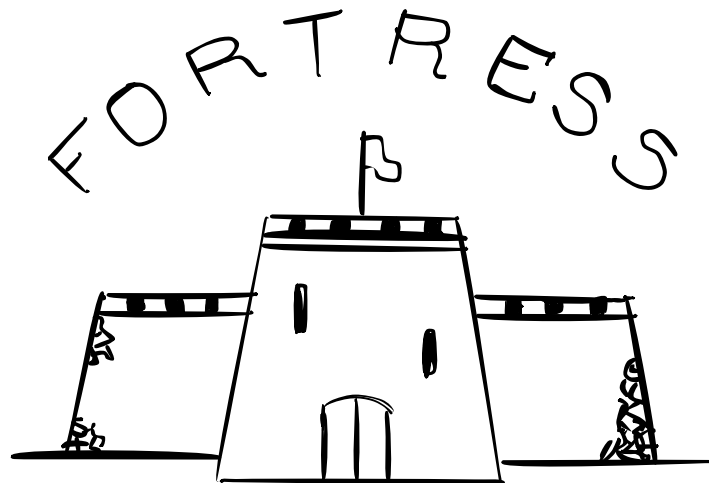


T H E
FORT VERMILION AND AREA
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY



PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT FORT VERMILION, ALBERTA, BY
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR THE
DISSEMINATION OF NEWS OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND
PROJECTS OF THE SOCIETY AND TO FOSTER A CONTINUAL
INTEREST IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE WORK
AND RECREATION IN WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE
ORGANIZATION MAY BE ENGAGED.

W O M E N ' S P A G E

WAKE UP, WOMEN, There's a WAR on ! ! !

Living in this peaceful settlement so far removed from the battle fields of Europe it is easy for us to feel safe and secure. - SAFE.

There are thousands of people in Europe now who haven't felt safe for months. Think of them for a minute. A short while ago they were living in just such a peaceful countryside as we are still lucky enough to enjoy. The trees were fresh with spring, cows feeding contentedly in green fields, children playing happily in yards. - Suddenly the roar of hundreds of 'planes, bombs exploding, armored cars, soldiers, guns; houses blown to pieces, people blown to pieces, others running, gathering a few belongings together, shrieking children, women with their babies, desperate, scared, not knowing where to go, but going all the same, anywhere; travelling along roads that lead perhaps to safety; no food, no homes, no land, nothing left, except a few precious lives--That is what War is like in Europe - Death, Destruction, Desperation.

There are thousands of Canada's men over in that hell on earth. They have gone over there to help us, to try to stop these horrors from spreading over here, so that we may keep our families and homes, everything we love, peaceful and happy. We can help them through the Canadian Red Cross. Knit for them, sew for them, make bandages for their wounds. You don't need to be a member and you can do the work at home. Many of you can knit; many of you have sewing machines. Every stitch you make brings added comfort to a Canadian soldier. Please go and see Mrs. Ware; she will give you all information and material to work with, free.

War is horrible, wasteful, useless, but when the men have to fight it is up to us to what we can to help them, so wake up, Women, and work !

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Here is our recipe for the month and very good it sounds too. Dorothy Edgecombe sent it in. Thank you, Dorothy; we are very glad to see the younger people taking an interest in this page, and remember, we welcome contributions on any subject from any of you. young or old.

JELLY TEA CAKES

- 5 tablespoons Roger's Golden Syrup
- 1 cup Sugar, brown or white
- Flour to make a stiff dough
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 cup Butter
- 2 teaspoons Soda
- 1 teaspoon Flavoring

Cream butter and sugar, add well-beaten eggs, syrup and flavoring. Sift about 1 cup of flour with the soda and then add more flour for a stiff dough. Roll thinly. Cut with fancy cutter, bake in moderate oven. When cooked put together with jam, jelly or date filling.

ODDMENTS.

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When the weather kills your crop. Keep a-goin'!
When you tumble from the top. Keep a-goin'!
S'pose you're out o' every dime - Getting broke ain't any crime
Tell the world you're feeling prime. Keep a-goin'!
--from Mrs. Edgecombe.

