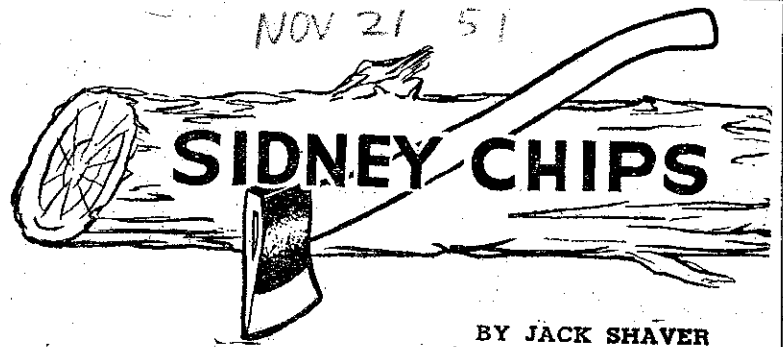


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BY JACK SHAVER

The Scrub Mob

Wednesday afternoon the little old Community Hall got all scrubbed up for its first party. At a gloriously happy bee (all the stiffness came afterwards) the W.I. ladies scrubbed floor, windows, ceilings and walls.

A womans' bee appears to be as much fun as a men's. And it has the same problems—who is going to climb and who isn't? Who can and who can't?

The first party was a Tea and Bazaar Saturday afternoon. The United Church W.A. generously supported by the community held a successful affair. This columnist, in another capacity he has, is now thinking up some suggestions for the spending of that money. I really should say choosing between many suggestions.

Death Round Up

By last week the vets and amateur vets had completed a rather extensive program of immunization for Black Leg. Reg Calvert was the first to lose a beast. Next thing he knew five were missing, among them his best yearlings. The search proved to be Death Round up—Hours of beating the bush in a vast pasture area for the infectious bodies of cattle beasts.

Reg bore the heaviest loss with five. Phil Stephenson lost one, and Dave Stephenson lost four.

But everyone knew what to do and like lightning they did it. Immunize.

We sometimes scoff at agricultural science, and at Public Health officials, and at College professors who think they can tell farmers a thing or two. Then something like this happens and we realize what we owe these guys. Without their work this could have been a very lean winter in these parts, like we hear about in India and South America, if this scourge had galloped through all the herds on its black leg of death.

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to be sold. The waiting room is to get some paint. A Novelty 'Spiel is to open the season as soon as there is ice. And that may not be too long. A gang showed up at the rink the very next day and began the preliminaries.

Nor was the election of officers neglected. Fred Wright is the new President and Doug Beswith-erick Vice. Ron Wright remains as Treasurer and Frank Lintott as Secretary. The following directors were named: Gil Bagnal, Chas. Wright, Lionel Wright, Murray Ham, Reg Calvert. Norm Cumming is Drawmaster and the ice committee is Bill Alton, Dave Smith and Stan Head.

The Club even has some money and is going to try to raise more. (Do I hear two sheets of Ice some day?) They tell me that this meeting left the idea alone—for a while.

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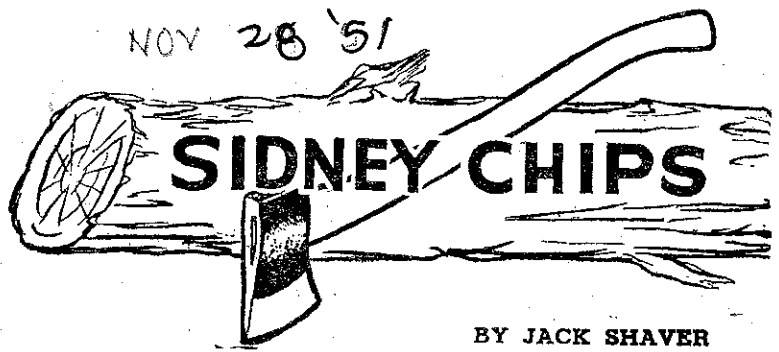
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Our hall got scrubbed just in time. It was busy three times last week and on one of those nights at least two groups wanted it. The season seems to be off with a bang. Between hunters and chores we have had to squeeze in a set of annual meetings.

W.I. Year's End

The biggest affair was the W.I. Annual meeting. An overwhelming attendance of members and friends heard excellent reports from officers and committees. The Sunshine Committee packed 70 boxes during the year. The treasurer had the fun of spending \$1500. A good chunk of this was a cross entry from the sale and buying again of the hall.

Eight directors were appointed who will meet tonight to elect officers. Those appointed were Mrs. M. Olson, Mrs. F. Wright, Mrs. H. Thorn, Mrs. F. Peck, Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, Mrs. W. Alton, Mrs. D. Beswitherick and Miss Tranna Calvert.

The following office bearers were also appointed. Delegate to Provincial Convention, Mrs. Reg Calvert; delegates to District Convention, Mrs. D. Beswitherick and Mrs. M. Olson; nominee to Board, Mrs. H. Thorn; organist, Miss Tranna Calvert; auditor, Mrs. Ron Wright.

Year's End—Elevator

Monday evening, the elevator held its annual meeting. Counting speaker, agent, secretary and directors, ten whole people turned out. What with the loud squawks about grades all fall, and the impending Coarse Grain plebiscite, one would have expected a noisy, well attended

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meeting. However, the situation remained chronic. The same directors reappoint themselves to a business which saves the farmers plenty and shows a current \$1800 surplus.

We feel very sorry for ourselves sometimes about the Government we have, about the grain marketing system, about the situation in education. The fact of the matter is that in all these things, we get much better than we deserve. If we are happy enough to let George do it, we have no right to beef when he does it his own way.

And speaking of grain marketing, who'd have thought the vote would have gone the way it did? I must say that the Farm vote is a silent vote. Judging on the basis of everyone I HEARD, the percentage should have been the very opposite. Nor, with the surprisingly large attendance at the polls, can it be said that the opposition didn't turn out.

"Seeing" might be "believing" but HEARING apparently is not.

Year's Beginning—Skating Rink

The annual meeting of the Skating Rink got crowded out of the Hall, but no harm was done. As a result of the meeting, Jim Sylvester and Carl Howie have just about completed the initial flood. In my experience, this will be the earliest yet. It might even be in operation by December 1st.

The organization reported a Bank Balance of over a century. It is raffling a Turkey, with the

The election results follow:-
Ron Calvert, president; Gail McIntyre, vice president; Bert Linotti, secretary-treasurer.

The directors, Stan Head, Clare Williams, Ken Williams, Jim Sylvester, Bill Domitrack.

Just because we are on the subject of ice, now seems as good a time as any to say that the curling rink is about ready to go.

The Worby Rink is showing signs of coming to life also. The Social committee held a Funfare in the Arizona Hall. The neighborhood was there and the neighborhood had fun. Surely that is its own reward. The rink made some money besides.

Coming Event

Carberry United Church W.A. will hold the annual bazaar and silver tea in the church basement on Saturday, December 1st, from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

Montrose Xmas Tree

Montrose school will present its annual Christmas Tree program in the Harte Hall on Friday, December 21st, at 8 p.m.

Dr. J. A. McPhedran

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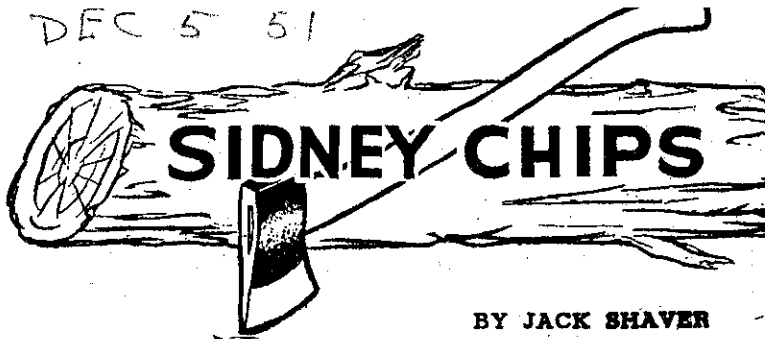
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BY JACK SHAVER

Executive Week

Monday night the W.I. executive met to name its officers. Mrs. M. Olson was returned to the office of president. The positions of first and second vice-presidents went to Mrs. F. Dankesreiter and Mrs. W. Alton. The new secretary will be Mrs. F. Wright and Miss Tranna Calvert is treasurer.

The conveners of the four major committees were also named. To the Social Committee, Mrs. H. Thorn; to the Red Cross Committee, Mrs. D. Beswitherick; to the Hospital Aid, Mrs. H. Lintott; to the "Sunshine Committee," Miss C. Hall. Mrs. H. Thorn was named Press Secretary.

Sunday afternoon and evening, thirty-five young people from Sidney, Austin and Portage rallied in the United Church to organize the Portage South Presbytery Young People's Union.

Jim Hughes, of Portage, past president of the Union, conducted the Rally. Desmond McCalmont, of Winnipeg, president of the Conference Young People's Union, was on hand. Des really puts life into a rally.

This Chip Gatherer (in another capacity) got a couple of swats at this swell bunch of kids, as the theme speaker.

Who swatted whom?

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Rev. W. G. Martin D.D.

Well known preacher and
lecturer
will present

Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol

In Dramatic Recital

on

WED., DEC. 19th
at 8 o'clock

UNITED CHURCH

Carberry

Adults 50c Children 25c

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SIDNEY CHIPS

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Nothing hits me quite like a bunch of beautiful youngsters saving a whale of a time in the name of Christ.

A new Executive was named whose task it will be to promote young people's work in the churches of the presbytery. President is John Pool, of Sidney. Vice-president, John Coltart, of Portage. Secretary-treasurer, Evelyn Hay, of Portage. The Conveners of the various commissions are Betty Ann Stewart, of Portage, Glen Morris and Glen Thompson, of Austin, Roberta Allen, of Macgregor, and one to be named out of the Carberry Group.

Free Blood

Surely one certain indication of a little civilization in our midst is the Free Blood Service of the Red Cross. Instead of this life saving service depending on whether you've got money or not, or friends who are willing to be donors or not—there it is—for the asking.

But we kid ourselves when we

BANQUET

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grain, winter wheat strains development of varieties of bean and corn suitable for northern climate.

A surprise feature of the ing, was the presentation Gladstone bag to Mr. H.L. I sey in recognition of 22 continuous service as Sec

call it Free. Someone had it up. The only way for there be any blood to give away someone to give it!

The Clinic for this area at Austin, Friday, the 14th 12 to 2 p.m. Become a donor! Bum a ride do give a bum a ride.

