACK TO THE LAND

We've succumbed to the lure of the wide open spaces And big wide smiles light up our faces. We're down on the farm and are we happy Yes mammy, and the boys, and certainly pappy! At last we used a little horse sense And the sun now shines on both sides of the fence For down on the farm it's seldom dull There never is a worthwhile lull. Tho' often at night our 'plaint will be Oh dear! my feet are killing me. Some days we don't accomplish much But others! well we beat the Dutch. The weaker sex - that's what they call us I guess they're right, if they ever saw us. After washing windows with water and rags We really have the droops and drags. Oh! life is not always froth and bubble We still have trouble with the boiler double. But then, that's just a flash in the pan We scour it up as quick as we can. Then in the garden we hoe and rake And later whip up a fluffy cake. (or reasonable facsimile) Another delightful fact I'll tell We have something on which to hang a bell. An Ayrshire cow with pretty spots Her complexion is sprinkled with polka dots. Cleopatra is the lady's name As yet she has achieved no fame. But the boys were really enchanted quite When of beautiful Cleo they had their first sight. She's a beguiling creature with big brown eyes And we'll adore her till she dies. Then too - we do a little sewing Well - no I guess it isn't showing You'd be surprised, girls, what we do On our Singer of 1922. The boys they often rip their pants And I raise my eyebrows and look askance Then I say, oh jeepers, what's the use Boys clothes must take a lot of abuse. I sew them up and let them go For we're on the farm now - don't you know. Then on the chairs we smeared some paint And if you think that's all, girls, well it ain't It spilled on the floor, it splashed in our hair The odour of turpentine floats through the air. Painting chairs with the help of two boys Is one of life's undiluted joys. But in spots things glow with a beautiful hue And we extend a welcoming hand to all of you. And incidentally, girls, I'm very glad to be here And I'd like to come back again next year.

WE BAKED A CAKE

After a casual glance into our cupboard I felt, indeed, like Old Mother Hubbard. And I thought, it will just take a minute to stir up a cake The kind that mother had taught me to bake. Baker's cakes are nice for a change But we like them baked at home in the range! The ingredients I assembled, all on top When a little boy wakened from his afternoon nap. He wanted to help me and it was raining outside And so ofcourse I must keep him inside. I mixed sugar and shortening, came a knock on the door I turned - and he gleefully dropped an egg on the floor. The agent gave a suggestive cough But quickly I gave him a swift brush off. When to the work table I got back My angel was pouring milk in the sugar sack. Patience, I counselled, and closed my eyes Which was a mistake, for my cherub, my prize With a twist of his wrist, an exultant whoop With the flour sifter was looping the loop. I swept up the floor, extricated the imp By now I was feeling but definitely limp. The telephone was ringing right off the wall What a time - for people to call. With fingers crossed and a despairing glance I answered the thing, it was just a chance 'Twould be a wrong number, but no such luck 'Twas another ining for the little duck. With tactful comments I tried to stop What had all the earmarks of a long, long talk. The minutes flew by, I breathed a prayer My hair was turning grayer and grayer. Finally I gasped good bye, hung up the receiver And headed for Jr. like a trained retriever. The cocoa, vanilla and baking powder Were all mixed up like Murphy's chowder. His glance was merry, his eyes were bright The kitchen, was a frightful, horrible sight. Dear mother, she knows I'd never forsake her But that was the day I bought a cake from the baker! I cleaned up the kitchen, made it tidy and neat And then I kissed him, he is so sweet!

Editor, Milk Producer:

To many farm women, your dairy foods feature
Is the most pleasing way by which you can reach her

With fine timely helps and good recipes To pep up her meals, the family to please.

We try to rate high with the men in our homes, And not let look like a bag of old bones.

Cream soups, packed with protein, is good for a start, And helps keep the family from falling apart.

You had a splendid idea for a family dinner, And with our family, was surely a winner.

This vegetable plate with food value and colour Makes bright any meal that would have been duller.

There was variety in flavour, texture and cooking, (The things we put in when nobody's looking.)

Baked 'tatoes, mashed squash, glazed carrots, green peas; Now hear us sing like the birds in the trees.

Harvard beets, cooked cabbage and broccoli buttered; More praise for a plate we never have uttered.

Continue this feature on fine dairy foods; It's interesting, helpful and we think it's good. 1 - O' give us a man with a real cheerful pan,
 On Country Calendar he's seen,
 He tells all he can, maybe more than he plans,
 Now who can fill Johnny Moles shoes?

