

CAMPBELLVILLE

**After Long Illness
Albert E. Hull Dies**

Campbellville district lost one of its oldest residents on Thursday. Mr. Albert Edmund Hull of R.R. 1, Campbellville, passed away at his home on Thursday afternoon after a lengthy illness. He was born and raised in this community, where he spent all his life. He was a member of St. David's Church, Campbellville.

Left to mourn are his wife, two sons, Lorne at home and Oliver of Milton and one daughter (Myrtle). Mrs. Dave Smillie of Milton, also one brother Harry. One sister passed away in 1908.

He rested at the MacNab and Son Funeral Home in Milton where a short service was held on Saturday afternoon, thence to St. David's Presbyterian Church for service at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. J. E. Sutherland. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Poof's Corner

A WISH IN LATE WINTER
By Mary Ellen Varley

The earth has grown shabby with too much rain. The mind awakens at the thought of snow Soft-falling over nature's agrim chicane Covering for awhile the land's deep woe.

Who can pluck beauty of a winter day From memory alone? It should hold Shadow-loveliness—joy of youthful play

And sound reality of wind and cold. It should bring new contentment to the farm And purity to city streets. The white

Flurry should gather all its many charms In one last effort as God's acolyte!

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CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by ROY SHAVER Past President
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Editor's Note: Roy Shaver of Finch, Ont., past president of Ontario Plowmen's Association, accompanied Douglas S. Reid of Brampton, Ont., and Algie Wallace of North Gower, Ont., Canada's champion plowman, on their trip to the British Isles, Eire and France. This is the second of a series of five weekly articles he has written as team manager about their experiences and impressions.

By ROY SHAVER

Rather than try to recount every stop we made and every town and farm we visited in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Eire and England, I thought this week I would tell you of some of the impressions we gained of farming in those countries.

"We" means Doug Reid of Brampton, 26-year-old Canadian tractor plowing champ, Algie Wallace, of North Gower, 35, horse plowing champion, and myself, Roy Shaver, of Finch, Ont., their team manager.

First of all I would like to make one point. I do not think it is possible to compare adequately Canadian and British farming methods or farms. Climatic differences for instance make it almost impossible to discuss cattle feeding, for in England they are able to pasture their cattle during months that in Canada it is impossible to do so.

Defy Modernization
Another reason against comparison is the many old farm buildings we saw which defy modernization and are consequently handicaps to efficiency.

One of the first things the boys noticed was the absence of barns as we know them in this country. On the majority of the farms they had byres, which in essence are really only four posts with a roof on top. In these byres the cattle shelter from the weather and feed during autumn and winter pasturing.

The factor which most impressed Doug in British farming was the weed control, and I think I agree with him. The weed control on the British farms is outstanding; there is not a weed to be seen on the majority of the farms.

Women Work Too
While the three of us were agreed that British farming could stand to be more mechanized, and were a little astonished to see the amount of heavy work that is done in the fields by women, we still had to take our ten-gallon hats off to the British farmer in the matter of yield per acre. They are still ahead of us there.

It is hard to decide why this should be. Perhaps it's because the land is richer, or maybe they look after it better or fertilize it more.

One farm we won't forget in a hurry, because there we saw something that upset all our notions about cattle breeding. It was the farm of J. O. O'Neil, just outside Belfast. Mr. O'Neil farms his 100 acres just about as intensively as 100 acres can be farmed. With a herd of more than 100 Ayrshires he was keeping more than one cow per acre without feeding them concentrates. He feeds them only ensiled hay, about 90 pounds per day per cow. His hay was cured in horizontal silos and was testing about 14 per cent protein.

Need New Blood Stock
All of which, as you will agree, was very good, and we were impressed by this performance; but then Mr. O'Neil told us that he hadn't bought a male or female in six years. He was obviously an enthusiastic supporter of inbreeding, and we were hard-pushed for

something to say, for his herd showed every sign of the need for new blood stock.

Three of the larger farms we visited in Scotland and England were breeding and milking Holsteins, and some of the cattle were direct descendants from two of Ontario's best-known blood lines. But first let me tell you of a fact which struck us as rather strange. In Scotland the farmers thought very ill of the Canadian-type Holsteins, both breeders and milkers, while English farmers could not say enough to the credit of Holsteins.