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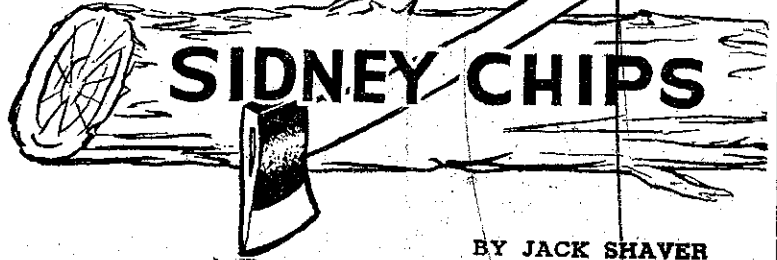
Worship together Me

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Sidney Church School 1:

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BY JACK SHAVER

Why is it that the word Annual, referring to plants, means 'they happen for one year only,' while referring to events, it means 'they happen every year'?

One of the earliest groups in the community, the Ladies' Aid of what is now the United Church Congregation, held its annual meeting last week. Mrs. Howard Lintott is the new president, with Mrs. Jack O'Brien retiring after a long term of faithful service.

Mrs. E. Dahmer is vice-president, Mrs. D. Smith, secretary and Mrs. W. Carswell, treasurer.

Booster Days

1. The community's unimmunized babies and the youngsters requiring booster doses for diphtheria-whooping cough attended the Baby Clinic Tuesday. There will be no more clinics until the spring.

2. The Executive of the Community club, which administers the Hall, met during the week. Plans were made to have a set of benches made. The executive also made tentative plans for a General Booster meeting of the whole membership to be held in January.

To Freeze or not to Freeze

The weatherman's welcome mild spell wasn't the greatest help to the two rink committees. Curling and skating have both been delayed and especially skating. The thaw and snow added considerable labour to the task of putting the rink in shape.

There is shoveling and flooding going on now. The Curling Club held a bee and painted the waiting room. The opening novelty 'spiel is very imminent.

Jig Saw Puzzle

An arbitration meeting was held in the community hall last week to decide where to put three sections of terra firma which used to be in the Arizona School district, but had been included in the schoolless Langley district. Arbitration awarded them to Arizona.

The Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge had a Sunday close to my heart yesterday. My spirit was the only thing close to it, however as I was off supplying the Plumas-Mekawin charge whose minister is ill. The congregations here made the supreme effort and conducted their own worship.

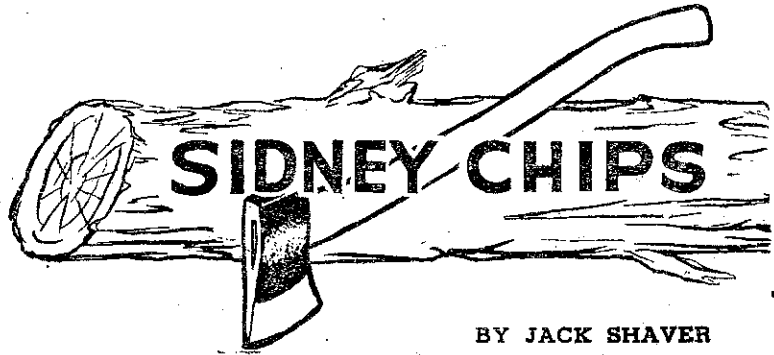
At Austin, it was the ladies of the congregation that arranged things. High school principal, Clarence Cole, a very present help, took charge of the music. Miss Mary Jean Roy, teacher of the junior room, preached the sermon. Melbourne and Pleasant Point combined their worship and were led by our own Miss Margaret Coltart. At Sidney, the Senior Girls Sunday-School class conducted the worship while their teacher, the lady of the Chip Basket, read the message.

The girls were very much in command of the situation and the congregation again enjoyed the thrill of being led by some of its own. God is present in the fellowship in a very special way on such occasions. Add the fact that this extra effort is being expended to help our neighboring charge whose minister is sick, and you have a situation of especially meaningful worship.

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(Note: The evening service this week is a half hour late. It will be followed by a programme of Christmas Music by the Choir of MacGregor United Church.)



BY JACK SHAVER

Mumps Is Queen

After hanging around all fall and showing its hand in isolated cases only, the mumps epidemic struck mightily this last week. Out of twenty-eight, Tranna Calvert's room was cut to eight. Then one more cut—cut it to none by cutting down Tranna.

Sometimes in the hard-hearted world of childhood, teacher's becoming sick is good news. But not at this time of the year. Who is left to be in the Christmas concert? And for that matter, who is left to come?

Old Novelty

What makes the opening 'Spiel of a Curling Club a Novelty number, I shall never know. Unless it is the novel muscles that are put into use at the start of the season.

Our 'spiel is well under way, but I haven't found, up to mail time, which of the 12 rinks entered are still in there. The finals won't be for a couple of days anyway.

Angel's Singing

Sunday night, the roof fell in the United Church. The choir from MacGregor put on its Christmas Programme after our regular service. It brought the house down.

Certainly not since my time here has Sidney been favoured with such an evening. We heard old, old plainsong melodies, mediaeval carols, French carols, music from the time of the German Choral, Carol anthems by moderns, and finally excerpts from Handel's Messiah.

For this guy who fouled up a decade of piano lessons, so that he can now play nothing, there were times when the feast of music was wondrously rich. In fact, I was set panting just listening.

And the whale of a time the owners of the 19 voices were having producing this stuff, was utterly contagious. And let me

tell you, they attempted stuff that means real work and made it look like fun.

After a night like that, everyone of us has a new sense of the place of music in the real worship of God. Sure, we all know it is related in Church History, but this was an event.

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Cards of Thanks

To my relatives and friends, entire hospital staff and doctors, who were so kind to me during my stay in the Fox Memorial hospital, I extend my very sincere thanks.

—Mrs. Thos. H. Dempsey.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation for the many gifts of flowers, cards and parcels that I received during my recent stay in the Fox Memorial hospital. Special thanks is extended to the doctors and hospital staff for their kind attention.

—Mrs. W. C. Olmstead.

United Church WMS Hold Xmas Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Henderson, Thursday, December 13, with the president, Mrs. J. A. Robertson, in the chair and 18 members present.

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Christmas Messs

UNITED CHURCH AUSTIN & SIDNEY

The World doesn't know what it has in the Christmas Festival. The World means all of us, to a greater or lesser degree. We don't know what we celebrate.

Most of us are world weary. We escape into drink, into cheap excitement, or we wish we could plain chuck it. It doesn't make sense. It is filled with tensions, suffering, uneasy peace, insecurity. When you try to do something about it, you are overwhelmed. The task is too large and there is nowhere to begin. Nothing great or decisive is before you to do.

At Christmas, if we only knew it, we celebrate the denial of all this.

Upon us is the commemoration of an event in history which proclaims that ours is a world GOD LOVES. This life, whose evil we abhor, whose confusion bewilders us, for which we have lost hope, is beloved of God.

It was this that God took flesh to redeem... to reconcile to Himself.

Christmas divides time. When we say B.C. and A.D., we proclaim that this is a year of Grace. Right in the midst of everything we wish to escape in life, God IS.

ST. AGNES' CHURCH

Each year at Christmas the Christian world rings with the anthems of Christmas again of the star and wise men, and of a little babe in a manger. In Jesus Christ, dreams for the world came. He had sent the Law, and Law had failed. He had sent prophets and the multitude would not hear. Then God sent Jesus Christ, and in His God's dream for the redemption came true.

God has heard the sighs and sorrows of men. Men, who have tried to solve their own difficulties and maintain peace by their own powers but being unable have cried out for help. God has heard the cry of man and has sent His son that through Him He might reveal Himself to mankind, showing them the way of salvation. God enters into our world and into our lives, that is the joy of Christmas. It is not just a time when we receive gifts but, more especially, a joyous celebration of the event when God took upon Himself human flesh and dwelt among us.

Until we become as little children, we can never capture the true spirit of Christmas. If all the men and women in the world were to become as little children this Christmas, confessing that human wisdom has failed them; if the faith of little children in God as a living Father were our faith, the terrors that trouble the world's long night of unrest would vanish away.

In the faith of little children let us try to celebrate this Christmas and hear again the angel choir singing over our fevered world the old, glad anthem, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

—Orval J. Spencer.

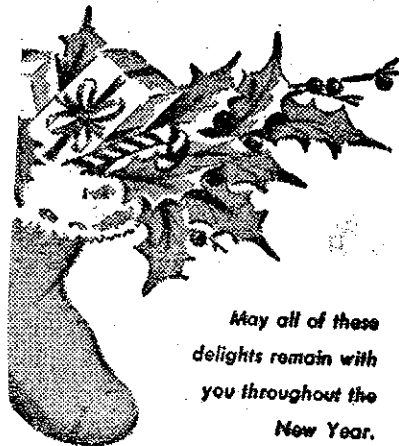
This world is conquered territory.

Christmas is a fantastically defiant celebration. It celebrates "God with us"... because He chose to be.

The Gospel isn't called "Good News" by mistake.

—M. J. V. Shaver.

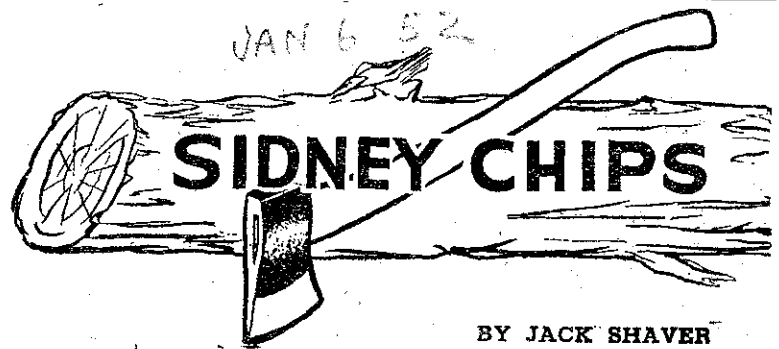
AS JOYS



May all of these
delights remain with
you throughout the
New Year.

MRS. J. MITCHELL

THE POINT



BY JACK SHAVER

The mumps still seem to be whisking about with a new broom. Just when everyone is sure that the last victim has fallen, news comes of a couple more, young or old, people who had them as kids or otherwise. At the moment we seem to be without any new cases, but we have thought we were in that happy state before only to be disappointed.

Joys of Life

Mild weather, sunshine, open roads have worked together to make a great many of us take back much that we have been saying about this country. It is actually fun to live here. A week ago Saturday evening Worby had its monster rink opening. Free skating and free lunch attracted over eighty souls to the gala affair. That rink down there has certainly provided the community with a centre. And that is very much like providing it with a community.

