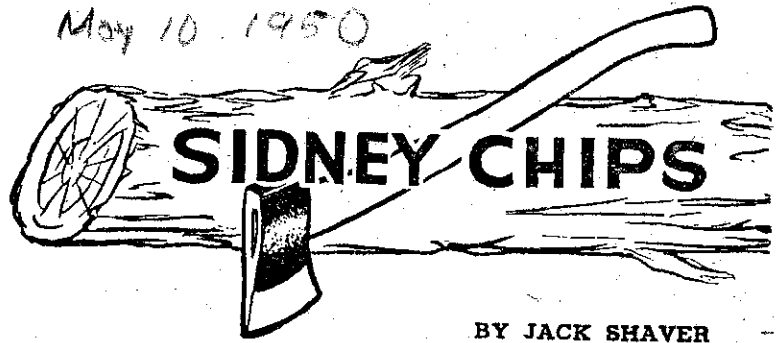


May 10, 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

The task of banging out this column is continually interrupted by the "flood" announcements over Winnipeg Radio. The one purpose this serves is to keep me from making any dirty cracks about our own miserable week of weather, especially Friday's powerless evening.

Dave Smith reported to this column that the Sidney District has sent forward \$119.00 to the Red Cross National Campaign. Little did we think that we would be hearing of its emergency use so soon.

In the face of Winnipeg's disaster and thrilling story of co-operation in emergency the only other news worth reporting seems to be the Gladstone festival. Several Sidney youngsters entered the pianoforte classes. In grade one, Janet Shoemaker placed fifth in a class of fifteen. Myrna Peck placed first in the grade two class. In the grade five class Louise McIntyre tied for first and Myrna McIntyre and Arlene Peck tied each other for third.

Ravenshoe school, open this year for the first time in many years under Mrs. C. Williams, covered itself with glory. It had several entries in the vocal classes.

In the solo classes for boys under 12, Don Williams placed third and Frank Ens fourth. In the duet class for 12 years and under the same pair selected first.

In the uncondacted small vocal ensemble class eight Ravenshoe voices sang themselves into first place. Ravenshoe also placed first among the rural school choruses.

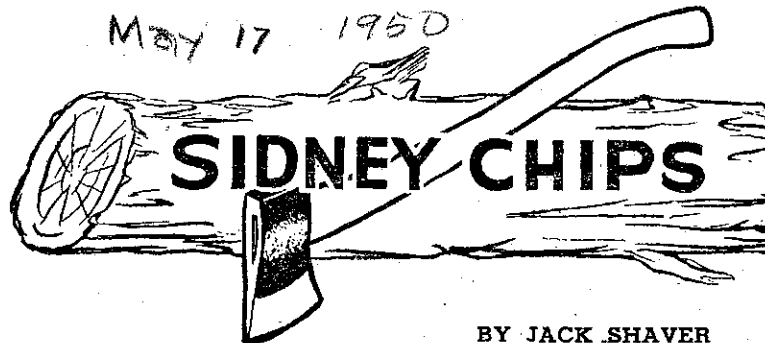
The result of all this excellence was that this little school won the B. M. McKenzie cup for top marks in Rural school singing.

Mrs. M. J. V. Shaver accom-

panied these vocal numbers.

The same school also had the following entries in the large classes of spoken poetry: Bert Alton, Mervyn Menzies, Dick Snaith, Eddie Dueck, Don Williams and Fank Ens. The marks were good but this time no winners.

MAY 17 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

After several fits and starts the community is now pretty well organized to receive forty evacuees from Red Cross evacuee headquarters Winnipeg.

First arrangements were hasty, including nothing more than a hurried canvass of the community and a message to H.Q. giving the number we could receive.

The next night the W.I. met in an emergency session and in the midst of rumours that the group was coming the next day began the setting up of a more complete organization for the reception, billeting, and boarding of the evacuees.

Friday night there was a community meeting. The air got a little clearer, more accurate information was gathered as to what the townspeople were willing to do and the committees were completed.

The executive committee for the whole program: Dave Smith, Frank Dankesreiter, Jack Shaver.

Reception and Billeting: Mrs. H. Lintott, Mrs. H. Thorn, Mrs. Romans, Jack Shaver and Henry Goldsack.

Catering: Mrs. Fred Peck, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Les Shoemaker, Mrs. J. Brennan, Mrs. Romans. This committee was given permission to call on the high school for any assistance it required.

Transportation: Chas. Hunter, Murray Ham, Art Thorn.

Entertainment: Mrs. L. Ruth jr.

Finance: Dave Smith, L. Shoe-

maker, Henry Goldsack.

Cothing: Reita Ham.

Now if something happens we should have the least possible confusion.

Next to the flood, the question seems to be 'Shall we plant wheat or not?' As yet most farmers seem to be going ahead with their original plans whatever they were. There will be some wheat reduction but there is no sign yet of a large scale switch to coarse grains.

Evacuee's Wallet Found

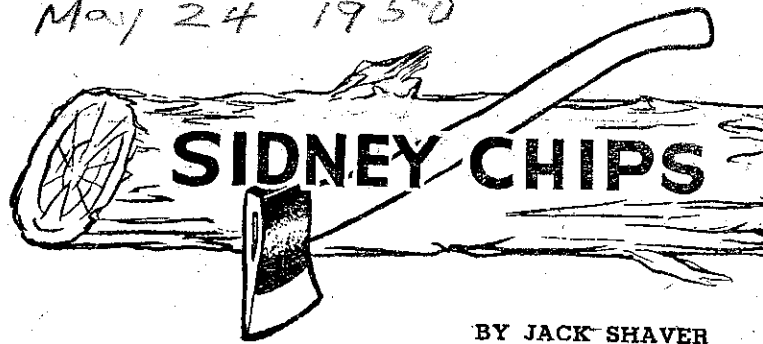
Garry Peck and Ken Shoemaker, both 11 years old, of Sidney, are credited this week for turning in a wallet containing some \$70.00 to the R.C.M.P. This wallet was found on No. 1 Highway and belonged to a flood evacuee billeted in Carberry.

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May 24 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

A guy really should be out where he can watch the leaves come out. This is probably one of three summer days that Manitoba is going to get, and everyone is busier than a one-arm paper hanger with hives.

This column might have been a bit hasty in its reference last week to the cut in wheat acreage. After every little shower the picture seems to change. About the only certainty in the situation is the utter dependence of rural life on the elements.

Living the rural life certainly keeps a man humble. No wonder man's earliest religion was related to agriculture. No wonder the earliest community worship was an attempt to control the weather. Nowadays we put our community effort into figuring out how we can get along with the weather. We put the seed in faster, we develop varieties that mature earlier, but in these efforts all we do is learn the secrets of the universe so that we can co-operate with it. We never cease to be dependent on it nor escape its laws.

This sense of dependence, and recognition of law is the right frame of mind for humans and the beginning of their wisdom.

Group Work Closing

The CGIT under Miss Wedow held its final meeting last Friday night when it climbed aboard a truck bound for an undisclosed destination. This time, the girls decided, they were not going to be bothered (No one can image by whom) in the course of their weiner roast.

This Wednesday, the Explorer club will hold its closing meeting. The Explorers hope that Mrs. Olson will be on hand. Mrs. Olson was one of the leaders of the group through the last season and moved so quickly this spring that the youngsters were not able to say 'goodbye and thank you' as fully as they had wished.

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Mr. W. E. Martin, the father of Mrs. H. Howie, will be making his home with the Howie's. Mr. Martin is the possessor of the last "Christian Guardian" (the publication of the Methodist Church in Canada) and the first "New Out-

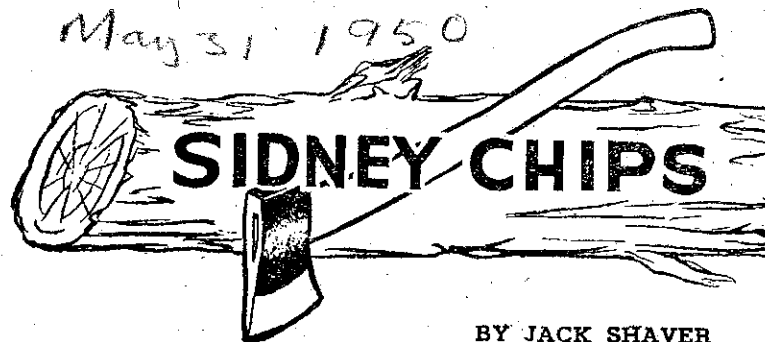
look" (the organ of the United Church of Canada). They are both good reading.

It seems to me that in those days Church Papers had a much livelier editorial policy and scope than they have today. Of course they weren't always right. The editorial in the Guardian for June 1925 predicts that Trotsky's star will rise and Stalin's fall.

The effect of reading documents of the immediate past is a thoughtful sigh over broken dreams. Here we face a dramatic portrayal of the truth that life does not go along according to our dreams for it.

But to know that truth is not to cease having visions. Sometimes life comes out better than the dreams. Always life is better for the dreaming. Anyway there is something calling men to dreams and visions that is mightier than the whole world's heartbreak.