On the farm of Edwin de Gray Seaman, in Huntingdonshire, we came across a son of Marksmen, the animal that packed the Alliston farmhouse of J. J. E. McCague with so many blue ribbons. Mr. Seaman was farming 1,800 acres, 800 of which were reclaimed marsh. He was running 300 Canadian-bred Holsteins and would write an unsolicited testimonial for them at the drop of anyone's hat.

Fine Clydesdale Stable
At Calthorpe we found our second Ontario expatriate in a flourishing son of the pride of Oxford County, Tom Dent's Sovereign. He was on the 1,200 acre dairy farm of James Alston. All of Mr. Alston's 250 Holsteins were from Canadian blood lines. He was milking 100 with an average test of 37 per cent. Incidentally, he also had one of the finest stables of Clydesdales that we saw in the whole of our visit.

Though he did not voice it to any of the farmers, Doug had one suggestion for improving the British farms. He thinks they would be well advised to uproot the hedgerows with which the English countryside abounds. He admitted willingly that they were picturesque but his practical Canadian eye decided too much land is wasted on either side of the hedges. "If they were my farms," he said, "I'd get a bulldozer and root them all out, then replace them with an electric or stationary fence of some kind."

One question I have been asked repeatedly since our return is "How is the British farmer making out?" Though we did not have an opportunity to speak to what we can loosely refer to as the average farmer, I would say that for a long time the British farmer hasn't been as well off as he is now.

Don't Want Change
Most of the farmers we met were operating fairly large farms that could be called showplaces, but all of them agreed they didn't want anything to change for a while. Though they are up against high feed prices they have guaranteed markets, with government supported prices, for everything they can produce.

That they cannot produce enough is easily demonstrated. Eggs are rationed at one and two per person per week, depending upon available supplies. They cost about 14 cents each, or \$1.68 a dozen. If I tell you that six pounds, or \$16.50 more than the average weekly salary in the British Isles, I don't think there is much more I need tell you about the food situation.

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

In 1902 a New York toymaker asked President Teddy Roosevelt if he would lend his name to a "cuddly, fuzzy, newly inspired toy bear." TR consented and added, "I don't think my name's worth much in the bear business." With 150 million Teddy Bears now made yearly, the royalties which might have accrued to a less modest man would have been astronomical," says the Reader's Digest.

**ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
ROCKWOOD WEDDING**

Rockwood United church was the scene of a lovely St. Valentine Day wedding when Marion Velma Hamilton exchanged vows with Gordon Frank Ostrander. Rev. John Oliver officiated. Baskets of white chrysanthemums and snapdragons with silver foliage and green ferns decorated the church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Hamilton, R. R. 3, Rockwood and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostrander, R. R. 3, Rockwood.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin, lace and net. The fitted bodice was fashioned with a high neckline with the lace collar scalloped to give a shawl effect at the back and front of the bodice. The bustline was hooped skirt was topped by a graceful net overskirt and a peplum of lace. Her veil, which was embroidered with satin hearts, was held by a lace over satin headdress. The bride's all-white bouquet was of carnations and hyacinths, accented with green foliage.

Mrs. Charles McGhee, Shelbourne, was matron of honor for her sister. She wore a gown of Coronation red velvet with bonnet of matching material and mittens in matching shade. She also wore a rhinestone necklace and earrings and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

The two bridesmaids, Mrs. Austin Ross, sister of the bride and Mrs. Frederick Hepburn and the flower girl, Miss Marilyn Ostrander, sister of the groom, were gowned in Coronation red velvet to match that of the maid of honor. They too carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums.

Gordon Bingham of Kitchener was the best man and the ushers were Murley Milson of Rockwood, cousin of the groom, and William Hamilton, Toronto, brother of the bride.

George Day presided at the organ and accompanied Neil and Norman Lambert of Rockwood, who sang "The Sunshine of Your Smile" at the signing of the register and "Oh Perfect Love" prior to the ceremony.

Pink and white streamers decorated the Sunday school room of the church for the reception which followed the ceremony. The bride's table was centred with a white three-tiered wedding cake and bouquets of spring flowers.

The bride's mother received her guests wearing a dress of navy crepe trimmed with navy Chantilly lace and navy accessories. Her corsage was of pink rosebuds.

For a honeymoon trip to Florida and the southern United States, the bride changed to a navy gabardine suit with navy leather shoes, bag and gloves, dusky pink coat with mink trim, matching hat and a corsage of white gardenias. Guests were present at the wedding from Toronto, Kitchener, Guelph, Acton, Erin and Aries.

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