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**See Trafalgar Development as
Halton Building Boom Continues**

Booms in Halton developments the increasing and new impetus was added last week in Trafalgar township when it was anticipated a community with a population of 10,000 with industries imported from Europe would be established across from the Ford Oakville development on the Queen Elizabeth highway.

The anticipation was based on a development project to be completed the next five or six years with 2,500 homes and as many as 30 factories. Green light for the development flashed when Trafalgar township council decided to "go it alone" in providing sewers and water facilities for the southern section of the township.

The project is being undertaken by a group known as Falgairwood Holdings Ltd., headed by Mark T. McKee, wealthy Detroit business executive. The land was originally optioned by Louis Mayzel of Toronto who is a member of the development group.

First phase of the development calls for 500 acres to be set aside for homes and 225 acres for industrial use. The total land holdings exceed 1,100 acres in an area north of the Queen Elizabeth Way and between Concessions eight and nine in Trafalgar township.

The Falgairwood project, planned as the cornerstone of a major development program by Trafalgar township, will turn the quiet countryside into a scene of industry and homes.

Hundreds of Ford-Oakville employees are expected to abandon commuting as the new community of medium-priced homes takes shape across the way.

The \$30,000,000 project emphasizes the impact that the development of industry in the Oakville-Trafalgar area has had on this once quiet summer residence town. The development of services in

**FOURTH DAFFODIL TEA
MOST SUCCESSFUL YET**

The fourth annual Easter tea held by the Daughters of Knox attracted a good crowd to the home of Miss Ruby Clark, Bower Ave., on Wednesday afternoon, April 21. The warm afternoon and the increasing popularity of the Daffodil Tea combined to make this the most successful so far.

Elizabeth Jany and Lynda Mann greeted the guests at the door, and Betty Holmes was in charge of the guest book.

Mrs. Hasard, the president of the Women's Missionary Society, was living room hostess, assisted by June Watkins and Mrs. W. Toth.

Waitresses were Carol Hansen, Joyce Adams, Beverley Smith and Patsy Smethurst. Pouring were Mrs. R. H. Armstrong and Mrs. H. Manprize. Mrs. A. K. Mann and Mrs. J. Ingles.

Canadian in the U.K.

**Describes Economic Features Seen
In English Farm Lands, Communities**

Ken Elliott of Ayama, B.C., and I arrived April 1 at Liverpool on the S.S. Empress of Australia after a stormy and rough crossing. After disembarking and going through customs we went on board a special boat train which took all passengers from the Empress of Australia to London.

We were fortunate to have a clear, sunny day to see the 100 miles of gentle rolling country between Liverpool and London. The country through the Midlands is thickly populated, the farms range from 50 to 80 acres, small fields with hedges around them. The buildings in the small towns are all brick, while the farm buildings are built in the form of a court. The house stands on one side and the barn directly across, an implement shed runs across the one end, joining the house and barn, thereby leaving a yard in the form of a court.

Ken and I spent a week in London before going to our first farms. We toured around the city, taking pictures of Big Ben, London Bridge, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral and other places of interest. There is considerable bomb damage in London particularly in the Thames dock area and around the St. Paul's section. It is cleaned up, but not built up. Many of the bombed areas are now car parking lots.



MAC SPROWL, now in the United Kingdom on a six month's Lord Nuffield Scholarship study tour, writes his first article this week.

Mr. Davidson-Smith last year won first prize for the best titled farm tenant occupied from 200 to 500 acres of land in Gloucestershire; quite an achievement when 10 years ago it was considered the worst farm in the county. He has 400 acres of land and keeps 102 Friesians, of which 35 are milk cows. He sells 120 gallons of milk a day at three shillings a gallon. He gets 30 shilling (£450) for a 10 gallon can of milk.

My host keeps 100 breeding ewes, also some Wexsex Saddleback pigs. Two hundred laying hens are kept; eggs sell for about 51 cents per dozen.

Last year seedling started here February 15. This year it started April 8. It seems odd to hear the English farmer speaking of spring wheat as corn.

Employs Five Men
Mr. Davidson-Smith employs five men the year round. The head cowman receives the top wage: £12 or \$33.00 weekly. Two of the men receive £10 each, while another gets £8 per week. The fifth man is an aged pensioner who only works two days a week and must not receive over £2 or will lose his pension. The minimum wage in England today is \$10.80.

The farmers in the U.K. farm intensely and try not to have any waste land on their farms. Even Mac Sprowl Vendetta Galley Two... then they are able to produce only one-third of the food to feed the 44 million people in England and Wales. There are three million farm workers in the U.K. and over 50 million live on the islands.

A week ago Mr. Davidson-Smith and I visited two farms north of here and south of the city of Birmingham. The farm of J. C. Beckett, Redditch, Worcestershire, keeps 120 Friesian milk cows in the 700 acres of land and employs 15 men the year round.

O. J. Pate, Alvechurch, County of Birmingham, has 120 acres of land and keeps 500 pigs. Last year at the Royal Show held in Windsor he had the Grand Champion Boar of all breeds, a large English black boar. In 1952-1953 he has had the Grand Champion Carcase at the Royal Show.

Vibration Cracks Walls
Mrs. Pate asked me if I noticed the plastered-up cracks in the walls of the buildings. During the war the city of Birmingham had an outer ring of anti-aircraft guns 10 miles out. The five mile ring was called the inner circle. Vibration from these guns cracked all the walls of the buildings. The night of the Coventry raid Coventry is 17 miles north of Alvechurch—she said the bomb literally bounced from the bombing and anti-aircraft. Mr. Davidson-Smith said you could read a newspaper at Westfield farm, 50 miles away by light of the flames from Coventry. Mr. Davidson-Smith remembers that night, as two bombs were dropped on his farm.

I am scheduled to show slides of Ontario at a N.F.U. (National Farmers Union) meeting at the Andoverford hotel. Mr. Smith is chairman of the branch. His office would be similar to a township president of the Federation of Agriculture in Halton County.

Won Prize for Farm
It seems strange that I should arrive at this farm as Mr. Smith put his name in three months ago to take a Dominion young farmer on a travelling scholarship. He expected a young farmer from Rhodesia. Each year the Nuffield Foundation of England awards 10 travelling scholarships, eight to young farmers from Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia and Canada and two young English farmers are sent to one of the Commonwealth countries.

Host Lived in Canada
At the northern extremity of the Cotswold Hills.

Here is to be found some of the loveliest country in England. A feature of this area is the local stone, used to build all the houses and dry walls dividing fields. The color of the stone varies from honey to grey-brown.

It has been said it is not possible to build an ugly house with Cotswold stone.

The village of Slun of the Wolf Bourton on the Water, Moncton-in-Marsh, to mention a few, are splendid examples of the Cotswold scene. They are all villages of about 250 people.

At the western end of the Cotswolds is Cheltenham, a town which dates from the days of George III when its medicinal waters were discovered. One of the most delightful race courses in England is situated in Cheltenham, at the foot of the Cotswold Hills.

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