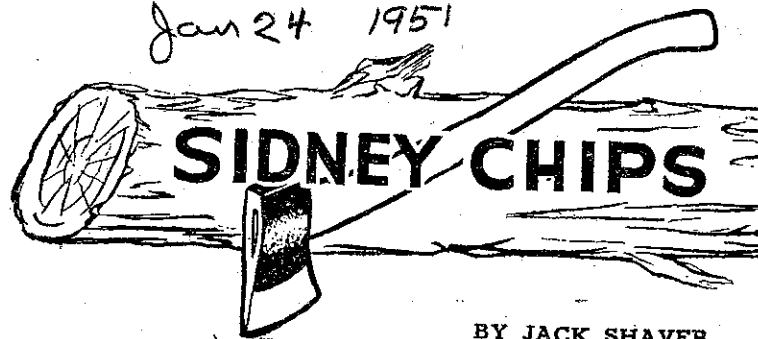


Jan 24 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Last Tuesday's big blow felt like it was out to do some real damage. It made some roads difficult but not impassable. It removed the tops from a few stacks. It shook the sand of the ages down onto the curling rink. It sifted the snow in so hard that the youngsters everywhere had the time of their lives sliding down banks and cutting blocks for building houses and forts. That was all.

If it deterred attendance at the John Deere show that afternoon I hate to think where the people would have put themselves if any more attended. The benefit dance that same night was also well attended and over \$80. was realized for the Jim Manns' fund.

That same night the draw was made for the Curling Club 'Calf' raffle. Chance reversed the direction of the wind and sent the calf way out to sunny Alberta.

It was gratifying to note the type of program produced by the John Deere Plow Company for its John Deere day. One could not have asked for better family entertainment. Its grasp of the strength and complexion of rural America was also reassuring. It is good to know the large commercial enterprises have this kind of good sense and insight. It makes one wonder why Hollywood can't hire the same kind of advice. It must mean that there is strong public demand for this better type of entertainment. Why hasn't the film capital turned a larger ear to it?

Annual Meeting away from home

A person in my position doesn't very often get the chance of viewing the work of a church he isn't involved in himself. Seeing it was in connection with an institution under News-Express coverage, it seems to be worthy of report here.

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One more thing just has to be mentioned. A lasting impression of the meeting is the way people disagreed and remained friends. Here we have a sign that the congregation is at least the beginning of the fellowship of Christ. To be able to speak the truth in love is to be a Church.

Only folk who know a little of the great humility which comes from living under God's judgment can know such a relationship.

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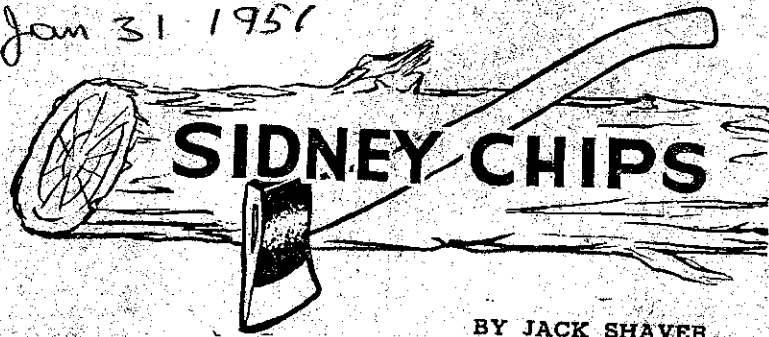
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Two other things stood out. One was the amount of work done by the ladies' organizations. This phenomenon never ceases to amaze. The other was the splendid effort in the matter of the Parsonage at Carberry. All I saw was the results. These were outstanding. With a little imagination one could paint in a little background. All the large and small aggravations, the endless details and problems, all the difficulties of materials and personal relations. The whole thing represents a terrific accomplishment. Everyone deserves con-

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BY JACK SHAVER

What confusion! At the moment this column has more in its basket than Chips. We have just waved mummie off on her way to Carberry with one of the curlers and the kids "Rest Time" has not materialized yet.

And a guy hardly has time to settle down before he has to go mend a fire or two. The one consolation is that we can't have too many months more of this kind of thing. If this was the middle of December one could find nothing in the weather to be cheerful about.

Curling has staged a slight comeback. More rinks got into the regular schedule than were ever expected at the opening of the season and the club had to revert to a few afternoon games. Four rinks are slated to go to the Carberry 'Spiel: Fred Wright, R. Wright, P. Stephenson and Honorary Life Member Rev. Bruce Johnson.

Phil's rink got split up when his brother Earl's wife was taken to hospital in Winnipeg. While Earl is down there and Phil at home choring, Frank Dankesreiter and Web Sylvester will fill out the rink.

A Living Church

For three hours last Wednesday evening the United Church congregation at Sidney really lived. Across the country thoughtful people are asking "What has happened to Congregational Life?" How can you have Congregational Life unless the Congregation does some living?

Unless the families of the congregation do something together it isn't living.

Wednesday night, church families, and families of sister churches that support many of our activities, assembled in the church to break bread together and review the church's life.

What fellowship there was missing about the buffet table and wondering if more potatoes and meat were going to show up before too long! How thrilling to have a gathering of worshipping families lead in worship, first by the Explorers, then the Tyros, then the OGIT.

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Ten people are giving volunteer
service in group work or Sunday
School. And these self supported
mid-week programmes are as
good as you will find anywhere.

Everyone can tell you how
feeble the church is. And they
are right! It takes an evening
like this to tell you how mighty
the church is. And that is right,
only it is harder to remember.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin, Worship 11 a.m.

Church School 12.15 p.m.

Melbourne, Worship 1.30 p.m.

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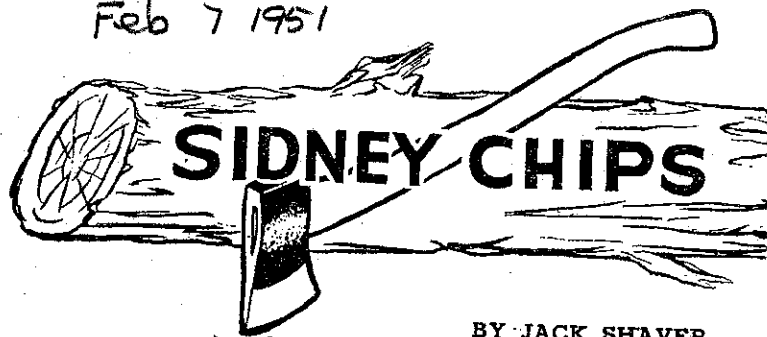
Sidney, Church School 1 p.m.

Worship 7 p.m.

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Feb 7 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Despite the temperatures this has been a week of winter sport.

Curling

All the Sidney rinks according to registration fell off the schedules at Carberry before prize time. The Bruce Johnson rink was registered as Winnipeg. But we all know better. Where a man's heart is, there his home is, and anyway where did he get his front end. Unofficially at least Sidney can claim a prize as the Johnson rink reached the fours in the Grand Challenge event.

Skating

The rink executive met during the week. With all bills paid, the rink has on hand \$109.00. The meeting made tentative plans to hold a moccasin dance on the ice in the near future. The carnival will be held towards the end of the month.

A brave six sojourned south on Thursday afternoon to meet Worby in a friendly game of hockey. I don't know enough about the present state of the game of hockey to know what the difference is between a friendly game and the other kind. However if it meant that Worby was going to let the visitors beat them, it did not turn out to be friendly.

I am not sure where they found six grown up skaters in the vicinity of Sidney to make up a team. I could name all but two from descriptions received. These were

likely imports.

However all signs point to the fact that we haven't long to wait. There are real signs of future to be seen on regular hockey nights when Ken Williams gets out there with the gang of kids. Just wait Worby!

Saturday night the Explorer Group under Mrs. M. Olson enjoyed a skating party. It was hard to tell whether they enjoyed most the skating or the attention they got from the boys who bombarded them with chunks of snow.

Missionary Supply

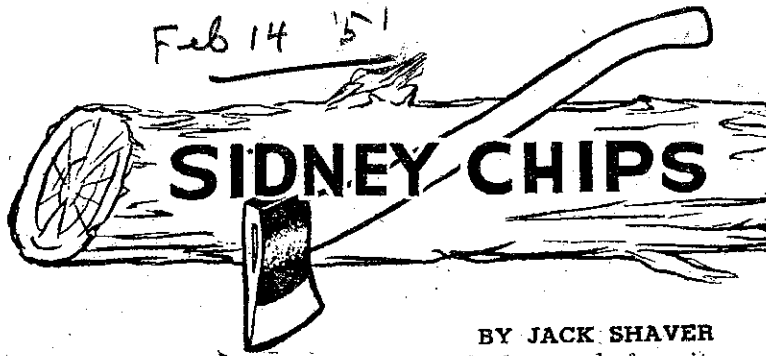
The pastorate at Calvary Tabernacle is being supplied for a while by a returned missionary. Miss M. Giesbrecht of Liberia West Africa is filling the appointment for a few weeks.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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Church School	12.15 p.m.
Melvin	3.00 p.m.
(If roads and weather permit)	
Arizona	1.30 p.m.
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Sidney, Church School	1 p.m.
Worship	7 p.m.

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BY JACK SHAVER

Worby will have to wait a while longer before it runs into opposition at Sidney that will slow it down much. We are speaking about hockey of course! Wednesday night the men from the south were up to play our boys and ended by forgetting to count the score.

That sort of puts them out of our league. Just what league it does put them in, is another thing again.

Greatness to Come

Twice last week I got a foretaste of what fellowship in the coming Great Church will be like. At the meeting of our Presbytery in Portage and at the women's World Day of Prayer service at Pleasant Point, all present had a taste of Ecumenical Fellowship.

The increase of this kind of thing is one sure sign of the activity of the Spirit of God in our time.

At the World Day of Prayer service, women of at least three denominational traditions united in a moving act of worship. Some of the service was compiled by German women. The worship material was drawn from all ages and traditions. Women throughout the world were using the same service. One got a very real sense of belonging to the whole body of Christ throughout the world and throughout the ages.

At Presbytery we had an address by Rev. Stanley Atkins of the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene in Saint Vital. Mr. Atkins was more than an Anglican Priest. He spoke to us on the theology of worship. Having given us the supreme vision of what worship was supposed to accom-

plish, he lead us through many of the historic forms and liturgies, from various periods of Church History, showing us what they were meant to do. Mr. Atkins was a priest of the world church, present and past, and for those hours we talked together, we were members of that same body.

Just wait until the day comes when all our Christian fellowship is that broad and that deep.

The School Question

The report on our Indian School at Portage landed us right in the middle of the Indian School controversy. This one is between those who want Boarding schools and those who want Day schools on the reserves. We didn't pretend to settle it, but, in passing, we were given a glimpse, in pure simple style of a great drama... the restoration of the home.

Angus Merrick is one of the leading citizens of the reserve. He is a young man with four children; two are at school, two at home. The two at school are at Day-School this year for the first time. They come home every night. Does it make any difference?

I wish you could have heard Angus say what difference it made. It was so simple and unexcited. It meant growing more vegetable; being concerned about health, clothes and cleanliness. It

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meant having your own child ask you to help with homework. Sometimes the homework was to draw a cat.