Up here, the bonspiel is over and forgotten. Just to keep the record straight, we report that the main event was won by Frank Dankesreiter and his rink of Wm. Alton, Bill Domitrack and Jessie Kufflick. The regular schedule is now under way. Milder weather helped out this activity, too.

The lads of 15 years of age and under are in the regular hockey business. At least, it looks like it is going to become regular. A MacGregor bunch were up the other Saturday, and our boys are going down there. Only the felling of most of the team by illness kept a Pleasant Point team from coming down last Saturday. And, would you know it, our boys won their first game. (vs MacGregor)

Post Christmas Thoughts

Imagine attending a School

Christmas program just 60 years to the day after you had taken part in a program on the same sight. Mrs. Benton, at Arizona, sat through the Christmas concert on the sixtieth anniversary of her first participation in a School Christmas tree, not in the same building, but in the same lot.

Our own Christmas seemed in a contrast to that. In spite of the fact that people were wonderful to us, I couldn't help but feel lonely as the season crept in. At this season, when kith and kin assemble, I had no kin of my own within visiting distance. At this time of the year when thoughts turn homeward, where was home to turn your thoughts?

But the feeling didn't last long.

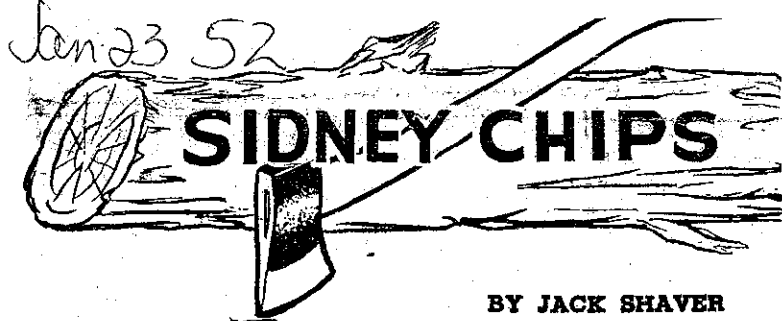
"We have no one but the kids," I said. That did it. After all, they had no one but us. And if we were enough for them, then they were enough for us.

Herein is the love of children manifest. Not that we first love them, but that they first trust us.

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Activities were so plentiful this week we have to classify them.

Social

The local Tyro group held a Family Party last Wednesday night. Family worship was held, family games played, a picnic lunch consumer. Flashies were presented marking sixteen weeks of participation in the programme and one new Tyro was initiated.

Let me tell you a secret. Boys love entertaining their families.

This is really not the place to mention it but Wednesday was also Ladies Day at the Curling Rink. Two rinks from Austin and one from Firdale engaged our ladies afternoon and evening.

Sidney was successful in taking two of the games from the visitors.

This news should of course have been classified under—

Sports

A local rink entered the district playdowns leading to a birth in the British Consols event at Winnipeg. Murray Ham, Phil Stephenson, Ron Calvert and Arnold O'Brien carried our colors to MacGregor.

Ten hours, thirty six ends, 576 rocks later the locals had worked their way to the finals but met defeat there. This however is the closest we have ever come to taking this preliminary event and one can always speculate on what would have happened if we had been lucky enough to get bye.

I saw our young hockey club perform for the first time Friday night at Austin. Amazingly enough these kids play acceptable hockey. The spectator really sees a game, not just his own kid out there making his debut. (But put the two together and you have

quite a mixture.)

Martyn Olson has agreed to mentor the kids who are all, and some very much, 15 and under. We have never seen as much interest on the part of small fry in the actual learning process or as obvious fast results since our coming here.

A very important thing is happening in our midst.

P. S. Austin Won.

Community:

The annual school meeting drew its usual small crowd. The chip Gatherer himself didn't attend so any implied sermon on this business of attending public meetings is directed in direction also.

C. G. Hunter gave the financial report and was returned as sec. treas. It was Howard Lintott's year to retire and that was what he thought, the meeting decided differently. Howard again chairs the board consisting of Fred Peck and Mrs. Howard Thorn.

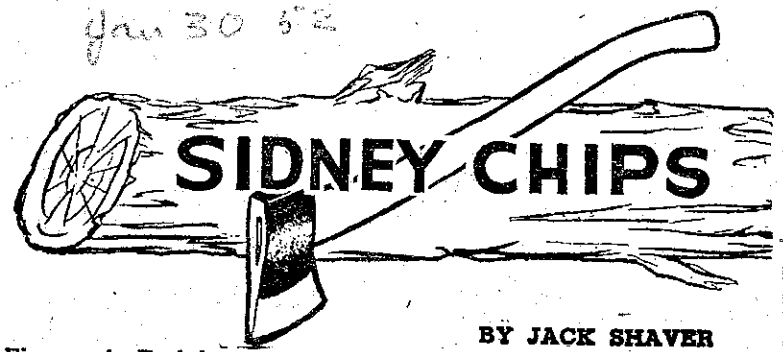
Last year's Capital improvement was a paint job. Some hope was expressed that next year's will be the wiring of the school.

A bee of men met the same afternoon at the Community hall to construct benches. While joining in the hammering one could see so many things that could still be done together.

It is hoped that Saturday's fun and satisfaction will whet everyone's appetite for more of the same until this community building and the lot it sits on become a sight for sore eyes instead of an eyesore.

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BY JACK SHAVER

Firemen in Training

I suppose it is inevitable, but Sidney's coal crisis always coincides with a severe attack of weather. If there is any compensation it is this. We are training a first rate bunch of firemen. Just hand us any kind of fuel and we will discover its eccentricities in record time. Some of us have mastered the trick of firing each new fuel just in time to transfer our attack to the next batch.

Boys in Training

Some of our citizens are getting training in other lines. Our young hockey club improves every time it plays. The trouble with this competitive world is that so does the opposition. Our relative standing seems to remain about the same. In games against Carberry and Austin last week our boys met defeat. But they are really picking up the game. If there was some way of manipulating this world's time scheme so we could play ourselves as we used to be at the beginning of the season the margin of improvement would be most apparent.

And whom better can a lad learn to beat than himself as he was?

Training Continued

When a family gathers after supper and dad asks each member in turn what he has learned at school that day, he doesn't get a very full picture of the school system. But for that moment the family is very much a family.

Wednesday night, at the supper and annual meeting of the United Church congregation we became just such a family.

Despite the cold, a good number of the families and family friends of the United Church congregation met in the Community hall for supper and the annual meeting. After breaking bread together we took time to recollect who all was in the family, how they all had grown, and what each was learning. For that evening the church became a live family.

The Explorer girls lead us in worship and told us something of their purpose and activity. After several trips to the front before they were actually billed to appear the mission band youngsters sang for us. Two Sunday School classes gave personal appearances which added life to their bare reports of numbers and finance. The Tyro's and Trail Rangers let

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Of course we heard from the ladies' groups and the Congregational treasurer as per all annual meetings. But these reports were given against the background of the Church's life, instead of to a few shivering faithful who were trying to make themselves believe that the congregation had some life.

Mrs. Wilf Peck was added to the session which consists of Chas. Wright and Dave Smith. Norman Cuming and Claire Williams were added to the Board of Stewards which includes Wilf Peck, Bill Alton, Martin Olson, Dave Smith, Chas. Wright, Frank Dankesreiter.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, or register at the Wellwood Community Hall Tuesday evening, February 7th. Tell your friends about this school, and send a carload to represent your community.

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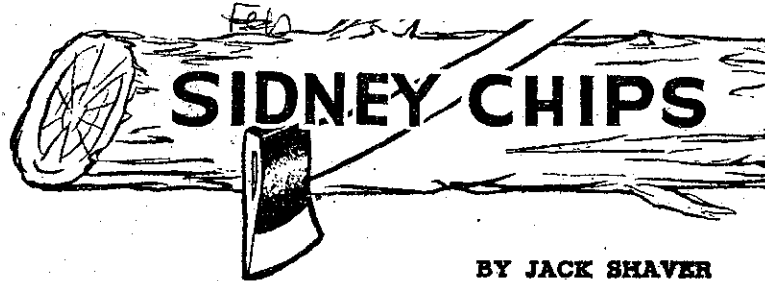
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BY JACK SHAVER

Victorious Ladies:

Once again the hens are crowing. Last year a ladies' rink covered itself with glory at the MacGregor Ladies' 'Spiel. This year all three Sidney entries brought home bacon.

In the main event Mrs. Wm. Alton's foursome defeated Mrs. Ron Wright's crew in the fours to enter the finals. Here our ladies met their first defeat to make the final statistics: Mrs. Alton 2nd and Mrs. Wright 4th.

Miss Jean Wright skipped her foursome to third place in the third event. Our men have never done so good.

The personnel of the rinks is as follows: Mrs. Wm. Alton, Mrs. W. Peck, Mrs. M. Ham and Mrs. H. Dunton; Mrs. Ron Wright, Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, Mrs. N. Cumming and Miss Elsie Jones; Miss Jean Wright, Mrs. A. O'Brien, Mrs. Lionel Wright, and Mrs. G. Hughson.

Victorious Boys:

Our boy's hockey team revived its morale Saturday afternoon by defeating a visiting MacGregor team 5 to 3. The lads are really getting over their beginner's jitters and are probably wishing now that the winter will last several months more. Certainly nothing else has ever commanded their persistent loyalty as has their bi-weekly practice.

Hopeful Men:

Seven local men's rinks entered the MacGregor 'Spiel under the burden of what our women have already done. There were only twelve rinks in the club this winter counting ladies, so by simple arithmetic you can discover how many curlers are left at home. Anyone wanting some practice shots should be able to find lots of room. The club is running a schedule for stay at homes and interested novices.

Skips taking rinks are, Fred Wright, Lionel Wright, Lawrence Wright, Ron Calvert, Doug Beswitherick, Phil Stephenson and Bill Alton. This will of course just be a preparatory outing for the Carberry contest.

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Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge

Austin Worship 11 a.m.

Church School 12.15 p.m.

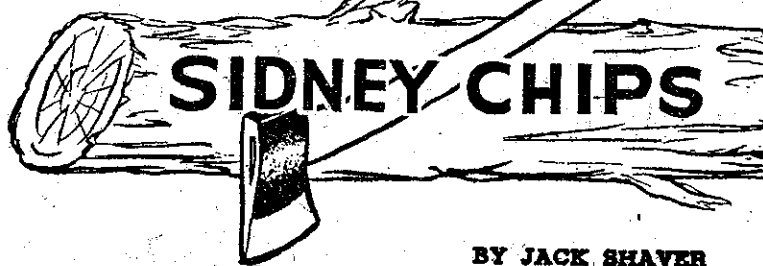
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Of the seven Sidney rinks at the MacGregor 'Spiel only one persevered into the prizes. This enduring foursome played 17 games, five of them on the last day, to take two prizes. Lionel Wright skipped his men into first and third place in the two bottom events. Ron Wright, Reg Calvert and Dave Smith made up the front end of the victorious rink.

