

MODEST DAIRY FARMER FIRST WORLD TRACTOR PLOWING CHAMP

A modest, almost shy young Ontario dairy farmer, who placed second in both provincial and Canadian championships, is the first tractor plowing champion of the world.

In fact, so modest is James Eccles, 34, of Brampton, Ont., about his plowing abilities, that he was not intending to enter this year's Ontario Plowmen's Association International Match at all. He did so at the last minute only at the urging of close friends.

For the first two days of the four-day plowing match, Eccles trailed

behind 26 year-old Robert Timbers of Stouffville, who came in ahead of him to win the Ontario and Canadian championships. But during the last two days, when the world class- es were held, it was a different story.

Eccles was almost the last man to get started, but when the final score was announced he had beaten competitors from ten other countries, and Bob Timbers as well. Timbers placed third in the world class.

Both Eccles and Timbers are past winners of the Esso Trans-Atlantic

Class and have made the six week's trip to Great Britain and Europe to compete in plowing matches there. Bob Timbers was silver medalist in the Esso Trans-Atlantic in 1948 and Jim Eccles was gold medalist in 1948.

They will both compete in the second world match to be held in Europe, early next fall. They will travel as guests of Imperial Oil.

Eccles, who has been match plowing for 19 years, is the first winner of the Esso Golden Plow, the world championship trophy. In a field of 20 champion plowmen the judges rated the first seven as follows: Eccles, 154 points; Odd Braut, Norway, 151; Timbers, 150; Allan Helin, Sweden, 147; Leslie Dixon, Great Britain, 146; Olav Nedberg, Norway, 145, and F. T. L. Van Galen, Holland, 144.

Jim Eccles works a 425-acre dairy and mixed farm, four miles west of

Brampton. His farm has been in the Eccles family since it was settled by his great grandfather who crossed from the British Isles in a sailboat. He is married to the former Margaret Ford of Milton, and has two daughters, Wilma, three and Heather Marie, eight months.

Bob Timbers, one of the youngest veterans of match plowing in Ontario, has been contesting O.P.A. Internationals since 1946. When he won the first Canadian championship this month he became first holder of the Esso Silver Plow, the national championship trophy donated by Imperial Oil.

Bob has been coached by his father, Winfred, since he was nine. An uncle, Fred Timbers, won the 1946 Esso Trans-Atlantic award, and a cousin, Eugene Timbers, won the 1951 overseas trip.

Bob owns a 100-acre mixed farm, near Stouffville, where he was born.

Diphtheria Ready Could Kill Again

The absence of what was once a scourge amongst children should not be allowed to lull parents into a sense of apathy towards protective measures," observes Dr. S. C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health for Lancashire, England.

"If a feeling that active immunization is no longer necessary should gain ground, then, indeed, we should see the return, perhaps with renewed vigor, of what was once one of the most deadly of childish ailments—diphtheria."

Dr. Gawne points out that whereas in 1938 there were 4,871 cases of diphtheria and 208 deaths from this cause in Lancashire, the immunization campaign which was begun in England in 1940 reduced the number of cases to 72, of which just two were fatal.

Prior to the immunization campaign, diphtheria was the most common single cause of death among school-age children, and it was the third most common cause of death between the ages of one and five years.

BABYFACE?

Cuebs have to be mighty careful with their flirtatious these days. We heard about one per under-graduate who turned her charms on the school's football hero one day, and met with apparent success.

"Look, we've never been formally introduced," the athlete stammered "but I've seen you around a lot."

"Are you doing anything tonight?" he offered.

"Why, no," was her excited reply. "What did you have in mind?"

"Well, my wife and I want to go to the movies, and I wondered if you'd be free to sit with our baby."

WA, Congregation Hold Joint Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of Churchill W.A. and the quarterly meeting of the congregation was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leitch. The devotional period, held jointly, was taken by Mrs. Ralph Denny.

Mrs. Archie Kerr took charge of the business. Owing to illness, several members were absent, but the ladies proceeded to make plans for their baking sale and Christmas bazaar.

Reports were made on cards, fruit and flowers sent to members who are on the sick list.

Lunch was served by the members of the committee and a social time enjoyed.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

No woman driver should travel more than 50 miles without taking definite steps to ensure (1) her personal comfort, (2) her beauty, (3) her peace of mind.

For personal comfort make certain the car seat is forward enough for your leg length. No need to strain leg muscles by perching on the front of the seat, and it's actually dangerous to drive clutching the steering wheel for support to keep that position. A three-second seat adjustment and a pillow for the small of the back will double your driving comfort.

Why not carry beauty aids in the car, as a permanent thing? The glove compartment is already overcrowded, so hang an inexpensive plastic shoe bag from the back of the front seat and use the pockets for a make-up kit, cleaning pads, toilet preparations, hand lotion, soap, wash cloth, a hand scarf and a pair of low-heeled shoes for driving. And why the fuss with that tiny rear-view mirror when you can easily attach a large one to the back of the sun visor?

For peace of mind, check to make certain you have a jack that actually works, tire changing tools, a stout tow rope and a flashlight with fresh batteries. Eight out of ten drivers admit they lack at least one of these items.

No need to break a window if you've lost the keys or locked them in the car and who hasn't? Wire or tape a duplicate key under the hood if it opens without releasing an inside catch or a rod located in the car and your key worries are over.



Extravagant looking, it is even trimming lace evening gowns! Since fur is used in such tiny pieces as earrings it isn't too difficult for clever needlestitchers to re-adapt old fur. Small collars, or a straight band of trimming for a stole could be cut from an out-dated fur trimming. If you can find any fur tails, four or five can be caught together at the top with a large brooch, and worn at the collar of a high-necked blouse.

If you have the still-good but discarded fur on hand, you need only watch advertisements for ideas on remodeling.

Surely the gossipiest book in the Acton library is Love Conquers Nothing by Emily Hahn. It's straight backstairs chat from cover to cover and it's about people we know, which is an important factor in good gossip!

You remember Lady Hamilton, the "friend" of that poor fellow Nelson? Well, do you know that before she met him... and afterwards...

Emily Post would never have approved of Julius Caesar, and here's why...

Cleopatra and Anthony madly in love? They had other tricks up their sleeves!

Have you noticed Henry the Eighth's nasty little mouth? And what a sweet head that Anne Boleyn had! She certainly thinks she knows men!

Have you heard about that French woman a spy and traitor, who had to shave very very carefully every day?

You'll join the ranks of royal households if you read Love Conquers Nothing! Emily Hahn's thesis is that these famous lovers didn't shape history nearly as much as we think they did. Someone would have to see with the touch of John Galsworthy, she says, what Henry VIII got up to. She does not think Lady Hamilton made a single bit of difference to the British navy.

These are the points she makes; a list of the names of the royal houses is included in the book. It is a most interesting read.

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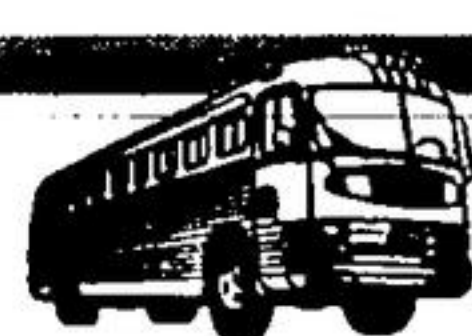
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