



Hogs Hit All Time High
Hog marketings in Ontario are still about 57,000 below the 1950 figure with a total of 606,000 for 1951 to June 9th. Quebec and Alberta are running practically neck and neck in hog production this year. Quebec has marketed 443,000 hogs, and Alberta 442,000. Saskatchewan is next with 129,000, and Manitoba follows with 121,000. The Maritimes have 90,000 and British Columbia 17,000. The total marketings of Canada up to the week end of June 10th, were 2,233,000, which is about 140,000 below last year's figure for this date.

As we write, Grade A hogs on the Toronto stockyards are quoted at 30c which is the highest price hogs have ever been on the Toronto stockyards. The fourth quarter of this year is expected to reveal some substantial increase in production with numbers and percentages very much more forward in the West than in the East.

The estimated figures for the 12 months ending December 31st next do not indicate much change from the actual marketings in 1950. Halton County marketed 5,330 hogs in October, November and December of 1950, and the estimate for the same period in 1951 is only about 8 per cent higher. The Ontario estimate for the last three months of the year indicates a 5 per cent increase in marketings over the same period in 1950.

Catchy Weather Retards Haying

Catchy weather and lack of labour has prevented much progress this past week in taking off Halton's best hay crop in some years. Coupled with this the crop is veryappy and takes a good deal of making. Considerable hay has already been baled and we can't help but wonder if some of it isn't going to be musty when the bales are opened next winter. Spring rains continue to promise a heavy crop.

Last winter we suggested the idea of mulching some of the spring grain with the hope it would stimulate better catches of seeds—help to retain soil moisture, and also prevent soil erosion. Several farmers have tried out the idea, and it certainly has given results.

During the past week we called on J. M. Readhead, of Lovellville. Maurice went into the broiler business a little over two years ago. At the moment they have something over 12,000 in their barn which has been converted into a "Broiler Factory". Frankly it is quite a sight to behold.

However, what we started out to report was the appearance of some of his spring grain and new seedlings. Some of the manure from his broiler pens was spread as a mulch on a section of one of his fields. The difference in appearance between the area mulched and that unmulched is amazing to say the least. On the mulched area the grain and new seeds are not only much more vigorous but they are a deep green in comparison to the unmulched areas. If the present drippy weather continues it almost looks as if those who tried out the mulching idea are going to cuss us at harvest time.

Farm Labour in Very, Very Short Supply

1951 will no doubt be remembered in history as a year of inflationary prices. It would also appear as if it will stand out as the worst year to date from the standpoint of available supply of farm labour. Just a few minutes ago we phoned W. Davison, Agricultural Advisor to the National Employment Service in the province.

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"No sir! I've got things worked out so that I can go right on living comfortably. It won't

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS, PEONIES FORM SETTING FOR CORNER-ROSS WEDDING

In Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, on Saturday, June 23, Eleanor Elizabeth Ross, recent graduate of Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, Kinriva Farm, became the bride of Thomas A. Corner, Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Corner. Rev. Robert Armstrong, officiated at the double ring ceremony in a setting of pink and white peonies and orange blossoms. George Elliott was at the organ with Mrs. Davidson as soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore embroidered organdy over tulle bodice and Peter Pan collar. Her fingertip veil of tulle illusion—was held by a matching bonnet. Her bouquet was of Japanese Iris.

Miss Elizabeth Manser of Toronto was maid of honor with Mrs. Donald Ross bridesmaid. Both were gowned alike in turquoise violet and carried pink sweet peas. Wee Lyn Savage of Toronto was flower girl gowned in pink organdy and carrying sweet peas. Mr. Arnold Aral, Toronto was best man, and Dr. Donald Ross, brother of the bride, Mr. Wm. Corner of St. Thomas, Mr. Donald Corner of Toronto were ushers.

Receiving over 100 guests at the reception in the garden at the bride's home, the bride's mother wore navy sheer with a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore figured silk, with a corsage of red roses.

Guests were from Toronto, Peterborough, St. Thomas, Barrie, Bolton, Orillia, Sussex, England, Acton and district.

For going away the bride changed to a turquoise linen dress with white accessories and a corsage of white sweet peas.

