

Fashion Hint**RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CROP MEETING**

W. P. Watson Reviews Agricultural Conditions and Outlook for 1952

1952's not very old, but still shopping for clothes (with the exception of children's clothes, generally), is usually ahead of season. One store in Toronto had a front window which persistently advertised "Full Fashions" all during the Christmas season - we don't mean that for chisel!

But for a major item like a coat, buyers should be looking ahead and, of course, watching for sales in the time they have in mind. Almost an all-season coat is this casual sport coat. In belted cashmere, it has grace of line and luxury of fabric. The accents on spring for its winter purchase.

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Mrs. A. Kerr Host At Christmas Party

Mrs. Archie Kerr was hostess at the December meeting of Churchill W.A.C.

Twelve members were present and Mrs. H. Griffin read part of the Christmas story as the topic of her devotions. Several Christmas carols were enjoyed and Mrs. Turner favored the ladies with a very lovely solo.

Mr. W. Swackhamer took charge of the business which followed. Last minute plans were made for the baking sale, which was held the following Saturday.

Cards and front were arranged for shut-ins on Christmas. The frequent reader of the year's finances which showed an active year for the ladies.

With the election of the following officers, the business part of the meeting came to a close: president, Mrs. E. Freeman; vice-president, Mrs. A. Kerr; secretary, Mrs. W. Butler; treasurer, Mrs. H. Griffin; pianist, Mrs. R. Denny; flower secretary, Mrs. B. Leitch; missions, Mrs. A. Kerr; reporter, Mrs. R. Denny.

While Mrs. Kerr and her helpers prepared a very dainty lunch, little Arthur Thomson, acting as Santa presented each lady with a gift from the tree.

EVERTON Week-End Guests Visit In Community

In the first five months of 1951 we marketed 93,000 hogs per week for the next three months, 72,000 hogs per week but during the last three months our weekly marketings ranged from \$21,000 to \$50,000.

Present estimates would indicate that up to mid-June our marketings in 1952 are likely to be up to 10 to 12% over the same period in 1951. Most of this increase," added Mr. Watson, "will come from Western Canada. There are a lot of people who are not satisfied with hog prices but we must not overlook the fact that hogs are at least 3 cents per pound higher now than they are in United States and for most of last year the Canadian price was 4 to 6 cents per pound higher than in any other country in the world."

Our only guarantee for 1952 is a floor price of \$32.50 for Wiltshire delivered at seaboard, which is the equivalent of \$26 to \$27 per cwt in Toronto dressed weight."

Dealing with the dairy situation, he stated: "We produced 16 billion pounds more milk with 500,000 fewer dairy cows than in 1945. In other words, our cow population is down 11%, and our milk production only 6%. We have weeded out some of our lower producing cows pasture conditions were more favorable in 1951."

Due to our increased population in Canada, we are consuming a higher percentage of fluid milk. "Our butter production," stated Mr. Watson, "is down but there is a big increase of 82 million bushels over 1949, a 300 million bushel crop of barley or 86 million bushels more than in 1949."

In referring to weather conditions in Western Canada which prevented the harvesting of part of the crop he stated: "80% of the crop was harvested in Manitoba and 65% in Saskatchewan and Alberta and the balance will be harvested in the spring and will make feed."

"It is difficult," stated Mr. Watson, "to understand why grain prices should be so high - some of our industries have not expanded or kept pace with the expansion of this country. We have no more box cars than in pre-war years," he added, "and with our boat ac-

OBITUARY Prominent District Born Doctor Dies

After a life of purposeful work in behalf of his fellowmen, Dr. Harold Craig Reid Hagyard, of Perth, passed on following a heart attack in his office last Friday.

Began an editor in the Ottawa Evening Citizen of December 26,

Dr. Hagyard, Perth coroner and medical practitioner, was born near Milton on December 1st, 1881, and educated in Milton and Georgetown. He was the son of Thomas Hagyard and the former Florence

Craig.

Taking his medical degree at Queen's University, he graduated in 1915. After practicing in Kingston and McDonald's Corners near Perth, he joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1921 and moved to Perth and was married in Hamilton to the former Mary Edna Dewey.

The Perth blood donor clinic was organized and operated by Dr. Hagyard, who took an active part in Red Cross work. He was largely responsible for the Ottawa branch of the Red Cross, which is a memorial to his son, Flight Sergeant William Dewey Hagyard, reported missing in action, February, 1942. His leadership also led to the establishment of a war memorial at the Perth Hospital.

His help went beyond that of his profession and it may well be that this unflagging effort hastened his death, of a heart attack suffered at his office, at the age of 80.

Dr. Hagyard was a fisherman, and was instrumental in organizing the Perth baseball team. He was a member of the United Church.

It was reported that he recently left his bed during a storm to answer an emergency call, knowing well he had a heart condition. The next day he visited his patients as usual, and finally collapsed.

Surviving are his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. John Wickware (Norah); Mrs. Charles Murray (Barbara), both of Montreal, a sister, Isabella Stark, and a brother, Stephen Hagyard, both of RR #5, Milton.

A guard of honor of Provincial Police flanked the coffin with a guard of honor from the Perth Rotary Club, of which Dr. Hagyard was a very active member.

To quote again the Ottawa Evening Citizen, Dr. Hagyard was "a dedicated man of very considerable stature."

Bring Million Hp. In Operation in '51

In the big Canadian race to keep plant growth space with load growth, well over a million horse power of steam and hydro electric capacity was brought into operation in 1951 in developments from coast to coast, says The Financial Post. Of the total, 381,250 hp were new hydro-electric capacity.

Quebec led the power parade with some 461,700 hp added during the year. Ontario brought in 376,500 hp and Alberta, 100,000 to almost double the province's hydro capacity.

On the drawing boards for operation by or before 1952 is another 4,017,130 hp, exclusive of the St. Lawrence Seaway potential. It's estimated that more than 17 million hp of new hydro-electric capacity will be brought into operation before the end of 1953.

Poet's Corner**THE OLD SLEIGH BELLS**

There came a sound to day that was familiar,
Seldom heard, it carried me away
Back thru the years when notes like those sounded
In whining chimers each frosty winter day.

It was the tinkle of the old sleigh bells ringing,
And the frosty runners sliding on the snow.
The bells were keeping time to horizon footsteps,
With their tinkling chiming to and fro.

If you would go to hear a concert classed,

Or have to some fine musician rare
You could not enjoy it any more
than I did.
When I heard those chimes ring through the frosty air!

Laura B. Dixon

FINDING URANIUM FROM SKY

Members of Britain's Atomic Energy Research Establishment have successfully tested a new technique of prospecting for uranium from a radiation detector equipped aeroplane. Tests were carried out at a height of 500 feet and a speed of 120 miles an hour.

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