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## Crowds Line Up to Get Seat in the House of Commons, Hear Churchil

At the moment I am in the West County at Exeter attending the Bath and West Counties show. second largest show in England. that is next to the Royal Show. which is England's largest

True to tradition the English people speak of the West County without having in mind any clear definition of the area Devon, Somorset and Cornwall are undoubtedly West County and some people include Gloucestershire and Darsetshire. The Bath and West and Southern Counties Society was founded in 1777 and each year since that time this show moves from county to county

Near Queen Mather The show was founded for the encouragement of Agriculture, Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce and this year is headed by Prosident the Right Hon, the Karl of Kldon, K.C.Y.O. On Friday, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother visited the show The Earl of Eldon has for many Royal Family. I was fortunate to with four or five inches of dirt have been able to get quite a good which prevents wastage place at the overseas paython as Botob Holes on Farms only people with badges signifying overseas visitors were permit- the war, 192 bomb bbles here and man who sat at the same table Ken ted in and the Queen Mother vis- there on the 900 acres of land. All and I did coming over on the

finest Devon cattle in the county the rough land. The government The Devon cattle are deep red. fairly low set, blocky and have arable land

type of horns as the beef Devon. these shores in 1939 and it was the only windmill with eight funs' which were originally natives of of a million hard pressed divisions the rest of these old mills in Engthe south and south-western dist- returned in the following year land have only six fans. tricts of Ireland.

The Dexeter is pure black and is the smallest Britbreed. averaging 650 lbs. In spite of their small size they are exeellent milk yielders with 300 to 600 gallons a

moment there are 92 herds in Eng-Exeter, a city of 70,000, is the county town of Devon and is picturesquely situated on the banks of the River Exc and like other English cities it received its share of bombing during the war. 52 acres of the city centre were wiped out but its chief glory, the Cathedral Church of St. Peter remains although it did suffer damage. When one walks around this famous Cathedral it seems a miracle how it ever stood when acres and acres around it were wiped out almost the same as around St.

Paul's in London.

Car Arcident Ken is staying on a farm just outside Exeter and I see him every day at the show. He was in a car accident recently near Bournemouth and his new Austin 940 was damaged to the extent of 80 pounds (\$234.). A car failed to halt at a main road and Ken, travelling hour as the gallery doesn't hold around 40 miles per hour, hit the very many. It was the evening the other car broadside as it came out debate was on over salary increas-

The farmer whom Ken is staying with took the two of us to Torquay one evening. This is a seaside town well known to Canadian airmen during the war. Torquay like Rome is built on seven hills and has 11 miles of coastline walks and drives and is very beautiful at night when illuminated. Close to the sea front is the famous Spanish Barn in which 400 prisoners from a galleon of the Spanish Armada were imprisoned in 1588.

Playground County The county of Devon is certainly a playground. The leading industry is the tourist industry and each season an estimated 65,000 spend their holidays in Devoc While here

bus returns along the channel supported by 33 Conservatives route to Exeler

in Kent county in a poo acre farm near Wrotham My farmer host, Mr Goodworth, keeps between two and three hundred head of Deyou cattle, too breeding ewes and Worsex saddleback pigs While there they were making grass allage bringing the green hay in with buck rakes and putting it into a stack The men would back right up on the stack with their tractors The farmers feel this is excellent since it keeps the stack training Each morning they take the temperature of the stack with a thermometer and if it is 80 degrees. more grass is brought in, put on the stack and having progresses if the temperature is not 80 they wait a day until it does reach that point The farmers say the secret of grass ditches and all vegetables. silage is temperature. After the years been a close friend of the stack is completed it is covered

ited the pavilion for 10 minutes. | are filled in now on the arable | Empress of Australia. At this show are some of the fields and only about 40 are left on

very long horns that turn up sim- I it was a sinister stroke of fate which is a famous landmark. The flar to the Ayrshire breed. The that turned the south coast of Eng- church spire is 272 feet high and South Devon breed is the milking land, the former playground of you used to be able to go right to breed and are comparable to the happy holiday-makers, into Brit- the top but now up 295 steps you dual purpose Shorthorn as they are ain's front line during most of the can get an excellent view of the more upstanding than the beef De- weary war years. It was from sea and the Fen Country from the von. They also are a very light Southampton on the south coast 220 foot mark. Heckington, a townyellow in color and have the same that the Expeditionary Force left of 2,000 people, can boast of having Here I saw the Dexeter cattle along the south coast that one-third in England. I did not know but all from Dunkirk Over 90 special trains were run each day in Kent as the evacuation went on