Lucky Prizes Won By Acton Residents

A number of Acton people were winners of prizes at a draw held at Georgetown recently under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of Holy Cross Church, Georgetown. The draw was made at the bingo in the Legion Hall and tickets were sold in Acton by members of the St. Joseph's Church here.

Following is a list of the prize winners: Iron, Fred Bilocco, Acton; linen table cloth, I. Elliott, Georgetown; table lamp, M. Haneneker, Toronto; blankets, Denise Ridley, Acton; coffee maker, N. H. Beckhold, Georgetown; casserole, J. Cummins, Georgetown; rug, Mrs. Colin MacColl, Acton; luncheon set, H. McAvoy, Guelph; card table, Edith Francescato, Acton; tray, H. Dickie, Georgetown; fancy table cloth, Mrs. S. Doherty, Hamilton; water set, K. Willis, Blainville; pillow cases, Marie Synott, Acton; bath towels, B. Duffy, Hamilton; cushion, O. Litville, New Hamburg.

Home Helpers Hold Annual Meeting

The Annual Home Helpers' meeting of the Senior Auxiliary W.M.S. of Knox Church was held recently at the home of Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

Owing to the death of the husband of Mrs. Lindsay, past president of Guelph Presbyterian, Mrs. Bricker, the guest speaker, was unable to be present. Mrs. Chas. Hansen carried through a very interesting program. After the devotions, which were taken by Mrs. McLellan and Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Anderson very sweetly sang "Near to the Heart of God."

Mrs. Buchanan gave two interesting readings from Mrs. Chas. Cowman, gleanings gathered from the work of her husband among native African tribes; Mrs. Hassard a poem; Mrs. Mainprize the Synodical Home Helpers' report and Miss Clark the report of the Berblce Conference as sent by Miss Beatrice Scott.

The money for the spring bale was asked to be given to Mrs. Masales very soon.

Mrs. Mainprize spoke with sympathy of Mrs. Lindsay's bereavement and asked that a letter be sent to her on behalf of the auxiliary.

Piano Pupils Play At First Recital

Over 150 filled Acton Baptist church last Thursday evening, June 21st for the first recital of the music pupils of Miss Ethel Franklin. After the very enjoyable program which included accordion and vocal numbers as well as piano solos and duets, Marilyn Marks presented Miss Franklin with a glittering necklace and bracelet of brilliants on behalf of the pupils.

The fine musicianship displayed in the program attested to fine teaching and Miss Franklin said herself to the work of the pupils.

Bert Boyd was in charge of the program and called forward young piano artists, Peter Lawson, Jon Hay, Marilyn Lemon, Wayne Bowson, Bobby Dubs, Ann Watkins, Mary Lane, Faries, Betty Lemon, Bob Agnew, Audrey Ekel, Yvonne McElroy, Rich He-len and Bob Leachborough, Laura Ritchie, Faye Saks, Sophia Moore, Gail Dobbs, Bob Marshall, Linda, Mann, Phyllis Barnes, John Masselle, Joy Peal, Dorothy McDonnell, Betty Snelgar, Joyce Chisholm, Elan, Rachlin, Marilyn Marks, Fay Garner, Latice Farmer, Fay Andrews, Arlene Gordon, Betty Allan, Peggy Oakes and Shirley Thompson.

John Masselle and Bob Agnew sang a duet, and Shirley Thompson a solo. Fay Garner played "The Blue Danube Waltz" on the accordion. To-day (Thursday) Miss Franklin's pupils will enjoy 3 picnic at the farm home of Mrs. Stanley Bowen.

Acton Native Dies In Montana June 11

William D. Lasby, who was born in Acton 74 years ago, died in a Montana hospital on June 11. In 1910 he retired from the drug business in Townsend and moved to Tacoma.

Mr. Lasby was active in Republican affairs, serving as state representative in Montana from 1934 to 1936. In 1948 he was a candidate for a similar office from Tacoma's 28th district. Surviving are his wife, Marie; a son, Dr. J. O. Lasby, Tacoma; a daughter, Mrs. Don Gell (Maie), Portland; two brothers, Sam Lasby, Acton and Oliver, Denver; a sister, Mrs. Belle Oram, St. Catharines, Ont. and seven grandchildren. Another son, William Arthur, a lieutenant in the air force, was killed in a training accident in Florida in 1941.

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