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HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY



BUILDINGS FOR SALE:

Dwelling House - 36' x 33' x 30'
Tamarac and Spruce Lined. In
good condition.

Store - 60' x 30'5" x 28'
Log Construction. Sheathed in-
side and outside. Double floor.

Tenders on the above buildings must be in not later than
August 31st, 1940. Terms Cash. Highest or any offer not
necessarily accepted.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

1	Airtight Heater (Cast)	3.00	1	Dressing Table	4.00
1	Box Stove (Cast) Small	3.00	1	Dressing Table	5.00
1	Box Stove Medium	4.50	1	Dressing Table	4.00
1	Heater 50" - Good as New	15.00	1	Table - Small	.50
1	Wash-stand	1.00	1	Buffet	10.00
1	Wash-stand	1.50	1	China Cabinet	8.00
1	Table - Leather Covered	4.00	1	Bookcase	1.00
1	Table	1.00	1	Bookcase	.75
1	Bed with Mattress and Spring	7.00	1	Lawn Mower	3.00



THE LAST WORD - - - - -

Taken from the "CANADIAN POSTMASTER", May 1940 :

" I am the aging Postmaster in the aging building, known as the Post Office. I am called down, called up, called out, called in, called straight, called crooked, called cranky, called thoughtful, called obliging, called early, called late. People turn away from the wicket with smiles, frowns, thanks, or curses under their breath. Cheques or money expected has a habit of being late; bills always on time. Rain or shine, early or late, good times or bad, the path to the Post Office is always well trodden, and hopes rise or fall, or hang in the balance, after a visit to the Post Office. "

After requisitioning the above from the columns of the paper quoted, the "FORTRESS" has nothing further to add - except this, it seemed to be a very good idea to pass on the excerpt quoted as it is quite applicable here . ED.



Did you know?

The Alberta Government recognizes June 26, 1974 as the incorporation date for the current version of the AG. Society - making 2024 a 50th year anniversary! In reality, the experimental farm actively promoted agriculture since 1907 and there has been organized community members promoting and celebrating Agriculture since 1914 with the creation of the Board of Trade. On June 25, 1938 the Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society was officially formed. Supported by the board of trade via equipment and resources, the fledgling society took over operations of the fall fair and quickly became a staple of the community. In 1942 the organization went dormant as WWII raged on. It did not revive after the close of the war - officially dissolving and turning all assets back to the Board of Trade in 1951. In 1974 the the society was formed again and has been in operation since. This publication is one manner in which we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the AG Society.

Staying true to the original 1940 publication intention (as stated on the cover) - this 2024 version desires to not only keep the members of the AG Society informed, but the community on the larger whole. Information about community events will be posted here - along with historical anecdotes, advertisements, classifieds and of course news from the AG Society. This is to be a simple publication - staying true to the handmade styles of the original and contrasting the glitzy paper and images of other such publications.

Advertising in "The Fortress"

In 1940 the advertising rates were as follows:

Full Page ad ----- \$5
 Half Page Ad -----\$2.50
 Classified Ad-----\$0.25

As much as we would like to stay true to these rates of advertising - the small amounts hardly make the paperwork worth it! So instead we are offering rates at the equivalent buying power. In 1940 \$5 had ~the same buying power as \$100 does today! Keeping this model in mind - our advertising costs are as follows.

Full Page Ad -----\$100
 Half Page Ad -----\$50
 Classified Ad (<30 words) -----\$5

350 copies are printed monthly - 300copies are distributed through the mail boxes and 50 others distributed to stores and local coffee spots. Payment can be made by cheque (Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society) Cash, or E-transfer (FVHC88@gmail.com) All Ads are attractively hand drawn and eye catching - as you will see on the following pages!

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Weather from 100 years ago!

In 1908 The Experimental Farm started keeping detail records of the precipitation / sunshine and temperature. Here are some of the results from July 1924.

