

be more or less prepared, but for the most part it was a real surprise. We had a lot of fun playing parlor games. Croquignole was getting to be quite popular at that time. If anyone cared for dancing there was always music available in mouth organs. Some of our men folk were quite expert at it and really got good music from them. Families would come and bring the baby, it would sleep on a bed. Also food. Occasionally a concert was held in the school house, and it was really surprising how much local talent could be found.

Summer would bring sports and picnics, all local. I remember going to one at Ellisboro and watched a cricket match. The first and only one I have seen since leaving England. Picnics were not commercialized in those days.

Reading matter was scarce. Very few people owned books. Mrs. Sharpe told me that boxes of reading matter were sent into Rosewood every so often. Then a fresh supply sent in. A sort of travelling library I imagine, I don't know from what source they came. This had been discontinued where I was there. However, there was a very small library in the school, kept in a cupboard and I found some very good books there, I remember reading "A Tale of Two Cities", Charles Dickens. Other titles I don't remember but they were all good reading. Those who had brought books with their settlers effects really treasured them.

I heard my first gramophone at a Pheasant Forks concert. Mr. R.H. Hall had brought it to assist with the program. We thought it was wonderful. It had a horn, like the ad - "His masters voice", and though the music left much to be desired, it was very much appreciated. Mrs. Sharpe had a parlor organ, but it too had seen better days and required a lot of foot pumping,

but I derived a lot of pleasure out of it just the same. I also had an autoharp. It too was used in local concerts and with one or two mouth organs produced items of music. Those (home made) concerts did much to develop community interest, held always in the "little Red School House" and satisfied a need in those cold, snowy days of winter when people would come with their teams and sleighs and bells on their harness. As I look back on those days I realize they were happy times, with no one at the door to collect your money. It was all free, wholesome fun and we didn't mind the cold too much.

Some of the men folk had buffalo coats and almost everyone had a buffalo robe to cover up in the sleigh or a tanned cowhide. They really kept out the cold.

Another thing I might mention, any time one was out after dark there was always a light left burning in one of the windows as a guide. It was easy enough to get lost if a storm blew up and covered the trail, though the horses usually knew their way home. I had often been out with my father when it would be dark on the way home and we would be none too sure of our directions, we would hit for the first light we saw.

This is life in the early days as I remember it. It may be that none of it will apply to your district though I think pioneers all experienced much the same kind of life. There are many other things of course I remember. Learning to make bread, caring for milk which was set in pans and had to be skimmed for cream. The churning of butter. Salting and curing of pork which constituted our main meat supply for summer. Washing day with a board and crush or fluted wash board. All these things did not come easy to one used to city life in the old land.

In olden days everytime the government changed, the post office changed hands. I can recall four or five locations until we got our present office.

The present public school cornering the highway was built in 1907. The small one roomed one, to take care of the overflow in 1930, and our present high school on Chickney Avenue was built in 1962-64.

The first Lutheran church was built in 1906 at the east end of town, the present one in 192 .

Our United church of today was the original Methodist dating back to 1906. Methodist and Presbyterian joined in 1916 and became the United church in 1925.

Lemberg W.M.S.

July 24, 1906

Lemberg ladies met at the home of Mrs. Hilborn on July 24, 1906 for the purpose of organizing a W.M.S. "Womens Missionary Society". Mrs. Wildfong was President. Mrs. Henry joined W.M.S. in May, 1908 and became Treasurer at same meeting. Aunty Martin addressed the June meeting.

The Methodist W.A. was organized in 1909.

No minutes of interest kept for some time. They catered to a Sports Day Tea (15¢) April 21, 1916.

At one meeting Mr. Charlton moved that the Old Maids of the organization serve a tea - M. Pearce, N. Gamble, E. Neely, Miss McKen.

June 25, 1919

Moved by Mrs. McDowell, seconded by Mrs. Neely that Mrs. Knoke be president of new organization re Ladies Aid. On June 28, 1919 a hot dinner and cold supper were served in the dining room of Mr. Arbuckles hotel - \$191 expenses \$30.30.

November 21

Decided to dispense with bazaar and each lady donate \$5.00 instead at December meeting.

September 11, 1918

A meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a W.M.S. Mrs. Motherwell took charge of the meeting. Moved by Mrs. Gardiner, seconded by Mrs. Squarebriggs that W.M.S. be organized. Fee 50¢. Sixteen members were present. The envelope system was adopted in 1919. Missionary Messenger ordered in October, 1918.

arrived.

A suit of clothes was stolen from the Chinaman.

A 19 piece band formed and making satisfactory progress.

Mr. George Jamieson arrived from Toronto to engage as clerk in Wm. Marshalls hardware store.

Mr. R.H. Hall left on a visit to England, taking with him many views of the west to convince folk that we have a country of great resources.

Births at Lemberg June 3rd, 1907 to Mr. and Mrs. George Gillespie - a son. To Mr. and Mrs. H. Ruecher - a daughter.

Business advertisements throughout the paper do not contain the name of any individual person in business today.

June 6, 1907

Following is a list of names and kind of business appearing in the Leader, June 6, 1907.

Union Bank - V.S. Ferguson

Hardware - Tesky Brothers

General Store - Jas Horne

Hardware - W.J. Marshall

Law Office - Beer and Hall

Butcher - Wm. Morris

Blacksmith - Geo. Le Cain

Barber - J.W. Bishop

Implements - Eckness and Company

Flour Mill - F. Karlenzig

Implements - G.G. Rattray