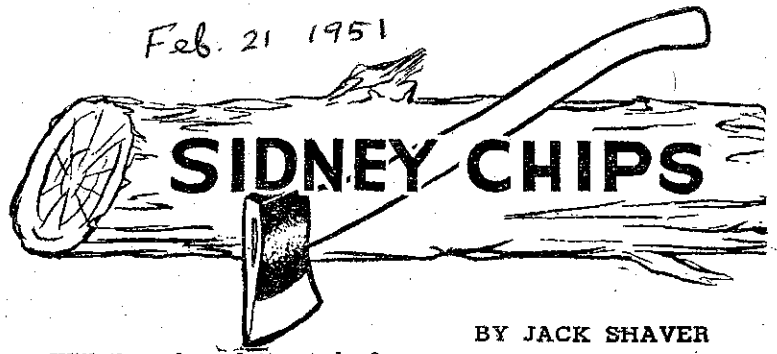
Just in that setting, these little homely experiences sounded like the birth of the kingdom of light.

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Church School	12.15 p.m.
Melbourne Worship	1:30 p.m.
Castle Hill Worship	3:00 p.m.
Sidney, Church School	1 p.m.
Worship	7 p.m.

Feb. 21 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Will there be a letter today?

It seems only yesterday that I felt under some obligation to write my folk regularly. They seemed so upset if they didn't hear once a week. Already the tables are turned and I am on the upset end. I am sure I am much too young for this sort of thing to have a daughter five hundred

miles away from home. Letters don't come often enough and they don't convey the information I want!

The weather is some consolation however. To everyone but the hundred-odd rinks entered in the MacGregor 'Spiel, these last couple of days are out of this world.

On an evening like Sunday with the slanting sun highlighting the hoar-frost, a guy wishes he could gaze and gaze across our spruce-wooded hills until he took it in. The more he took it in the more he took back all the nasty things he had been saying about Manitoba winters. Next thing he knew he was wanting to take back all the nasty things he had ever said or done.

Last week, being Valentine's week I suppose, was party week. Monday night the CGIT Group had a party and wound up at leader Mrs. Wright's home. Tuesday it was the High School with a toboggan party. Wednesday afternoon the pupils of Mrs. Wright's room had their party at the skating rink. The pupils of Miss Calvert's room celebrated also, but not at the rink.

Another celebration that skips to the other end of the generation will be held Feb. 20. It is the sixty-second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Howie. Mr. Howie's connection with this part of the world goes back to ten years before he was married when as a young

man he hired out to some of his eleven uncles then living in the Pleasant Point district.

It takes the ladies to bring home the bacon. Half our entries in the Ladies' 'Spiel' at MacGregor broke into the prizes. Jean Wright and Muriel Alton had rinks entered and Muriel's four captured first money in the third event.

Mrs. W. Alton, Mrs. R. Wright, Mrs. M. Ham and Mrs. O. Duntun were the proud quartet. This column can't recall another local rink of either sex that ever went forth to conquer as much. The girls played seven games and lost only one.

We are all proud, the only squawk came from the husbands whose wives not only left them to mind the nest, but also came home to crow.

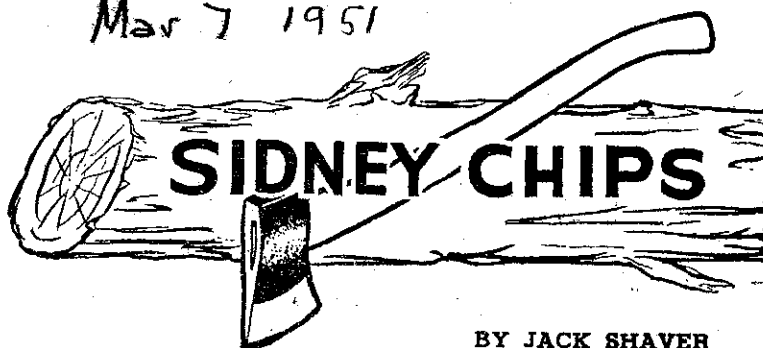
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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

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Church School	12.15 p.m.
Sidney, Church School	1 p.m.
Worship	7 p.m.

Mar 7 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

That March Lamb was stillborn. I hope that means they don't count it. Or at least, that the lion at the other end has the same life span.

The curling club hopes something like this weather holds, however, as it has begun its local 'spiel. Seventeen rinks are entered. The names of all players were jumbled then the rink personnel drawn. There are three events all in a single line and for the five rinks that don't get any prizes there will be a consolation event with a prize for the winning rink.

Sidney Carnival

A good crowd braved Saturday's bluster to enjoy the annual carnival. The programme included the crowning of a Carnival Queen, a costume parade, races, dancing and broomball.

The rink committee grossed \$107.00 on the event.

Ardeth Swanton nosed out the other two candidates and was crowned queen by rink president, Ken Williams. Duncan Hay won the door prize.

Costume prizes were awarded as follows: Girls' eight years and under, Laura Jean Williams first, Helena Bock second; 9 to 12 years Donna Swanton first, Marvel Dankesreiter second; 13 to 16 years, Arlie Peck first, Sheila Ham second. The ladies' prize went to Mrs. A. McIntyre. Boys' 8 years and under, Fred Hay first, Dick Snaith second; 9 to 12 years, Don Williams first, Dennis Howie second; 13 to 16 years, Bob Meyer and Gilbert McIntyre first, Victor Bock second. The men's prizes went to Fred Wright first, and Dave Leslie second.

The Red and White prize for costume best depicting the Red and White organization went to Terry Williams.

The prize for the oldest man

on skates went to Fred Wright. Just to show how fast a person grows up the prize for the oldest lady on skates went to Mrs. A. McIntyre.

Race prizes were won as follows: Girls, 8 years and under, Laura Jean Williams first, Joyce Willis second; 9 to 12 years, Myrna Peck first, Bette Thorn second; 13 to 16 years, Sheila Ham first, Merle McLachlan second. In the open race for ladies, Dorene Calvert placed first and Annie McGilvary second. Boys, 12 years and under, Barry Calvert first, Gerald Sylvester second; 16 and under, Barry Calvert first, Terry Williams second. In the men's open race Orland McGilvary placed first and Sam O'Brien second.

Couples race: Junior division, Dorene and Barry Calvert first, Marjorie Wright and S. O'Brien second. Senior division, Dorene and Barry Calvert first, Annie and Orland McGilvary second.

The Carnival committee wishes to acknowledge the following merchants whose generosity added to the success of the evening. Ian Cameron's United Store; Pete Remple's John Deere agency, C. Swanton's Food Store, Wm. Ironside's General Store; Geo. Proudlock's cafe, Frank Dankesreiter's Red & White, W. T. Peck's Sidney Garage and Howard Thorn's Sidney Service Station.

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were shoulders, they were legs, but the seat and shoulders appeared to be one and the same thing.

Lloyd Willis aroused the envy of Empire Builder Jack Lun by appearing in Worby Station, Canada's Biggest Railway depot. It presented one hundred percent more shelter than Postmaster Jock enjoys while waiting on the mail train.

The carnival was a splendid effort for this new community. Next year the same trek will no doubt be made, to play in Worby Curling Rink's first bonspiel.

Key Stones

On Wednesday afternoon and evening of last week, the local United Church Sunday School staff attended the district Sunday School Institute at Austin. In spite of the roads, thirty eight teachers and officers registered from schools at Carberry, Summerville, Pleasant Point, Springbrook, Sidney, Austin, MacGregor and Beaver.

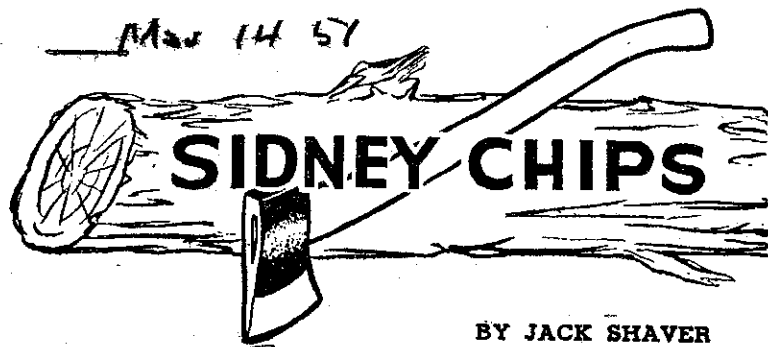
Rev. Wilbur Howard, field secretary for Christian Education of the United Church, lead discussion of Church School problems, introduced the Tyro Programme, demonstrated the use of "Flip Charts" in discussing the work of his office and the work of teaching religion.

Leader Neil Holroyd and four of the Tyro boys from Sidney gave a demonstration of their programme.

The most notable thing about the institute was the quality of the fellowship. Church School teachers can be awfully depressed and lonely people. But when they assemble together from the neighboring towns, and by getting to know one another feel themselves part of a wider fellowship, one can actually watch the healing forces of restoration and inspiration at work.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin, Communion 11 a.m.
Church School 12.15 p.m.
Melbourne, Communion 1.30 p.m.
Castle Hill, Communion 3 p.m.
Sidney, Communion 7 p.m.
Church School 1 p.m.



BY JACK SHAVER

Granite Chips

After two days off, last week, to restore the ice (to say nothing of restoring some players who had a finger in the pie at Austin as well) the local 'spiel sped into high gear. At the time of writing most of the events are into the fours and the top event has reached the two's. Ron Calvert's winning streak, which toppled his dad's four-some a while back, looks like it may be hard to stop.

This column was on the prize committee and this year it learned how events get their names. The Pool Elevators (HQ Office) topped the donors' list, so we named the top event after them. The Sidney Merchants and business places have been generous as usual and the second event was named after them. The curling club runs the thing and takes the abuse and usually has to put up funds to meet the deficit—so we named an event after the curling club. Why the last event is called the consolation I don't know. By the time a rink has curled its way into this event, it has had more curling games for a dollar than you can shake your broom at.

Ice Chips

Worby's Carnival (please take this seriously) was proof of how much human beings can enjoy hardship together. It was fun, and it was the spirit of man that made it fun. The elements conspired in vain to challenge his victory.

An outsider could only guess at the magnitude of the struggle. The Committee had the road opened only to have Friday's storm force some brave souls to break road the next morning. Extra grainaries were hauled in and Saturday's freezing weather had them packed with people happy in spite of all. Things must have been well organized. There seemed even to be a baby-minding committee.

For the Sidney crowd the trip

down was half the fun. As stuck cars were abandoned the remaining vehicles became fuller and fuller. At each obstacle the occupants swarmed out like ants and when the trouble was removed swarmed in again.

It was too cold for this column. To keep track of the prize winners Jack Frost must have sent the old timers into cover because when it came time to present the prize for the oldest man on skates, the man with the chip basket turned out to be the first born. The rest of them must have lied.

There were two costumes no temperature could force a person to forget. Bruce Hay appeared in a creation right out of a bad dream. It defied anatomical analysis. There was a head, there

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Attention Hunters And Fishermen

A meeting of Carberry Game and Fish Association will be held in the Municipal Hall, Carberry, on Wednesday evening, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. All those interested in trap shooting should attend to discuss the matter of organizing a gun club. Other important questions will be discussed in regard to game problems. Films on wild life will be shown. A good attendance is requested. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Sidney Chips

Mar 21 1951

The Shaver Chips are six again. A dirty March storm is keeping them indoors which somewhat complicates wash day. The chip basket is full of bonspiel results. It all adds up to a sad case. Banging out this column is like having teeth pulled, by a pair of mad dentists.

'Spiel Results

The local 'spiels were completed during the week. The Club 'spiel with 17 rinks entered, wound up early in the week. D. Beswitherick skipped his four to first place in the Pool Elevator event. He stopped Ron Calvert's winning streak, who was just as happy to take home a ham as a waterless cooker.

In the Ladies' 'spiel six rinks entered. There were three events

each with a 1st and 2nd prize. Every rink made the jewellery. Mrs. H. Lintott led her four to first place in the open event.

