

Heart Disease Biggest Killer

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels now constitutes the largest group of deaths in Canada each year, approximately 50,000 annually reports the Canadian Heart Association. Nearly half of the deaths in people over 50 years of age fall into this group. Diseases of the heart and blood vessels caused three times as many deaths as cancer, five times as many as from violence and accidents, and eight times as many as tuberculosis.

Hardening of the arteries is the chief offender in causing heart disease in people over the age of 40. Amongst children rheumatic fever is still in a prominent position, although it has fallen somewhat in the last 10 years. In 1942 it was the second leading cause of death from disease among school children, now it is fourth. Each year in Canada there are approximately 700 infants who die in the first year of life from congenital heart disease.

FARM NEWS

HALTON GARDEN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Thirty-five Halton Garden Club members held their achievement day in the Milton town hall, on Friday of last week. The program was directed by Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, Halton Home Economist, assisted by Mrs. Marion Montgomery.

During the morning the Club members judged classes of carrots and tomatoes and answered a garden quiz. The afternoon program included five club demonstrations, and eight special exhibits staged and commented on by third year members.

Six clubs, namely Acton, Ashgrove-Norval, Hornby Home Garden Club, Hornby Happy Hoers, Lowville, and Omagh participated in the day's program.

U.S. REFERENDUM CARRIES

The poll of United States farmers conducted on August 14th, to determine whether marketing quotas and high level price supports were favored for the 1953-54 wheat crop, carried by a 7 to 1 margin. The vote was 87.2 per cent. favorable, with only a two-thirds majority required to carry.

This means that U.S. wheat farmers will be assigned acreage quotas and will be assured of a price equal to 90 per cent. of parity. Had quotas not been approved, the support would have been only 50 per cent. of parity or about \$1.22 per bus. in place of \$2.20.

Marketing quotas similar to those adopted by the Canadian Wheat Board will also be designated.

LARGE GRAIN CROPS FORECAST

The first crop estimate by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics based on conditions at August 1st indicated that 1953 crops of wheat, barley and rye, will be the second largest on record. The forecast for wheat is 603.8 million bushels, 43 per cent. larger than the 10 year (1943-52) average. However, this year's crop is later than normal, and an early frost could still cut yields and quality, although recent warm, clear weather has improved chances.

The barley crop is forecast at 283.2 million bus., only slightly below last year's record 291.4 million. A possible rye crop of 29.7 million bus. would be second only to the record of 32.4 million in 1922.

Production of oats, estimated at 402.3 million bus. is down 64% million bus. from last year. Mixed grains also show a small decrease.

When this year's harvest is added to last year's carry-over, an abundant supply of feed per grain-consuming animal unit seems indicated.

AUGUST 1st MEAT STOCKS

Freezer stocks of meat declined seasonal during July in both Canada and the U.S. At the end of the month the most decided change

from a year ago was shown by pork, which would be expected from the lower trend of hog marketings in both countries.

The comparisons are as follows:

Freezer Stocks of Meat (million pounds)	
Canada	United States
Aug. '52 '53	Aug. '52 '53
Pork 32.5 19.2	358.9 202.8
Beef 10.6 21.8	152.0 141.7
Veal 2.8 3.5	10.1 12.5
Mutton and Lamb 6 8	11.8 11.
	46.5 45.3
	533.4 368.

It will be noted that U.S. meat stocks show a proportionately larger decrease than Canadian figures, with pork particularly below the average of recent years. Despite heavy slaughtering of cattle, phenomenal beef consumption has kept stocks from mounting.

From present indications North American meat stocks will be down to fairly modest levels before marketings increase seasonally this fall.

REAL CONSERVATION STATES CURRIE

The young lake on the Esquesing-Nassagaweya town line above the Speyside sideroad has finally just about disappeared. In May the roadway was under four feet of water for six or seven hundred feet, and extended to the east and west an even greater distance. Engineers who inspected the pocket in question stated it was not economically sound to attempt to drain off the water. Where did the water go? Some of it evaporated—but in the main it has been absorbed by the ground. "That in my opinion," recently stated chairman Geo. Currie of the Halton Conservation Committee, "is true water conservation and it must have strengthened springs somewhere."

CROP LEADERS RAISE SIGHTS

An announcement recently made by the winter wheat committee of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association states the "Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Competitions" of former years, will be called "Sixty Bushel Competitions" for the 1953-54 season.

These competitions conducted annually in some 20 Ontario counties, are as we see it justified for two reasons—first, it means that in each of the counties concerned, anywhere from ten to 30 growers sow registered seed annually. These growers in turn serve as a source of high quality seed in their respective communities and counties. Secondly, these competitions serve as a medium of comparing new varieties with some of the old stand-bys.

The regulations call for a minimum of at least five acres using registered seed of Dawson's Golden Chaff, Cornell 595, Dawbul or Genesee. The latter is a new variety originated at Cornell University in New York State.

Halton growers interested in participating in the Halton Competition should make their entries with the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Anyone wishing information regarding a source of any one of the varieties mentioned can also secure such at the same office.

A replica of the Royal Coach brought over from England where it was on display during the Coronation will be a highlight of this year's Canadian National Exhibition. Exact in every detail, the model took 4500 hours to build.

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EDITORIAL

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MORE WESTERN

Poet's Corner

A CHILD SHOULD KNOW

A child should know the beauty of morning
As it touches with gold the brow of the hill,
And wakens the flowers in woodland glade,
While the wind is playing or lost and still.

A child should hear the music of the dawn,
The hum of tractor and wonder of birdsong,
The winging of crows, and the broken tune
Of the wee brook as it gurgles along.

A child should feel the grass beneath his toes
And wash of sough where the waves roll over,
The sun on his body and air-sweet nights,
And between his lips the taste of clover.

A child should know where the fall wheat reflects
All of the sun; where meadow farks rise
Above the wide fields where the daisies nod,
Beneath the darting flight of dragon flies.

Yes, they should know the joy of out-of-doors,
Should love its peace and all its seasons glow
And having this, have God within themselves,
That they, in purest dignity may grow.

Mary Ellen Varley, Oakville

MISTAKE?

A stern, hatchet-faced woman entered the office and demanded to see the chief.
Boss: "Is she good looking?"
Office Boy: "Yes sir, very beautiful."
Boss: "Then show her up."
After the woman's departure the boss sent for the office boy.
Boss: "You're a nice judge of beauty."
Office Boy: "Well, sir, I thought she might be your wife."
Boss: "(Snapping) She is!"

CECIL A. CARR

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Acton High School RE-OPENING

The Acton High School will reopen for the Fall Term on Tuesday, September 8th at 9 a.m. All students planning to attend next term should be present on the first day in order to register and to get a list of the text books required. The only supplies needed for opening day are a pencil and a memo pad and students are advised not to purchase any text books beforehand.

Mr. Robbins, principal, will be at the school Thursday and Friday, September 3rd and 4th to interview any students or parents who might wish to see him before school formally opens.

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Empty Lots Gone In Prairie Towns

An Edmonton writer mourns the loss of the vacant spaces where he used to play as a boy. The empty lots have gone, he says, not only in Edmonton, but in scores of other cities on the Prairies.

Only a few years ago, right up to the end of the war in fact, there were probably more vacant city lots in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon than there were full ones. They were left over from the great real estate boom which collapsed in 1913-14.

Oil, natural gas and solid farm prosperity have changed all that, says the Financial Post. The empty lots of the prairie towns and cities, the long miles of paved streets, sewer and water mains that waited for customers, have come into their own. The small boy may have to go further to find a place for games but not nearly so far, a few years hence, when he sets out to find a job.



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