NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Maple Club's Growth Attracts Royal Fair Livestock Guests

Not only is the Maple Cattle Breeders' Artificial Unit growing in leaps and bounds but it is also gaining both national and international recognition as revealed on a recent visit to the headquarters of the unit Taking on Dufferin County in November, means that the unit is now serving eight counties and parts of two others with a membership of over 1400 from Halton on the west to Peterboro on the east and Simcoe on the north. There are now nearly 200 members in Halton County alone.

It will be recalled that Jersey and Ayrshire bulls were added to the unit in June and approximately 12,400 cows have been bred in the first eleven months with the stud of twenty-one bulls owned by the association overtaxing the new barn, so that the old barn is again in use as an overflow.

The total number of cows will reach the 14000 mark by the end of December. To carry out this work has required a staff of sixteen inseminators located in the various counties.

That the Maple Unit is being studied by livestock experts throughout the Dominion is shown by the visits to the unit during the Royal Winter Fair of guests from all provinces except B.C. and P.E.I. Amongst the many who signed the visitors book, including representatives from other Ontario units we find the following: Wm. J. McCartney, Ormstown, Que.; A. F. Doure of Bega, N.S.W. Australia; R. Wachter, Provincial Vegetarian, Regina, Sask.; B. M. Tierholm, Department of Agriculture, Truro, N.S.; A. E. LaFrance, Manager of Artificial Breed Station, St. Pierre, Man.; J. K. King, Livestock Extension Service, Moncton, N.B.; W. E. Meade, Director Artificial Insemination, Calgary, Alta.; C. S. Prodon, Agricultural Extension Service, Winnipeg, Man.; and H. K. MacCharles, Dept. of Agriculture, Truro, N.S.

Scotsdale Bombardier Sells at $4800

Scotsdale Farm owned and operated by Mr. S. G. Bennett, of Georgetown, had the grand champion Shorthorn bull at the recent Royal Winter Fair, on Scotsdale Bombardier. Scotsdale Farm also had many wins in the group classes. Bombardier repeated his Royal triumph at the Chicago International Show. In the auction sale which followed Scotsdale Bombardier sold at a reported price of $4800. Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Bennett and his farm manager, Maurice Baker, on their outstanding achievements.

W. P. Watson to Address Halton Livestock Producers

A public meeting sponsored by Halton Livestock Improvement Association is scheduled for the Court House, Milton, on Friday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m. W. P. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner is to be the guest speaker. The topic under discussion will include a review of the livestock situation, marketing prospects for 1949 and an outline of the new Dairy Herd Improvement Policy recently announced by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Bill Watson, as he is popularly known to all live stock men, is noted for his sound practical addresses and a packed auditorium seems assured.

WHAT!, NO CHRISTMAS TREE THIS YEAR?

What is Christmas without a tree. That's what a lot of people say-who live in the warmer climes of the Caribbean Islands and in Central American countries. And they do something about it, for inspectors of the Plant Protection Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture have recently shipped 30,662 Christmas trees inspected to dest nation in those areas.

The market in southern countries is limited to those which have a good sprinkling of former northerners residing there, reports A. E. McCollom, the Division's Supervising Inspector. Such people like to celebrate Christmas with a tree as they did in their more northerly homes. Over the years too, some of the natives working for these people have copied the habits of their employers and they and their friends have trees in their homes at Christmas. The trees are trimmed by the natives in much the same way as is done by families in Canada.

Unfortunately a great increase in the distribution of this symbol of Christmas in the southern areas may not be possible. Santa Claus, his sleigh and reindeers unfortunately are symbolic too, and cannot make delivery; high ocean freight rates and delivery charges are actual—they add greatly to the cost of the tree to the user.

SLOW UP AT TWILIGHT ADVISE OFFICIALS

Contending that early darkness contributes to October's high toll of child traffic casualties in Ontario, officials of the Department of Highway urge drivers to take account of this factor and reduce speed at twilight.

October, they point out, is the worst month of the year for traffic fatalities among school age children. Darkness is beginning to settle when they start for home, and in the dusk they are less perceptible to the motorist. Less light requires less speed if accidents are to be avoided.

Children themselves, say the officials, should be taught to understand the early darkness makes them less visible to motorists, that themselves can see an approaching car seconds before the driver can spot them. Parents, teachers and other influential persons, try to impress on children the need for crossing streets only at intersections and only when there is plenty of time to reach the other side before the traffic reaches them. Another good safety habit at night is to wear or carry something white, say the highway spokesmen.

The provincial drive on child traffic accidents, launched before school opening, is being continued throughout October. Press, radio schools, service clubs and many other public and private agencies are giving strong support to this enterprise and its slogan, 'Ontario cannot afford to lose one child."