May 31 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

Sunshine and steady work are mighty medicine if you have been missing them for awhile. Now that the period of awful inactivity is passed and the land work is well under way it doesn't seem to be such a bad spring after all. The wheat is up in many places. So are wild oats and other dirt.

Now that decent seeding weather is here there are some farmers quite calmly waiting on the dirt to grow before they seed any more. No one would have even thought of such a voluntary delay while the weather was making it compulsory.

The ladies managed a couple of parties during the week.

On Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid sponsored a "Brush Party" in the Class room. A representative of the Wearever Brush company puts on the programme, demonstrates and sells brushes, and pays the sponsoring organization a dividend. The occasion is combined with a silver tea. Mrs. Fred Wright, and Mrs. F. Dankesreiter poured tea.

At the W.A. Birthday Party, Friday night, the girls didn't know whether they were coming or going. Reita Ham and Edna Peck, joint hostesses, stipulated that the girls attend with all clothing reversed. Everything possible was done backwards. This "nuts to soup" evening was enjoyed by all except for the uncomfortable chaffing of the throat by the dress collars.

If the wind would just quit for a while we would develop some volleyball players at school. With the help of Arbour Day, the municipal road maintainer, etc., the school grounds are in the best shape for several years. The new improvements include a volleyball court.

However, as long as the wind prohibits the volleyball, the more

the young people practice track and field.

Sidney School is entering the Austin Field Day this year to be held Friday, June 2nd.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge
Mr. Allan McQuaig Student Missionary at Edrans in charge of Services

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Sidney Chips

BY JACK SHAVER

It is impossible to make any general statement about farm conditions this spring. Some farmers have just about rounded out their seeding operations. Most have at least some pot-holes to go back over. Others are still well out of sight behind the eight ball, what with the feed shortage in the early spring, and the late season turning every little delay into a small sized disaster.

Certainly the spring of 1950 is an unusually emphatic reminder that farming in this western land is fit occupation for the strong and the brave alone.

Last Friday, that day the weatherman really forgot it was the month of June, the Sidney School attended Austin Field Day. Our invasion was far from a complete rout but neither was it routed.

The soft-ball team of Grades six, seven and eight swept all opposition. In the girls high jump, junior class Sidney placed 1, 2, 3. The racing took place at the opposite end of the wind swept grounds from where this column was officiating the high jump. But we did learn that some of our sprinters were undefeated there.

An amazing group of six-footers from the Edrans school loped off with the senior boys' high jump.

One gratifying result of the field day has been that a new interest in games of skill has captivated the town's young people. Evenings now the school yard is full. It is a glorious sight compared with the street corner bumming and side walk biking that used to characterize the after-supper activity of the school crowd. If it just keeps up!

Ray Holroyd, who has been home on furlough from his army station down east, packed up his young family and moved them to where they will live close to

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his base. The gang looked happy at the prospect of being united as they climbed aboard No. 4 the other evening.

At a joining Ladies Aid—Women's Association meeting last Thursday the W.A. elected its officers for the coming 12 months. The new slate is as follows: President, Mrs. Lyle Ruth, Jr; Past President, Mrs. F. Dankesreiter; 1st Vice-Pres. Mrs. F. Peck; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. Ham; Secretary, Mrs. Reg. Calvert; Treas. Mrs. D. Beswitherick; Parsonage committee, Mrs. Wm Alton; Flower Committee, Mrs. W. Peck.

Sunday, June 4th, throughout the United Church in the Presbytery of Portage, there was a general exchange of ministers. Late that evening the Parsonage here was a scene of rare fellowship as three of the men met who had been on each other's charges.

Rev. C. D. Rupp of MacGregor had been to the Student field of Edrans. Rev. J. Shaver had been to the charge of Kerfoot, Student Missionary Allan McCuaig of Edrans had been at Austin-Sidney.

There is something unique about Clergymen's fellowship after they have shared one another's pulpits.

For that evening at least you lose your sense of loneliness on the job. Your ministry has been shared. Somehow in that experience the realization comes anew that it is always shared, that in a very real sense it isn't really yours but another's.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge

Sunday, June 11th

25th Anniversary of Union

11.00 a.m. Joint worship service of all congregations out of Sidney in the Sidney Church.

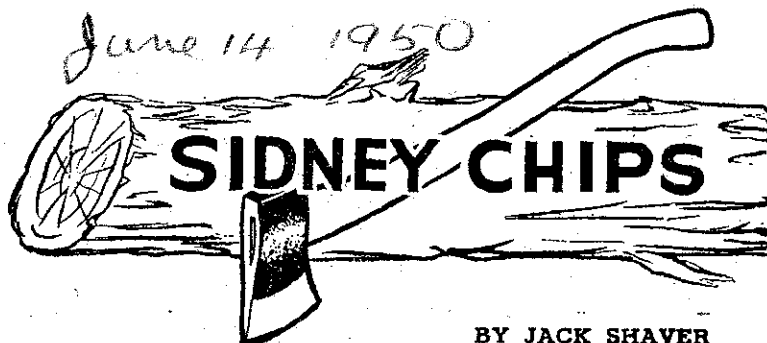
Pageant by the young people. Followed by a basket picnic lunch of the united congregation.

Bring a basket lunch. Break bread together on the church grounds. Tea and lemonade will be provided.

7.30 p.m. Joint Worship of Austin and Melvin congregations at Austin.

Pageant by the young people

June 7, 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

Surely the reader will pardon this column if he finds nothing in it this week but the Silver Jubilee of Church Union in Canada.

If anything else went on in town last week we didn't have time to find out.

Sidney marked the anniversary day with a combined service of worship for the whole Charge. The joint Y.P.U. of Austin-Sidney produced a pageant telling the story of Union. A Pilgrim Father, the wife of a martyred Covenanter, and an 18th century labourer, came back from the shades to explain to a questioning family unique elements of the congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist traditions.

The gradual steps begun in 1883, in which 21 separate Canadian church bodies became one, were listed. An indication was given of the location and size of United Church centres of service abroad.

Following the service the congregation sat around under the trees on the Church Lawn, visited and ate a picnic lunch together.

It was just the right kind of day. The fellowship of breaking bread together is a profound fellowship and one with thoroughly Christian associations. Eating together out of doors as a fellowship of Christ, has even more tender associations, as such a scene must have been common at the time of Jesus. Our Lord must

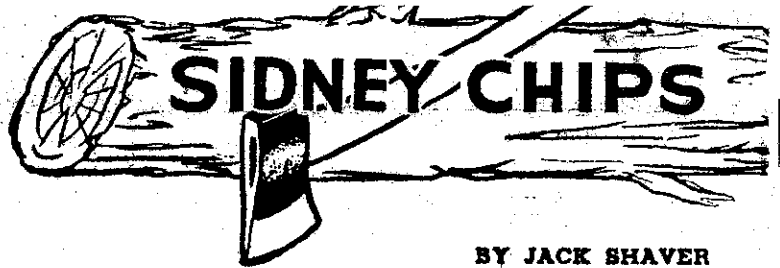
often have looked out upon just such a picnicing group.

Certainly it was an occasion we want to repeat. Next time there will be notices mailed, so that our complete Church family can share the value of the fellowship.

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Rev. D. L. Holtzman of Arden will conduct the services.



BY JACK SHAVER

I say Egbert, although our town turned out the usual few for a programme of plays, those present thoroughly enjoyed the presentation that came down here from up your way. I keep hearing especially glowing reports of those five men at tea.

ARIZONA CHIPS

Locally speaking this week, the largest number of Chips flew in the Arizona District. It seemed the Arizona ladies were attempting to work up a general nervous collapse. One day they served lunch at an auction sale, the next attended a meeting in Sidney to meet the District President of the W.I., the day following they held a successful bazaar, and before the week was out, helped in the district picnic.

PICNIC BALL

The little local picnic is not completely a thing of the past. I believe they are never going to be. The monster sports days that are multiplying in the larger centres will never supplant the other. Thousands of people crowding together and paying good money to someone else to do their playing for them, is one kind of fun. It will never take the place of the little community or church picnic where every able-bodied male and female get into a ball game.

FELLOWSHIP WEEK

It has been fellowship week for this chip gatherer, not the razzle-dazzle, glad-hand kind, but the kind in which God is present. While attending the meeting of Manitoba Conference and since coming home I have been encompassed in Christian Fellowship.

It is as intimate and good natured as three guys who see through the rain that I am ditched, and set out to help; and as another chap who leaves supper and a warm dry house to answer my barefooted summons for a tow tractor.

It is as wide as finding out how much some of the other preachers in the province have grown in a year, and how much I have grown, too.

It is as varied as having one congregation of the faithful change its time and place of meeting for the Lord's Supper, in order that I might lead in the fellowship of gratitude, sympathy and faith at the burial of a man from another district altogether.

It is as strident as the nightly (11 to 2 a.m.) bull sessions with brother Conference Members, when in the midst of concerned discussion we sense growth taking place in us all.

It is as vast as the prophetic preaching of the theme speaker at Conference which transformed ancient writings and orthodox concepts into the Living Word.