CHORUS: -

JOHN - Mr. John Moles, He reports all the farm news and views. He talks and he talks, and he wears flashy socks, And he rides on the Toronto Subway.

- 2 He took us, on the screen, to the Royal Winter Fair, We enjoyed it, we sons of the soil, And Mr. T. Craig and his family were there; In this visit we all had a share.
- 3 It only seems fair that John gets the air On the farmer's broadcast some days, He tells us what's new and his point of view, And sometimes we're still in a daze.
- 4 He forecasts the weather and maybe we'd rather We hadn't listened that day,
 For it rained cats and dogs while John talked of hogs,
 And we didn't get in the hay.
- 5 Does Mrs. Moles know on a certain farm show, John was seen with a cute dairy queen? We were all glad to know as we watched his show That Erant County came out on top.
- 6 Our Ellen's a dear and we all love her here, And she has a feathery touch; And Johnny was smart to admire Ellen's art, Her paintings we all like so much.
- 7 Earl Cox is a jewel, with a gardener's tool, He has a green thumb that's for sure, He pots and he plants, and he knows all the slants, And for Johnnie he might have a cure.

Amy E. Jarvis, R. R. # 3, Paris, Ont.

AN OLD FRIEND IN A NEW DRESS

am to my dear old friend, the Family As a very old subscriber, I thought must write and tell you how pleased Herald, in such a lovely new dress.

MRS. ADAM ALEXANDER Balcarres, Sask I am in deep mourning for an old friend, I feel that my grandmother has just breezed in wearing "forever spring" make-up. My old friend was like a close neighbor who came into the kitchen and had a cup of tea while we visited. Now she is a front door caller. Alas!

-ANNE M. LUTZ, Bridgedale, N.B.

bition to make the new Family Herald "as good as human hands and human minds can make it." (Editorial, Oct. 4th.) May you be richly repaid in your am--MRS. EVERETT ARNER

Why did you have to go and modernize the Family Herald? It is as if you deliberately murdered an old and trusted Kingsville, Ont. friend. -DAVID A. MILLARD. Billings Bay, B.C. The family were amazed, and we found that's pretty good proof that a little color ways passed unnoticed before. I think will go ■ long way in enticing new subscribers. You can depend upon our reourselves reading features which had alnewal remittance indefinitely.

Thorsby, Alta. -MRS. O. L. AYRES,



The new one doesn't look like the dear ment and we thank you, Ours will be piled away after being read to be reold magazine, but it's a grand improveferred to many times in the future.

-MRS. ELMER VANCE, Bass River, N.S.

We belong to the Family Herald family, and never miss a copy. What a pleasant surprise when the Oct. 4th issue ar--MR. AND MRS. J. KAVANAGH, rived with its color and snappy layouts. Shellacton, N.S. Our congratulations for a real swell job,

readers were satisfied with the magazine ing of the "friendly look"? . . . To many I have idea that the majority of as it was. Then why the drastic discardof your readers, no degree of rotogravure Herald in the place formerly held by the elegance will ever put the new Family Family Herald and Weekly Star.

-WILLIAM LEES,

I am sorry to say that I shall not be able I think it's terrible to see the mess you have made of what was a good magazine. to read it any longer.

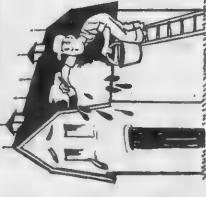
-ANNE MATHESON, Hazeldale, N.S.

Lower Argyle, N.S. I was looking forward to the improve--MRS. ERNEST GOODWIN, ment and I certainly wasn't disappointed.

the bend of the road, which never was painted at all, but had its wall plastered with posters every time the circus came Had the family held their pow-wow before the paint was bought, the barn might have been saved. For myself, I am not so sure. It reminds me of the barn at

-W.W. LINDSAY. East Bathurst, N.B. I don't care for the way you have the old look. I might get used to the "painted the barn". I think the Family Herald has lost its country flavor. I liked newness later, but I doubt it.

Ottawa, Ontario. -RALPH SAIKALY,



was the way I felt when I first saw the -CONSTANCE GRANT, Once I knew a little girl who owned a nondescript rag doll which she took to To their surprise, the little girl still insisted on cuddling her old rag doll. That bed with her each night. For Christmas, her parents gave her a pretty new doll. Family Herald with the new look.

I most sincerely regret the decision which has changed the old magazine into the new. If it is permanent, a hitherto pleasant association will terminate with the expiry of my present subscription.

