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OBITUARY

Life-Long Resident Of Campbellville

George Franklin (Frank) May passed away at a rest home in Toronto on Sunday night. He was a life-long resident of Campbellville where he was engaged in farming. Predeceased by his wife, the former Annie James, he is survived by four sons and six daughters...

SINCERE THANKS TO Acton Citizens FOR YOUR SUPPORT DEC. 5 May I wish you, too, the Compliments of the Season Ron Langford

Moving Or Staying On Farm At Retirement Forum Debate

Can farmers retire and have old age security? If so, what retirement plan should they follow? Halton farm forum groups discussing this subject December 5 came to various conclusions. To the question of whether it was better for a farmer to remain on the farm or move to town on retirement, many felt no definite rule could be established as circumstances are quite a deciding factor.

Regional Networks Suggested For Efficient Hospital Care

Putting new life into hospitals as well as into patients was the thought behind a three-day conference held in Brampton on Wednesday, December 7, attended by doctors and hospital representatives of Acton, Georgetown and Milton. A recommendation was made by Dr. H. Boyle Campbell that an advisory committee be established to study ways and means of integrating hospitals into compact regional networks.

Corridors for lack of suitable well-ventilated air, radiating lines would bring a solution to this and other problems such as having a wing for convalescents, another for geriatrics and a further one for diagnostic services. It was thought that there should be three recovery beds for each active bed in order to keep a hospital functioning smoothly.

CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by WILL C. BARRIE, Manager 1955 CANADIAN PLOWING TEAM



W. C. Barrie of Galt, Ont., a past president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and manager of the Canadian plowing team at the third annual World Plowing Match in Sweden, has sent home on the spot report of his trip with team members Joe Tran of Claremont, Ont., and Ivan McLaughlin of Stouffville, Ont. Here is the fourth of his reports.

UPSALA, SWEDEN Of all the plowing teams from 12 different countries none were looking forward any more eagerly than we were to making the last leg of the journey to the site of the 1955 World Plowing Match. We Canadians had travelled almost half way around the world, by boat and by plane, and now we, along with the 11 other teams, were awaiting a bus to travel the last few miles to the match site, on the Royal Agricultural Farm, just outside this old city of 75,000.



Joe Tran

However, we did not have too much time for sight-seeing at this point, for we had to get ready for the match. When we arrived at the grounds we could see that preparations had been underway for some time as a large number of implements of all makes were on display.

The first day was spent in demonstrating to the judges what to look for in the competition. We in Ontario who have been connected with the International Match for many years feel that our score card is just about right.



Ivan McLaughlin

On the Wednesday, the plowmen from the 12 countries were allotted plots of ground on which to practise, and these workouts created just about as much interest as a real plowing match. On Thursday the time was again used for practice.

The official opening of the next day was attended by about 12,000 people. To mark the site permanently, a cairn was unveiled on the Agricultural College grounds a short distance from the match field. A model of a plow, representing the entire time of the plowmen make to the pride of the world. A similar cairn had been unveiled a few weeks earlier at Cobourg, Ont., where the first world match was held in 1903.

The Swedish minister of agriculture, Hon. Sam Nilarp, speaking in Swedish and then in English, traced the history of plowing from the early days and with the help of two Swedish girl students presented a wide array of the nationalities. The government of the province of Upsala, the American tall grasses, the English long grass, and the Swedish, German, French and perfect English and finally detailed the competition.

Next the plowmen set each in a tent and then lined up their tractors and plows for a parade to the field. They were allowed to set their stakes and line up the tract-

As each plowman turned out at the end after finishing his land, loud clapping could be heard from the crowd gathered beyond the headland. While the plowing was in progress, a number of airplanes were giving a demonstration of crop spraying near by, and the pilots showed great skill, flying under the hydro and telephone wires and skimming along about two feet from the ground, sending out a spray that would completely cover any crop.

It could be readily seen by this time that Hugh Barr of Northern Ireland, last year's winner of the Esso Golden Plow had done an outstanding job and was likely to repeat his win of last year. Ivan McLaughlin of Canada and Hugh Barr's team mate, Langford Gilliland, were coming neck and neck. Everyone was on pins and needles waiting for the results.

The judges handed in their score cards shortly after the plowing ended and the auditors were soon busy tabulating the results.

We returned to the hotel and had just finished cleaning up at the hotel when word came that the returns were out. The fact that Northern Ireland, Canada and Great Britain shared the first six placings was received with much rejoicing by Her Majesty's loyal subjects present.

When it was learned that Ivan McLaughlin had plowed the high score in stubble plowing and Hugh Barr the highest in seed, with Hugh's combined score a little more than Ivan's, they were soon the centre of a cheering crowd. We proceeded at once to send a cable to Toronto for our trip sponsor, Imperial Oil, and shortly after, John Bradshaw, the Esso farm reporter, telephoned from Toronto to get the results. Because of the difference in the time between Canada and Sweden, people in Canada knew the result several hours before the plowing took place.

The banquet, which was sponsored by the Swedish Young Farmers, was a most colorful affair, with a ceiling that would be hard to surpass anywhere. The table which is now the home of the governor of the province of Upsala, the American tall grasses, the English long grass, and the Swedish, German, French and perfect English and finally detailed the competition.

When the Golden Plow was presented to Hugh Barr, the glare from the TV lights and the flash bulbs was almost blinding. The second prize winner, our own Ivan McLaughlin, received a large cup and the third place winner a smaller one. The dances which followed was enhanced by the 22-piece Swedish orchestra worn by the dancers. All those who attended will not soon forget the banquet in the old Swedish castle, signifying the close of the 1955 world championship plowing match. Next week: We tour Sweden.

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