Gil Bagnal was nosed out of the fours in a bottom event. The other rinks are still wondering if they were in the MacGregor spiel having played almost an equal number of games at Austin, Portage, Bagot or Sidney.

Three rinks however still did not get enough and have entered the Carberry Classic as well. Ron Calvert, Fred Wright and Honorary life member Rev. Bruce Johnson will be carrying Sidney's colors in the current contest.

Friday and Saturday the school kids entered 2 rinks in the Austin High School 'Spiel. Terry Williams and Barry Calvert skipped their foursomes into some of the prize money.

Except for contrasting the neighbouring schools, the Austin young people conducted the event themselves. Youth shall never cease to amaze. Youngsters who at one moment are irresponsible featherbrains, assume responsibility like old-timers. Shy kids, probably feeling the paralysis of excitement and fear, appear for the moment to be possessed of a calm unselfconscious assurance. It is their elders who feel awkward.

Beholding them one feels he is witnessing a solemn significant event. Their sudden growth sets them apart, they are independent individuals. Yet this experience of growth is so universal and so desirable, it makes them one with us. They become very much themselves at the same time be-

coming very much ours.

This is developing into a parable about love. You can really love, and know real union, only with that which is separate from yourself and allowed to be itself. This is union of the highest dimension.

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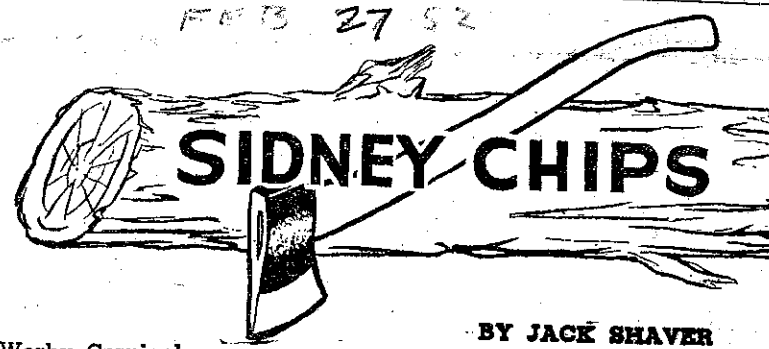


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SIDNEY CHIPS

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under: 1st, Mervin Moffatt; 2nd, Donnie Moffatt; 3rd, Glen Dankesreiter. Boys, 12 and under: 1st Garry Peck; 2nd, Barry Calvert; 3rd, Robin Bagnal. Boys, 16 and under: 1st, Ralph O'Brien; 2nd, Sam O'Brien; 3rd, Buddy Blair.

Ladies' Race: 1st, Enid Durward; 2nd, Ida McMillan.

Men's Race 1st, Glen Morris; 2nd, Francis North.

The oldest lady and oldest gentleman prizes went to Mrs. A. Beswitherick and Herb McIntyre. **Sidney Has Ice Too**

The curling ice is busy with the start of the local 'spiel. For the first time the club has climbed on the band wagon of canvassing the large Winnipeg business houses for prizes. They got some dandies. I hope it is a good idea.

The hockey ice has been busy also. The lads dropped a game to Austin on Austin ice last week but stopped the practiceless wonders of Castle Point. However, there seems to be enough mutual respect left as the local boys have asked some of the Pointers to unite with them in entering next Saturday's tournament in Austin.

THANK YOU — The guild of the Anglican church is grateful to the community for helping make Saturday's tea a success.

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BY JACK SHAVER

Worby Carnival:

Sparked by the planning and leadership of five members on the skating rink's social committee, the Worby community again demonstrated its ability to give itself and its neighbors a wonderfully good time. Worby carnival was a complete success.

Two hundred people thoroughly enjoyed the skating, program and lunch. Their eyes popped at the fine new rink house and the splendid ice. The great number in costume gave the affair an authentic carnival atmosphere.

Archie, Mrs. and Murray McIntyre really gave the show atmosphere. They donned a daddy-mummie-baby version of those beautiful black animals with white stripes down back and tail. In case you missed the point they flashed the names "stinkie, phooie and stink-phoo." Bruce Hay appeared as a nightmare again this year but his get-up more nearly resembled the human form. This latter fact only heightened the nightmarish quality. There were devils, clowns, june bugs, bumble bees. Aunt Jemimas, sailors, cooks and Indians. Even local history was represented. A replica of Worby's first building appeared on the ice. Empire-Builder Jock Lun's food bar, complete with fresh frozen meats and a "Wife Wanted" shingle, stole the show.

Of queen candidates, Dianah Waring, Reita Michie, Bonnie Hay and Marvel Dankesreiter, the first named was crowned queen of the carnival.

With imagination, hard work and co-operation, Worby community passed another milestone. It takes all that to give yourself a good time. And if it should make you a little money, like a \$135 net, it gives the plans for the curling rink a good boost.

PRIZE LIST: Costume Prizes—
Girls' Fancy, 10 and under: 1st, Lois Hay; 2nd, Judy Stephenson; 3rd, Blanch Wilcher. Girls comic, 10 and under: 1st, Beth Stephenson; 2nd, Carol Makinson; 3rd, Lorraine Willis. Boys' Fancy, 10 and under: 1st, Mervyn Moffatt; 2nd, Morris Hay. Boys' Comic: 12 and under: 1st, Stan Robinson; 3rd, Donald Beswitherick; 3rd

Herbie Bagnal. Girls' Fancy, 16 and under: 1st, Doris Lauder; 2nd, Louise Stephenson. Girls' Comic, 16 and under: 1st, Grace Russell; 2nd, Francis Waring. Boys' Fancy, 16 and under: 1st, Glen Moffatt; 2nd, Barry Hay; 3rd, Robin Barnall. Ladies' Fancy 1st, a trio of Elsie and Eileen North and Mary Starth; 2nd, Barbara Bickford. Ladies' Comic 1st, Marjorie McIntyre; 2nd, Jean North. Men's Fancy: 1st, Herb McIntyre; 2nd, Doug McGregor. Men's Comic: 1st, Bruce Hay; 2nd, Archie McIntyre. Most original: Lloyd Willis and Bill Bickford.

RACES—Girls, eight and under 1st, Lorraine Willis; 2nd, Carol MacKinson; 3rd, Beth Stephenson. Girls 14 and under: 1st, Myrna Peck; 2nd, Joyce Willis; 3rd, Ida McMillan. Boys, 10 and (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5)

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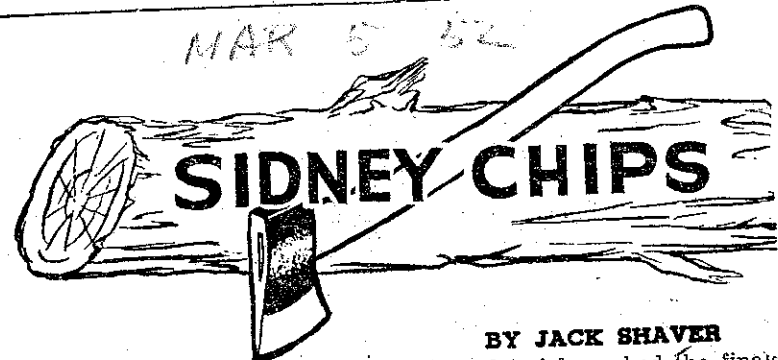
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BY JACK SHAVER

Only one event in the four-event local 'spiel' reached the finals last week. Practically everyone in town was either heaving rocks, baking pies, serving lunch, or like me baby sitting and applying liniment. School work reached almost a dead stop as both teachers and pupils were involved at the rink. The entry of twenty-one rinks indicate how many novices were involved. There are only twelve regular rinks in the club.

Monday won't see the events all completed. To add to the drawmaster's confusion the ladies are itching to start their 'spiel' and have eight rinks ready to go. Two rinks are representing the local club at this week's Austin 'spiel'.

However the Merchant's event, the second down the line, was completed Saturday night. Ron Wright defeated Ken Sylvester's foursome to take first money. H. McMillan and Phil Stephenson captured third and forth prizes.

The prize winning rinks consisted of Ron Wright, Glen Calvert, Betty Cumming, and Ida Bagnal; 2. Ken Sylvester, Henry Calvert, Norma Calvert and Marg Sylvester; 3. M. McMillan, Bob Maben, Roger Sharpley, Molly Brennan; 4. Phil Stephenson, Muriel Alton, Reita Ham and W. Domitrack.

On Saturday the local boys, even with the help of some of the Castle Point lads, were not strong enough to hold down the Carberry team at the hockey tournament at Austin. Carberry went

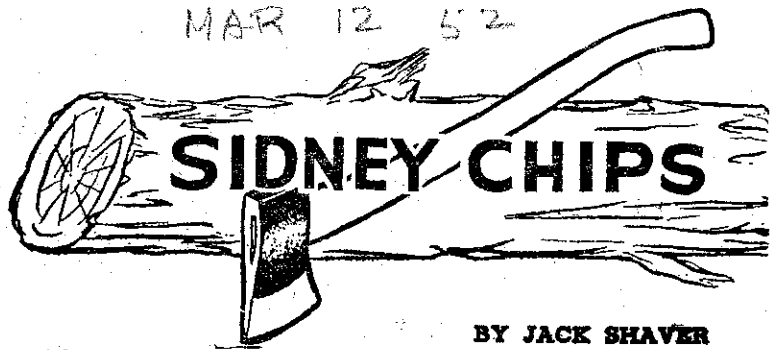
on to defeat Gladstone in the finals.

Friday two carloads of local women who were able to tear themselves away from the 'spiel' attended the World Day of Prayer service for women in Austin. United church. These ecumenical services, held the first Friday in lent the world over, are becoming an established institution in all the little communities of Canada. Every year there is a larger and more understanding participation. This annual service is one

of the few things we do in conscious fellowship with Christians throughout the world. "The Holy Catholic Church and the Communion of Saints" begin to mean something when you experience this kind of fellowship.

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There are other signs of spring other than the crows' return, the peter out of curling enthusiasm and the difficulty of getting the kids in for supper. One that I find thrilling is the day when human house dwellers all come out of hibernation at once. You call across to a neighbor who is hanging the wash and find yourself in a shouted conversation with half a dozen people who are parked on door steps for various reasons.