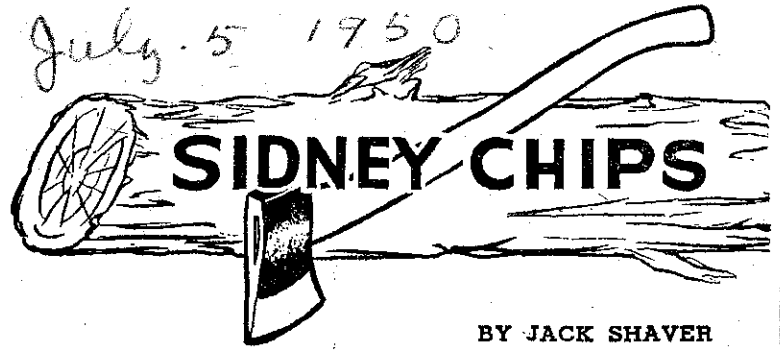
Of such stuff is the fellowship of Christ.

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June 28, 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

In Sidney, like the rest of the North American Continent, the news for a large section of the population this week is that School's out. You will have to ask each one of them individually whether it is good news or not, and then ask them again. This human nature, with which we have been blessed, always manages to be ornery enough to find something wrong with total ease, as well as something attractive about full occupation. Nor are we contented with the reverse situations either.

Even the youngest get sick of holidays, and as for the oldest, well, one could write a book and still not encompass all the mixed feelings that swell within when the last exam is written in the final year of school.

The local school and community picnic will always be a fitting closing to the school year. It is an institution we are not likely to lose. The average person attends two of them to every monster sports day.

Our own local picnic was on this small scale. The result is much greater participation and a better time for the kids. Instead of having nothing to do but wander around and stuff themselves with more ice cream and drinks than their parents can afford or their stomachs handle, they are in some kind of activity.

Of course, this getting everyone into the game doesn't make for the best kind of ball, as witness the score with which an Arizona nine trimmed a Sidney collection of all and sundry. The exact number of runs shall remain unmentioned.

The Ravenshoe Picnic surpassed any other to which I had been, in terms of the vigour and universality of the participation. The races took in everyone that could walk in both sexes. So did the ball, there was High Jumping for the men. And finally, just to top it all off, a series of volunteer Indian Leg Wrestles.

What a year for lilacs it has

been! Someone seeing them for the first time would really wonder what we had here in little old Manitoba. And now it is the wild roses, the roadsides fairly drenched in pink. Then it will be the wild fruit. No wonder we keep forgetting how short our summers are when we pack so much into them.

During the week-end Sidney experienced its usual first of July exodus. Sidney behaves in this way just like the big cities where unlike the country these holidays never mean a great homecoming.

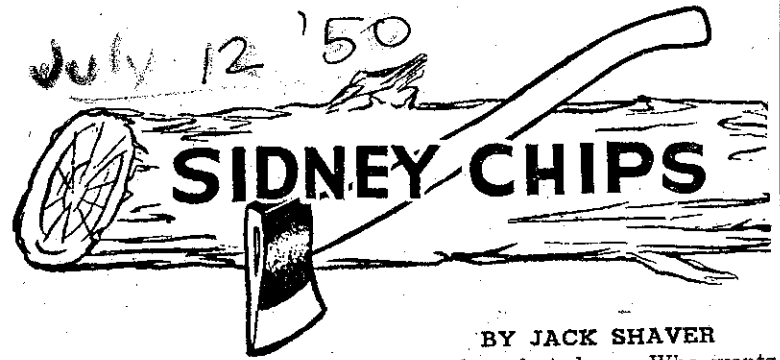
An exodus of a more permanent nature is due to take place soon when the John McIntyre family move to Brandon. John will be closer to his work there. Neice Lamina and husband Charley Bredin will occupy their house in town.

The Anglican Church has been opened for regular services again. Twice a month services will be held by Rev Milburn of MacGregor. The revived Women's Guild, and a volunteer crew of men, cleaned and painted the building on Saturday for the opening service.

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Summer has blessed us with several perfect days. Who wants to write a silly old column? Who wants to do anything? This morning at the Vacation School at Austin, my class, under the inspiration of its teacher, flopped on its

back on the grass into the sky and talk dreamily of birds and flowers. This spring, Manitoba is literally bursting out all over in wild flower bloom. At two services last Sunday bouquets of wild flowers contained at least 15 varieties. They were picked at random. No one was trying to break any records. It is easy to believe the Prairie Gardner when he tells us that Manitoba boasts as great a variety of wild bloom as anywhere else in the world.

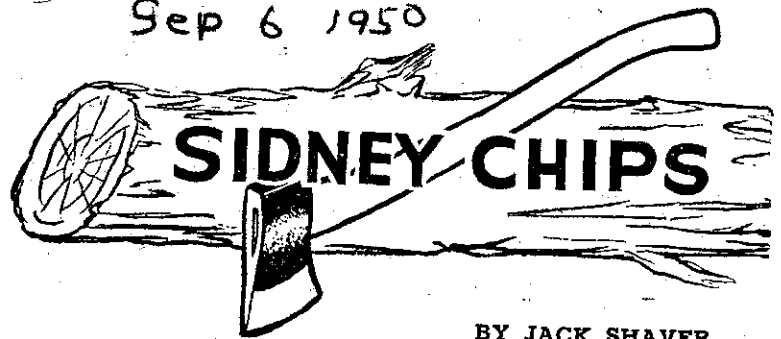
Right now you'd think this old earth couldn't help but be beautiful. With the Summer season lasting, as we sometimes think, only a few days; and every lonely field and unvisited open place displaying a wonder of unsung loveliness it is as if God himself were clothing the earth with Love.

Belonging To The Ages

Some personal news that came this week pointed up one of life's deeper experiences. My Brother wrote me from Kingston General Hospital where his young daughter had undergone an operation. While he wrote an aunt of ours was keeping the girl-company. Thirty-four years ago when my

brother was four years old she kept him company in the same hospital when he was undergoing the same operation. To experience, in that vivid way, the coming and going of a generation, is to have a larger feeling for life. So much of the history of man is set in periods recurring like the sweep of a great tidal wave. To feel that first hand is to begin to belong to the ages.

Sep 6 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

The typewriter feels kind of rusty, and I don't mean this machine. This column has been peering through a windshield, or keeping the kids quiet in the back seat or tinkering with an ancient camp stove for a long time. We have just returned from a trip via trans-Canada to old Ontario.

Two things stand out. One is the vastness of our Country. The other is that feeling of depth that comes from visiting the old home of ones folk.

We drove through nine hundred miles of tourist country, toured northern Ontario's mining country, passed miles of dairy and fruit country in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys, saw new hydro electrical developments that had only begin to tap the country's potential, honked our way through Toronto's mushrooming industrial plant, and it was all Canada.

At that we hadn't crossed the grain lands, or entered Quebec, or seen anything of either the Maritimes or the rockies.

There is a lot of Canada.

I saw again the home towns of my mother and father. There was the little red school house my mother attended lately equipped with hydro and a coat of stucco. There was the stoop above the creek where my mother as a girl, I as a boy, and now my children stood to throw bread crumbs to the minnows. We lived for a while in the house my grandfather built for his bride and waded in the channel he blasted out of the bed rock, so as to divert the creek into the woollen mill to supply its power.

One couldn't help but think of those days, the dreams that were dreamed and the plans made and carried out to develop the land and make it a good community. Flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone did these things. Now it was my turn.

It is good to commune with

one's forefathers.

And it is good to get home.

So much happened that it will be some time before we catch up to it all.

School opened with the same staff as last year. Bill Domitrack has 12 in the high school. Mrs. Ron Wright will have a capacity crowd this year as well as a husband. Miss Calvert has six beginners added to her roomful. Two business places have changed hands.

Les. Shoemaker sold the United Store to brother-in-law Ian Cameron of Woodnorth. The Camerons have three boys and will be taking possession the first of the month. The Shoemakers will be moving to Portage.

Dave Leslie sold out to Cliff Swanton who has the Watkin's agency in Carberry district. Cliff's family will be moving in shortly.

During the latter part of the month the congregation at Calvary Tabernacle bade farewell to Henry Goldsack. His place has been taken John Andresen a recent graduate from Western Bible College, Winnipeg. John was born and raised in Argentina, the son of Norwegian missionaries there. He will be returning there as a missionary himself after he gets some experience in the regular pastorate.

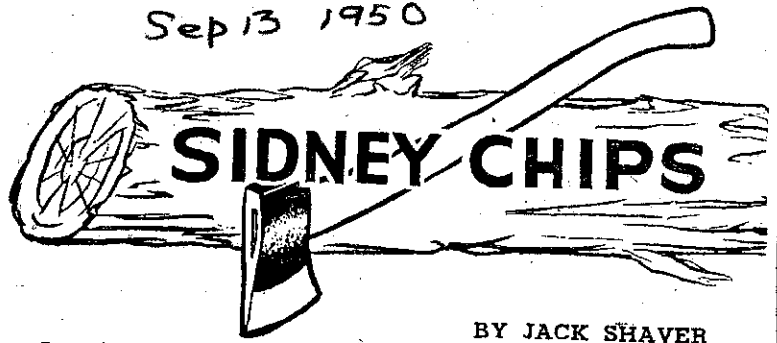
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Sep 13 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

I spent a couple of hours last week picking wild fruit. It's a rare experience to stand again in the quiet bush on a fine fall day and muse, while fingers work absently and the only sound is the putter of berries falling into the basket.