Record of Sunshine - Total hours 288.5 Average / day 9.3
 Temperature - Highest 86°F (+30°C) Lowest 37.2°F (2.88°C)

July Precipitation total - 0.41in

There were 4 thunderstorms in July two of which brought hail. The DA Thomas arrived in Fort on the 7th and 23rd.

Sunday Closed
Monday 10 am-10 pm
Tuesday 10 am-10 pm
Wednesday 10 am-10 pm
Thursday 10 am-10 pm
Friday 2-10 pm
Saturday 2-10 pm

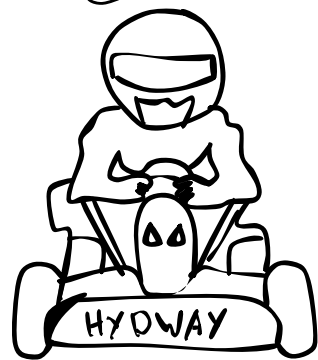
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Sponsoring the 3rd Annual Soap Box Race

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Open Mon - Sat 9am - 6pm Downtown Fort Vermilion

July/I834: wildfire

Arrivals: Mondoux, Gross Gueulle, Adzieconnie & Grand Cheveux from behind with beat meat, waiting for friends but they did not show up so left in direction of Loon R. (3-7th); young Chipewyans from Hay R. with furs to trade for tobacco & ammo (4-5th); news of 2 animals for Ft. Hunters, were off to Loon R. (7th); Catafou for provisions (17th); the Tabac & Pied Casse from Boyers R. with dry and beat meat to trade for tobacco and ammo; Cally, the Renard's son from upriver (20th); Hunters to pass a few days (26th); L'Oeil, the chief from upriver, almost blind from venereal disease (28th);

Tripping: men returned without cattle because McIntosh decided water too high, asked that they would send for them later, Ross enraged at delay (10th); Hunters' boy with news of meat (21st); meat haulers with 2 buck moose (22-23rd); small buck moose killed by La Bonne Bouche, hauled by Cally to the fort (31st)

Events/Tasks: fixing Garden fence, transplanted cabbages (2nd); dense clouds of smoke (3rd); Tassenez off to join Mondoux and party (10th); "Our gardens are perfectly parched. The Turnips have not yet come forth - the potato as usual have fallen a sacrifice to the nightly Frosts - and of the other vegetable, The Cabbages alone have so far a thriving appearance " (12th); "The country all around is in a state of combustion and we are completely envelopped in smoke" (17th); haymakers report 800 bundles cut and stacked, hoed cabbages (21st); Haymakers report cut 1240 bundles of good hay (26th); "Considering the Bonne Bouche alone adequate to maintain the Fort for the present, dismissed La Patate to work dry provisions until the Fall when he will be again employed as Fort Hunter" (27th); Tremendous rains in late July and early August.

July/I844:

Arrivals: Adsindy's son & 4th Mortgnee's for tobacco for party of 5 men (6th); Maigre, Shalay, Aszinday's son, 3rd Rougee & 4th Montagnier/Mortgnee (7th); Rougee's son & 4th Mortgnee to join friends about old Fort (9th); Webed & Aneehilay from across river with a little pounded meat & a few rats (10-11th); Adziconnee with some pounded meat & fish, then off for summer hunt (11-13th); Webed ill (19-20th); Bonne Bouche's children all returned home (20th); Fournier to notify arrival of party (30-31st);

Tripping: arr Sylvestre, wife & child with La Hache, Trois Pouce & Soonay from Loon R. with 2 moose killed by La Bonne Bouche & TP (8th); Bonne Bouche's young men in search of the horses (9th); Trois Pouce & brother with doe moose killed by TP (19th);