Curling Dies Hard:

The roaring game is making its last struggles to stay in the news spot light. Arnold O'Brien and Phil Stephenson have each a rink entered in the Pine Creek 'Spiel'. Bill Alton and Lionel Wright represented the local club at Austin. Bill didn't quite make the 4's but Lionel is in the finals of the Grand Challenge which have yet to be played.

The local Ladies' 'spiel' was run off last week. There were eight prizes for the eight rinks entered.

The winning rinks follow:

First Event—1. Mrs. R. Wright, Sheila Ham, Arlie Peck, Dorene Calvert; 2. Mrs. Wm. Alton, Mrs. Reg Calvert, Norma Calvert, Mrs. Dunc Hay; 3. Mrs. F. Dankesreiter, Mrs. Chas. Wright, Mrs. Gil Bagnal, Mrs. Jack Brennan; 4. Mrs. Arnold O'Brien, Mrs. Sam Mitchell, Mrs. C. Hawkins, Carrie Hall.

Second Event—1. Mrs. Murray Ham, Mrs. H. Dunton, Marjorie Wright, Mrs. P. Wiebe; 2. Jean Wright, Mrs. J. Shaver, Jessie Kufflick, Mrs. Earl Stephenson; 3. Mrs. Lintott, Meryl McLachlan, Marg Sylvester, Joyce Lintot; 4. Mrs. N. Cumming, Mrs. W. Peck, Mrs. D. Marnock, Mrs. E. O'Brien.

It took the early part of the week to play off the finals in the Club 'Spiel'. The Grand Challenge and third and fourth events were uncompleted when we went to press last week.

Grand Challenge: 1. W. Alton, D. Smith, Hugh McGregor, Barry Calvert; 2. Fred Wright, F. Ham, E. Calvert, H. Lintott; 3. The Austin entry; 4. Jack Elmhirst and his Melbourne rink.

Third Event: 1. W. Gustofsen, H. Dunton, S. Head, C. Williams.

Fourth Event: 1. M. Ham, A. O'Brien, Bell O'Brien, Elt Beswitherick; 2. Lionel Wright, Gill Bagnal, Sam O'Brien, Arlie Peck; Dave Stephenson, Nevel Stephenson, Wm. Hall, Beryl Marnock; 4. Bert Lintott, Clara Lintott, Meryl

pointed trustees. Mrs. Lloyd Willis, Miss Sarah Stephenson, John McPhearson, Archie McIntyre and E. Bagnall were appointed to the Steward Board with E. Bagnall as Chairman. Mrs. A. McIntyre was elected treasurer.

Family Party at Sidney:

The Whist drive and Dance sponsored by the local boys' hockey team revived baskets of nostalgic memories. It was the first dance in our little old hall since the parents of the kids who want the car now, were wanting the buggy then.

It was a real family party. The call will just hold the dancing community. If we attract too many outsiders we don't dance. So we have a home grown party. We make our own music with Marg Williams and the F. Peck family. Everyone comes from Grandma to infants.

The families of Sidney community have a grand time to gather. The kids don't have to bust with the folks to have fun. It's a good lesson to learn.

Mrs. W. Alton and Mr. E. Calvert were top scorers at whist. Betty Holroyd and Hugh McGregor were boobies. Bill Domitrack, who claims he bought all the tickets anyway, won the candy box raffle.

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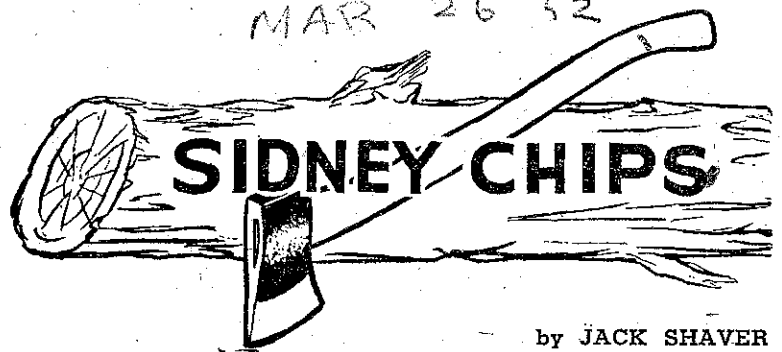
Arizona Congregational Meeting:

The United Church Congregation at Arizona took a new lease on life when it reorganized itself Thursday night at the E. Bagnall home. Sam Bickford and Howard Kneeshaw were elected elders. Doug McGregor, Doug McIntyre and E. Bagnall were ap-

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by JACK SHAVER

The Chips really flew a couple of days last week. They are at it again today (Monday).

And the real Chips are the news Chips of the week. Sparked by President Fred Wright and Vice-President D. Beswitherick, the Curling Club, has caught fire on the new rink proposition. For the first time a good number of the members are offering more than talk.

I can't help suspecting that the prairie man's fascination for felling timber has something to do with it. But an enthusiastic gang has spent two afternoons cutting seventy five logs on Reg Calvert's place and are cruising again today at Fred Wrights. Mr. Penner has offered to mill the logs so a beginning has been made.

Everyone is behaving as though this time the dream was going to be made come true.

Hello Central?

Speaking of new buildings brings to mind the construction just completed at the 'phone office. Sidney now sports an outside Telephone Booth. Sidney will no longer be the dead end it has always been for anyone stranded in this vicinity in the middle of the night. Heretofore one such unfortunate simply had to hole up in the station until morning.

Victory Abroad:

Sidney's Candidate in the Austin Carnival last Friday was elected Queen by a plurality of one. The invaders were very pleased to have Meryl McLachlan capture the crown and cape. Austin had no reason for tears. Didn't each foreign vote represent foreign investment?

Defeat Abroad:

The combined Tyro groups of Austin and Sidney invaded the hockey arena at Brookdale Saturday. The boys took with them one spare, two groups of players that had not played with each other but with older boys in their home teams, a never say die spirit. They met excellent sportsmanship, a larger group, and a better team.

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Our own lads played heads up individual hockey and showed a lot more get-up-and-go than when they play with their own teams which include older boys.

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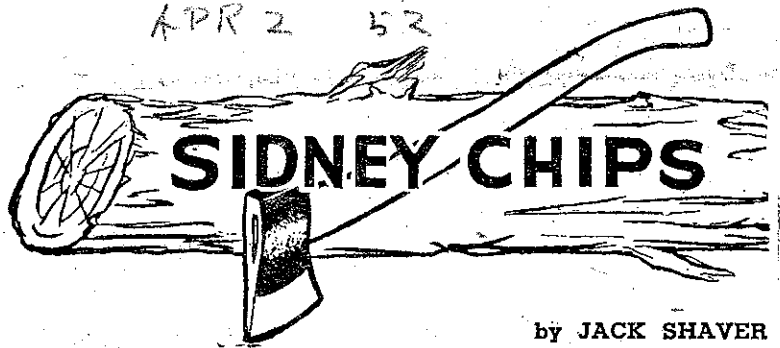
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If the day this hits the street is as fine as Monday you won't be wanting to read any more than I wanted to come in and write. This is a day for raking chips in the yard, in the warm sun and air filled with the smell of mud.

Near Tragedy

No mud ever smells good enough to eat however and two of our citizens came so close to biting the dust Saturday that we are still shaky. It had been a very full happy day. A good gang of men had been out on one of the Bees skidding and hauling logs for the new curling rink.

The advent of the Combine with its small crew and the breakdown of neighborliness that came with the automobile has robbed rural life of one of its higher pleasures—the old fashioned Bee. The result is that when one comes along it is as pleasant as the discovery of buried treasure. Common labour with the back arms topped by a common meal is as high a form of fellowship as this world offers.

The last log was unloaded and the empty trucks were being hauled up the hill when when one tractor got stuck. In turning back down it got out of control and upset. Onlookers were horrified to see the engine bounce and roll down the hill like a toy. It took a few fearful seconds to discover that Lawrence Wright and rider Jim Sylvester were unhurt. It was a solemn ending for a wonderful day. But towering above all feeling was gratitude.

Painless Extraction

The community found it very easy to support the Dental Clinic last Friday. It is not hard to support a good cause when it means eating all you can hold for thirty-five cents.

Of course the inexpensive meal was just the come-on for the concessions. The event was the annual W.I. Country Fair. It was another huge success with just about every woman in town lending a helping hand. For them it wasn't painless. But here too is joy in the hard thing done together. And the Institute is happy

about its net return.

Everybody Dance

The early part of this week will see the last of a six-night leadership course in (of all things) dancing. The Local of the Manitoba Teachers' Federation arranged it with the Physical Education section of the Department. Thirty-two people from Austin, Sidney and MacGregor took the course which was supposed to give them not just six nights free dancing but the basic knowledge to be "Teachers of the Dance" themselves.

But you couldn't stop its being fun even if it was three hours of work per night. Eight Sidney people including the school staff have attended. You may consult them now about square dancing, folk dancing and even Ballroom dancing.

Brother, they've got schools for everything nowadays.

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Austin Holy Communion 11 a.m.

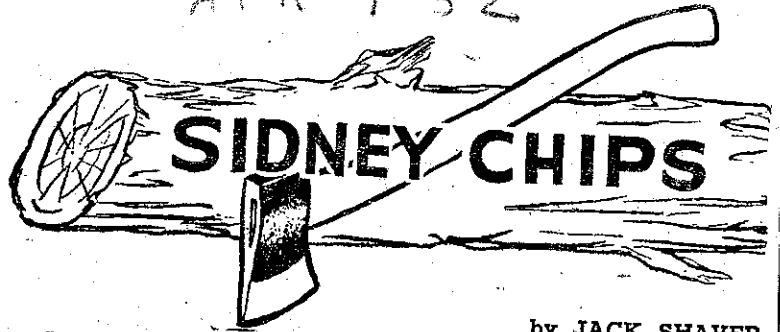
Church School 12.15 p.m.

Afternoon services at Arizona and Melvin if roads permit.

Sidney Church School 1 p.m.

Holy Communion 7 p.m.

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by JACK SHAVER

I just came in from watching a man load a drill on a truck. He was acting like he was in a hurry. There must be something in the air.

Something in the air that had the opposite effect to making a man hurry hit me today. The fever is on. The kids want no hats, no rubbers, no coats. The miracle is upon us.

Everyone seems to want nothing to do, except that which will participate in the whole of creation's new birth. Small wonder that from the beginning man's worship of his gods was tied to the times and seasons. Who can face the miracle of spring without wonder and awe.

Saturday, a gang of the faithful loaded the last of the Curling Club logs. These came from the Ted Lintott farm. The day went without mishap and writes finis to the first chapter in the story of the new rink.

New neighbor Penner is already setting up the mill, so Chapter two is in the rough.