The memory of teen-age hours berry-picking rushes to mind. Only then, I dreamed of things I would do, and what I would become, and who would be there. Now I muse about the dreams.

Like the rich-colored berries that beckon from their branches, the musing is bittersweet. Yet, strangely, that is how many of us like our jelly.

CROP REPORT

1950 is positive proof that it is next to impossible to report a western grain harvest accurately or sympathetically.

It is not like it says in the hymns about "Gathering In". It is not like it says in the various general prairie crop reports. It is not even like the romantic picture we seem to have of the produce of the world's bread basket rolling in.

This year it isn't even a mighty rolling-in for the grain buyer. What he sees is a great raft of paper work, the worry of giving poor grades, the irk-someness of plugged elevators and slipping belts, and overflowing hoppers.

For the producer, what is a grain harvest made off.

It is rushing from dawn to dusk. It is long hours after dark catching up with the old jobs. It is the rush of repairing breakdown. It is wondering whether to cut or not to cut. It is the nightly short-

sentence-conferences, so meaningless to the outsider, or what must wait. It is watching a three day rain soak the swath or unstooked bundles. But this is what life is made of. For years to come the normal pattern of life for homo sapiens will contain too much to day, gnawing uncertainties and makeshift measures. And I think we'll live through it!

I have heard less outspoken grumbling this year than when things were much better.

LAYMAN'S CHURCH

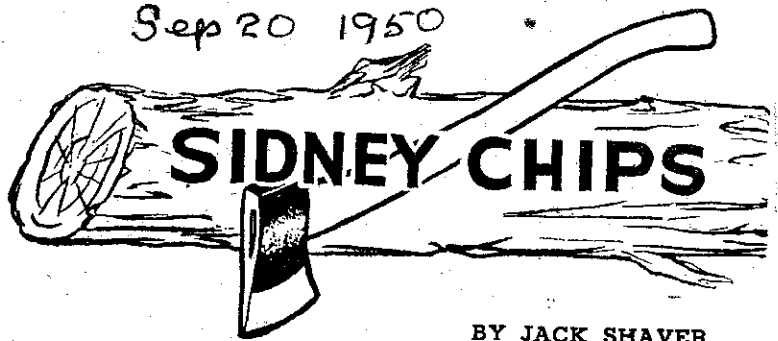
One trouble with being a minister is that you miss the best services in your own church. While I am at Toronto, one of Manitoba Conference's 15 ministerial delegates to the fourteenth General Council of the United Church of Canada, the Sunday School will be taking the service in three appointments. The School at Sidney has asked Mrs. Chips to give the address.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge

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Pleasant Point	Worship	3.00 p.m.
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	Sunday School	11.00 a.m.

At Melbourne, Mr. S. E. Burch, M.L.A., will be in charge of the services. The Sunday Schools will hold their rally day service at the other appointments.

Sep 20 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

This column was a bust last week. The big city was too much for me—way too much.

I had hoped to send some copy from Toronto but any sitting down I did (outside the meeting of General Council) was for rest purposes only. It is hard to tell what was the larger factor in doing me in. The prolonged sessions of the Council, or the sheer weight of Toronto in size.

Our Council met 25 minutes of street car travel due north of the Union Station. It still looked like up town. You went a long ways farther north before things began to thin out and even there, new housing developments dotted the landscape.

Along the lake of course you don't run out of the city until you get to Hamilton and then it is called something else. But even as far north as we were you can go east or west half an hour on a street car and still have three miles of city to go.

None of these are rush hour figures. At that fateful time it would seem that through many of the bottle-necks one could walk faster. The parking problem costs up-town car owners well over \$1. per day.

One gets used to the size and the distances. But they never cease to be a weight. It seems impossible to believe that humans thought up this way to live on their own. Some fantastic monster must have led them blind.

Just when I was beginning to believe that it was humanly possible to rise above the handicaps and have the good life in a metropolis of such dimensions I read in the paper where Detroit has as many motor cars as Toronto has population! And what is Detroit compared to Chicago, New York etc.? ?

Layman's Group

While at Toronto I got to a little meeting I hadn't figured on. I was invited to a Toronto branch of "Layman's Movement" for a Christian World Inc." This group of business men meet weekly in the board room of the Toronto General Trust building. They meet for prayer and fellowship. They meet to share the trials and triumphs of their spiritual life. They meet to discover God's will for their daily lives and their businesses. One chap was Secretary of the Canadian National Exhibition, one personnel manager for Massey Harris, Canada and USA. On their own they were seeking means of making religion more real in their lives.

They represent a very large and influential movement. The latest accomplishment of this group has been to get a chapel included in the buildings at United Nations Lake Success.

I wish I was where I could watch that group. It could be the start of a revolution.

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Sidney Chips

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BY JACK SHAVER

One rainy day last summer, the picnic grounds at Winnipeg's Assinaboine Park jingled with the perennial words of reunion—"Do you remember? . . . Were you there? . . . Whatever happened to . . . ?"



Almost every voice was once heard in the town where this Chip Gatherer plies his trade.

The occasion was the First Annual Sidney Picnic of Winnipeg residents. It was the idea of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Young and Mrs. H. Brown, who with the help of Miss Tranna Calvert looked up 160 ex-Sidney Winnipegers and invited them to a basket picnic on the afternoon of August 13.

In spite of rain which kept several home, forty seven answered the summons. The ex-patriots spent most of the afternoon under shelter, visiting boisterously. The senior member of the crowd and one who seemed to be having the most fun was Mr. Snider who once operated the flour mill here.

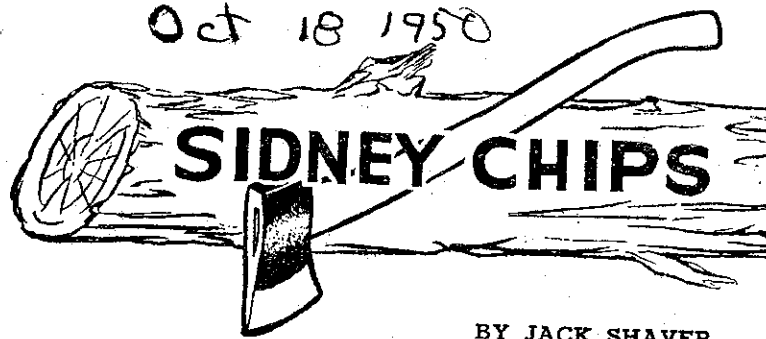
Then there was Mrs. Turner and son Bill and family; Rev. and Mrs. Palmer, who were once in the United Church here; Mr. and Mrs. W. Twist (once the barber here); Mr. and Mrs. E. Babb and

Miss Jean Babb; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Night and family; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cann; Mr. and Mrs. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wickware; Mrs. O. Wright, Shirley and Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Stephenson and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Furey; Miss F. Topolinski; Messers Harold Saunders and Ray Alliban.

The folk who organized the affair of course went to their own party. It was the kind that no adverse weather conditions could dampen.

It was decided from henceforth to hold the same every year at Assinaboine Park, the second week-end in June, weather permitting. Any Sidney resident in Winnipeg at the time would be considered eligible. Judging from the amount to eat at the first gathering there will be plenty on hand for any last minute strays.

Oct 18 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

Alas, it is my fate to have an increasing number of things frustrate my best intentions. For the first time, however, the crown, in the person of the Royal Mail, was responsible for my undoing. Last weeks copy sought out the town of Morden and abode there until after publication. It was correctly forwarded finally, but without explanation.

Return of the Departed

By now Martin and Agnes Olson are back in the stream of life in this little community. Because Martin discovered through first hand experience that he much prefers being a section foreman to roadmaster, Sidney is enjoying the experience of welcoming back two of its favorite citizens.

The tangle of RR red tape, so incomprehensible to the layman, has at last been cut and we have our couple. Here's one blessing no one counted beforehand.

Turkey Supper

Let this column be one more voice raised in appreciation of the Carberry United Church WA for its Turkey Supper revival. No one can fully appreciate how much work these suppers require nor can their value be measured.

When a church and its friends gather together around a common board something very fine

has taken place in a community.

Africa Speaks

One of the memorable impressions I carried from General Council was of the personality of Rev. Frederico Mussili of the Church of Christ in Angola. In the last "Observer" Pastor Mussili records his impressions of the same meeting. Here are his closing words:- "I am glad that you are all determined to go forward in your missionary work... But there is need for haste, for many countries are ablaze, and we hope you will act now, while there is yet opportunity. As one of our proverbs says, 'If your neighbor's beard is on fire, dampen your own'. We expect you to advance in Africa."

Crop Report

This column has hesitated to report on harvest conditions because it has been very hard to generalize this year. One is sur-

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prized first by the number that are nearly done and then by the number that have hardly begun.

Of course we won't mention the grades. In fact, the whole season is unmentionable. Perhaps that is the only commentary to make.

For a great number of families the outlook is grim, and as the days tick off bringing no harvest weather the possibility of disaster inches closer to actuality.