With the Royal Marine Band playing "Horsey, Keep Your Tail Up!", the only horse on the strength of the British Navy recently stepped jauntily between ranks of a smart guard of honor at Plymouth, to be demobilized.

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It was most gratifying to see a very good representation of the ratepayers at the nomination meeting last Thursday evening and sufficient interest in the business affairs of the village to bring on an election.

Messrs. J. A. Lamouette, J. H. Gibson, James Gibson Jr., and Auburn Wright returned home last week from the deer hunt at Camp Genesee, Wedenikoom Lake. They got their quota, some nice bucks among them.

Sixty years ago a rifle association was formed in Hillsburgh and the diamond Jubilee of this organization has been celebrated there. Moreover, in the notable shoot which took place last week the only contestant making a possible 100 score was 80-year-old Charlie Dyer. There were crack shots from Guelph, Georgetown, Fergus and other points in this competition.—Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Among district prizewinners at the Royal Winter Fair was Stan Price of Hornby who won two fourths and fifth in four exhibits. His prizes were scored on wheat, wheat sheaf and citrons.

Over ninety guests called to wish "happy birthday" to Mrs. Samuel Webster of Norval, when she held open house last Thursday to celebrated her 90th birthday.

The annual commencement exercises of Georgetown High School were held last Thursday in the Old Town Hall.

In a setting of bronze and white chrysanthemums the wedding was solemnized at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reid, of Agnes Leona Moggy, daughter of Mr. Reid Moggy of Manitowaning and the late Mrs. Moggy and James Herbert Reid of Georgetown. Rev. Louis Pickering of Acton United Church performed the double ring ceremony. — Herald.

OAKVILLE

Badminton enthusiasts of Oakville and other citizens may get a chance to watch India's champion badminton team in action, thanks to the enterprise of some members of the Oakville club. The players from the far east are now in Toronto, for the purpose of meeting the Canadian badminton team. Play begins to-morrow at the Carleton Club in Toronto.

Excavation work has been started for the new building of Calvary Baptist Church at the south-east corner of Colborne and Wilson streets, on the west side.

James R. Black, former councillor, and Howard S. Litchfield, present deputy-reeve, are candidates for the office of the mayor of Oakville for 1949.

Lt.-Col. P. R. Bingham, presently serving as general staff officer, grade one, at Headquarters Central Command, Oakville, has been appointed Officer Commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Replacing Lt.-Col. Bingham at Oakville, will be Lt.-Col. C. B. Ware, D.S.O., who is now completing the current course at the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston.—Record Star.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

LETTERS IN THE BIBLE

Golden Text: I write this to you who believe in the name of The Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. I Jno. 5: 13.

Lesson Text: Phil. 1: 1-11; 4: 8-9.

Exposition: I. Title and Benediction, Phil. 1, 2.

Philippi was a fortified Roman city situated on the borders of Macedonia and Thrace. It was originally a Thracian colony, situated in rich mining country. It was the first city in Europe visited by Paul. He had a vision in the night in which he saw a man of Macedonia saying, "Come over into Macedonia" (Ac. 16: 9). Amid ill treatment and persecution he planted Christianity there (Ac. 16: 16; 1 Thes. 2: 2). How well this work was done is indicated by the Phillipian epistle.

In New Testament epistles the inscription is placed at the beginning. Paul and Timotheus are the writers. Humbly they refer to themselves as the "servants of Jesus Christ." The word "servants" means "slave under bond" or "bond slave". So Paul regarded himself and so he taught his converts to regard themselves (Titus 1: 1; Jno. 12: 26; 15: 20). The term "bishop" means an overseer; it has no relation to the ecclesiastical pomp which Christendom has imparted to the office. Bishops were really pastors. Observe the apostolic benediction in v. 2. The longing of the writers is that "grace" meaning the unlimited favor of God, and "peace" meaning perfect relations with God, shall be their possession. This is the desire of every godly heart. Men hinder grace by cultivating sin. They ruin their peace of mind and life by disobeying God.

II. Ambitious for Their Welfare, 3-11.

In remembering their devotion, Paul's heart is filled with thankfulness. He had a true pastor's love for souls. He coveted only the best gifts for God's people. Thus he is filled with prayer for them. Paul knew that advice was not enough. As he had depended upon God for their conversion, so now he incessantly prays for their upbuilding in the knowledge of God's faith. Having seen their responsiveness in the past, he is encouraged to ask God to do even more through them. He looks at salvation as a lifelong process as well as an instantaneous conversion. He knows the Lord, who has begun a good work in them, will continue until the great day of our Lord Jesus Christ (ch. 2: 13; Jno. 6: 29; Ac. 11: 18; Rom. 8: 28-30; 2 Thes. 2: 13, 14; Heb. 13: 20, 21). It is the same God who saves that continues working out our good to ultimate glory. In this we may have confidence, certainty.

