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On behalf of the Town of Acton thanks to all the emergency workers who did such a splendid service in collecting tons of clothing and foodstuffs for those who suffered so much from flood conditions throughout the province.

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Story of Amoslea Farms Reflects Pioneer Spirit And Descendants' Enterprise in Nassagaweya



PUREBRED SCOTCH SHORTHORNS graze on the rolling pastureland of Amoslea nephew of the owner, is shown here herding in a group of cows with young calves. farms in Nassagaweya township where this well-kept farm is representative of the At right, Thomas Amos, present owner of the prize-winning purebreds, poses his several fine locations for purebred herds in Halton county. Sandy Buchanan, valuable herd bull, Hero Pittorie.

320 Nassagaweya township acres just and diligent with their property. north of Moffat, is a well-kept place; with sturdy barns, a handsome farm distinctive? home, trimmed shrubbery and colorful flower beds. There's a clear water pond reflecting the graded lawn slopes from the front entrance

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Amoslea Farms, sprawled over and there are other owners as proud What then should make this farm bele with the continuous record of one of them. George Amos, had for exhibition farther away. In 1907

outstanding value, whose perform- dams. Certainly there are farms in Hal- ances in the exhibitors' rings and ton County, in the same township, esteem among breeders are not as pleasing to the eye as Amoslea without plaudits and sincerity.

Story of Enterprise But few district breeders can come the children grew until by the 80's farm, the growing herd was entered ards of herd purity retained by the he bought a farm

pure bred Scotch Shorthorn Again, there are many other pure entury ago established a herd which thow the Old Pleasant Valley Farm) pion female reserve honor of the house and a long, level lane bred herds in this county and dis- to this day has animals direct des- till near the turn of the century. But this was only first of many, points past the pond and angles onto trict, many of enviable record and cendants of the original sire and when he moved across the road and many awards and prizes which were

The story of the growth and record known as Amoslea. of this purebred herd is reflective of the settler's enterprise and desend-1 Nassagaweya township.

Immigrant, settled in Waterloo county to start a new life and raise his

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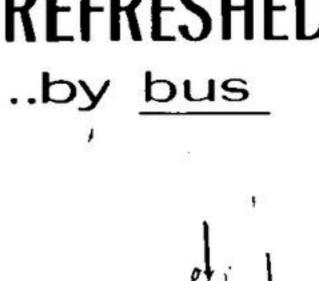
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exhibition achievement and stand- made his way to Nassagaweya where George Amos made his first trip outside Canada to the International present owner of Amoslea Farms, J | This hard-working son of a Scot- Livestock Fair at Chicago where he C. Amos, whose father over half a tish farmer tilled the soil on land returned elated with a Grand Chamon the farm that was later to be to follow in the years to come . By now George Amos had two

10 children As the years passed. After 1990, located on the present

sons, Thomas and Robert, and before During the years before he moved his retirement in 1926 he was assurant's progress so characteristic of however, he had been dabbling in ed of family retention of the quality the milk selling business. This at a of stock and standard of showman-In 1841 Robert Amos, a Scottish time when milk sold for 80 cents per ship by which his herd was becom-100-pound can. But somewhere along ing widely known the business line, faced with prob-

Started on Long Circuits In 1918 the herd was started on the

ing to purebred beef cattle and, in "long circuits" Train rides to Hali-1892, hought a herd of 35 imported fax, Vancouver, Kansas City, Scattle, Spokane and Chicago circuits It wasn't long until George Amos which less assured breeders would had groomed his herd for showing, hesitate to make for fear of affectand in 1896 he started the circuit of ing their animals' health or show township and district fairs. It was deportment proved to be excursnot an uncommon effort for him to ions of experience, some were regather his herd in the middle of the called in terms of honors and pronight for a journey on foot to Rockfit, others in memories of discourwood, Milton or wherever the fair: agement or loss.

Around home an enviable record was being firmly established. In the first Royal Winter Fair of 1922 the herd was represented as it has been every year since. For 50 years, at the Caractan National Exhibition pure bred rattle from Amoslea Farms have been livestock entries

As Thomas Amos gradually took over the showing and supervision of the herd, no decrease in its extent of circulation of record of prize winrong marked the transition from one

generation to the next As years passed the Amoslea herd pried honor upon honor, prize upon prize Although the herd itself fluc-· toated in size its quality remained, as continuing awards testified. In 1952 the present owner journeved to Scotland to replenish his stock with 22 cows, mostly in calf

Years of Exhibition Today Thomas Amos looks back on years of exhibition and competition that have netted, in tangible form, 25 to 30 silver cups and trays, over 50 medals, trunkfuls of ribbons and rosettes and sizeable amounts of cash prizes.

Satisfying as the past performance es of the herd have been, he is not complacent in the present, or apprehensive of the future. As a noteet showman himself, as well as past officer in provincial and dominion Shorthorn Associations, he knows the requirements for breed reputation and showmanship facility In this regard, his nephew, Alex.

Buchanan who was raised on the Amoslea Farm and is a many-times winger in Calf Club contests and other showmanship circles in his own right, has acquired his uncle's pride in the herd and knack in exhibition Sandy Buchanan has already went a steer Grand Champonship at the CNE

With the herd itself, the owner is optimistic about his present herd bull, Pittestrie Hero, whose dam has four bulls at the head of leading herds in Canada, the United States and Scotland He believes Hero may duplicate the feat of his father's great 'Lancaster' which sired sevetal CNE grand champions Has Holstein Herd

You know," he reflected, "If a herd is good the bull is 90 per cent. the cause but if a herd is bad the bull is 100 per cent, the cause."

Scotch Shorthorns are not the only pure bred stock raised on Amos-'lea Farms For the past 20 years Thomas Amos has shipped milk to Toronto darres regularly, the product of his pure bred Holstein herd which presently numbers about 65.

As he looked out over his two barns and 120 acres of pasture land, Breeder Amos remarked that the time and energy gone into the building of a prize-winning herd has come from the hands of many

"Est-n in my own time," he emphasized, were it not for support and invalty of friends, Sandy Buchanan and most of all Mrs Amos, Amoslea could not continue

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