Rink Personnel—Club 'Spiel

Pool Elevator Event: 1st, D. Beswitherick, skip, Ray O'Brien, Earl Stephenson, Ivan Sylvester. 2nd, Ron Calvert, skip, Mrs. M. Ham, Wilf Peck, Mrs. Geo. Bock. 3rd, Fred Wright, skip, Arnold O'Brien, Mrs. O'Brien, Fred Peck. 4th, Frank Dankesreiter, skip, G. Lintott, Barry Calvert, Jessie Kufflick.

Merchants' Event: 1st, Lionel Wright, skip, W. Carswell, Mrs. Reg Calvert, Mrs. Harvey Dunton. 2nd, Ernie Calvert, skip, Mrs. O. Dunton, Stan Head, Terry Williams. 3rd, Jack Calvert, skip, Nevil Stephenson, Vera Peck, H. Calvert. 4th, Dave Smith, skip, Frank Ham, Ed O'Brien, Mrs. J. Brennan.

Curling Club Event: 1st, Ron Wright, skip, Jean Wright, Mrs. Lionel Wright, Sam O'Brien. 2nd, Gil Bagnal, skip, Mrs. H. Lintott, Ted Stephenson, Gil McIntyre. 3rd, Mrs. Wm. Alton, skip, H. Dunton, M. Olson, Geo. Bock. 4th, R. Snaith, skipping a rink from Austin.

Consolation Event: 1st, Lawrence Wright, skip, Chas. Wright, Bob Maben, Mrs. Cliff Hawkins. 2nd, Wm. Alton, skip, Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, Art Thorn, Elt Beswitherick.

Ladies' 'Spiel Personnel

1st Event: 1st, Mrs. H. Lintott, skip, Mrs. Cliff Hawkins, Marjorie Sylvester, Mrs. Geo. Bock. 2nd, Mrs. Ron Wright, skip, Dorene Calvert, Marjorie Wright, Sheila Ham.

2nd Event: 1st, Jean Wright, skip, Mrs. A. O'Brien, Mrs. Lionel Wright, Mrs. Dunc Hay. 2nd, Mrs. Wm. Alton, skip, Mrs. M. Ham, Betty Calvert, Arlie Peck.

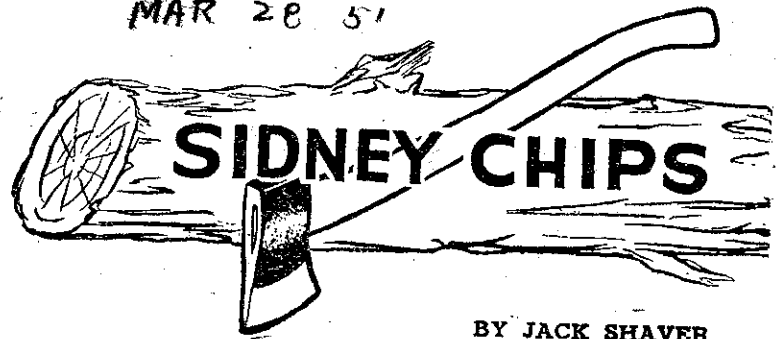
3rd Event: This event is one of those things. At press time the executive of the ladies' club had not made up its mind. On hand for the scheduled game, Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, skip, Mrs. H. Dunton, Mrs. J. Brennan, Mrs. Ed O'Brien. The other rink was not fully manned and no game was played. Mrs. Oscar Dunton, skip, Mrs. Reg Calvert, Mrs. Dave Leslie, and Jessie Kufflick.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin, Worship 11 a.m.
Church School 12.15 p.m.

Sidney Chips

Mar 21, 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Saturday was the start of something! And everyone knew it. I am sure half the district was on the street of Carberry Saturday afternoon. It was a matter of standing room only. We are at that season of the year again when we wonder what thrills people can have in lands where there is no spring. What have they got to look forward to? Can they ever experience the communion of body and spirit with the universe that we know with the stirrings of new life every spring?

I wonder too, why it is that the older you get the more you catch yourself longing the season of rebirth? It is because as fewer and fewer things excite us we come to depend more and more on the few that invariably do.

Former Chipper Gets Air

This information is for strictly local consumption. Anyone outside the Sidney district devouring it must be an invalid, without transportation, or incapacitated in some way. For the Sidney people, who don't have a morning service, it is all right to know that on Sunday, April 1, at 11 a.m., the Service Broadcast over CBW will be from Harrow United Church. Rev. D. Bruce Johnson, minister, and father of this column, will be on the air.

Country Fair

The Women's Institute was again responsible for a delightful community evening Wednesday last at its Country Fair. After we all eat together the fun begins. Games of every description are set up, each with its barker. For a nickle you play crokinole, quoits, checks, bowling or bingo. It sounds like the Brandon midway and permeates a genuine carnival atmosphere.

The organization behind one of these affairs is prodigious and is mapped out like a military campaign.

If Sidney ever gets famous for anything it will be for its healthy children. If we can raise nothing, else, we can raise them.

Watching the milling, happy

bunch at the hall last Wednesday I couldn't help but think how much just such a sight would mean to the parents of half the world. Something about the vibrant young life vaguely impressed us, to the starving half of the world, such a sight would have looked like heaven on earth.

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Donna Elmhirst, 13, Buried Saturday

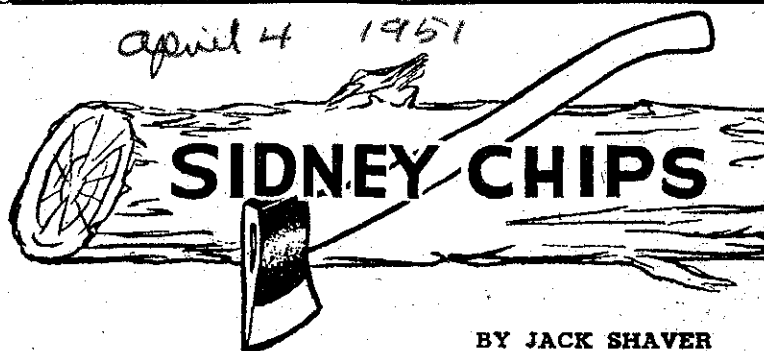
Friends and acquaintances in Carberry and the surrounding district extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elmhirst, Austin, in the loss of their daughter, Donna, 13, who passed away at Portage la Prairie, on Thursday, March 22nd.

Funeral services were held from Austin United Church, on Saturday, March 24, at 2 o'clock, with burial in the Carberry Cemetery. Rev. M. J. V. Shaver of Sidney officiated.

Flower bearers were: Albert Avenson and John Gilmore.

Pallbearers were: James Price, Stanley Smith, Clare Freeborn, John Neufeld, William Peters and Ray Storie.

April 4 1951



BY JACK SHAVER

Three Sidney business establishments are still reverberating after absorbing the climax of a big deal. The deal is no longer news as it has been in the works for some time. But a guy hated to write it up for fear something would happen to it before it came off. It is such a good thing that one hated to do anything that might upset the apple-

cart.

The problem simply put, was that Sidney had too many merchants. The establishment of the Worby community was the straw that broke the camel's back. Some time ago Ian Cameron suggested that one of the other merchants take over his business and eliminate one store. Frank Dankesreiter and Cliff Swanton liked the idea. Cliff took over the business, and the United Store stock was bought up between Cliff and Frank. Cliff will handle the dry-goods and Frank the hardware. Cliff's old building is to be vacated and rented or sold to someone to use for any purpose but another store.

Things are still in a mighty confusion but they are over the hump. Everyone is happy over the operation. There are a couple of tired-merchants' families but the deal should be very much worth the effort.

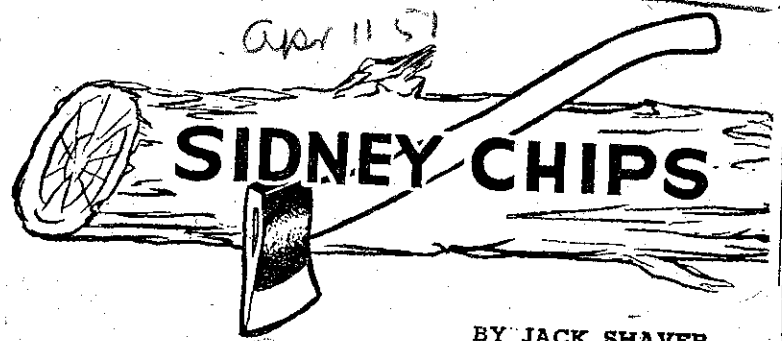
In the shuffle we have lost a family we were just getting to know and like. Ian Cameron and family were here just long enough to give the town credit for producing twins. Our best wishes go with them all in their return to Woodnorth.

A couple of other changes in town got mislaid in during the Big Deal. Norm Cumming is back and he and Mrs. Cumming will soon be taking up residence here again. Norm is giving Doug Beswitherick a hand in his Auto-Electric and Imperial Oil business.

Pete Wiebe and his bride have moved from Castle Point to the suite above the John Deere agency. Pete will be giving Remple a hand in his business.

Bill Hall has left us to reside in Carberry and work with the highway gang.

This has not been a stagnant week in Sidney's business world.



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This column is sure that a person could enjoy a thousand springs and still find something new and exciting about the next one. Man will never tire of being strangely moved by the lengthening of days, the warming of the earth, the stirrings of new life. And when you add to all this the drying of the roads so that we contact old friends again you add social dimension to the physical exaltation.

Nor is there anything wrong with these spring nights. Monday morning (pre slumber end) while I was supposed to be pumping wash water I stiffened my neck considerably watching the northern lights. The display was not so brilliant but I have never seen one that happened in more places at once. Pale green whiffs of misty light were exploding with high velocity everywhere in the sky.

What a mysterious thing our universe is when we take time to look at it. Lift your gaze across the prairie some starry night. Two thirds of your vision will be filled with the same sight that filled the vision of all the sons of men ever to live in the northern hemisphere. From the horizon up you see what Shakespeare saw, and Saint Paul, and Socrates, and Amos. No wonder the stars are easy on the eyes. They have had so much looking.

Whist Stars

It is a little early in the WI Whist Bonspiel to list winners. Except to say that everyone taking part is a winner. The 'Spiel is proving a whale of a good thing. Couples are being thrown together which would otherwise never think of calling on one another for an evening of cards. It is just a fine stirring of the social pot. It has stimulated the diminishing art and habit of visiting among neighbors.

No Drones Here

Last week final touches were put to the housecleaning effort of the Anglican congregation. The week of Easter holidays saw the

bulk of the work completed. The place fairly buzzed with the bee. And in this case while the harvest was goodly, the workers were plentiful also.

Farewell and Hail

The congregation at Calvary Tabernacle are doing both this week. Sunday night was Miss Giesbrecht's last with the flock and the folk had a little farewell for her that evening.

Before the week is out they will be welcoming back Johnny Andresen with something added. Johnny has lost his freedom, but acquired a permanent partner. This I believe will be the first time a pastor's wife has graced the Pentecostal parsonage. It will be cause for celebration.

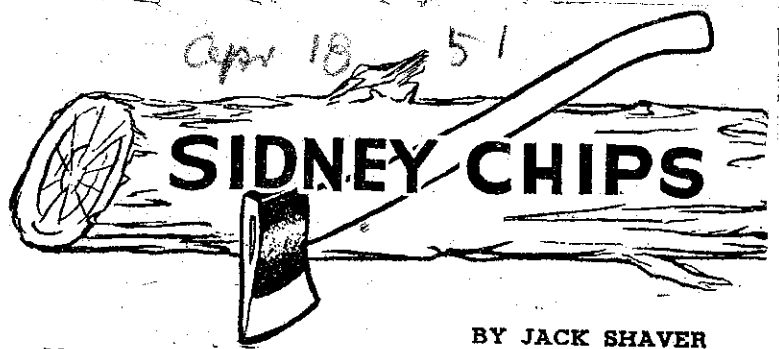
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Attend Music Festival

Robert Rogers and Betty Joan Pearn took part in the Winnipeg Musical Festival last week. Robert played in the Sonata and Bach class (Grade VIII), and came well up near the top. Betty sang in the Girl's Solo Class, under twelve years of age, in which there were 52 entries. She was chosen to sing again as a finalist and was only two marks below the winner. Congratulations are due to both these competitors.