How do people react to a calamity that draws slowly closer with the chance of escaping it growing daily thinner? They become silent.

There just isn't anything to say. Some have thought that the reason for this is that we have been having things to say about this season for so long that we have run out of language.

But it goes deeper than that. Even something new to say would be meaningless. There just aren't words to fit. Only silence is becoming.

Some men are born stoics; some become stoics, and some have stoicism thrust upon them.

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Arizona Worship

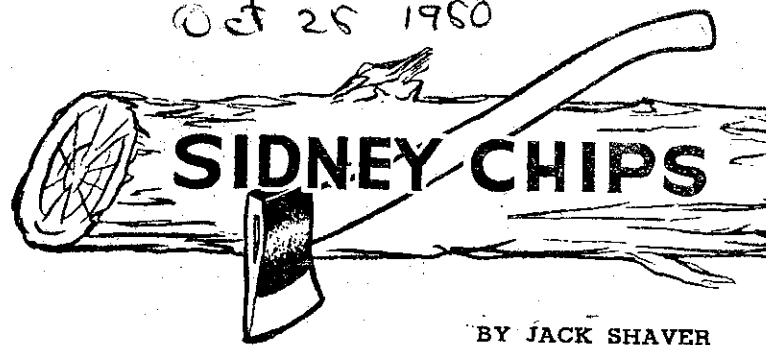
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Oct 25 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

Due to the generous response of people, who assisted and who attended, the Sidney Fowl Supper was a splendid success. Over 300 people dined sumptuously. No supper of this kind can take place without the cooperation of a host of loyal folk and friends of the church. Sidney is fortunate in being well supplied with both. We also enjoy fine support from the neighbouring communities.

A very responsive crowd enjoyed the programme which followed.

Mr. Lucas and her troop from Carberry, responded to the summons of the Programme Committee again. I just hope that these folk enjoy coming as much as we like having them. It is a thing of never-ceasing wonder that these artists are so generous with their talents. The Messers Allan Olmstead and Grant Williamson and Misses Jean Nelson and Bette Joan Pearn, favoured us with vocal solos. The Misses Mildred Strain, Muriel Eyvindson, Ruth Mitchell and Kathleen Court stormed the show with their piano quartette.

From MacGregor we had Bill Embry with his cornet, Mrs. Allan with a reading and Miss Marjorie Giles with a vocal solo. Marjorie has the makings of an outstanding voice and already shows the results of careful training under Mr. C. D. Rupp of MacGregor. Her friends were glad to learn that she was the winner at the recent Amateur Night at MacGregor.

Three items were supplied by local people. The Michie sisters, Reita and Winnie, tap-danced to the tune of Arlie Peck's piano. Betty Thorn contributed one of her priceless little readings. And (that man's here again, ma) this chip gatherer gave again the one chestnut he has been able to memorize.

Community Table

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young couples. Arizona is one of these.

Last Sunday five babies and children were brought to the House of God for the sacrament of infant baptism. Rural communities aren't dying. They are taking a new lease on life. Brian George Kneeshaw, Violet Marie Kneeshaw, Bette Louise Marnock, Terry Douglas MacGregor, Douglas Bryden DeAthe, and their friends will make a school-full before long.

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It kept the morning from being too big a rush, it cut waste to a minimum, and it was a fine community gathering.

Arizona: Vital Statistics

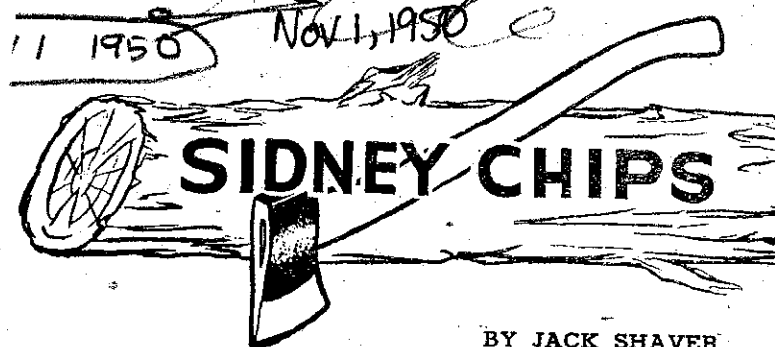
Everywhere I went this summer I heard about how the young people were leaving the farm. True as this is, it neglects to point out another truth. In many communities, a large percentage of the farms are occupied by

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Nov 1, 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

Keeping a man indoors before a typewriter on a day like this is a mild form of torture. I was able to sit outside in shirt sleeves to write the rough draft however. One son mixed mud pies while the other one ate them. If this is Indian Summer then it seems to me that we ought to do something about electing a couple of first Canadians to Parliament. Was there ever a week of more welcome weather?

Here and there you meet a couple of bold souls who remind you 'I told you so'. But mostly, folk are afraid to break the spell by claiming any credit. The general response is a country-wide sigh of gratitude. Crop or no crop there was never a time when there was more behind the announcement. "Yep, we're all through." It has never been said with a fuller heart.

Of course there is still some to do, and there is always the flax and sunflowers, but with this weather no one can work up a good worry about such things.

Christian Education in the United Church

By next Monday, the Sunday and midweek programme of Christian Education in the United Church will be under way. There are some new faces among the leaders.

By last week the Sunday School was at last fully staffed. The Intermediate Girls have Mrs. H. Thorn for their teacher. This is our first Intermediate class for several years. The worship period has been departmentalized this year and these girls meet separately with the boys for the opening of the school. Neil Holroyds is teaching the class of junior boys.

In the other departments, veterans Mrs. W. Peck and Mrs. D. Beswitherick now have the help of Mrs. J. Brennan who is taking over the Junior Girls.

By Monday the CGIT and Explorer groups will have held their opening meetings. Mrs. Ron Wright is again leading the CGIT and is rapidly becoming a veteran in this field. Mrs. Olson will be giving her second winter of service with the Explorers.

Both of these ladies are imports. In these small villages we sometimes feel bad about losing the leadership we train when our young people leave. It is good to

Parliament last Christmas. He came home from that session all steamed up about giving leadership in Boy's work and Sunday School. And what is news about that is, the long wait until fall didn't cool his zeal. He has been on the job for two meetings now and we are launched upon one of the best pieces of group work with boys that I have seen here.

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Four Generations...

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For the boys 9 to 12 there is a new group under the TYRO programme of the Church. This is a new programme officially inaugurated at September's meeting of General Council. It is one of the best programmes we have.

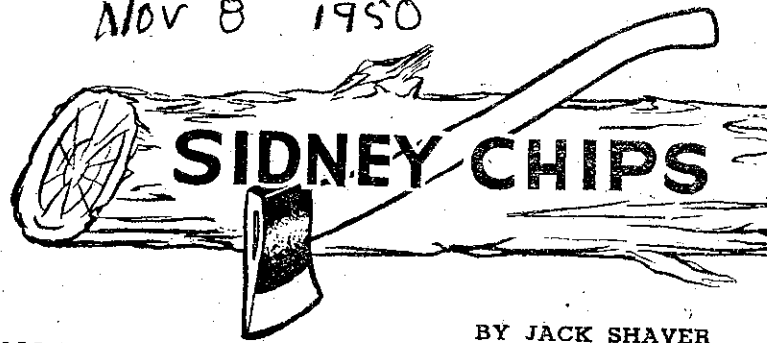
One of the happiest things about it locally is that the leadership for this group is home grown. Certainly within my knowledge it is the first midweek group in this congregation with home-grown leadership.

Neil Holroyd was our member to the Tuxis and Older Boy's

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Nov 8 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

ALL Hallows Eve: time change.

Emperors, revolutions, and the Sidney W.I. have one thing in common. They have at one time or another made a change in the calendar.

Last week, with the Fowl Supper scheduled for the 31st, the Women's Institute decreed that for children's treat purposes, Halowe'en would be Monday instead of Tuesday night. And what the ladies said, came to pass, even the spirits wrought their mischief that very night.

There was of course some mischief the next night but no doubt this was due to the shades from the neighboring district who did not come under the authority of our Institute.

All Hallow's Eve — Supper

Imagine, you good women who have had some experience with fowl suppers, a group of ladies deciding to undertake two in the same month! So they love to do in Sidney.

Tuesday night's W. I. Supper was another grand meal and fine programme. Eight beautiful voices of the St. Agnes' Anglican Church choir blended to thrill the assembly. Rev. Wright accompanied. Mr. Fieldsend entertained with some of his home movies.

Just as a concession to the calendars in other parts of the world, the ladies had some halowe'en apples for the children.

All Hallow's Eve — Vibrations

There were two instead of the usual one in the Shaver costume parade Monday night. You'd think a fellow would get used to these things but they still set my heart-strings vibrating like an upset piano.

This year the circuit was old stuff to the five-year old. The only thing new to her was that

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she had someone to boss around. Watching a child act bossy is not an experience to prompt overwhelming tenderness.

But with Mr. Three-Years, it was a new adventure. What set the strings vibrating was little guy starting out along with the rest in spite of his fears, to an unknown experience he would face alone.