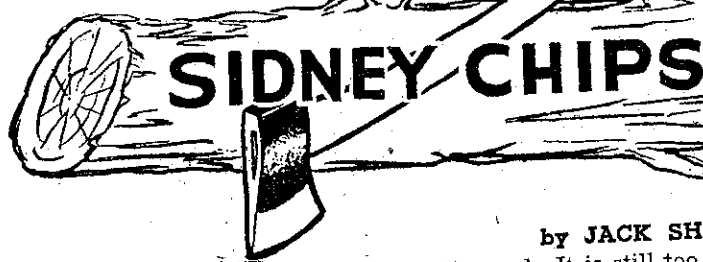
I can imagine the number of applications for sidewalk foreman he is going to get. The log pile is already a favorite place to go for a walk, but once it is being sawn, the traffic will get mighty heavy. I spent five years at the Lakehead where sawmills are a dime a dozen but save a place for me.

Mrs. Olson's Explorers had a party on Friday. These 9-11-year old girls are getting quite responsible. Chief Explorer Mrs. Olson gets her orders about the food and otherwise has nothing more to do. The girls plan the programme and carry it out. Carrying it out this time meant coming early to the cold building to plant a treasure hunt. This demanded that they root their spiritual advisor out of his study to make a fire, which they did as I am the witness.

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The Basket is practically empty this week. It is still too wet to get on the land. Fence mending is the main job in the country. And in town most of the chip making energy is going up in smoke. Saturday the whole town was blanketed with the smoke of burning grass and rubbish.

I had a slight case of Alexander the Great myself when I found myself pining for more grass to burn. Very common things unite the race. The fascination of firing headland is surely one of them.

Other than these it seemed enough just to be alive on the last few glorious days.

There were stirrings however of something deeper in man than that which basks in sunshine or thrills to the smell of the spring smoke. For many, Easter Sunday worship meant a renewed recognition of a need easily forgotten. And Evangelist Olaf Erickson's week's campaign in Remple's hall brought the thoughts of the whole community to consider again man's real being and final meaning. His Campaign, and what it stood for, was the most lively topic of conversation in town, surpassing even the weather.

At the Pentecostal Church on Sunday afternoon Rev. Munro officiated at the sacrament of infant baptism.

It can no longer be said that the church is the centre of rural life. But it has not lost all its good will. Even the large number which did not attend the Worship of God on Easter Sunday were almost there.

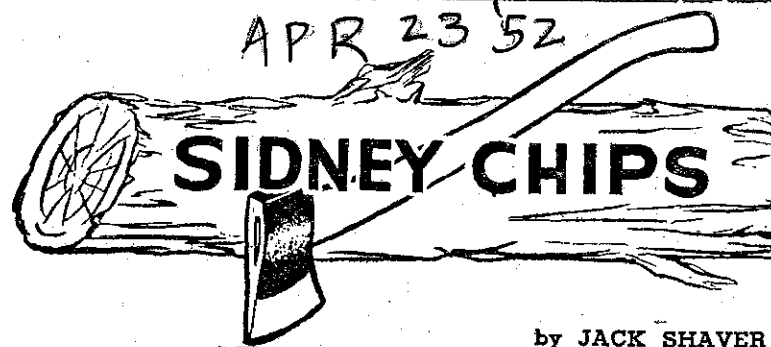
The lesson of this seems to be that it is still not too late for the church to make the impact upon the community it was called into being to make. But it is very nearly too late.

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The kids themselves could not have written better Easter holiday weather. The farmers would have added the perfect touch of a little rain of two. Some of them have wheat in and of course that is the sign for moisture worries to begin in earnest.

The kids however couldn't have had it better, knee pants, short socks, bare heads, everywhere. And for the first time I remember, the girls have broken out their skipping ropes. This appears to be an invasion from Rivers or Winnipeg, but it has swept the boards. And jingles like "Popeye the sailor sat on a pin" are the current rage.

Aided by the glorious weather, the support of the community, and the interest of neighboring communities, Group 2 of the Sidney United Church W.A. held a most successful spring tea Friday afternoon.

Hostesses Mrs. J. Shaver and Mrs. Murray Ham greeted the many guests. The afternoon's chatting was interspersed with an informal programme. Those lending their talents were Arlie Peck, Donna Peck, Doreen Calvert, Sheila Ham, Bette Thorn, Rose and Ramona McMillan, Barbara McIntyre and Dorothy Shaver.

During the holidays this writer was away again, this time in Winnipeg joining in the fun of discussing heavy Theology with a group of Church Women Workers. These ladies do the joe-jobs in many churches:-Address letters, put out the Bulletin, phone information, around, run the children's work etc. And they have remarkable fun discussing Theology on their holidays!

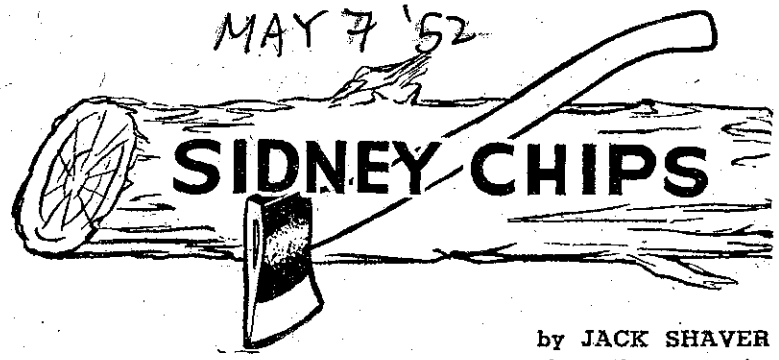
There is really nothing stuffy about the stuff. It wasn't called a Queen for nothing Don't ever call it dry. Its one failing is that it gets you too interested. Something needs to send you back to the job in hand.

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MAY 7 '52



by JACK SHAVER

Just when the weather gets cool enough to have the oven going and get some baking done, the missus has to spend the whole day shovelling sand drifts out of the house. However, everything you touched was so filthy that wash day was postponed, so the ill wind blew some good.

The dry windy week had everyone extra fire conscious. Especially when the first of the week saw the destruction of E. G. Alliban's barn by a fire of unknown origin which started in a load of hay parked alongside. The stable full of horses was rescued but the building was flattened in less than an hour.

The alarm call sent town personnel speeding out to Cliff Tyreman's Sunday afternoon. This time the news was good. Although the high wind had revived a fire in the manure pile it was prevented from spreading by the quick action of the fire fighters and all buildings were saved.

My own Sunday was made delightful instead of dreadful by the fact that Mrs. Chip's Sunday school class accompanied me on my dusty rounds in the afternoon. The girls brightened the services by lending their voices in the leadership of song.

During the week the high school held a farewell party for Betty Holroyd. The Tom Holroyd's have left to reside in MacGregor. Tom and family have been in town since we got here and it is strange to find them no longer our neighbors.

On Saturday, the score was evened when Ralph Baker, now attending Sidney school, was presented with a farewell gift by the Pleasant Point School. The occasion was the annual Mission Band tea and programme.

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manded the highest cultural responses of creative artists and people alike. A foretaste of the time when the Church, if she is true to her militant vocation, will again inform the whole cultural life of the people.

Thursday afternoon, three carloads attended the opening of Osborne home. They joined a couple of hundred people that celebrated something much more important than the United Church's belated entry into the field of servicing the needs of elderly folk. But because of the work of the furnishing committee of the board, they beheld a thing of exceptional beauty. They celebrated Christian Charity. Because if charity is to be Christian it must surely be an act of loving care. It is not simply service, but service tempered with grace and without condescension.

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UNITED CHURCH of CANADA Austin-Sidney Pastoral Charge

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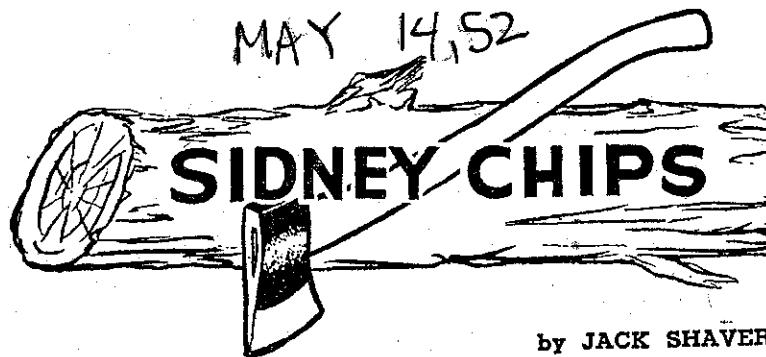
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The evening was a reminder and a foretaste. A reminder of the time when the Church com-

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by JACK SHAVER

First Man:

Mr. G. J. Graham of Brookdale, is the new first man on the CPR section crew. Gilbert, Mrs. Graham, and Gib jr., 10, and Connie 5, moved into Tom Holroyd's house on Saturday.

2nd Chorus:

Twenty-one Sidney school girls from grades 5 to 11, sang in the Gladstone festival Wednesday night. With no vocal training, either individual or choral, except for three weeks prior to going, the girls had to compete in the ensemble class for the secondary schools. This set them up amidst keen competition. Their 158 total marks were a credit to themselves, the community and Mrs. Jack Shaver and C. Williams, who trained them.

It was nothing short of amazing to behold twenty-one individual voices being transformed into a single blend of sound in a few short weeks.

Two Out

The officials of the Edrans Student Charge met with a delegation from Presbytery Wednesday night. Plans were made to receive Miss Joy Hamilton, a fourth year Arts Student, who will be the missionary this year. Because of other arrangements the Student Charge has been cut to three congregations. This makes the task up there a little less back-breaking and a little more in the class of work fit for a student.

Tea For Two

Two organizations in the neighborhood sponsored very successful teas this week. Part of their success was due to a new neighborliness which sends patrons out of their immediate district in an act of neighborliness that is both helpful and rewarding.

A good number of our ladies travelled to the Melbourne Hospital Auxiliary, tea and bazaar. Apparently several neighboring districts had the same idea.

The Ladies' Guide of the Anglican congregation in town were pleased with local and neighboring response to their bazaar and tea Thursday. By the time all donations are in the ladies expect to net more than \$70.

Two Weeks Out

One look at my desk will be explanation enough as to why I lost a report on the Red Cross that should have made an earlier edition. Final reports from Red Cross headquarters indicate that Sidney's total in the recent campaign was \$125.00. The community has Mrs. McMillan and Mr. Dave Smith to thank.

Crowd Out

The community's traditional observance of Mother's Day by attending Family Worship happened again last Sunday. At the United Church service we met with the Church School. Our worship was made much more real and meaningful by the contribution of school pupils.

