

HALTON NEWS

Outline Position on Proposed Plan For Brucellosis Eradication Program

Some two or three weeks ago, the press and radio carried an announcement to the effect that a Federal Brucellosis Eradication program was being initiated. Since then we have had several inquiries for further details. Under the circumstances an Asplington appears to be in order.

In June, 1955, a group of Federal and Provincial officials met with the Veterinarian Director General at Ottawa, to explore the possibility of developing a Brucellosis Eradication program for Canada. This meeting revealed that Brucellosis Control programs were being promoted in many provinces. These programs can be classified into two categories:

(a) A culling/vaccination program under which all female cattle are vaccinated in areas where the majority favor such action.

(b) A blood test program, under which all female cattle in certain prescribed areas are killed; the reactors are isolated, and the disposal of the reactors is left to the discretion of the owner. Unquestionably, the initiation of this disease can be reduced as a result of the adoption of either program, but neither is capable of eradicating entirely.

Therefore, it was unanimously agreed by those attending the meeting that the Federal government, through its Health of Animals Branch, should initiate a

Brucellosis Eradication program, such program to be based on the principle that all cattle in a prescribed area should be tested; all reactors should be disposed of by slaughter immediately, and that compensation should be paid to their owners. This proposal was concurred in by the Federal authorities with certain reservations, but that the test and slaughter process should not come into effect until a area has been set up for a Brucellosis eradication program for key areas. It can be assumed therefore:

(a) That the Federal Department will continue some area within the scope of its study until entitled to do so by the Province, and (b) that an area will not be eligible to participate in the Federal Policy until it has operated under a Provincial plan for at least three years and possibly five years.

Consequently, the reason why we suggested in a news article last week that likely Halton cattle owners will have an opportunity to participate in such a program within the next two years.

In the meantime, Halton cattle owners would be wise to see that no ship up to England vaccination occurs. In short, if we want to be in the U.S. market, our suppliers breeding cattle must be prepared to place our cattle on a health status acceptable to that market.

HALTON MANOR

Christmas Entertainments End With Concerts, Gifts, Services

Intended for last week.

A series of enjoyable and varied Christmas entertainments that began at the Manor on December 3, culminated in a very happy Christmas Day for the residents of the Manor. At 9:45 o'clock on Christmas morning, the residents assembled in the dining room and sat at their usual places at tables. Mr. Clarke, the superintendent, led in the singing of two carols.

At 10 o'clock, the Queen's speech was heard and this was followed by the distribution of Christmas gifts. All the gifts had been placed under a gaily decorated Christmas tree and Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, acting as Santa's helpers, handed out gifts of all sizes and shapes to the members of the staff who delivered them to the residents at their tables.

At 12 o'clock noon, the residents enjoyed a turkey dinner with plum pudding and all the other items that make up a delicious dinner.

The residents realize that many hours must have been spent on planning, caring and serving this fine dinner and wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Russell Lewis, the chef, and Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Muriel Gray and Mrs. Hazel Smith for their part in it.

Choir Concert

A Christmas event that was much enjoyed a year ago at Christmas time occurred again this year on Friday evening, December 28, when the Rev. D. A. Powell, rector of Grace Anglican church, Milton, brought 35 boys and girls who make up his Junior Choir to the Manor to present a Christmas concert for the residents.

Before the boys and girls of the choir entered the dining room, Mrs. J. Lestwith, organist at Grace Anglican church, played a beautiful piano prelude. The Star of Bethlehem, by the composer, Stephen Adams. When the boys and girls entered the dining room, they presented a very attractive appearance, for they were wearing their black cassocks and white surplices.

The program was divided into seven parts, each part beginning with a reading from scripture. The portions of scripture were read by Lorina Gissason, Rev. Smith, Carol Mills, Margaret Harvey, Gwen Wilson and Margaret Graham. The seventh and last portion was read by Mr. Powell himself.

Bosco Stops Car Continues Tour

OAKVILLE—Bosco the Walker stopped traffic—literally—along the Queen Elizabeth highway recently.

Bosco (nee Marcel Bosco) spends most of his time along eastern Canada roads in a bright striped uniform designed to catch the motorists' eye.

The uniform caught the eye of Paul Trenholm of Toronto all right. Trenholm couldn't take his eyes off Bosco as he drove along the Q.E.W. "Way Results" Trenholm has been charged with careless driving after pulling into the rear end of a car driven by William Miles, at Kerrville.

No one was injured, but damage to the Miles car was \$30. Damage to the Trenholm car was about \$200.

Bosco, unperturbed, continued on his way to Windsor, well rested after a pleasant evening in the Oakville police station.

Expect Seed Grain Supplies Will be Scarce

Seed grain supplies in Halton are likely to be scarce, judging by a survey made at the recent Anual Meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. In view of the importance displayed by the new varieties oats and Rostherne in 1956, it would be logical to assume that those who grow in the market for seed grain will not be interested in a variety of oats other than the two mentioned.