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Most of our land workers are in that position where a reversal in the weather is a welcome reprieve rather than cause for anxiety, yet. The roads were too good this winter. It has meant that the wood-sawing season has made an invasion upon the season of seed cleaning and treating and machinery mending.

The real anxiety this week is not the lot of the sowers of seed however. It concerns the workings of a different kind of drill. This drill is a much smaller instrument, but because of the area of its operations, much more formidable.

The school and pre-school children of this and the Arizona and Ravenshoe districts are to enjoy the benefits of a Dental Clinic this week. The clinic was to begin Monday afternoon, and run a full day Tuesday and Wednesday A.M. The Harvey O'Brien home is the scene of battle.

This dental clinic is sponsored by the local W.I. in co-operation with the school boards and health units. If over the years the dental health of the community can be raised appreciably their efforts will have been very worthwhile.

Brookdale Chips

We went a neighboring last Friday. I got a pretty good look at that school up there and those grounds. I wonder if there is any way to measure what that adequate school building at Brookdale has meant to education in that community.

But the real eye-ful was something else. I can't imagine a more thrilling satisfying eye-ful. It was a group of 130 parents and children, gathered in families to break bread together in Christ's name. The Sunday School up there put on this banquet for its pupils and their parents.

The Sunday School staff planned the evening beautifully, down to the last detail at where each family would sit, where tea would be needed, where a glass of water, and where the few lads without families would be seated.

Families go so few places as a unit. But even less often does the

community ever do anything in family units. It restores something good and fundamental to our society.

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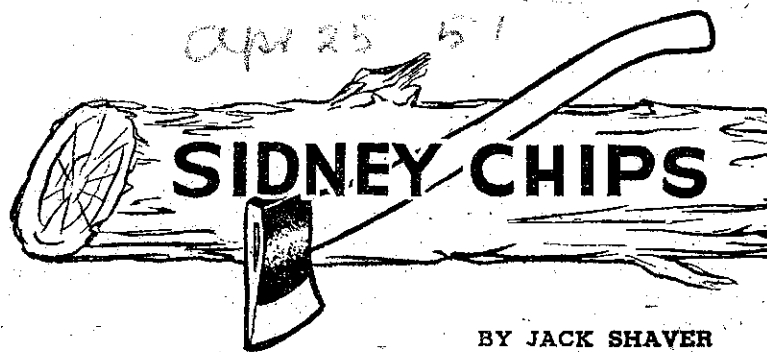
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MARG. J. KEACHIE BECOMES BRIDE OF JOHN M. DRYSDALE

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keachie, Petrel, on Saturday, April 14th, when their only daughter, Margaret Josephine, became the bride of John Minshull Drysdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Drysdale of Neepawa. Rev. John A. MacLeod of Morris officiated.

The ceremony was performed before the bay window of the parlor, decorated with potted plants and spring flowers. The wedding march was played by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Cecil Campbell of Carberry. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a floor length satin gown made on princess lines, with high rounded neckline, inset with bertha collar of net and appliqued flowers. The bride's fingertip veil was of embroidered net held with a coronet of seeded pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Donna Clarke, of Winnipeg, as junior bridesmaid.
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Double Header

Tuesday nights WI meeting got two shots of education. Mrs. Walter Dinsdale, a Brandon Social worker, was scheduled to give a talk on personality adjustments called "In Search of Ourselves". Mrs. Dinsdale's talk concerned the emotional and spiritual health of growing children.

This same group of ladies were in the midst of a programme concerning the Dental health of the school children. The Provincial Clinic uncovered so much work that it was impossible to clean it all up in the time allotted. The clinic needed one extra day. The extra day needed more money out of the WI. Dr. H. R. Stewart, Director of Dental Clinics for Manitoba, also addressed the meeting. He reported on the dental health of the school children and gave a talk on the care of children's teeth.

The clinic was held the extra day so he must have softened the ladies.

Neighborhood Week

This week responsibilities carried the Chip Gatherer into neighboring fields.

He saw as lovely a job of small church interior decorating as he has ever seen at the Wellwood United Church. The man who did that must love the church. I caught just a breath of the ancient days when, what a man loved, he beautified.

At Carberry he fully enjoyed the CGIT Concert. Two things contributed. The dandy program and the support the evening received from the Community.

At Winnipeg he (unwittingly) passed by a sign saying 'No Attittance' and looked over the unfinished Theological & Library Building at United College. This is going to be a splendid building. And the most splendid part of all is that every United Church Congregation in Manitoba has a

large stake in it. This building belongs to a great many people.

The Needles Eye

Saturday afternoon we had brought home to us the words of Jesus "that a rich man shall HARDLY enter the kingdom of heaven."

After much debate as to whether it was a luxury or not, we finally bought the little Chips a coaster wagon. As the shoppers arrived home squeals of delight informed me of the new joy of possession.

Then the trouble began. New possessions bring new responsibilities. It is hard for little fellows to share. Joy was turned into mourning.

Add one wagon to a family scene and you make it a little harder for that family to be the kingdom of God.

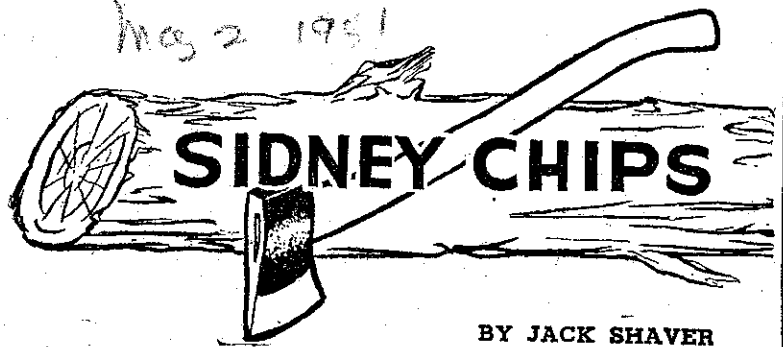
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Miss Jean George, of the Manitoba Hospital Service Association Public ment, Win speaker held in men 10

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Perhaps it is only from this vantage point, but the news this week appears to be all church news.

Pentecostal

It is now official that Johnny and Mrs. Andresen will be leaving this community to take up a pastorate in another part of the province. There is no word yet, so far as this column knows, of who is to succeed them.

Missionary

Two missionaries on furlough, of the "Sudan Interior Mission", held meetings during the week in the United Church at Arizona. Rev. Harold Germaine conducted meetings Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at which pictures were shown of the work among former head hunters.

Sunday morning and evening Rev. H. Abernathy spoke to the Sunday School and conducted a meeting.

United Church

Saturday afternoon the Sidney Mission Band which is under the leadership of Mrs. Harvey Howie and Mrs. Cliff Hawkins, attended the Mission Band programme and tea held at Pleasant Point.

Gordon Blair conducted the excellent worship programme. Mrs. B. Calvert and Mrs. Delbert Reynolds prepared the young people for the programme. Several extra items were provided by youngsters from neighboring districts. Miss Waterhouse highlighted the afternoon by singing "The Holy City."

Sunday evening the CGIT under Mrs. Ron Wright conducted the service at Sidney. After sitting through a Mission Band and CGIT service of worship I have almost decided to turn over the whole business of the Church's worship to someone else.

It is impossible to describe the experience of a congregation whose worship is being lead by a group of its own young people. The girls themselves are transported, for that hour they are much better than they really are. The rest of us are transported, for that hour we too are better than we really are. None of us is a saint, but during that hour the

Rev. S. J. Sharkey Addresses Synodical W.M.S. Meeting

Attending the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Manitoba Synodical Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, which was held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25-26, in First and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Churches, at Brandon, were: Mrs. T. H. Fee, delegate; Mrs. J. J. Thomson, Children's Secretary; and Mesdames J. Gilmore, C. Johnson, W. Armstrong, W. W. Ford, N. Currie, R. J. Hood, D. G. Ramsey, L. Baron, C. Dennstedt and Rev and Mrs. S. J. Sharkey.

At the meeting on Wednesday evening, Rev Sharkey was the guest speaker.

hand of God is upon us. And no one is the same after that happens.

The strange thing about it, is that we do not do this kind of thing oftener. It never fails to be moving.

A stranger thing yet is, that in this day of darkness, anything could make a person, deny himself the light of receiving the ministry of worship from his own flesh and blood.

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The Plague

The plague struck while I was away. With one swath it cut down just about every school-beginner and pre-school kid in the town. How many little waves and ripples will continue to follow the big splash no one knows. But we are all expecting quite a siege.

And it is that nasty kind of measles, that if you don't take care, results in lung congestion, etc. The beginners' room at the school was out from thirty to three in less than a week. Many victims were supposed to have had measles once already.

Land Work

The general picture with the land work seems to be that the wheat is in and the coarse grains are waiting for their enemy, wild oats, to make a fatal start at living. There appear to be lots of them. Does that mean you really kill 'em out, or are there as many more that didn't germinate?

Vinyard Work

Henry Goldsack was in Town over the week-end to take the service at the Pentecostal church.

The Women's Guild of the Anglican church went ahead in spite of epidemics and land work, to hold a very successful Bazaar and tea in the building that used to be the butcher shop.

Spring Work

The week I should have been removing the storm windows, planting a garden, tending a sick bed, I was having another kind of Spring Experience. A guy has no right to get that kind of break. It kind of took the edge off the experience.

But, even along with the sense of guilt, it was a rare privilege to give a little leadership at the Student Christian Movement Spring Conference.

The Student Christian Movement is a voluntary organization of University students, which conducts conferences, study groups and work activities under the challenge of their Christian faith and conviction.

The current crop is a very lovable set of youngsters. They are top flight in every way. Here we had a large portion of the Student leadership at the University.

But the miracle is more than the fact that fifty of the top flight students are in an organization with a Christian name. The miracle was the quality of the fellowship, the depth of religious experience, the awareness of constraint upon them.

Surely I was viewing one of the sources of the church's revival. I felt the beginnings of a renewed experience of the fellow-

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ship of Christ.

It will see much stranger to some of us than others that this should be coming from our universities.

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NOTICE

A general meeting of the Foy Memorial Hospital Aid will be held on Monday, May 21st, 2:30 p.m., in the Municipal Hall. The executive requests a good attendance as this is a very important meeting. Petrel and I will be hostesses at this meeting.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chi Harte, Manitoba, will announce the engagement of their only daughter, Murie, to Mr. Kenneth James I of Mr. and Mrs. R. J Douglas, Manitoba, to take place June

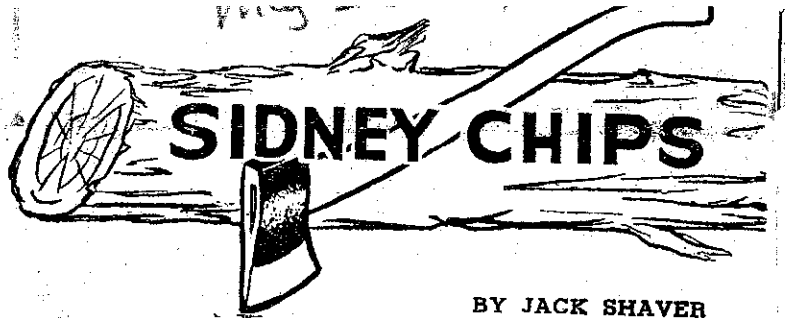
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Baby Bar

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This will be a thoughtful day in Sidney. At three the funeral of Mrs. Sam Cheney will be held. Sam and Mrs. Cheney were a couple that seemed to have been always with us. They were one of the few remaining links with our earliest past.