Paul's confidence for the future rests upon experience in the past. What God has done, that He will continue to do. But see what heights of affection are revealed in vs. 7 and 8 it evidences great grace. Would that those who have spent many years in Christ might have a like affection and high desire for the welfare of new converts to the faith. How they need to be nourished and cherished. Paul sets us a good example. If we seek good for ourselves, we should never stop there but seek it for others.

"If Think on These Things, 4: 8-9.

The exhortation in these verses of a general and comprehensive character. They are about the things to "think on", or more accurately, to "take account of." These are: (1) "Whatsoever things are true." We should take account of the truth, we should ignore the false. (2) "Whatsoever things are just," i.e. in accordance with God's will as revealed in His Word. (4) "Whatsoever things are pure"; not only the things which are chaste, but pure from defilement of any kind. (5) "Whatsoever things are lovely." The word translated "lovely means "winning love" or "winsome pleasing." True Christianity studies to please (I Cor. 13: 5). (6) "Whatsoever things are of good report (or "sweet spoken" attractive in the way of kindly speech)." (7) "If there be any virtue (i.e. moral strength), and if there be any praise (i.e. that is justly worthy of praise)." These are the things to "take account of," to dwell upon in thought and esteem. We become like what we think about. If we think constantly of the false we will ourselves become false, if we think long of the inconsistencies of men we will ourselves become inconsistent if we think much of sins of impurity we will ourselves become impure, if we think of all true things we will become true.

The exhortation is a most valuable one. We have learned the importance of right thinking. "Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: for as he thinketh in his heart, so he is . . ." (Prov. 23: 6, 7a). The thoughts we permit ourselves to think shape the character we are making. Conversion involves a change of mind as well as a change of life (Isa. 55: 7-9; 2 Cor. 5: 17; Phil. 2: 5). The Holy Spirit helps us in our thinking. He is our Teacher (Jno. 14: 26). In his office, the Spirit is engaged in molding our mental concepts of the truth, so that we may be able to think God's thoughts after Him. He leads us away from that which is evil and false toward that which is eternally good and true. But we have our part to fulfil in walking with God, obeying His precepts and continuing steadfast in prayer.

OUTBOARD GEAR SHIFT

Outboard motor with gear shift control giving forward, neutral and reverse settings is latest development of motor firm, reports The Financial Post.

Engine has rating of 10 h.p. at 4,000 rpm, weighs 56 lbs., has 5-gallon gasoline tank which can be hooked up to motor with 12-ft. flexible fuel pipe. Other features of the motor are one-lever speed control, underwater exhaust.

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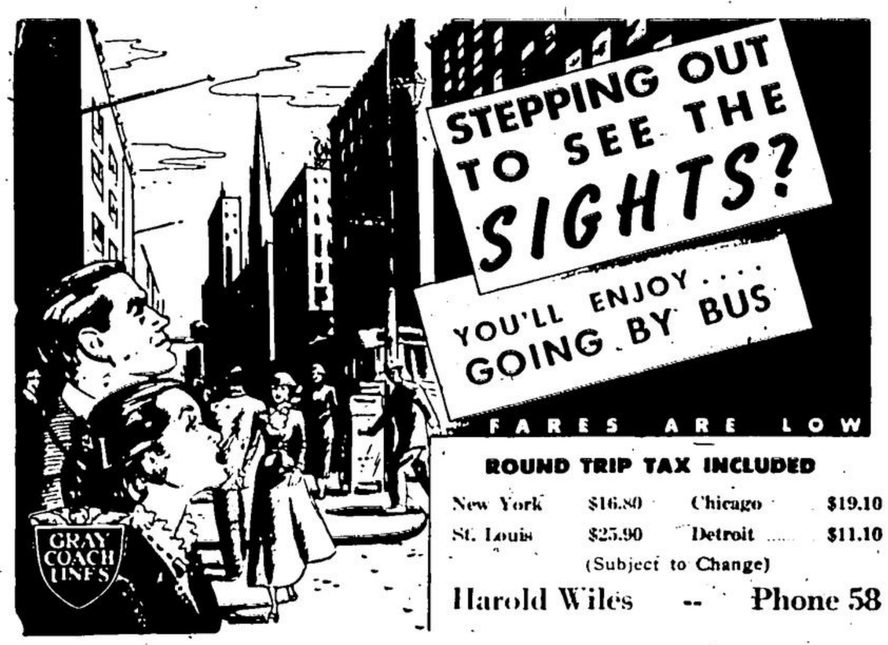

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