Events/Tasks: prepping Indians for summer dry provision hunt (1st); men making wooden canoe (3-4th); potato field parched (5th); "Sylvestre's Boy very unwell and he wishing much to see Bonne Bouche to get him to sing his medicine songs over his child, allowed him to pay him a visit to the Old Man for that purpose and gratify his wish, tho' I told him it was going a long way for a song" (6th); Comtois sewing saddlebags (6th); Shawly & Le Maigre to Dunvegan with a letter to Mr. Boucher (9th); Lefroy arrived & left (11-13th); men hoeing potatoes (13-15th); started haying (17th); fire all around the country (18th); "Singular weather as if the Country was on fire, although raining

July/I870:

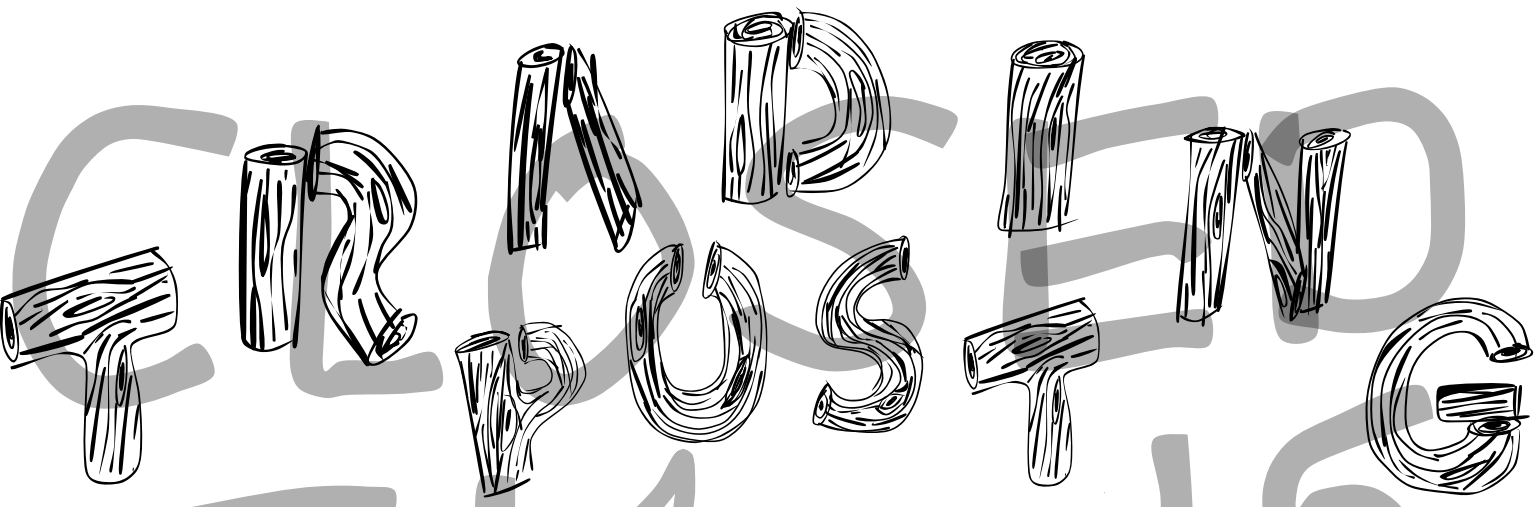
Arrivals: Che he pow with a fresh band of mares (4th); Tripping: Cree hunter sent in a buck moose (3rd); arrived Trois Pouces with family, Charloo and the 2 meat carters have left him to follow the other Indians (9th); Cree hunter sent in a buck moose, but it had to be brought so far in heavy rain that meat was much damaged, Trois Pouce hunting without success (I2th); 2 meat carters abandoned them during the night, also the Cree hunter left for his home in Lesser Slave Lake "may the devil go with him"; Trois Pouces killed a doe moose (I3th); Cardinal was sent for above moose (I4th); Trois Pouces & family moved off and engaged Tonnakay as Hunter, Cardinal engaged to cart & cast up in evening with buck moose killed by Tonnakay (I5th); arrived Cardinal with another buck killed by Trois Pouces (I6th); arr. Charlo & 2 former meat hunters to say Charlo had 2 moose, ordered them to dry meat as there is sufficient fresh in cellar (I9th); Charles brings in fresh meat despite orders; arr. Cardinal with buck moose killed by Tonnakay (2Ist); Trois Pouces & family crossed river to gather berries (23rd)

