

The Free Press' Short Story

The Best Coon Dog in the World

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JOHN TAYLOR WILLIAMS, more commonly known as Snifty, had almost finished his afternoon chores when Lawrence Montgomery Dill—the name was commonly shortened by his friends to Dill Pickle, or, more simply, Pickle—strode into the yard, looking extremely important. "Hello, Pickle. What's the good word?" was John Taylor's affable greeting. "Hello, yourself. The good word is that I've got something over to my house that you ought to see. I'm telling you, Snifty."

familiar with the ridge country, but somehow at night everything seemed different; the faint beams of an electric flashlight had almost no effect on the ocean of blackness that surrounded them on every hand. Another annoying fact was that the ridge proved to be a huge entanglement of barbed squirrel briars and similar thorny creepers. "Where's that blasted dog?" yelled Tim Randolph. "I bet he's gone home and left us."

ONE WAS ENOUGH



"Back from your two weeks, I see." "Yep." "I presume you got engaged a number of times?" "Now, things don't go like that in real life, somehow. I got engaged the first week all right enough, but it took me all the second week to break it off."

HIS ONLY CHANCE



Hubby—Have you mailed the letter you wrote your mother, asking her to visit us? Wifey—No. Hubby—Can't I add a postscript saying the children have the measles?

CAUSE FOR WORRY



Mr. Batch—What are you worrying about? Mr. Nubridge—A little question that came up at home. My wife wants to know if I'd marry again in case of her death and if I say "certainly no" she'll think I'm longing for freedom and if I say "sure thing" she'll think I have her successor picked out.

WHAT SHE MEANT



"Say, pa, what did ma mean when she said Mrs. Jones was queer?" "It meant, my son, that your ma was too charitable to express her real opinion of Mrs. Jones."

FORETHOUGHT



"I see that the bride is wearing the groom's present, that rope of pearls." "I always thought it was unlucky for a bride to wear pearls."

NOT VAIN



"She is not at all vain about her beauty, although she has good cause to be." "How do you know?" "She told me so herself."

FEEDING HOGS FOR MARKET

At the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, N. B., experiments have been carried on to determine the value, when fed to hogs, of feeds commonly produced on the farm. Potatoes, skim-milk and oats were the main feeds under consideration. Hogs which were fed on a mixture of grains, mill feeds and milk were compared with hogs fed largely on a mixture of crushed oats, middlings, potatoes and milk. Two lots were started on cooked potatoes, meal and milk and finished on raw potatoes, meal and milk. Potatoes were fed at the rate of 4 pounds to 1 pound of meal.

REINDEER AWAIT FREEZE-UP

After a trek of four years across Alaska and the northern corner of the Yukon, nearly 3,000 reindeer which were purchased by the Canadian Government in 1929, are now at the west side of the delta of the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories, and wait the coming of winter when they will cross the mouth of the Mackenzie on the ice. Under the direction of experienced reindeer herders the herd began the arduous 1,000-mile journey across the roof of the world from Napaktok in Western Alaska to the Mackenzie River delta in December, 1929. Early in January, 1934, the herd started on the 70-mile dash across the mouth of the Mackenzie from the west to the east side, but once out on the frozen river it was discovered that, owing to the high winds and blizzards which had prevailed during the winter, large stretches of the ice had been blown clear of snow, and as the deer cannot travel on glare ice, it was necessary to make frequent and long detours from the route originally selected in order to get footing for the animals. To still further intensify the difficulties, after they had been out for more than 48 hours on the ice a heavy blizzard arose and in the midst of this the deer stampeded back along their trail to the grazing area near Shingle Point, where they had spent last summer.

CANADIAN DIVIDENDS HIGHER

Canadian dividend payments in July, 1934, amounted to \$17,632,095, as compared with \$13,580,939 in July, 1933, and \$14,681,434 in July, 1932. For the first seven months of 1934 dividend disbursements show an increase of over thirty million dollars as a result of the consistent increase month by month in the current year to date, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. The cumulative total of dividends paid during the year to date is reported at \$114,868,305. In the first seven months of 1933 dividend distributions totalled \$84,324,977 and in the corresponding period of 1932 amounted to \$102,127,788. Mining companies are again large contributors to the month's total with payments amounting to approximately \$4,712,908.