—LESLIE RODENBAUGH,

Englehart, Ont.

Lakeburn, N.B.

We are thrilled with your "paint the barn" stunt. You have done more than that and have given me a whole new building.

-R. W. M., Alta.

and better articles makes a magazine hard Herald. Color, better paper, I new size Three cheers for the new Family to beat.

-M. L. H., Manitoba.

-SLEMKEVICH FAMILY, Congratulations. We are delighted with the new paint job.

Sudbury, Ont.

barn.... This can be said of many places -MRS. SAWYER JARVIS, to us, the Family Herald or the old red The new paint job has done no harm, -of papers, barns and feminine faces.

Paris, Ont.

THE LADIES AID

We've put a fine addition to the good old church at home, It's just the lastest kilter, with a gallery and dome. It seats a thousand people - finest church in the town, And when 'twas dedicated, well we planked ten thousand down - That is we paid five thousand - every deacon did his best - And the Ladies Aid Society, it promised all the rest.

We've got an organ in the church, the finest in the land, Its got a thousand pipes or more, its melody is grand. And when we sit on cushioned pews and hear the master play, It carries ho realms of bliss, unnumbered miles away. It cost a cool three thousand, and it's stood the hardest test; We'll pay a thousand on it - the Ladies Aid the rest.

They'll give a hundred sociables, cantatas, too, and teas;
They'll bake a thousand angel cakes, and tons of cream they'll freeze
They'll beg and scrape, and toil and sweat, for seven years or more,
And then they'll start all o'er again, for a carpet for the floor,
So it isn't just like digging out the money from your vest,
When the Ladies Aid gets busy and says: "We'll pay the rest".

Ofcourse, we're proud of our big church, from pulpit up to spire, Its the darling of our eyes, the crown of our desire. But when I see the sisters work to raise the cash it lacks, I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs. And sometimes I can't help thinking when we reach the regions blest, The men will get the toil and sweat and the Ladies Aid the rest.

"ODE TO AN OILCLOTH"

To keep the cloth clean I was never able
But now that an oilcloth covers the table,
We sip our soup with an audible sip
And it matters not if our tea we tip.
For our beautiful oilcloth sheds the beverage
In fact it's really above the average,
This well chosen model is really appreciated
The table cloth menace has all but evaporated,
Our childrens' manners are a trifle appalling
When they spilled the ketchup I was almost bawling,
But thanks to you Mrs. Buck my friend
Tablecloth casualties have come to an end.
We sit and we dine in peace and repose
Now I've thanked you in ryhme
Would you rather have prose?

THE RURAL HOME

Long years this rural home has stood On a sloping rill close by the wood, Great trees with spreading arms enfold It's walls, yet with grace it's growing old. It's sturdy bricks are mellowed with age, Here stands a landmark on history's page. Smoke rises from chimneys in spirals thin, Ensuring a warm, friendly air within. The flowers gay and greening grass, Nod a greeting to all who pass. The welcome mat is spread each day, And no one is ever turned away. The entrance hall is spacious and wide, With doorways opening off either side. We pause a moment, and in our mind We picture a world of a different kind. Crinolined ladies arrive for a ball With escorts, handsome, gallant and tall. In the drawing room they toyed with their fans Whispering secrets, romantic plans. The minuet they danced with grace, Chatter was gay, and bright each face. These walls have seen both joy and tears And stood withal these many years. Little windows 'neath the eaves Whose panes are brushed by whispering leaves. How many people here have stood, Gazing off across the wood, Weaving dreams of things to come Lost in a world that's never hum-drum? Away from the busy world below Oft to these beck'ning windows they'd go, To build their castles in the air And then come down to simple fare. Grandmother braided that lovely rug, And treasured too, this little blue jug. Beautiful things are polished with care, And glow like jewels in a setting rare. Kitchen comfort is not sacrificed we find In order that all things should be stream-lined. All is not new, nor chronium plated Though in rural kitchens some space these have rated. This room is always cheery and bright And there is a couch for father to rest on at night. By a sunny window, a rocking chair And mother often takes her mending there. The wide kitchen window over the sink Is a pleasantly transparent link With life outside our small domain And we are gladdened by sunshine, refreshing rain. On this window sill there is always room For favorite plants to flourish and bloom. We lift our eyes unto the hills For greater strength to bear all ills. There's lots of room for girls and boys And convenient cupboards for their toys.