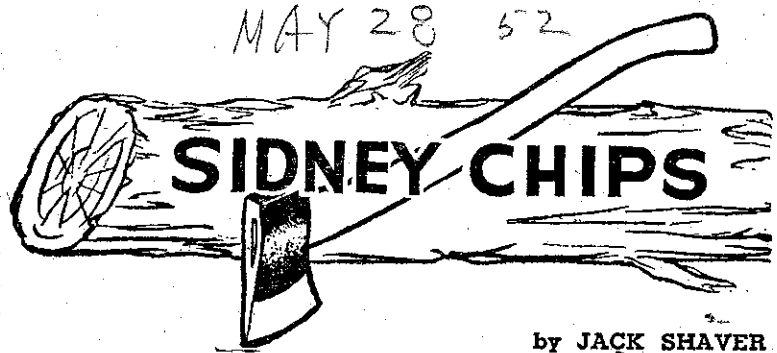
One addition that was very much appreciated was a solo by Boy Soprano, Bruce Gunn, nephew of Mrs. Wm. Alton. Bruce sang a beautiful setting of "Jesu Thou Joy of Loving Hearts".

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by JACK SHAVER

The Chips are wet, and show every sign of getting wetter still. No news could be bigger and better than that.

Wednesday a carload of the ladies of the Anglican Guild attended the local Deanery meeting, held this year at Austin. Mrs. H. McMillan reported for the Sidney women.

While the attention of the Province was largely turned to the University Convocation this week, my own was centred on the Graduation exercises at Gladstone. No one has graduated yet, but there are some expectations. And facing the close of 12 years of school life, and the opening of a new, unknown experience puts a group in the situation where it is only right to mark a milestone fittingly.

I was completely bowled over by this effort. The amount of original wit and responsible planning that went in to the program, the tone of familiarity with good taste that engulfed faculty, students and parents, the quiet, dignified hustle of the student waiters in navy and white, all added up to a meeting of youth and age that restored a man's faith in the race.

We were interested in, but didn't get to attend, another assembly of young people that does the heart good. However, seven of our girls made part of the sixty young people at the YPU Rally at Carberry Sunday afternoon. I just hope these kids get as big a thrill out of attending as we do out of watching them there.

The Hospital Aid tea, sponsored by that same committee in the W.I., received good general support. Each guest was treated royally by being presented with a corsage on arrival. The Pantry Shower was wonderfully subscribed. Thirty-two memberships in the Hospital Aid were sold. \$52.00 were netted at the tea.

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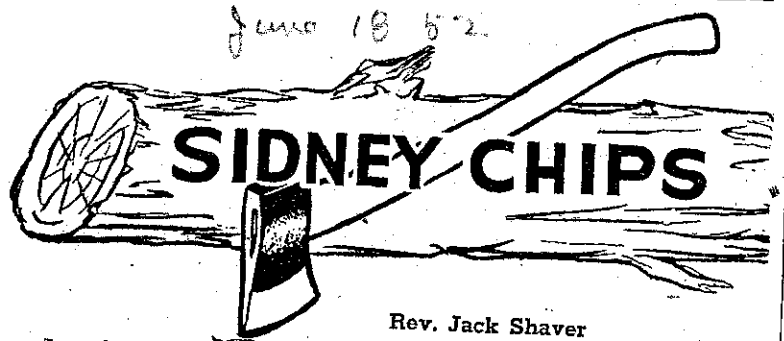
We had no idea that 19 miles from our own door-yard, there was a place of that beauty. First the wide view hits you. Then, when you have descended to the flats, the cathedral quiet, as you stand on the needle carpet amid the dark trunks of spruce. The climax is the spring rushing down a course that is worn no deeper than if its bed was rock. The miracle of the beauty of sight and sound, topped by the miracle of water gushing out of the bowels of the earth.

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Rev. Jack Shaver

I am becoming quite convinced that the way to keep your senses in this country is to sever your feelings from your fortune.

It is desperately dry and our spirits are down. We get beautiful showers and our spirits soar. Then we hear about hail damage nearby and our spirits' flight falters. Then we get Monday's monster wind and we understand how it was the Indians gave up so easily.

It may have looked to some News-Express readers that the Chip Gatherer had stolen off, too. He has returned to a very stuffed basket. The two weeks he was either in bed with flu, attending the sessions of Manitoba Conference or the work party at Camp Wasaga.

A lot can happen in two weeks in Sidney this time of year.

The School Kids went to the Austin Field Day. The Sewing Class held its achievement day. Sunday, May 8, was the Sidney Reunion Picnic at Assiniboine Park, Winnipeg. There is a local Ball club in operation.

All the above is olds, rather than news.

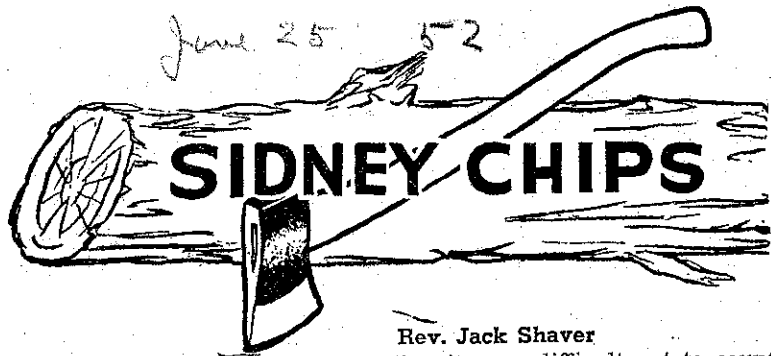
One current excitement is the CPR's steel laying crew's passage through town. It is an amazing operation. The large crew of men and machines just seem to move along at a slow walk. There is a machine for pulling the old spikes, another for turning the old bolts, another for driving the new spikes, a grinder or two. The whole outfit goes clattering along and when it has passed, the new steel is in place and the old is ready to load.

The other current excitement (at last) is the curling rink. After three attempts, the club was able to assemble enough guys to have a meeting. The logs are now lum-

ber. The work must begin now or there will be none.

Frank Lintott was named building superintendent so the project will have only one boss. Already half a day has been spent ripping off half of the roof. Next winter Sidney shall have a new Curling rink or none.

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Another manifestation of Hope's blind persistence is the speed with which the old Curling rink has been demolished. The home of the roaring game is now almost completely laid out in neat piles. And if the present momentum is maintained, we will be curling on two sheets of ice next winter.

The machine age has arrived in the track-laying business, but like many new arrivals, the advent of this infant has not been without complications. It certainly is something to be able to lay four and one-half miles of track a day! But this assembly line laying still has not reached the efficiency of the old-fashioned personal attention method. In this area, the Clucking Hen has not been entirely displaced. The local section crews have months of personal service to render before the job is completed.

Wednesday night a community meeting heard a Mr. Lewis, of the Blue Cross Society, explain the aims and methods of its plan to spread the burden of the rising cost of hospital care. The occasion of his visit was the opening of the Sidney Group for a new membership drive in the district. Any new participants in the plan registering before June 30, have the privilege of joining the group which automatically makes their dues less by \$3.00 per year.

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Mr. Lewis explained the necessity of the Plan's new policy for Rural Groups. Perhaps because in rural areas the full cost of semi-private accommodation has been paid, the application for expenses in medical cases has been much higher on a percentage basis in the province than it has been in the city of Winnipeg. Actually, last year the Winnipeg members of the Society had to underwrite deficit in the rural areas.

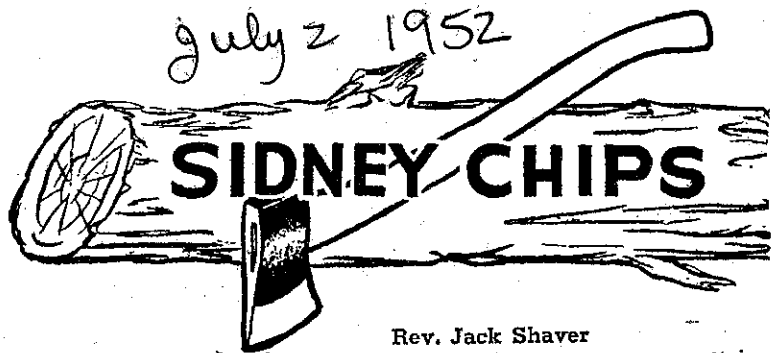
Roughly, the new policy is that the Society now pay 90% and the patient 10% of the hospital expenses previously covered by the plan.

The blunt truth seems to be that without some protection like this the plan is abused. It is what we get for being human beings.

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Rev. Jack Shaver

During Saturday's soaker it suddenly dawned on me that it is a long time since we have had one of those indoor-because-of-rain days. We have had showers and wind, but not an all-day soaker—the kind when you get the tractor shed cleaned up and the work bench back to a system.

It did a thorough job of washing out the picnics. No indecision here. And after a solid week of them, it was no general hardship to stay home one day. Although it did work a particular hardship in those districts whose day the rain picked.

Friday managed to be a double header locally. The Sidney and Arizona Communities both held picnics.

At Sidney, the feature was a Junior hardball game between Sidney and Carberry. The teams were made up of school kids or kids that should be. It was a surprize to see what good ball it was. Maybe yet, Sidney will re-enter a baseball era like it enjoyed a few years ago. It has not entered it yet. The boys went down to defeat before Carberry. The men went down before Austin. The girls' softball team came as close to defeating Austin as it ever has yet.

Then, the next day, as if admitting the inevitable, and taking the way round of "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," the girls strengthened their lineup with a couple of Austin players and took first place at the Katrime sports day.

At Arizona, the feature was an address by a Soils Expert from the Agricultural Department, introduced by Agri. Rep., V. McNair. He made very real to us the immediate and long term toll of wind and water erosion on our soil. Many things that tend to open light soil and cause it to

drift or wash are things that these same experts used to recommend. . . like plowing in sweet clover, or keeping summer fallow black, etc.

And herein I tell you a mystery. Because these Agricultural scientists are contradicting their earlier pronouncements, they gain, rather than lose, the confidence of the farmer. It proves that Agriculture is a living science, that its truth is tied to honest experiment and is the finding of an open mind. Strangely enough, these boys were always right, we would have less confidence in them.