Gradually we would share less and less of these experiences as he became more and more a personality in his own right. You want it to happen, and yet it makes you feel sad. And just because you go through it with one doesn't make it any less moving with the next.

Statistics

With one more move and the switching which might follow, the households of Sidney ought to be settled for the winter. It might be a good time to catch up with the vital statistics.

Harv Howie has his mother and Dad living in a little home just behind him. Mr. and Mrs. Howie, Sr, have been settled for several weeks, now.

A more recent comer to town is Fred Wentzel and family. Fred will be trucking for a living. The place he left in Arizona is now occupied by an uncle and aunt of Mrs. Wentzel, who have been in Canada since July. For seven years before that they were shuttled about Europe's camps for displaced persons.

Next door to Fred and family, above the Red & White, is a new-comer to our town, Mrs. C. Bowlby with Alvin and Georgina have finally found a place to house themselves. Mr. Bowlby works the section near St. Norbert and his family has had real difficulty finding housing.

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The dwelling behind the United Church has been bought by another new family. Mrs. McMillan and two girls, Rose Mary and Ramona, hope they will be free of moving now for awhile. Mr. McMillan is also a railroader working with a mobile gang, and his family has endured unsettled housing conditions for some time.

This looks like a trend. Men whose work takes them away from home looking for housing in the little places where things aren't so tight. Right now we are at the end of that trend however. There is no more room. And these two new ladies increase to ten our number of grass widows.

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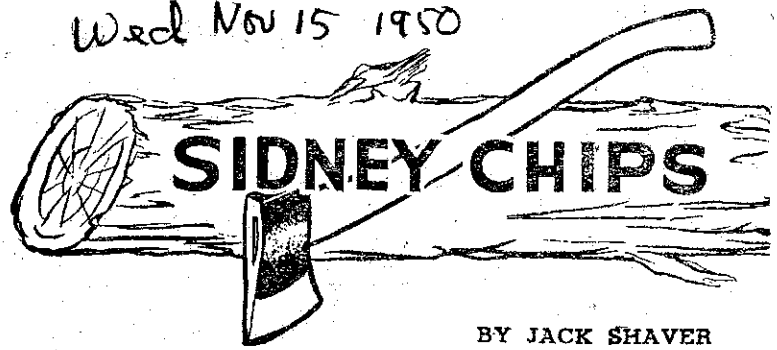
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Wed Nov 15 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

I'll never know whether it is because there is no copy this time of the year or whether it is some ancestral longing for hibernation that attacks me annually at the first settling-in of winter; but I am particularly uninspired at the moment.

Speaking of hibernation reminds me that the final digging-in for winter I reported last week has already been disturbed. The J. E. Sylvester family moved into the house vacated by his dad when his mother died. Fred Wentzels are moving across the highway to occupy the house vacated in this move. They are not settled yet.

There must be a number of people in Arizona who are not affected by the urge I mentioned in paragraph one. The WI there is co-operating with a community group interested in building a skating rink to sponsor a fowl supper. It is many years since Arizona attempted such a thing. These dauntless people make up in courage what they lack in experience and equipment. Friday night is the big night.

The school Remembrance Day service is a lasting institution in our small-towns. Thank goodness for that. The community never seems to take much part. It would be hard to say why.

Perhaps western Canadians do not dramatize themselves enough. We don't celebrate such things as remembrance of our loved ones in a community way, on a certain day—actually, we have not many true community celebrations left. In fact it might be worth asking whether, in this age of individualism, we have any community left.

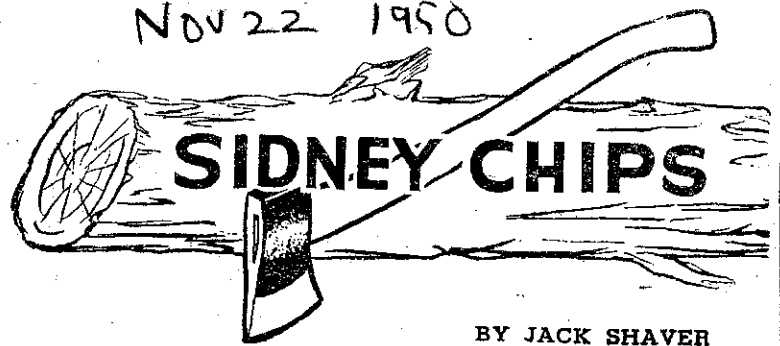
There doesn't seem to be much we can do about it either way. But this absence in the community might explain a lot in our restless dissatisfied age.

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Austin - Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin Worship 11:00 a.m.

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BY JACK SHAVER

The news last week was the Arizona Fowl Supper. From what this column could find out it is seventeen or eighteen years since one was held there. Everyone, from miles around, took part. And from the amount of good things to eat Friday night, to sell the same evening, and to eat the next noon hour, everyone must have brought very generous helpings of food. Maybe our sense of community is coming back.

Certainly it was good for the soul to behold this splendid co-operative effort by people whose one bond of union is that they live in the same neighborhood. This effort elevated the physical fact of neighborliness unto a higher level where it means something special, even spiritual.

We, in rural places, are close enough to the time when neighborliness meant the survival of the community. We are in a position to especially appreciate the revival of its larger meaning.

Perhaps the happiest tradition of all, connected with these suppers, is the noon meal on the day following. For at these, the community is indeed breaking bread at the same table.

The annual meeting of the local Pool Elevator was held the same night. The usual crowd was on hand: the seven directors, and six others.

John Pool (no relation to the chap who owns all the elevators) gave his report on the Annual Meeting of Manitoba Pool Elevators held in Winnipeg. Don Richmond, General Secretary of Manitoba Pool Elevators, and Lorne Carter, field man for the Portage District, also spoke.

Mr. Carter gave the auditor's and financial reports of the local. A gross profit of \$2900.00 was reported. The Net profit for the year came to 1 3/4 cents per bus.

The directorate for the coming year were elected. Roger Sharp-ley is president; Roy McDonald, vice president; John Pool, secretary; other directors, Elwood

Cowan, Harry Peck, Walter Bates, Bill Alton, with John Coltart alternate.

The children of the beginner's room at school had an uncertain time of it for part of the week as substitute teachers came and went. They are somewhat settled

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now, however, under the care of Mrs. Cliff Hawkins. Meanwhile, the whole community is pulling hard for Miss Tranna Calvert in her bout with virus pneumonia.

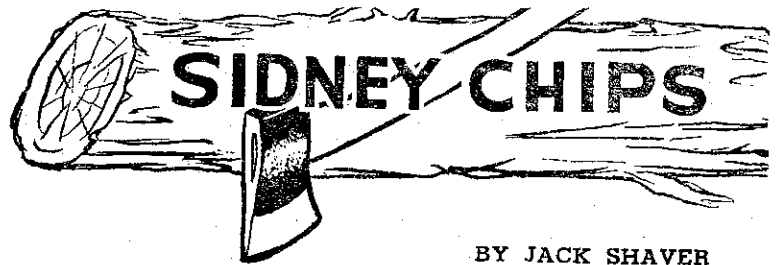
Sunday afternoon and evening nine members of the Austin-Sidney Young People's Union attended a one-day conference at Neepawa United Church. From all reports it was a whale of a time, both because of its fun and its inspiration.

On Sunday, November 26, there is to be a special service in Calvary Tabernacle. Pastor John Andresen has announced that at 7:30 that evening the Oak Lake Evangelistic Party will conduct the service. The party includes speaker, Rev. W. A. Burrows; soloist, Miss Clara Gompf; and a girl's trio.

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Nov 29, 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

If I was a writer instead of a hack I would attempt a story on the one big news subject of the week. This subject is "Combining Sunflowers at Ten Below." Add last Tuesday's high wind and you have something that is beyond imagination. At least it is beyond mine. Someday an epic poet will come along and give this subject proper treatment. But we hope that he never gets the chance. No one wants another year like 1950, even to provide employment for epic poets.

Late Tribute

Ever since this column learned that the Les Shoemaker's were leaving Sidney it has planned to say something in farewell to this family. It was decided to wait until the actual move was made. Which move took place over a week ago and of course we didn't hear about it until days after.

Les was to be our Curling Club President this winter. This column doesn't probe lodge secrets, but it is under the impression that he was one of the key men in the Foresters' lodge. Mrs. Les was a key in her own right in the W.I. As is always true when people move, we will get along without them, but in this case we won't get along as well. Les was the kind of guy that gave untrumpeted support to community affairs, and kept his good nature constant through all the irritations of public service.

Curling This Year?

Vice President Reg Calvert has been doing his best to get together an executive meeting of the Curling Club. Late grain shipments, sun flower harvest, and to top it off Baby-sitting husbands, have frustrated his efforts so far. One of these days however, we will get the frustrations of the late harvest partly out of our system and the curling club will get going with a rush. Every other fall it has had to take some hurdles and it will take the 1950 hurdles also.

Holiday Over

The destiny of Miss Calvert's room has been settled until such time as she herself is well enough to take charge again. Mrs. Geo Shoemaker, who came down for a visit with her parents Dave and Mrs. Smith, has been engaged to substitute teach. Mrs. Hawkins is reported to have uttered an immense sigh of relief as she turned over her command.