They all come running in from school Raiding the cookie jar as a rule. The puppy too, has the right of way Joining the children in their play. Joy and laughter fill the halls Bringing new life to aging walls. The culmination of summer's toil Is fruit garnered from well tilled soil. Preserved in jars in colourful rows A good standby as every woman knows. A wood fire makes the kitchen cozy And days take on a glow that's rozy. When autum's chill is o'er the land We find this house is truly planned. Rewarding all who enter there Seeking warmth and food and cheer. In many rural homes we find Labor savers of every kind. Every housewife should have them too For these are the country woman's due. Ironers, toasters, washing machines Electric ovens to bake those beans. Electric equipment facilitates labor And leaves us more time to visit our neighbor. No longer do we sit and mope, For we have running hot water to go with the soap. Should the hydro system fail There's still the pump and water pail. At coal oil lamps we do not scoff They are useful when the power goes off. Our radio can do so much To rural folks in touch With world affairs, good music, news, A slant on other peoples' views. Kate Aitken has many ardent fans We like to hear of her globe-trotting fans. The telephone is here to stay, We use it a dozen times a day. We order coal and dairy feed And lots of other things we need. Mary is busy canning fruit And wants to go to the Institute. Phones her neighbor who lends a hand And off they both go as they had planned. Little people who don't go to school Like to play outdoors as a rule. They aren't confined by hot sidewalks But in a shady spot have a big sand box. In the sawdust pile, or just digging dirt Very seldom do they get hurt. Boys who played with building blocks Have graduated to fixing clocks. They work with jig saws, drills and glue We are amazed at the things they do.

There are novel plywood corner shelves A shadow box they made themselves. The calf and grain clubs claim some time Of a boy's progress these are a sign. That spotted claf must be trained for the fair And records kept with meticulous care. Opportunities, in the country, there are for all And at the local fair in the fall Girls and boys show what they've done And it matters not if a prize they've won. Full of promise our gardens are So hitch that dinner plate to a star. We try to rate high with those in our homes And not let them look like a bag of bones. A vegetable plate, or vegetable dinner Is a painless, surefire, healthy winner. Variety in flavour, texture, method of cooking The things we put in when nobody's looking! The vegetable plate is high in food value and colour And pep up the days that tend to be duller. We relish green oions these warm summer days And use in endless, countless ways. Even old mashed potatoes get a new lease on life When dressed up with oions by the farmer's wife. So if you are suffering from anything chronic New green onions are a very good tonic. A large serving of tomatoes can substitute For your daily requirement of citrus fruit. Pack "garden freshness" in your cans and sealers "Twill be superior to what you get at your dealers. Two hours, from the garden to the can Is the ideal to work for, the ideal plan. In the master bedroom for mother and dad Are the very first things they ever had. Exterprising infants have left their mark Oh well, they don't show much after dark. A baby cut his first teeth on this chair And it has become a possession rare. He learned to climb on the end of the bed An left his mark too upon the head. Rooms are equipped with closet space And for everything there is a place. Though we have yet to see the day When everything was kept that way. There is a well worn beaten path The family travels for that Saturday bath. The children may leave on the floor a pool But they're clean in the morning for Sunday School. To weary workers on the farm A hot bath works just like a charm. I refreshes body and spirits alike And you don't "have" to wait till Saturday night. A perfectionist, the living room, would never delight But it's pleasant and restful on a winter night.

When cold winds blow and fierce is the storm A coal fire keeps the family warm. Window drapes are delightfully gay A pleasing effect is achieved this way. There's a table for games both new and old Here homework is done, and stories told. A good reading lamp, an easy chair And companionship for all to share. A bowl of apples, an open book This room really has that lived in look. The family all can do so much To give this room that homey touch. If we had more time, we do confess We'd spend more time on hair and dress. Don't go into a mental slump If you are long past being pleasantly plump. If you're weight is one fifty and a bit to boot Don't ever appear in a red slack suit! Let's not refer constantly to a feature or failing Let's not complain that we're always ailing. We'll just sit down and have a cup of tea Sugar for you, and cream for me. Convenience and comfort, that's mother's aim And plans conceived in her fertile brain Have born fruit in this rural home Like a magnet it draws the ones who roam. To the little stone church just over the way The family all go on the Sabbath day. We lift our eyes unto the hills For greater strength to hear all ills. The rural home as nothing else can keep a finger On the pulse of Mother Nature As she unfolds wondrous miracles to young and old. In seedtime and harvest, God's guiding hand Fulfills our days upon the land.

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