Acton Fall Fair September 18-19, 1934

Special Prize List

- HORSE SPECIALS
1 Best High Stepping Horse in harness, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
2 Best Single Turnout, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
3 Best Agricultural or Heavy Draught Brood Mare, by George Cowie, whiffletrees, value, \$4.00. This special takes the place of Class 1, first prize
4 Best General Purpose Brood Mare, by Ritchie & Agar, Five Gallons Motor Oil, value \$4.00. This special to take place of first prize, Class 2, Section 1
5 Best Span High Stepper in Harness, open to Falkon County, Erin and Eramosa Townships. This special takes place of Society first prize, Class 6, Section 6. By Robert Simpson Co., a silver plated Old English reproduction casserole, value
6 Best Span Heavy Draught. This special to take place of Society third prize, Class 3, Section 1. By the Pioneer Equipment Company, goods to the value of \$5.00, or of a larger purchase
7 Best Carriage Brood Mare. This special takes place of Society first prize, Class 4, Section 1. By the Daymond Motor Co., Guelph, goods to value of
8 Best Single Saddle Horse, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
9 Best Colt, one or two years old, sired by a thoroughbred horse, suitable for a hunter, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
10 Best Lady Rider, by Acton Creamery, cash, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
11 Best Lady Driver, 1st, by Acker Furniture Company, Guelph, Venetian Mirror, value, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
12 Best Span of Agricultural, owned in the Township of Esquesing, 1st, by Massey-Harris Co., \$10.00 off any goods purchased; 2nd, by Alex. Hume, Massey-Harris Agent, \$5.00 off any goods
CATTLE SPECIALS
13 Best Group of Three Dairy Cows, consisting of 1 mature cow, 1 two-year-old heifer and 1 yearling, to be sired by a pure bred bull. Any family having won a T. Eaton Co. prize at a Fair in 1934 not eligible to compete. By The T. Eaton Company Limited, 1 Mable and Onyx Mantle clock, valued at
14 Best Herd of Pure Bred Holsteins. This special to take place of Society first prize, Class 9, Section 7, by Guelph Weston Cakes and Bread Co., tickets to value of
15 Best Herd of Pure Bred Jerseys. This special takes Society first prize, Class 10, Section 7. By Canada Bread Co., Guelph, tickets to the value of
16 Best Baby Beef, Steer or Heifer, not to weigh more than 850 lb. This special to take Society prize, Class 7, Section 10. By Union Stock Yards, Toronto, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
17 Best Cow, any age. This special to take place of Society second prize, Class 8, Section 2. By Carroll's, Limited, Acton, goods to the value
18 Best Holstein Herd, to consist of one bull and four females. This special to take place of Society first prize, Class 7, Section 8. Gilson Mfg. Co., F. Mooney, Agent, Acton, plow shares, to the value of
SHEEP SPECIALS
19 Best Flock of Sheep, consisting of 1 ram, 2 ewes and 2 ewe lambs, any breed, by Deputy-Recorder L. L. Mullin, 1st, \$3.00; 2nd, \$2.00
20 Best Fair Marketable Wether Lambs, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00
HOG SPECIALS
21 Best Pen of Bacon Hogs. This special takes place of Society first prize, Class 15, Section 9, By Toronto Elevators, Ltd., per D. H. Lindsay, Acton, 200 lbs. Master Pig Feed Concentrates, value
22 Best Sow, born after March 1st, 1934. This special takes place of Society first prize, Class 15, Section 7. By C. W. Barber, Guelph, side of bacon, value
POULTRY SPECIALS
23 Best Pen of 12 Bred-to-lay Pullets, S. C. White Leghorns or B. P. Rocks, 1st, \$1.25; 2nd, 75c
24 Best Six Bray Hatched Pullets, any breed. By Bray Hatcheries, per George Brown, Norval, Representative, 25 Bray Hatched Chicks
25 Best Pair Spring Roosters, alive, not to weigh less than 4 1/2 lbs. each, donor to receive same, by J. W. Jones, cash
GRAIN, ROOT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALS
26 Best Collection of Farm Produce, including grain, roots, vegetables, fruit, flowers, domestic sciences, ladies' fancy work, and children's work, not more than forty samples. Gardeners not eligible. 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00
27 Best Collection of 3 mangolds, 3 turnips, 2 pumpkins and 2 cabbages, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00
28 Best 3 samples of Grain, consisting of wheat, Oats and barley, 1/2 bushel of each, by M. Fallon, cash, 1st, \$2.00; 2nd, \$1.00
29 Best 100 lbs. Malling Barley. Exhibit must be of 1934 production. No exhibitor may win more than one of these specials at Fall Fairs in 1934. Basis of judging shall be as follows: Barley will be judged for its suitability for malting, not for seed. The points desired in barley for malting in order of importance are: soundness; size and uniformity of kernel; freedom from other grains; freedom from weed seeds and inert matter. By the Ontario and Quebec Brewing Industry, 1st, \$6.00; 2nd, \$5.00; 3rd, \$4.00; 4th, \$3.00; 5th, \$1.00
30 Best Bag Irish Cobblers, donor to receive same, by Alex. McIsaac, cash
31 Best Bag of Dooley Potatoes, donor to receive same, by J. C. Matthews, cash
32 Best Bag of Irish Cobblers, donor to receive same, by W. M. Cooper, cash
33 Best Bushel of Dooley Potatoes, donor to receive same, by A. T. Brown, cash
34 Best Basket of Yellow Globe Danvers Onions, donor to receive same, by A. T. Brown, cash
35 Best Bushel Irish Cobbler Potatoes, table size, donor to receive same, by Wood's Grocery, per J. Wood, cash
36 Best Bushel Dooley Potatoes, table size, donor to receive same, by Wood's Grocery, per J. Wood, cash
FRUIT SPECIALS
37 Best Bushel McIntosh Red Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, deliver later. By G. A. Dill, cash
38 Best Bushel of King Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, deliver later. By Dr. E. J. Nelson, cash
39 Best Bushel of Northern Spy Apples, donor to receive same. Sample of five to be shown, deliver later. By Mrs. Isaac Adams. Leave at Rev. C. L. Poole's. Cash
39 1/2 Best Bushel McIntosh Red Apples. Sample of five to be shown, deliver later. By Rev. C. L. Poole, cash
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