One's thoughts are made to think of the march of time and the meaning of life in the face of its strident passing.

Western communities like ours are rapidly passing a milestone. There will soon be left no living person who can remember our birth. There is something special about the passing of the pioneers. It is that that makes us thoughtful.

Multiple Birth

We met Doug McIntyre last Sunday and were glad to learn that his sets of triplet lambs are all alive and doing fine. This Pratt farmer had a pretty busy lambing time this spring. It really mixed things up when two sets of triplets got born.

If Doug was busy, you can imagine how the mothers have been. The strange thing is that both mothers claimed all of their own and fed them all.

The Women's Institute Meets

Seven ladies of the Sidney and Arizona communities attended a one day W.I. district Convention at Arden. All reported an excellent conference.

The local meeting was held on Saturday in order that Mrs. Walker, a teacher from Arden, be present to address the ladies. Mrs. Walker had taught at Headingly where she became interested in life in the Hutterite Colony there. This was the subject of her most interesting address.

There are Churches here too

The Anglican ladies of Sidney asked me to tender their sincere thanks to all who helped make their sale of work such a grand success.

Rev. W. H. Davis of the British and Foreign Bible Society spoke to services in Sidney, Melvin, Arizona and Melbourne, as well as getting in a few licks at a joint congregation of MacGregor and Austin people.

To me the most striking statistic he gave us was that with the resources of the Bible Societies expended to the limit, 26 million

copies of Scripture were asked for over and above that which could be supplied.

This is the situation when millions of adults per year are learning to read for the first time. The world wide literacy campaign is placing a terrible responsibility upon Christians to publish reading matter. These increasing millions will read something. Who will be there first with things to read?

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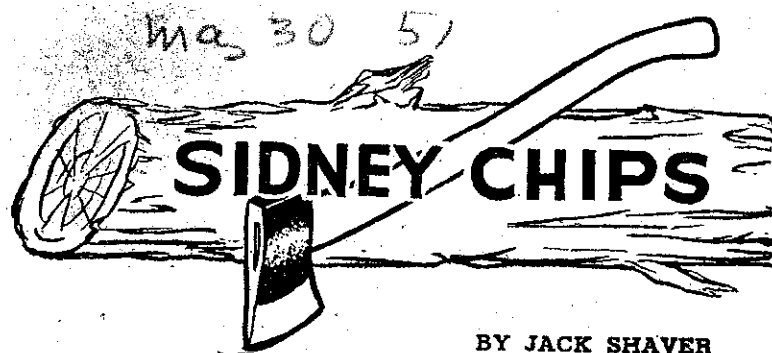
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If the clouding up which is going on at the moment results in a good soaking rain there will be a lot of very happy people.

Now that one thinks of it there simply has not been any spring rain. My cistern has been bone dry since last November and this is the end of May.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR THOS. MILLER

Funeral services for Thomas Percy Miller, who passed away suddenly May 24, were held from the United Church, Carberry, on Saturday, May 26th. Rev. M. Thompson of Forrest and Rev. D. Anderson of Neepawa officiated, with interment in Carberry Cemetery. The L.O.L. conducted a short service at the grave.

Tom was born in Castle Point, April 5, 1901, and took his schooling in that district. In 1926 he completed a barbering course in Winnipeg and took over the barber shop in Bethany, Man. where he met and married Beth Boyd in 1932. They farmed on the home farm at Castle Point until 1943 when he sold out and purchased the General store at Ingelow, Man. From there, he moved to Douglas and took over the Coffee shop.

Left to mourn are his wife, Beth, one daughter, Ferne and one son, Gary; his mother, Mrs. J. Miller, Castle Point, also one brother, Otto of Castle Point, and two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Howie, Carberry and Mrs. George Howie, of Winnipeg. One brother, James, deceased him in 1947.

Bearers were: Jack Ford, Roy McCaw, Ingelow; Jack Hart and Ernie Creasy of Sidney; James Muirhead, Douglas; Walter Froom of Carberry.

Many floral tributes testified the high esteem in which he is held.

DAY FRIDAY

At the Carberry and District Day to be staged at the Fair Grounds on Friday, the day is nearing completion. As is customary, the day will start at 10 a.m., with a parade of the students from the Fair Grounds. Mr. Brookdale, will

Yet for all the fact that there has been no hold-up for weather, the planting season is as late as ever. Of course the fall work had to be done this spring. And then there is such a variety of crops going in now. And I am also informed that a lot of the lateness is due to the fact that farmers took advantage of the peculiar season to kill weeds. Usually this has to be forgotten about. It could be an extra good season therefore. It is not too late for it to rain yet. And when it does, watch everybody grin.

Meanwhile, whenever the dust settles, we are having magnificent weather. I don't ever remember a season when the air was so variously and mysteriously-scented days and nights on end.

CGIT, Explorers, Tyro, Mission Band—all these will be winding up or have wound up. We shouldn't let this happen without paying real tribute to the leaders. Mrs. Ron Wright, Mrs. M. Olson, Neil Holroyd, Mrs. H. Howie and Mrs. C. Hawkins have given the community and its young people real service this winter. I know how frustrating such service is, but I also know it has its rewards.

The Measles epidemic upset plans for an Achievement day windup of the Snappy Stitches programme. The Sidney S.S. is a group of 18 girls who met during the winter to take a sewing course under the instruction of Mrs. M. Ham and Mrs. G. Bock. The Course was provided by the Extension service and was sponsored by the local W.I.

The girls sent their work in to headquarters for judging in lieu of their achievement day.

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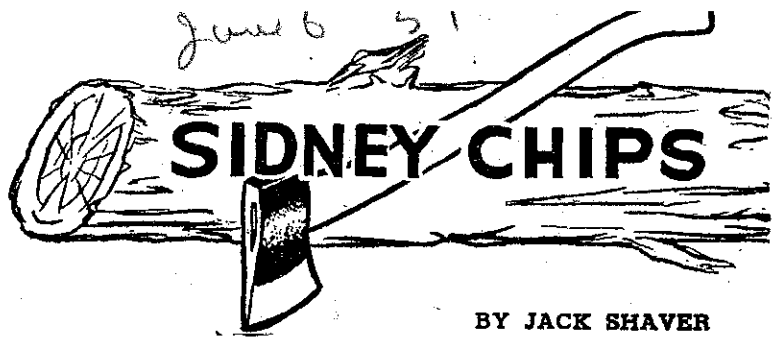
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It will always remain a strange
experience to travel miles of clay
flats, cross a marsh and come to
lands-end. That is a magnificent
lake. I never saw one that varied
its color and mood so often.
Knowing it is up there has given
these whole central Manitoba
prairies added personality.

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TREK TO FIRDAL

At Firdale last week the United Church Ladies' Aid held a tea to which the ladies of the neighboring districts were invited. There is nothing unusual about this story yet.

But the neighboring ladies came. This is what made the news. Forrestville ladies, several carloads of Sidney ladies and even some Wellwood ladies happened by. The hosts were overwhelmed. Everyone reported the kind of rewarding occasion when neighbors become neighborly. And there was plenty to eat.

Trust Firdale to be prepared for more than it was expecting.

The Dogs That Said "NO"

A persistent rumour finally settled down to fact this week as the Murray Hams took over the operation of the Sidney Cafe. Mrs. M. has been baking the pies and helping serve over there for some time. When George Proudlock's feet finally became such a problem that he had to quit business, it seemed the natural thing for the Ham family to take over.

After many years away, it seems good to see George putting around his grounds. I'll bet it feels good, too.

Sidney Reunion Picnic

Sunday afternoon, the Sidney exiles (and no doubt some natives) in Winnipeg will gather at Assiniboine Park for the second

annual Sidney Reunion Picnic. Last year's experiment was such a success that the effort is being made again.

Field Day

Sidney S.D. did not enter the Austin Field Day officially except to take down an intermediate team of softball players and skin an Austin team in an exhibition game.

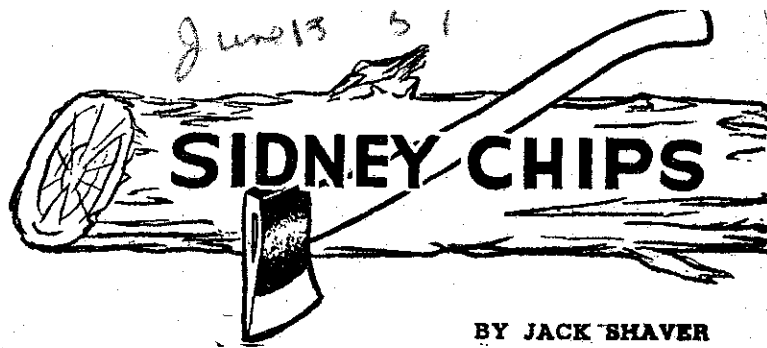
However, the rural schools about were mostly entered. Little Ravenshoe (which wins singing contests) demonstrated that it isn't all culture and no muscle by winning eight firsts and several other positions.

The thing that pleased me most of all was the marked improvement in most of the contestants. We are getting to the place where training is paying off a little. Some skill is being acquired. When you get eight year and under girls jumping three feet, two and three, in this their second year at a Field Day, you have prospects of a rosy future.

Baseball

That same night, Friday, a group of young men gathered at
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This is all there was -
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Just to make this an honest column I have one Sidney item to report. It is the only local news that caught the basket since its return from Winnipeg.

The United Church W.A. elected the following officers at its annual meeting. Mrs. M. Ham, president; Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, vice-president; Mrs. C. Tyerman, sec'y; Mrs. D. Beswitherick, treasurer.

Winnipeg, Traffic Control

The first thing that hits an infrequent visitor to Winnipeg are the changes in Traffic Control. And if the visitor tries to compare things with what it was like ten years ago, it really hits him.

At first a man needs double vision to keep watch of the lights, the left turn signs, and white arrows painted on the pavement, to say nothing of the quickly moving traffic. It shortly begins to make sense, however, and a man has to admit that a very intelligent attempt is being made to control Winnipeg's traffic. Furthermore, both drivers and pedestrians seem to be co-operating to an extent one would have supposed impossible for Winnipeggers.

It is not nearly as simple as it was when I was a boy. But given the growth of Winnipeg's car population, it is not nearly as complicated as it would get without the regulations.

Manitoba Conference

There were several highlights at the meeting of Manitoba Conference of the United Church.

One was the address of Dr. Jesse Arnup, Secretary of the Overseas Missionary Board of the whole Church. Dr. Arnup has been at that post for forty years. His survey of Far Eastern affairs, reporting the end of the colonial era, laid much of the responsibility for the eastern crisis at the door of Western Imperialism.

Another evening, a Pageant was produced which told the story of John Black, first Presbyterian Missionary in the Red River Colony. It was interesting to me to discover that the Selkirk Settlers took 40 years to get a missionary of their own Church. Years of petitioning the Hudson's Bay, Co and the Home Church

went by until the matter was referred to the Canadian Church and John Black was sent.

Rev. A. R. Huband, minister of Westminster, United Church, wrote the continuity, composed the tableau, and directed the whole affair. It was a work of art. That man is gifted.