Meanwhile the news of Tranna

Calvert is good. She did so well in the hospital that the Doctors felt they could trust her to obey orders at home. If she improves as rapidly at home as she seems to have in hospital, she will resume vigorous command in no time.

Unique Annual Meeting

Last Tuesday the atmosphere at Austin's Annual Congregational meeting was unlike that at any such meeting I have ever attended. Congregational meetings don't always have a spiritual atmosphere about them. This one did.

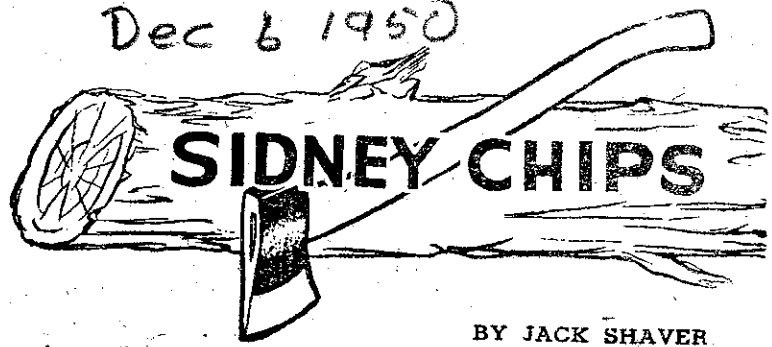
The assembly was a joining of hearts. While we met, one of our number, a most faithful servant of the community and congregation, was dying, or for all we knew was already dead, in a Winnipeg hospital. All of our thoughts were on Mrs. Karl Jedel, her husband and parents. In that joining of hearts, God was present. When a group of people open their hearts together God is in the midst.

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Annual Meeting

Dec 6 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

A certain amount of activity over at the skating rink Saturday afternoon was evidence that the Friday night annual meeting was not held in vain. The boys were there hammering up the fence, as they have to do every year.

At the annual meeting Ken Williams was elected President. Ken worked hard last year to get a rink for the kids. His reward has been that he was given the job again. Bert Lintott was elect-

ed Secretary-Treasurer and Neil Holroyd, Vice President. Added as directors (and it is expected, willing workers) Tom Holroyd, Stan Head and Clare Williams.

Press Beats W.I.

The annual meeting of the W.I. was held the other week. Last year we discovered that W.I. protocol requires a board of directors to be elected which chooses the officers at a later meeting. Before the directors had met, the Tribune was on the street in Winnipeg announcing the name of the new president. What's more, the paper was right! Mrs. M. Olson IS the New President.

The TRIB's crystal gazer didn't go any farther than president, however, and waited until after the directors' meeting to announce the names of the rest of the officers: Mrs. H. Thorn, vice President and reporter; Mrs. R. Calvert, vice President and social convener; Mrs. O. Dunton, Secretary; Mrs. F. Wright, Treasurer; Miss C. Hall, Sunshine convener, Mrs. D. Beswitherick, Red Cross convener.

W. A. Party

Most of the W.A. birthday parties are for women only. It makes reporting a little difficult. However, from all I can gather, last Thursday's party at Lena Beswitherick's was one of the best. Carrie Hall and Tena Bock were joint hostesses.

Every guest was to make herself look like what western operettas have established as the native costume of Japan, that is, dress in a kimono, etc. Japanese lanterns hung about. I wasn't there, but I presume the girls ate western style and plenty.

Teachers

The local organization of the Manitoba Teachers' Federation met in Sidney last Saturday. The North Norfolk local is not very old. But already it is filling a real place in the lives of our teachers. The press doesn't get invited to this sort of thing either. So I report by hearsay.

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I guess they have business to discuss, but I'll bet plenty of it is just good fellowship. They met in the afternoon because the Sidney School has no electric power. But the talk meant more to them than their fear of the dark because it was seven o'clock before they broke up.

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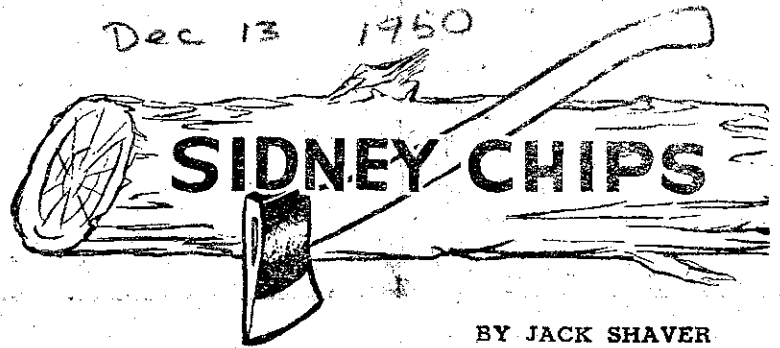
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Dec 13 1950



BY JACK SHAVER

The Congregation of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Sidney, held its annual meeting Tuesday evening. Rev. R. T. Milburn of MacGregor, chaired the meeting, which heard a report from Mrs. Dahmer and Mrs. Holroyd, convener's of the Alter Guild, and elected the following officers: Rector's Warden, E. Dahmer; People's Warden, T. Holroyd; Sec-Treas., G. Bagnal. Members of the vestry committee include: Ken Williams, Neil Holroyd, Sylvester Byrd, George Hyde. The Rector's and People's Wardens were elected to attend the Synod at Brandon with vestrymen, Holroyd and Byrd named alternates.

Sunday School Institute

Some of the United Church Sunday School staff attended the Institute held in MacGregor Wednesday. Carberry, Sidney, Austin and Portage la Prairie pastoral charges co-operated in this institute, which was under the direction of Rev. Dr. Clarke of Portage. Dr. Clarke is past Christian Education field Secretary for Saskatchewan and his wide experience contributed largely to the success of the school.

There were demonstrations of visual aids and other equipment. There was time to discuss problems together. There was the inspiration of addresses and worship. Not the least valuable part of the program was the fellowship.

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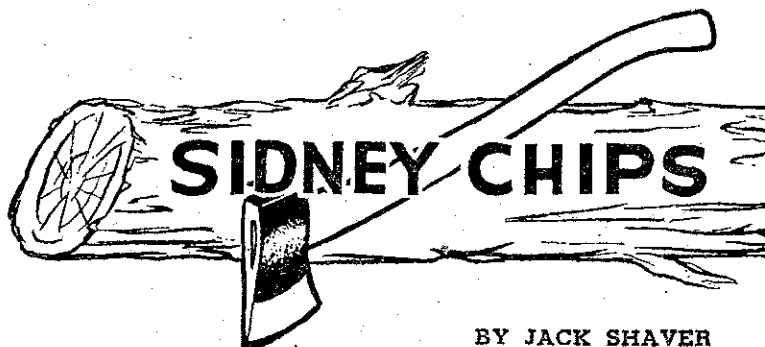
only they know, need the encouragement of fellowship. It gets to be such a lonely business that the mere getting together with other teachers is reward enough.

Skating Rink

At a snappy meeting Thursday night, the skating rink executive engaged Bill Hall as caretaker for the season. The job includes flooding.

Mothers and Daughters

The C.G.I.T. entertained their mothers at a Christmas party Friday evening. It was one of the best evenings in the class room this season. Twenty-eight mothers and girls played games, mothers received presents, the place was decorated, the girls were resplendent in their shining uniform. O boy! to be young again, or to be a mother.



BY JACK SHAVER

With the News-Express full of Christmas Greetings, who wants to read the Chips? With the Christmas rush crowding the parsonage schedule, who wants to write them?

The week was spent mostly in preparation. There are Christmas programs to think about. The Post Office has more to do than can be thought of. And every housewife is up to her pretty ears in preparations. The season is rightly named Advent.

Monday night the Curling Club executive met in the elevator office. It was planning its own set of preparations. It faced the perennial problem of the water system. It faced a new thing this year—vandalism in the rink waiting room. The discovery of nuisance destruction around the rink was especially annoying as it was a new experience for Sidney. Years of past experience have never prepared us. The wrath engendered was caused as much by disappointment as by the mess itself.

The week ended on a better note, however. The finer music was caused by the TYRO Christmas Party. The TYRO Boy's Group entertained the fathers. Friday night. The program was in charge of leader Neil Holroyd. The boys and their Dads played Christmas games, sang Christmas Carols, worshipped and ate together. It was a unique occasion.

The fine thing about it was that a group of Dads went somewhere with their sons. Add to this the fact that the sons planned and prepared the entertainment. Add to this the fact that it was in a Church relationship. You have added up a valuable sum indeed.

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Church School 12:15 a.m.
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Castle Hill Worship 3:00 p.m.
Sidney Church School 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Messages from the Ch

UNITED CHURCHES

AUSTIN — SIDNEY CHARGES

The end of 1950, and we are celebrating the Birthday of the Prince of Peace into the world! Are we crazy, or strangely sane?

A little of both.

In the Christmas festival, the Christian tradition has made its greatest penetration upon the world. Western business braces itself six months for the shock. Western calendars divide the year at the celebration. Western digestive organs universally undergo the supreme annual ordeal.

Neglected friendships are refreshed. Drabness gives place to color and song. Wells of generosity are set flowing for a space.