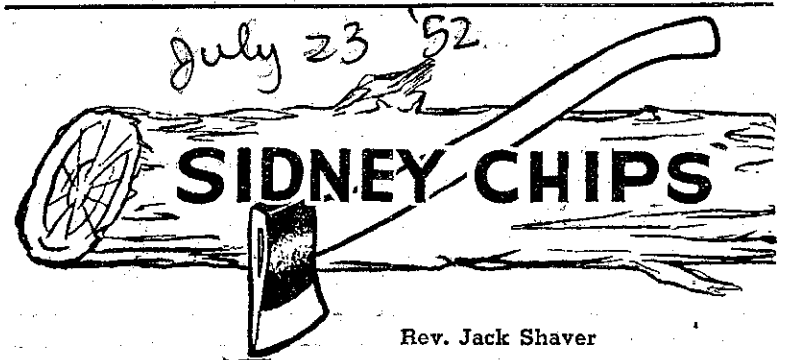
The other event of the week of course, the closing of school. Perhaps I am too hardhearted to enter into the experience of the young, but "School's Out" doesn't seem to mean to today's kids what it meant to me.

There was the week of breath-taking worry as to whether it would pass. Then the bursting out all at once of the whole school population. The indescribable joy, coupled with the serious solemn resolve that next year I would start studying earlier and so not to have to get in the last week's panic.

Kids have no feelings now days.

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After ten days of camp life, home looks pretty good. The garden and lawn got a bit out of hand but a half day will fix that.

Not that there was anything wrong with camp life! No one ever takes part in a week's Church-Camping experience without something very meaningful happening to him.

This year, the special privilege was living two days in the camp directed by Rev. Wilbur Howard, Secretary of Christian Education for our Conference. Wilbur knows boys, he knows programs for boys, he knows how best to go about winning the objectives of a Church Camp. Even as the kids learn living, so do we!

I got home to discover I had a new neighbor. That seemed to be a good event to make the occasion of a round-up of Christian services in the district. It seems to me that this column sometimes makes like there was just United Church here.

My new neighbor is Rev. Benjamin Smulland, wife and five children. Mr. Smulland is moving into Bill Carswell's house which a group in the area has purchased to serve as a parsonage. Mr. Smulland will be ministering to a congregation which is not fully organized as yet. It will be independent of any outside or denominational association. Services will be held in Sidney, Arizona and Castle Point. The hours of these services is as yet undetermined but they will be weekly.

Mr. Smulland is a graduate of Winnipeg Bible Institute and has lived in our south district before.

The congregation of the Church of England in Canada is now

part of the Carberry Parish. Mr. Salter, the student serving Carberry, conducts a service here at 10:30 a.m. alternate Sundays. August 3 will be the next service.

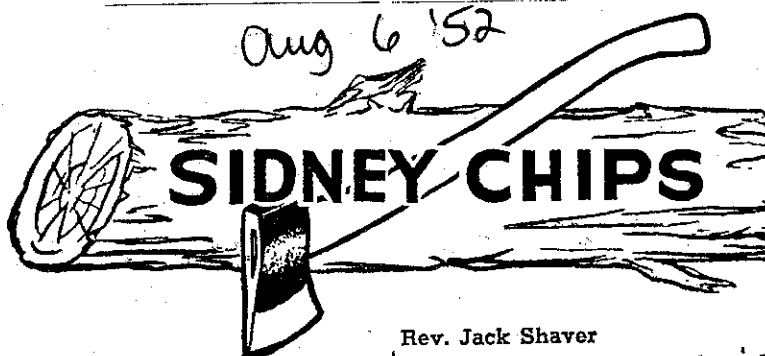
There is a weekly Sunday service at Calvary Tabernacle. Rev. Munro, of Calvary Church, Carberry, conducts the service here at 3 p.m.

Sidney Chips sometimes doesn't catch the news of these groups. This is not intentional. It is simply a matter of the Collector's spending so little time at his Chip-Gathering that he grabs the first ones he sees only.

We hope this resume makes up a little for our neglect.

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Rev. Jack Shaver

Sunday evening . . . the typewriter is perched on top of a half-packed suit case. It is the eve of our departure for Fort William. Holidays are before us. It lightens the burden of fulfilling our responsibility to our reading public (even if I can't see the line of type until it is rolled up three spaces.) There will be no United church services until September, unless otherwise announced. And the Chip Basket will remain unattended until about the same time.

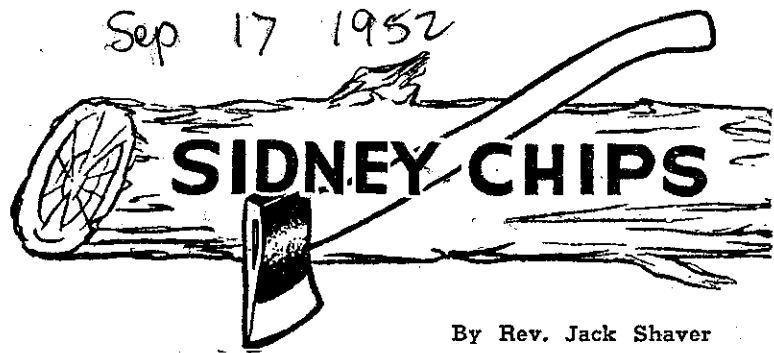
Farmerwise, the last trips to the lakes are being enjoyed. Bins are being emptied of last year's grain. Combines are receiving their final (?) tinkering. There is some grain so close to ready that it can almost be said that harvest fever has struck. Let's hope it isn't still striking in November like a Grandfath-

er's clock celebrating the 'old man's centenary.

Terry Williams, Barry Calvert, Gerald Sylvester are among the local boys teamed up with Castle Point in the 14 and under little league with Shilo and Carberry. The Point team has won its two games played so far. If the kids stick around, Sidney might yet regain its lost standing in the game.

Neil Penner tells us he has received some inquiries about his mill from people who were under the impression that he was going to use local timber in his products. What the Chip Basket said was that his large shop has been framed and sheeted with local lumber. He doesn't want anyone to run away with the idea that he will be turning our black poplar slashes. Imported pine stock will be used exclusively.

Sep 17 1952



By Rev. Jack Shaver

We just had time and space last week to skim the top off the Chip Basket. The opening of school rated a story. And what they do around here to keep the school from closing rates another story.

There is an increase in enrollment in the middle and senior departments of the school. Our grade two'er reported that some desks in her room had to be removed to Mrs. Wright's room to seat the added numbers. And the high school is really something

this year with 17 students.

The same staff is back on the job. These Sidney youngsters are certainly not suffering from the modern chronic situation facing most non-urban scholars — the "Now you see 'em, now you don't" aspect of their teachers.

On Tuesday while Principal, W. Domitrack was away, Mr. Chips here, sat at the head of his room. This person discovered that a fellow forgets a lot of things in eighteen years. What does one cc of water weigh? What about a cubic foot? In a little while you discover that you have a cubic head. And it is spinning.

However, let me say that this one day effort was completely enjoyable. There is something captivating about 17 young people regularly and actively engaged in the learning process. They are a thing of joy. There is something very right about their being just where they are, especially in the fall. It is as right as a full root cellar, and fruit shelves. And what's more, there is a deep acknowledgement (if unadmitted) of the truth of this in the kids themselves. I know we all had fun.

The Ladies Ball team met Shilo in the last game of the Playoff last Sunday. This Lord's Day Contest was close—but the last half of the last inning put the enemy one run up. This has hardly shadowed the glory of our girls. It was a tough one to lose, but win or lose they have earned a warriors welcome.

UNITED CHURCH of CANADA

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Fowl Dinner

Zion Church will hold its annual fowl dinner in the school basement, on Friday, October 10. Dinner will commence at 5.30.

Fiddlers' Contest

FIDDLERS' CONTEST—An Old-time Fiddlers' Contest will be held at Ridgeview Barn, Friday, October 3. No entry fee—just your admission ticket. First prize \$15.00; 2nd prize, \$10.00; 3rd prize, \$5.00. C. T. Pedlar, Neepawa. 2c

Muskett Wins of Tourney

Art MacKay experienced one of those days of which his "pop" once told him about . . .

Winners were: **Championship Flight:** 1. Reg. Muskett; 2. Bob Mitchell. (The boys were tied after 18 holes and 2 additional holes were played before Reg. was declared winner.)

First Flight: 1. I. Lyons; 2. N. Harvey, Wellwood.

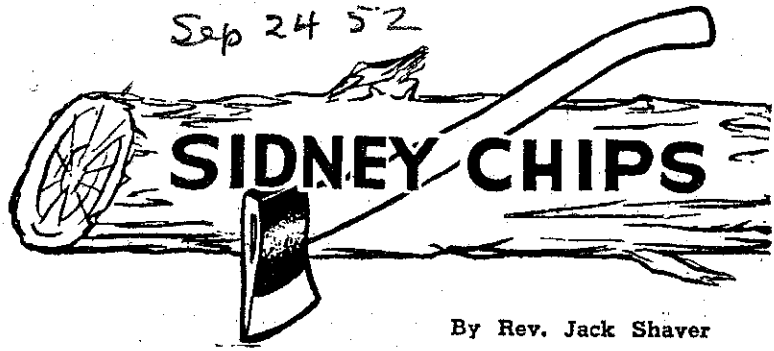
Second Flight: 1. Jack Titus, Wellwood; 2. C. Kersey, Gregg.

Ladies' Flight: 1. Lorna MacKay; 2. Mrs. Maud Buck.

Hidden High Hole: Jack Huxley.

Hidden Low: Reg. Muskett.

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By Rev. Jack Shaver

Last week gave the farmers a good bite on harvest. In fact, I am surprised at how many here and there are wiping the last crumbs away. No matter what happens—we are greatly improved over last year.

Neil Penner has Wilf Peck's new garage where you can tell what it is going to be like. Neil sure has an eye for putting a

bump here and a bulge there so that what would otherwise be just a building becomes a structure of balanced mass and pleasing line.

When he gets this done and his own shop at the other end of town, Sidney's face will be considerably uplifted.

The Women's Guild of the Anglican Congregation held a successful tea and sale last Friday. The ladies have again requested that this column pass on their expression of gratitude to all who helped.

Thoughts Of A Rolling Stone

As the time of our leaving closes in upon us, and every turn brings added awareness of the pangs of accompanying the tearing up of roots, one thing becomes very clear. This business of thinking the End of Life is the "pursuit of happiness" is plain foolishness.

Why does it make us feel bad to go? Because we will be unhappy where we are going. There is reason to believe that in our new home there will be many reasons for happiness. Is it because we were always happy here? Far from it. At many moments of failure, frustration, and self pity, I said very unpleasant things to the destiny that set me here.

The plain fact is that what makes life desirable is a state of being that cannot be equated with happiness. It is rather an experience of belonging, of being where we sense we ought to be, of life, its good and its bad, being ours. This is not a shallow thing like happiness. And as any mother, our parent, and lover would tell you, we sell a good chunk of happiness for it everyday.

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