The ordination service is always a highlight. This year, with a class of twelve, it was a stand-out. Rev. Hugh McLeod, of Knox United Church, sent the men away with this. "Some congregations will think of you as a hired man. You are not a hired man. For the hireling leaveth the sheep when he seeth the wolf coming, and you cannot flee."

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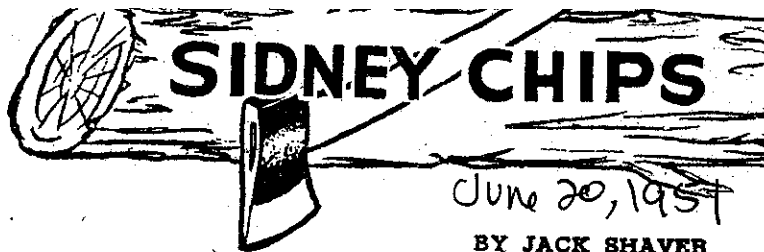
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PETITION

A petition of School District 146, and of Consolidated Brookdale, the altered districts Council press petition

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"Every day new rules . . ."

So it is with our railroaders. Any time you see a couple of men muttering to each other oblivious of the world going by, you may be sure it is a pair of section men interpreting the new rules to each other.

While we are on the subject of sectionmen we must mention the fact that the whole town is regretting the loss of one of our railroad families. Sidney has been very lucky in the kind of railroader that has bid in here. The Bock family became one of us in no time at all. The George Bocks will be missed both as neighbors and as community workers.

Winding Up

The high school room wound up the year with a picnic at Jackson's lake. The Mission band closed its activities for the year with a programme for the parents. Now we are all set for exams and picnics and sports days. Why do these all come together?

Check That Hitch

"Keep in the draft" was the expert advice given thirty farmers last Thursday when they attended the Farm implement field day at Arizona. The W.I. down there sponsored the event and George Holms of the Agricultural Engineering, Department of the Extension Service, was on hand to conduct it.

It was a very profitable afternoon if it did keep Mr. Holms overbusy. Even I took something in about line of draft, centre of resistance, etc. And what a difference he could make on a plow or one-way by getting all that stuff just right.

Ag. Rep. Vernon McNair, of Carberry, was down, too. Vernon cut a honeymoon one day short

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SIDNEY CHIPS

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to be there. Mrs. McNair seemed so perfectly at home with the ladies that I thought she was an old timer.

The ladies held a bazaar and supper and the evening was rounded out with a ball game, Worby vs Sidney, and a dance.

Geo. Hyde's farm was a beautiful location for the field day. The day was just about perfect. Toss into that picture a dozen happy women in gay summer colors and you have an occasion of pure delight.

Later in the week I attended another kind of hitching party. Again the weather was perfect, again the gay summer colors of the women's dresses. While taking it all in, it was easy to see why Jesus, while talking about the kingdom of God, used wedding scenes in His parables.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Sidney Worship 11:00 a.m.

Church School 12:15 p.m.

Melbourne Worship 1:30 p.m.

Pleasant Point Worship 3:00 p.m.

Austin Church School 11:00 a.m.

Sidney Worship 7:30 p.m.

in the war, was killed. Jack died two years ago from wounds received in both World Wars.

Mrs. Lord returns home on the liner Franconia on August 16th.

SIDNEY CHIPS

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Sidney Park to organize a Hard Ball Team. With Murray Ham Home in the Cafe Business, the boys will have a mentor.

Baseball in Sidney has been such a touch and go business for the past few years. We hardly have enough men in the age group. It looks very much like there is a little more touch than go about the present venture but it is too soon to tell. It would be so good if we could field a team this summer. It would be worth every difficulty.

If there is someone asking where we would field a team our reply is that there is always Worby.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Sidney Worship 11:00 a.m.

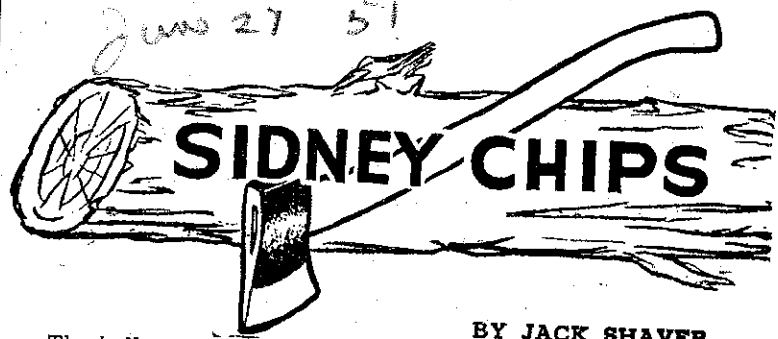
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BY JACK SHAVER

The ball team seems to be touring about and having a lot of fun even if it isn't collecting much bacon. It seems that the age of the small town club, with everyone playing who is sound in limb whether he has the wind for it or not, is coming back. The leagues of better ball are still going strong. But these informal ones with everyone participating have this column's money.

Mrs. M. Ham got the returns of the judging of the Girls' Sewing Class work this week. The class collected four red ribbons, five blue ribbons and four white ribbons. The measles epidemic cancelled a proposed achievement day so the books and exhibits were sent to Winnipeg for judging. Miss Ruth Bajus, Home Economist of the Extension Department, spoke highly of some of the work and selected Joyce Lintott as the girl eligible to attend the five day Girls Club Camp at Brandon in July.

The W.I. meeting for the month was held in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Les Shoemaker at Portage. The ladies went to the Park for supper after the meeting and made a real outing of it. Mrs. Geo. Bock was given a presentation. The women's groups of this town are going to miss her, as are her neighbors.

Speaking of farewells sends me a little out of the Sidney area, but not out of mine, to Melbourne, to a testimonial dinner for the Stan McDonald's. The McDonald's have been in the Melbourne district for twenty years, and even if they are going no farther than to Carberry, it is going to be quite a displacement.

The Melbourne community sat down together around a common table in the little school. There is no more fitting way for a community to mark a milestone than for it to break bread together.

Stan's successor in the store was welcomed too.

It is picnic time again, and again the little community affairs with everyone making their own good time, and more participants than spectators, have my money. But how can one get to hree a day?

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

Sidney Worship 11:00 a.m.

(Mrs. H. Howie will give the conference report.)

Arizona Worship 1:30 p.m.

Melvin Worship 3:00 p.m.

Austin Worship 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend a

Red Cross Concert

presented by the pupils of

Mrs. E. Lucas

In Anglican Church
Basement

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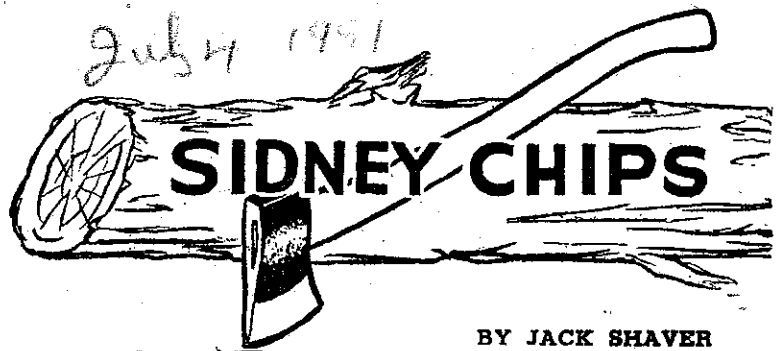
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

JUNE 29 AND 30

at 8 p.m.

Adm. Adults 50c

Children under 12, 25c



BY JACK SHAVER

What Holiday Weather! If this is Canada Day it is a very nice kind of day. Of course we would settle generally for a little more moisture. We have been charged for several rains we didn't really collect. However we need heat almost as much as we need rain. And why quibble about as glorious a day as this?

In fact, why do anything but enjoy the day?

The next step to that is "Why get out a Column?"

The trouble with that question is that it leads to another very treacherous one: "Why publish a weekly at all?" So it seems to me the safest plan is to not dare ask the first question but scrape and scramble until one or two chips are gathered.

Bee-Happy

One reason for the near-empty Chip Basket is that most of the week I have been at the other end of the vineyard. I was out of the community much of the time, but not out of a spiritual experience familiar to this and every community. I have been enjoying a painting bee at Aus-

tin, giving the church a new face.

Beautiful as the church looks, the supreme value of the effort does not lie in the new shine on the building. It is to be found in the experience of the men who put the shine there.

To labour together as neighbors on some common volunteer task is to know a rare thrill.... that of finding labour to be not a curse but a blessing. The good-natured kidding about how much paint is finding its rightful resting place, and who is to do the high spots, has a special quality. It is one of those unseen things that are more real than the seen.

School Parade's Out

School is out! It is not too soon
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SIDNEY CHIPS

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for some to be thinking about the staff for next year. We are glad to hear that it is most likely that the same staff will be back.

But for the most concerned, next September is a date in another world. What stretches before them are days of lazy bliss. I wonder if grown folk can ever have an experience of unclouded joy to compare with the one children have when School's out?

This year the school wound things up in a special way. There was a parade—decorated bicycles, decorated wagons, dressed-

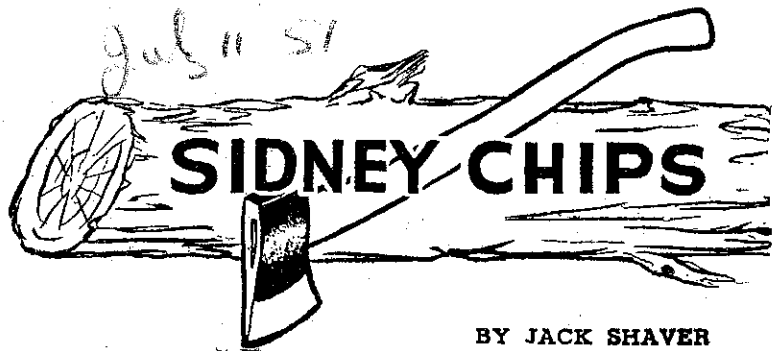
up kids and dressed-up pets and even horse back riders.

It was a gala affair and almost too much excitement was added when rider Bell O'Brien slid off her horse as it threatened to stand up straight.

After seeing the show, our own pre-school brood spent two days rigging themselves out in crepe paper streamers and marching up and down.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge

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Melbourne	Worship	1:30 p.m.
Castle Hill	Worship	3:00 p.m.
Austin	Worship	7:30 p.m.



BY JACK SHAVER

Even the Brandon fair did not bring us a decent rain.

We aren't grumbling mind you, but a good soaker would be awfully welcome.

The fairs did, however, clean us out of population. It was hard to find anyone home. Add to that the fact that the whole basket of family chips has deserted me to spend the rest of the month in Fort William, and you get a pretty quiet location around here.

I read a paper here and there to discover that some people have been active enough showing stuff at fairs. Roger Sharply, with his reds, and Lloyd Willis with his blacks, took some tricks at Brandon. (The reference is to cattle.) Mr. G. E. Lintott got his name on every prize list in the horticulture department at MacGregor. And Doug MacGregor had a shorthorn take first money in his class at the same fair.

On the big holiday, the Sidney ball club made news, not by winning any money, but by fielding a team as close to the original one as could be managed. Murray Ham turned out, Dave Leslie was home to play and Harold Brown, home on holidays, took up his old stand.

The youngsters aren't out of it either. Friday night there was a juvenile hard ball game between Austin and Sidney. Some sharp plays indicated that these boys have possibilities.

A group of mixed kids went up to Firdale on Monday to swamp the opposition at a Picnic there. The Firdale Ladies' Aid sponsored the affair to help raise their share of the price of a car for the student minister. The congrega-

tions have been hustling to underwrite the purchase which will make a great deal of difference to the effectiveness of the student's work.