What has all this to do with celebrating the Birthday of the Prince of Peace? Splendid as it all is...not much. The Christmas festival is also the measure of the world's rejection of Christian insight.

The Peace the world celebrates is a sentimental one—a time of no troubles for which it wistfully sighs. This is not the Peace of the Bible Nativity Stories.

They go far beyond the picturesque birth in a stable witnessed by friendly animals, quaint rustics and pilgrim princes. The whole Gospel of God's suffering love is in these stories. Simeon's warning is there, Herod's cruel power is there.

The Peace of God isn't a time of no troubles. It is a time of great joy in spite of troubles. The Peace the angels proclaimed is a gaiety of soul in the midst of violence and tribulation.

This gaiety comes from fearing only God; from belonging to a kingdom which cannot be

shaken; from finding a dimension in life that no calamity can assault.

That is God's Peace.

May it be with you.

May you help establish it in the earth.

—Rev. J. Shaver.

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SIDNEY CHIPS



BY JACK SHAVER

Last time I gathered these, the whole world was poised for the Christmas Festival. By this time all will be over but the worst hangovers.

A lot has happened and, the last writing seems a long time ago.

Christmas Programmes

The schools of the district timed their programmes so that a chap could get to five if he wanted to. Maybe I am getting mellow but these seemed to be better than average. I really don't think they were but the last year is always the best.

Some day a manufacturer is going to discover and market the secret that turns youngsters of all ages into angels at Christmas time. It is not the programme that gets you it's the kids. They appear to have grown so much during the year, they positively shine for the occasion, and performing gives them radiance.

The Sunday School of Calvary Tabernacle held its Christmas programme during the week. The Explorer group under Mrs. M. Olson held a Christmas party.

The weather and roads for all these programmes and parties was right out of Santa Claus' Pack.

Boy's Parliament

Neil Holroyd returned even ful-

ler of enthusiasm than he did last year from attending the Tuxis and Older Boys' Parliament during Christmas week.

Member Holroyd had what was I am sure, the unique distinction of representing three different groups. He represented the Anglican Congregation of Sidney, The Tryo Group which he leads and (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4)

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the Sunday School, in which he teaches, of the United Church.

He just makes your eyes blink with his easy flow of talk about the "House", evening and afternoon sessions, Private Bills, and deputy ministries.

Winter Programme

Since last reported several men were busy. Both rinks are now in operation. There seems to be a beauty sheet on the skating rink but as the winter quiet just outside my window Saturday night will testify, there is still no music.

Fred Wright is largely the man to be thanked for getting the curling rink under way. He had some good opening games. There will be fewer curling this winter than ever in the history of the present rink. However, it is not all bad as this will mean no afternoon games.

Worby

But these are not the only rinks in the news. Worby P.O., celebrated its birth in more ways than in handling the Christmas flood of mail. There is now a community skating rink in operation down there. Jock Lunn will have his empire yet.

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I can't even say that I'll scream if one more person says "This year will be a year of decision". The crack has become so meaningless that it wouldn't even cause that much of a stir. The only thing we will decide in '51 is that nothing can be decided until a little later. Or to put it even more truthfully, the only decisions we will make in 1951 are ones that will have to be made again and again.

We've got a shakey world and it is going to keep on shaking.

Summerville

Congregational Meet

The Congregational meeting of Summerville United Church was held in the church on Thursday, December 29. Rev. J. A. MacLeod presided over the meeting and Leonard Muirhead acted as secretary in the absence of Thos. Hood.

Reports by the treasurer, Mr. Robert Muirhead, and of the W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid by Mrs. Jas. C. Muirhead, show a successful year. Rev. MacLeod gave the report of the session. Two new members were elected to the session, Mr. Thos. Angus and Mr. Wallace Hood. All other officers were re-elected.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Hugh Rankmore addressed Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod, voicing the goodwill and esteem of those present and wishing them happiness in their new home at Morris. The presentation of a pair of wool blankets and a sum of money was made. In thanking the congregation, both Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod spoke feelingly of the happy memories they would have of their pastorate at Summerville.

We can be sure of one thing in these circumstances. The only things that will last will be the things that are unshakable.

Aren't they what we want?

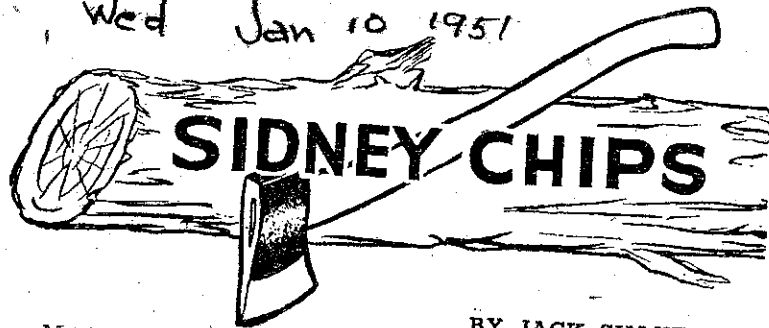
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Sidney, Church School	1 p.m.

Wed Jan 10 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Most of the chatter this week centred around the Cameron twins. It is many years since twins have come to a home in the district.

This chip basket is basking in just a little reflected glory as it delivered the mother to the hospital at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

But all we thought we were doing was transporting Fox Memorial's first mother of 1951.

The shock we received at the announcement was nothing, of course, to the one papa received.

Ron Wright was in the store when word came to Ian from the Doctor. It was lucky someone was there to pick him off the floor.

The Open Road

The next cause for rejoicing is the weather. Imagine, 8th of January with these roads! One can drive a car almost anywhere. We are almost back on speaking terms with the weather.

In fact, one or two of us have already begun to worry about when we are going to get our winter rest. So far we can't work up much of a case.

Gay Blades

The Sidney Skating rink is in full operation. Last week the executive posted its regulations for the season.

Season tickets will cost \$2.50 per person and \$5.00 per family. The rink will be open for skating Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 to 10 p.m. The other nights will be for hockey, from 7-8 p.m. for those under 14, from 8-10 p.m. for those older. Tag, crack the whip, skating in the wrong direction, are prohibited.

An enormous amount of evening had to be done. The boards were obtained by trimming up slabs purchased for five dollars.

The water problem was solved by an ingenious method. When it got too late to build a shack, they hauled a grainery from Willis's. The day we were down there they were trying to rig up some kind of music for the opening night. This represented a great deal of creative, community effort. It does seem, here and other places, that there is evidence of a return to the small community centre. Rural community life may be on the brink of a revival.

Return of the Native

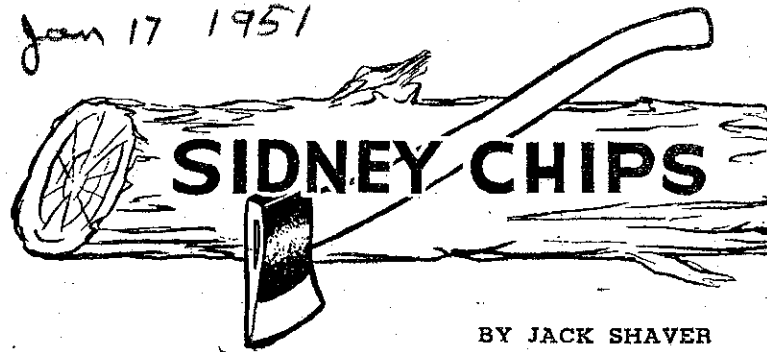
Miss Tranna Calvert has been back on the job this week with the rest of the staff at the school. The Friday afternoon invasion by the pre-school crowd is on the program again. The community and this column toasts the lady's health.

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Arizona, Worship	1.30 p.m.
Melvin, Worship	3 p.m.
Sidney, Worship	7 p.m.
Sidney, Church School	1 p.m.

Jan 17 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

One more week of the best possible January weather. There is one catch to it. It is like collecting money that is owed you. Once you have it, it is no longer something that is coming. It is good to know it isn't going to be a bad debt, yet the payment brings a twinge of regret.

With the weather paying us our overdue debt we are a little concerned lest we are running out of assets. But who can feel anything but genuine gratitude for these last few days.

It is easy to see that the Chip Gatherer has his head full of Credit union business. With all the annual meetings just coming up his head is full of a number of things.

John Deere Show

The annual John Deere Show is to be Tuesday of this week. I can't think where they are going to put everyone. In an ordinary winter, when there are nothing but sleigh trails for country roads the place is packed.

There ought to be a large crowd on hand therefore to meet the new John Deere agent. Ma-ben and Peck have completed the sale of its business to Pete Remple of Castle Point. Mr. Remple's family will not be moving until the spring. This column wishes Pete all the luck in the world.

What he is in for will take more than luck. From what I can gather this will be his first encounter with John Public. The same encounter has overcome the bravest of the brave. What Pete will need is power-reserve for the long haul, and understanding fellowship. The one is up to him; the other is up to the rest of us.

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The theme of the parliament this year was "This is the Life". That is just how the congregation felt...this is the life...when it saw what Neil had received from the Parliament; when it saw how he had grown since his last trip there; when it shared his parents' just pride, it became a fellowship. And that experience of fellowship is the life.

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