Tasks/Events: weeding potatoes (I-2nd); "Cardinal a free man who accompanied Mr. Shaw from Battle R. and who is here spending his time idly here and since starvation has at length driven him off but left his motherinlaw for us to look after " (5th); "Buried ayoung lad, a son of Courniers" (8th); Olivier & Edward looking for Rouge, the cart horse; Michel & James preparing scythes etc for hay making (IIth); men in the store turning the dry & pounded meat (I2th); gave the men a holiday to pick berries (I5th); start haymaking at Lac d'ours (I8th); bull gored a mare seriously, making a block of wood [for horns] (25th); "At long last McKenzie's River people arrived. Came for Cattle. They were 22 days on the trip that is from Hay River Fort to here. They report Hay River is very shoal & think will have difficulty to get the Cattle down with Rafts. Mr. Hardisty wrote for I2 head of horn Cattle and three Horses but Hope & the Indian say that they are not able to take all" (28th) above leave (30th).

July/I908: weeding potatoes, sawmill operating with W. Gray, Geo. Tourangeau, James Lambert, Geo. Erasmus, Carruther, Tardiff, Joe Tourangeau, Alfred Flett, Billy Smith, J.Mclean, Francis Bourassa, Joe Descharme, J. B. Wanuch, H. Mitchell; haying at end of month

Tripping: James Smith, Joe Lafleur, D. Lafleur & Magloire Mercredi built & loaded up a raft with lumber, shingles, 2 cows & started off this morning for the chutes, RR (I3th); Wm Flett & Thibault, Mr. Prince to Chipewyan, Thos Kerr ret'd to his post (3Ist)

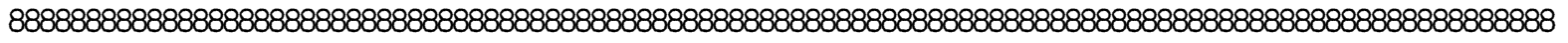
Work/Incidents: coffin for Tardiff's child who died last night (3rd); coffin for Simoo's daughter who died last night (6th); Sammy Cardinal at sawmill ½ day (8th); arr steamer crew including Mr. McNabs, Bishop Grouard (IIth); butchered James Smith's cow (2Ist); arr steamer with Mrs. William Prince, a nun from RC mission, Mrs Kerr & children



Raising money for the building of a seniors lodge in Fort Vermilion

Thank you to all our awesome volunteers!

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Mackenzie Applied Research Association

MARA individual Membership only costs \$30 / year or \$50 for three years!

Member Benefits include:

- >>> Discounted feed and soil testing
- >>> Hay Tester and Soil probe available to use
- >>> Meals in the field for Random draw members
- >>> Newsletter subscription and event calls
- >>> Free annual report on research and events



FVSS

JULY

CEEDAR

Boys and Girls Group summer program
Every week Mon - Thurs
Ages 6-8 10am- 12pm
Ages 9-12 2pm-4pm



Beading with Harley and Cassidy July
22- 25th

Fort Youth Splash Party with the
Village
4-6pm at the complex

River Daze July 27+28 Childrens
Activities 1-4pm



Community Events Happening in July!

- River Daze is July 27+28!
- Treaty 8 youth Learners course is on I5 + I6 from 9-4pm for ages I4-I7 email Jackie Belcourt at Belcourtj@treaty8ucfs.ca
- Hilltop church is Hosting vacation Bible School July 8-I2 for kids ages 5-I2. Every day for the week from I-5pm
- High Level Heifer raffle tickets are on sale. Draw is Oct I9th for 20 Bred Heifers or \$50,000. Purchase at the Brick, HL Motor products or call 780-84I-9I95
- High Level Rodeo is July I2-I4



Mackenzie County Agricultural Fair and trade show 2024



SATURDAY AUG. 10

FRIDAY AUG. 9