Now would be as good a time as any to report progress on the building industry in Sidney. Everyone by now knows that a new house is going up. This doesn't happen every day in our town. We sometimes tear down an old one and replace it. We sometimes haul an old one in. But this is new from the basement up.

Arthur Dyck, who took over the blacksmith shop some time ago, and moved his family into the suite above the old butcher shop, is having the house built on the lot south of Matt Wright's.

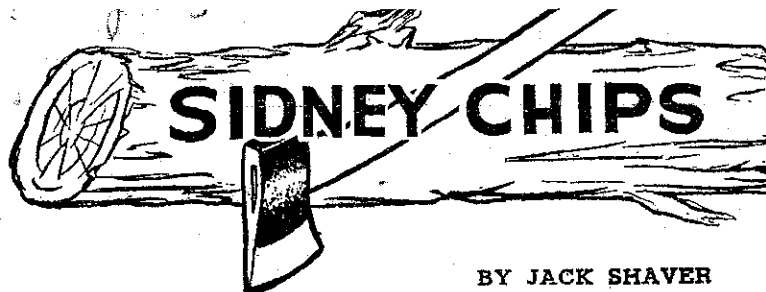
Right now he is the town's authority on the frightful price of building materials.

Next week the readers of this column will be asked to hide their (his) disappointment. This column will have supervision over ninety chips off the old block at a Boys' Camp at Clear Lake. The basket will be too full to permit time for any gathering at Sidney.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Sidney—Austin Pastoral Charge
 Sidney W.A. in charge 11:00 a.m.
 Arizona 1:30 p.m.
 Melvin 3:00 p.m.

J. Pool and L. Poyser in charge
 Austin WMS in charge 7:30 p.m.

July 25 / 51



BY JACK SHAVER

Fine thing, while I am away helping to keep ninty chips in line for a week at camp, the whole News-Express staff takes a holiday. Just for that I shall take a holiday myself. Next month the basket will rest on the shelf while the chip collector rests on the shores of Lake superior.

Maybe this last week at camp was no holiday, but it was better than one. I shall never cease to marvel at the variety and depth of experience that such a camp affords.

It presents a great and subtle challenge to confront 90 individual names at the beginning of a week of communal living and hope to end up with a close fellowship. You learn something about the power of fellowship; you learn something about the grace of God which can use even your boners to bless a situation. You learn that in much of our Christian Education work we have been selling the Bible and the kids short. They can take a much stiffer treatment of scripture than we have been giving them.

Strangely enough, you come back from a camp experience knowing afresh what the fellowship of the Church can do, what congregations all over the country have yet to become.

Friday looked like the day to have Sidney Picnic so the affair was whipped together in short order. What I saw of it was a huge success. I'll admit I missed the part where everyone ran for their cars to keep dry, but the grounds were sure dry enough when I got there in the evening.

Four teams played hard ball, as well as some girls' teams playing soft ball. Austin girls took first money in the soft ball.

The hard ball was the surprise, however. The men say they have not been practicing, perhaps they are just over the spring jitters, perhaps it was the couple of imports. But it was a much better class of ball that I have witnessed hereabouts before.

A team of youngsters, mostly from Edrans, bowed after a good game to Sidney. And good old Worby took out a Wellwood aggregation in a close game.

The final was all Worby's until the last inning, when, as it got

rather dark for good playing, the team let Sidney break away. It was tough to see that first money go to Sidney, but good to know you were more than a match for them in the daylight.

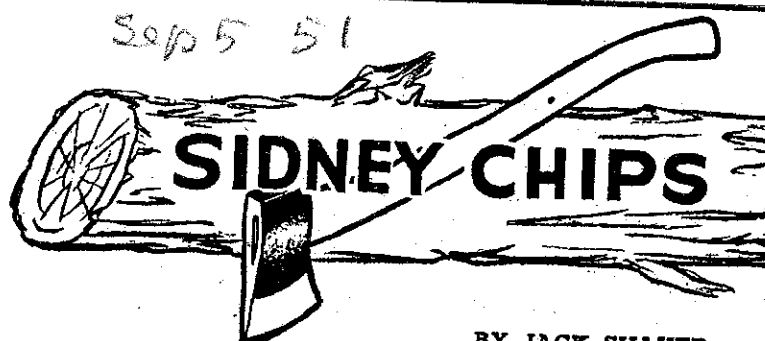
The funny thing is that Worby is good carrot country, too. But maybe these boys didn't listen to their mothers.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Sidney—Austin Pastoral Charge
Sidney 11:00 a.m.
Arizona Last Service 1:30 p.m.
Melvin until Sept. 3:00 p.m.
Austin 7:30 p.m.

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BY JACK SHAVER

The travellers return to a rather full basket of Chips. Neighbor Mrs. Hall is dead. Bill Ironside is away to Winnipeg for medical treatment. The Harvest is in about the same position as when we left a month ago. The United Church has been decorated.

The decorating job was a lulu. Removing the old paint and cleaning up the mess was a task to try the patience of Job. Everyone rallied wonderfully to the task, and when it became evident that the Ladies' Aid coffers were not full enough to foot the bill, the hat was passed and the response was generous. Everyone responsible deserves thanks and congratulations.

MILESTONE:

As well as chips, there was a milestone in the basket on our return. We had our first personal experience common to thousands of households across the land every September. Our oldest child started to school. It is like joining a very real, if unorganized, fellowship. The initiate everywhere know the experience.

We expected the sudden growing up, the mixture of joy and sadness—joy that the age-old story of life's unfolding was marching on, sadness at the wrench to personal ties that came in consequence.

But we didn't anticipate how complete a wrench it was to be. We have spent the first week trying vainly to share the happenings of a day at school. We can learn nothing. The little lady answers our questions, but her answers give no clues. Yet somehow, this utter frustration is as much a part of our growing up as the great new independence is part of hers.

CHIPS FROM ABROAD

The return to the Chip Yard was not empty handed. Two experiences at the Lakehead

both had while preaching, will always be with us.

I shared the pulpit on the Beardmore - Nipigon Pastoral charge one Sunday. To do this, one must also share a trip of 150 miles through beautifully rugged pulp country. I had covered the same road before—geographically, that is. This day it was altogether different.

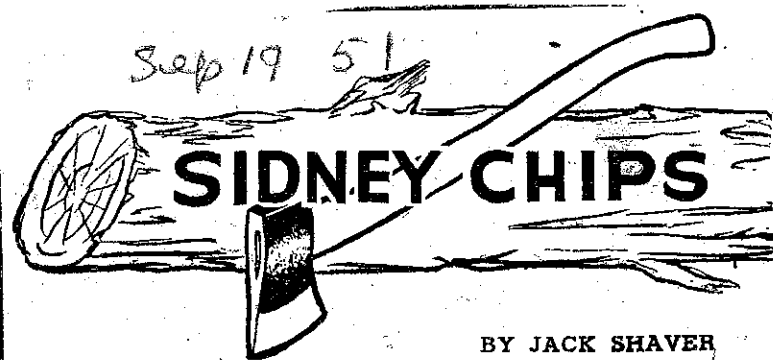
This chunk of Lake Superior country will never be the same again. I worshipped there. These names on the map are transformed names because I have roots there. A group of folk who were once just inhabitants, are now folk with whom I knew for a time the fellowship of Christ.

I also preached at Murillo. I knew this gang. For five years we were minister and people. While there, I often wondered what good the Church was doing... The same old crowd—now you see them, now you don't—no increase, every kind of disappointment and heartbreak. This time everything was different. The same old crowd—now you see them, now you don't—the same frustrations and heartbreaks. BUT, it looked awfully good.

The experience was overwhelming. Limping and imperfect as the present historic fellowship of Christ is, it is still one of life's rare miracles.

Let us acknowledge what we have, but save us from getting complacent!

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge
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BY JACK SHAVER

What a wash day! So we aren't washing. Can we help it if the plums and peaches and pears and choke-cherries and crab-apples and cranberries are all ripening at the same time? And anyway we have been drying clothes indoors for so long it is easy.

This feeble pen, however, is incapable of describing the joy in zion on the first day of thrashing since I don't know when. The town is deserted. The rush for repairs has hardly begun.

Everything is contributing to the joy of life. Just plain unvarnished out-of-doors is enough to send a man out of this world. And to be finally picking up some of that grain restores a man's love for the world.

Two grown men I know spent Sunday afternoon flying a kite. Can you remember that old tug of a kite string? That soaring miracle your hands made but which "other hands" made into an airborne thing? Do you remember that mixture of a sense of accomplishment and humility that was kite flying? I'll bet they had a perfect day.

Our ladies have started a slow burn under the activity pot. October will again see two Sidney Fowl Suppers; one on the 11th by the United Church ladies and the other during "Hallowe'en" week by the W.I.

Feature that happening while harvest is still going in the days of the steamer and thirty-man crews! Women must have always been made of pretty stern stuff.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge
 Sidney Rally Sunday 11:00 a.m.
 Arizona Worship 1:30 p.m.
 Melvin Worship 3:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

The Women's Guild of St. nes' Church will hold their annual Sale and Tea on Saturday November 24, from 3 to 6, than on December 1st, as tised last week.

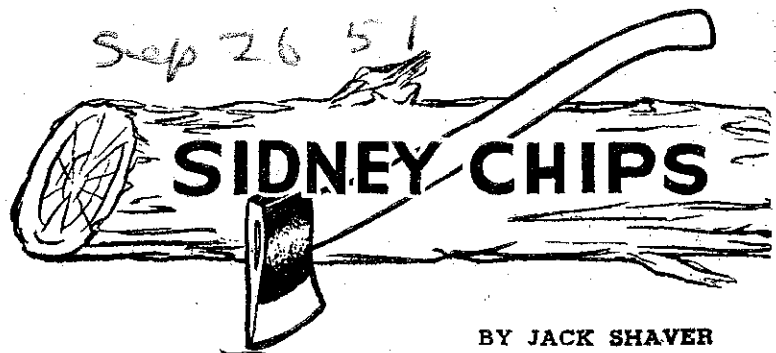
The Ruby Walker Knox Church are hold and Sale of work in S room, Saturday, Sept

Circle Four of Car W.A. will hold a silver tea and sale ing in the church Saturday, Septem to 5:30 p.m.

The United hold its annual tea on Saturd cember 1st.

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BY JACK SHAVER

All the Chips this week were made by the Women's Institute. At its regular meeting the group took a vicarious trip to Europe. Miss Anderson, the public health nurse, reported on her recent jaunt to the continent. She took the ladies only part way around and will be back some day to finish up.

But this meeting was just a preliminary manoeuvre. The girls have had low heat under an idea for a long time. Friday night they brought it to a boil. The result was a double switch in real estate which put Sidney back in the Community Hall business.

For some time now, Sidney has been without any kind of public meeting place it could control. Ever since George Proudlock bought the old W.I. hall for his Cafe, the town has had to depend on the use of a private building. The Institute kept saving its money and hoping.

This fall things began to shape up. George had been renting the Cafe to Murray Ham and was wanting to sell. Ever since the switch in the store businesses, Cliff Swanton has been wanting to get rid of his vacated building without having its sale result in the opening of another store. Murray Ham's were looking for a building in which they could live as well as operate a cafe. The Institute was of the opinion that a small Hall was better than none. The time was ripe. The girls called a public meeting.

Result: Murray Ham's who had bought the cafe and sold his house, sold the cafe to the community to use for a hall and will be buying Cliff's old store for a combination dwelling and cafe.

The Institute was willing to sink all its funds into the undertaking. This practically pays the initial cost.