In view of the fact that many have spread in the last few years, where confined, they expect in the long run, to seem difficult to purchase seed grain from the country, first, because of increased production, and with a sampling of public opinion on the situation.

It is felt that it will be difficult to secure seed grain this year which isn't weathered to some extent at least. However, we would not worry about that, provided it is well graded, free of weed seeds and backed by germination test.

Certainly Halton growers who expect to have seed grain for sale would be well advised to get their sample or samples away as once and we mean at once.

The cost is only 75 cents per sample and the one pound sample should be sent to the Plant Production Service of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, 86 College St., Toronto. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

Modern School To Set Pattern

Walking 30 yards to pupils of a Puslinch school have been able to move from the 19th to the 20th centuries. The pupils are in SS 12, Puslinch. At the end of last year, their old stone school was condemned and closed.

Now the pupils and their two teachers have moved into a new SS 12 school so modern that it is expected to set the pattern for school building in rural communities throughout the province.

Incorporating every modern feature, the new school has been built, equipped and furnished at a cost of just over \$30,000, considered by educationists to be a fantastically low figure for a single storey school containing 2,500 sq. feet.

Built 30 yards from the old stone school, which is to be demolished, the new school has an exterior long yellow brick. The entire east wall is one huge window. Heated by the most modern oil system, the school has an air conditioning system incorporated for summer use.

Most unusual feature in the school is a movable main wall. This wall, with blackboard on one side and coat hooks on the other, weighs a ton and it divides the two school classrooms.

To convert the two classrooms into a modern auditorium, the wall can be pushed sideways out into the hall. Despite its weight, the wall can be easily moved by one adult.

When the wall is in the hall, S. 12 has an auditorium 60 feet long and 25 feet wide. Fluorescent lights are in use throughout the school and every ceiling is soundproof. Tubular desks and chairs have been provided for every pupil and specially-designed blackboards installed.

The two teachers have a room of their own with a sink unit and an entire wall of cupboard space. For the caretaker, there is a tool room in which the heating unit is housed and the plumbing facilities in this room are even complete with brackets on which buckets can be hung while they are being filled with water.

Three separate washrooms are decorated in distinctive pastel shades and the schools room is in bright shades of red, black and yellow. Floors are of tile throughout and each classroom has an exterior door.

"Original estimates for building a school of this kind ran well over the \$40,000 mark," commented Archie Love, chairman of the SS 12 sectional school board. Of the \$60,000 final cost, the school building itself ran to just under the \$28,000. The province pays 40 per cent of the cost. Room for future expansion has been allowed for on the west side of the new school.

Mrs. Howle and Bandmaster Crossland sang a fine rendition of the sacred song, The Christ of the Human Road, a song which has a beautiful melody. The piano accompaniment was played by Mr. H. Sutherland.

Mr. Crossland read psalm 121 as the scripture reading. Later on in the service, he chose part of verse 17 of chapter 14 of St. Luke's gospel as the theme of a short address. With a sincerity that was impressive, Mr. Crossland left with his audience some very inspiring thoughts on the words, "Come for all things are now ready."

Mr. Crossland explained that the part in which these words are contained was spoken to him and illustrate God's grace and His goodness to us all. Let us open the door of our hearts to Christ and say, "Come, for all things are now ready."

As can be readily seen, this service proved a very appropriate event with which to close a Christmas season that has been enjoyable and inspiring.

THE WEEK AT OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—Federal attempts to bring about peaceful settlement of the dispute which led to the CPR firemen's strike met with failure last week. Trade Minister Howe, at the time acting prime minister, and Labor Minister Crump in conference here with the disputants were unable to find a solution.

Up to just Saturday, no government overtures had been made to the company or mining since Mr. Howe telegraphed an unsuccessful appeal to the miners before the strike started January 1.

The cabinet met Thursday with the return of Prime Minister St. Laurent from his Quebec home to consider what type of special legislation, if any, might be presented to the Senate of Parliament opening Tuesday.

Views of Members
One authority here speculated however, that even if the government has no average of 800,000 more than three years over the age, the government has set for retirement in the civil service 80 of the senators actually have reached, or will reach, the 65-year retirement age.

Average age of the four new appointments, all Liberals, is 63 years. The new senators named to Prime Minister St. Laurent are Austin C. Taylor, 64, former New Brunswick agriculture minister from Salisbury N.B.; Henri C. Bois, 59, a former Quebec senator.

William Boucher, 67, former Commons member for Northern from Prince Albert, Sask., and Sydney J. Smith, 64, business man of Kamloops B.C.

Besides Mr. Taylor and Mr. Boucher, both agricultural experts, Mr. Boucher and Mr. Smith also have agricultural backgrounds. The former is a farmer and the latter holds executive position in hop plantations and dairy interests in British Columbia.

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