Mr Goodworth told me he has watched German bombing formations fly over Kent all day bound for London and the heavy industrial cities in the Midlands or Liverpool or Bristol scaports in the west and hardly a British fighter to intercept them. These bomb holes on his farm average about 30 feet across at the top and are between 12 and 18 feet deep. They were caused when some of the formations were turned back at London's first line of defence which was anti aircraft or were being chased by fighters. On the way back they just dumped the bombs anywhere While in Kent I attended young farmers' field day near Edenbridge. It was somewhat the same as ours in Ontario except they have some inter-county competitions as well as all their interclub competitions. Competitions carried on were tractor backing light horse judging, gate hanging

ecting silts and poultry culling. Sees Churchill After returning to London on the week-end, I stayed one day extra and went down and saw the Parlnament in session. There was such a crowd the evening I went I had to get in a line and wait for an from behind a hedge onto a main es to M.Ps. The House was full and all members were present in-

fencing, sheep shearing, dairy

judging, engine fault finding, sel-

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I have booked a 12 hour coach cluding Sir Winston Churchill. He tour of Cornwall, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in cortainly quite a man for his This coach tour runs through cont- age. I heard him voice disapproval ral Cornwall to the picturesque, of the proposed 500 pound raise old-world village of St. Iven. The but later they voted in favor of it

At the moment M Ps receive Two weeks ago I spont four days 1,000 pounds a year (\$2 mm) which is quite a low salary compared with our federal M.I's Wages in general over here are lower and also the cost of living My room and breakfast at the Mount View pence a night (\$158) The other day I got a hair out for 20c

. Like Arthur Area Recently I travelled up England's east const through Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk to Lincolnahure. This the spire remained untouched country is very level and you do While there we climbed the spitch notice an absence of livestock Atound the lae of Kly and the south ern section of dincolnshire you have the Fen Country which is extremely level, thousands of seres dustrial city From what I have of low, level, black muck, deep seen so far it appears Landon seems

The tuling are very beautiful, in fact this country is almost a second Rolland. It is that level this country reminds you of the country around Arthur, Ont. I stayed at Hecking Mr. Goodworth's farm had, after ton, Lincolnshire, two days with a

While at Heckington we wont to Boston, a distance of 20 miles. gave a grant to fill bomb holes on climbed the spire of the fine par ish church known as Boston Stump

Air Strips on Land When I left Heckington I spent the next five days with a young farmer, Dennis Boulton and his wife at Market Harbrough, Sibbertoft, Northamptonshire, Dennis, his father and another married brother carry on farming 130 acres of land. They keep 56 head of Freislan Ayrshire cross cattle of which 18 are



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milk cows Al one time the farm to be the slowest building up. How- to the magnificent Warwick Castle the war some of the level land was the all built up in a generation laken and made into air alitim One conway is the intles, the other two are one mile each The buts ate now used for a Pollah heatel In the are all over and nenally about six

Ohlmneys Kyery Direction miles oast of Sibbertoff Hore the others tried to save the treasures Counties Show on the 8-0-10 of reply same competitions were carried in and a great many were saved as in the Kant county field day at Edenbridge The day was conclud-

ed with a dance in which 600 young

farmers participated While staying at Stbhertoft Den nis and I want to Coventry 17 nettee to the west of Bildwriaft Here as Hotel costs me to shillings six a city that has made a remarkable encovery when over one third of it was wheat out by hombing 200 acres of city contro that was enttroly wheat out has been built up but Coventry lost its famous St Michael's Cathedral by fire Only and from 200 feet up you can see why they bombed this city so heav thy because every way you look are chimneys It is indeed an in

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end of which there was a bouch you do not are any in the leg or ful of extremely thin slices of bread crater and engines coming in from While at this farm I attended a other centres found the roads into voong farmers' field day held at the city blocked Only a few people Cheltonham where I will stay at Mr Brown?" asked one.

That aftern on Points took me Chaucestershire

constitled of B(R) acres but during ever, the bomb deninge will never which stands four-square and maj- car maybe a few days later due to estir on the banks of the river Av. the arcident To date I have in the The tathedral was not blown up on The castle which is open to vis- two months here, travelled in 29 hy high explusives but harned from Hors, contains many well known of Knyland's 68 countles and am enshowers of incendiates Every on pictures and a fine collection of joying myself immensely uthe was to use on some big fire armout, including a belief work central Midlands these all stills that might Many engines were ma- by Cromwell. Much of this acmoun reserved to narrow streets at each has deals to the chest armour but

Ken and I leave for Scotland by

### Big Deal

The landlady brought in a platewhich dismayed her hungry then I leave here and go back to boarders "Did you cut these Mrs

Thrapsion in Northampshire 30 fought the fire with sand, while Davidson Smith's for the Three "Yes I cut them," was the stern

June for Hereford, Warwick and "All right, and the hearder, "I'll



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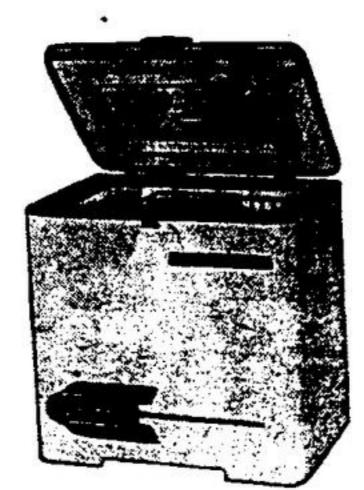
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