A community club, open to anyone in the district paying the small membership fee, will operate the hall through its executive. It is hoped that the club will gradually assume responsibility for programme as well as finance and maintenance. We may have the beginning of a community centre.

The first Executive was ap-
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SIDNEY CHIPS

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pointed at Friday's meeting. Fred Wright, Mrs. M. Olson, Cliff Swanton, Mrs. R. Calvert, Dave Smith, will elect officers from among themselves. Sidney has launched what may

prove to be one of its most valuable community projects.

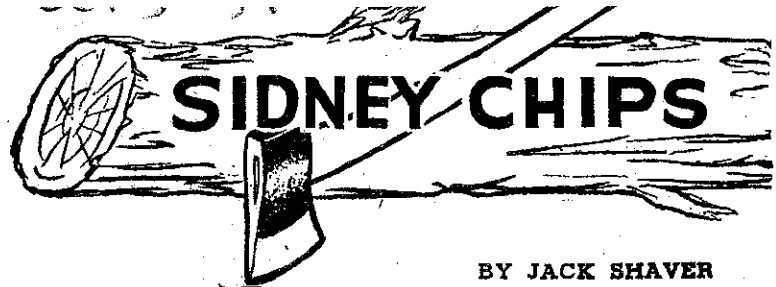
NEW OFFICE

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Oct 3 / 51



BY JACK SHAVER

At least three times ago, when several days of beautiful fall weather were abruptly cut off by rain and snow, I ran out of comments about it. We have been up and down so many times this harvest that there is nothing left to say about the rising and falling.

I am always amazed at the spirit of the community when things get tense. This year folk seem to be like a comic book character, who encounters countless near-fatal disasters but after each one finds himself still alive. He becomes casual about disaster, thinks of himself as indestructible. Something of that sense of indestructibility has possession of the prairie west this fall.

I see where Carlyle Allison's "Corner Cupboard" in the Winnipeg Tribune made reference to the Dedication services of the United College Theological and General Library Building. How can the Chips do less? I stood last Thursday in that same College Chapel and I too was overcome with a host of feelings. All these were swept along and channelled into a single overwhelming experience by the inevitable pace, and the all inclusive content, of the dedication service. Seldom have I experienced such worship, because it seem to say everything, call forth all the responses, and yet remain one single act of worship.

My thoughts were legion. Did you ever try to raise a 'buck' by public canvass? I knew guys who had travelled the length and breadth of this province into every little village and community enduring the heartaches and triumphs of campaigning for funds. I knew many folk who had given of their substance. I knew how long the hope of ever getting an adequate building at the college had seemed an impossible one. I know how many years the College has been struggling with debt and an inadequate plant. I know something of the challenge and disappointment of the Ministry. Roll all those memories into one man. Send him to the dedication of a College Building, paid for by the gifts of people in Sidney, Carberry, Gregg, Edrans—everywhere in Manitoba; a building for the purpose of training young men in the Christian Ministry

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SIDNEY CHIPS

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Include this sentence in the dedication response . . . "That the Church may be supplied with Godly Ministers well instructed and thoroughly furnished unto all good works . . ."

What happens is this fellow's heart is so full of thanksgiving

and repentance that it floats right up into his throat and he can't sing the doxology, but boy can he feel it!

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Austin—Sidney Pastoral Charge
SIDNEY—

The Lord's Supper 11:00 a.m.
Church School . . . 12:10 p.m.
ARIZONA—

M. R. I. O. B. C. FINERAI CHAPEL

October 3, 1951

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BY JACK SHAVER

Dull is the word for this week. And Blue. Plenty of dull blue.

We didn't even have a municipal election in our ward. It must be that everyone is satisfied with Wilbur McLachlan, or maybe no one else wants the job.

The W.I. got off to a slow start. What with injuries, sickness, and the Royal visit to Winnipeg, it couldn't gather a quorum together for its regular Tuesday meeting and had to make a second try on Friday. But it is going to be a Turkey and Chicken (not Fowl) supper on the First.

The main source of the dull blues however is of course the weather. For many, Friday's snow storm was so close a crop disaster, it will be hard to see even the remotest chance of it's being anything else.

It is hard to tell just how the situation is generally. Some days you meet a bunch of guys who are all picked up. Last week I just happened to meet a bunch of guys who are a long way from being picked up.

And, this time of year they have no legitimate reason to hope. But who wants to bet that none of them is hoping?

I got stuck Sunday. It was a too real foretaste of the road conditions to come, until they do close for the duration. That got me thinking about the winter isolation of farm homes, and the growing trek of rural population into the larger towns.

Why do we think it a sin for a man to spend a month or two with himself? Is himself an impossible companion? What is criminal about a man's home and family being castle enough for part of the year? What makes it a disaster, acceptable only because you can't afford to get out of it, to be holed up in quiet physical comfort with your family?

Do we feel today that life has no meaning apart from the bright lights and frantic hustle of urban life? That is another way of saying that life is empty unless it is filled with emptiness, at rapid fire clip. Our fathers would have been puzzled at our condition. It contains more potential danger than we realize. Life that is empty of meaning is soon filled—by the devil!

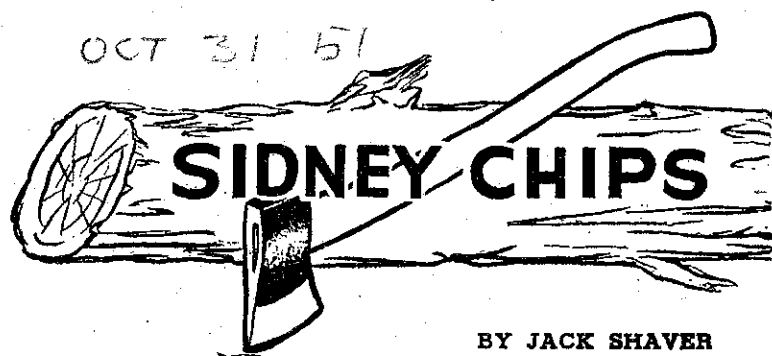
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United Church of Canada

Sidney	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	Church School	12:10 p.m.
Melbourne	Worship	1:30 p.m.
Castle Hill	Worship	3 p.m.
Austin Church School	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	Worship	7:30 p.m.

October 24, 1951

Sidney Chips



BY JACK SHAVER

The auctioneer's sing-song well after dark closed the second last act. By early forenoon next day the Ben Bennet's were loaded. The last hectic weeks were over and this well loved family were off to their well earned rest.

Their moving to Carberry will leave a big hole in the Arizona community. I have been hearing about how big that hole will be for weeks. Tuesday night the community gathered to try to give some expression to its appreciation and sense of loss. It was a recognition gladly given by all.

With the Bennet's moving the community suffers more loss than one. No one will be occupying the buildings. Farm dwellings were meant to be lived in. The land was meant to be lived on. I am certain that as more and more land is worked by someone living somewhere else we are losing something fundamental out of our rural life.

We seem to be gradually losing our sense of rootage in the soil. Land was meant to do more than make money for us. It was meant to support life, the whole of life, not just pay its expenses. Its broad acres were to hold up homes. The same land that received the seed and pastured the animals was the setting for the eternally mysterious story of growing up. Land is not just cash, land is life.

Somehow an empty farm dwelling with the windows bare and

weeds tall in the lane seems to call out that we have forgotten an ancient truth.

The night of Bennet's farewell party I had to be in Rivers to take part in a Fowl Supper program. I got there a dramatic glimpse of what one talented dedicated man can do. The program was loaded with excellent instrumental talent. This was just part of a whole picture of a score of accomplished violinists turned out of Rivers through the years, as well as the addition to the fullness of life in a small town of an opportunity for any one to learn to create his own music.

This whole picture is the work of Alex White, who works in the hardware store. At the moment Alex has 20 pupils. Two on the cello, the rest violin. Here was no talent buried in the ground. And in terms of fun and satisfaction and a town-full of young and old music lovers, "to him that had much, much hath been added."

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United Church of Canada

Note change in hour of services.

Austin	Worship	11 a.m.
	Church School	12.15 p.m.
Arizona	Worship	1.30 p.m.
Melvin	Worship	3 p.m.
Sidney	Church School	1 p.m.
	Worship	7 p.m.

Nov 7 '52

BY JACK SHAVER

Although there is still considerable crop to be lifted, other considerations than the harvest are beginning to take the stage.

The excitement in town last week was the arrival of the Penner family from Castle Pt. with bag, baggage, bedroom, kitchen. Down the street came house and family, with the oil heater still burning. The family even ate lunch in the kitchen en route. By noon the next day the dwelling was secure on the new foundation at the east end of town.

The Penner's cheerful lights shining on the left give our eastern entrance a new warm glow of welcome. The Penner's aren't exactly strangers amongst us and had lots of time to decide they wanted to come. It seems to be an association of careful choice and will prove a happy one.

The Mission Band held its opening meeting and Hallowe'en party. Mrs. Harve Howie is back on the job and is being given a hand by Arlie Peck.

The W.I. Supper on the first was a huge success from all reports. A good crowd licked the platter clean and enjoyed a delightful variety programme.

A good part of the entertainment was provided by the school children. Our own Tranna Calvert got up from a sick bed to put the final touches on the Rhythm Band. A group of girls under Mrs. Ron Wright contributed a drill. The by now famous Ravenshoe school chorus, under Mrs. Williams, sang.

Vocal solos were given by Muriel Calvert, Hazel Bickford, Una McKelvie, Mrs. John Gilmore. A piano solo by Robert Rogers and Barry Calvert gave a reading.

You see we are getting closer to using all natives or near natives, but we still have to go to our friends of MacGregor and Carberry for a finishing touch.

We in this area are in the midst of a Presbytery invitation of all the congregations. We are making what I believe to be a true and significant discovery. More and more people today are ready, even anxious, to discuss the faith, not in the idle pastime of talking religion, but in the very real and relevant quest of what to believe. One of the Church's golden ages may yet be before it.

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United Church of Canada

Austin	Worship	10.45 a.m.
	Church School	12.15 p.m.
Melbourne	Worship	1.30 p.m.
Pleasant Point	Worship	3 p.m.
Sidney	Church School	1 p.m.

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Our cafe is in its new location. Murray Ham picked the wrong kind of weather (practically zero) to be having to keep three buildings warm, but they are compact in one now.

Sidney Chips

Nov 14, 1957

I just learned that the Castle Point Hall has been taken over by a community club which will take responsibility for putting on some kind of community programme as well as repairing and keeping up the building. We should get together, we might give each other ideas

Last week the loyal and hard working group of ladies in the Guild of the Anglican Church held a visitors day. Each member was to bring a visitor. The Harvey O'Brien home hummed with visiting tongues as well as the squeals of children who happily fished the pond.

Wednesday evening a bunch of us, along with a good bunch from many neighbouring districts, attended the Sunday School Institute at Carberry United Church. We were certainly royally received.

I never cease to marvel at what a pick me up these Institutes are. First you wonder why you plan them. All Church Workers have more to do than they can find the time for . . . why burden them with another day. Then you have it anyway. And everyone wonders why you don't have them oftener.

Last year, after Remembrance Day, we gathered a couple of glum chips on the fact that two adults had attended a school-sponsored Remembrance Day service in Austin. CBC's "Neighborhood News" took us for a small ride with reference to a certain pessimism about communities in general that don't do things together.

This year, with November 11 coming on a Sunday, Austin upset my story.

The Legion, the Anglican congregation and the United Church congregation co-operated in a morning service of worship.

And the community responded.

Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin	Worship	11 a.m.
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Church School 12.15 p.m.

Arizona Worship 1.30 p.m.

Melvin	Worship	3 p.m.
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Sidney Church School 11 a.m.

Worship 7 p.m.