

Farm Near Norval

They Raise Goats at Rosegate

**By Gary Smith
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First of all, let's knock one widely-held belief on the head and put it in the trash can where it belongs. Goats—or at least well-cared-for goats—do not smell. Neither, apparently, do they eat tin cans, ladies' hats or paper bags.
In fact, the 75 pure-white Swiss Saanen goats, which occupy an important place in the affections of the Alexander family of Rosegate Farm near Norval, Ont., are as well-behaved a herd of animals as you'd ever want to meet.

To Mrs. Louisa Alexander, active mistress of Rosegate Farm, the herd represents a pleasant sideline to her main job of running the pleasant Rosegate Farm home. It means, also, an increasingly important source of income for the family.

From Distance
A large quantity of the chalky-white, highly-alkaline milk is dispensed daily at the farm to regular customers who come from all over the greater Toronto area to buy.

Says Mrs. Alexander: "I've had people from as far away as Texas come out here for milk. I suppose they've been visiting locally, and heard about the farm and the fact we keep goats."
What's the attraction?
Mrs. Alexander attributes some remarkable powers to goats' milk. Some of her customers say they buy it because cows' milk doesn't agree with them. Still others report that it gives them relief from such conditions as eczema, arthritis, ulcers, hay fever and various nervous conditions.

There appears to be no sound medical evidence why this should be so. But, at the same time, goats' milk is, undoubtedly, different from cows' milk, and Mrs. Alexander points out that one chemist told her there could be some undiscovered property in the milk which might account for the effect it appears to have in some cases.

Started in 1953
The Alexanders' experience with goats dates back to 1953, when Mr. Alexander and his two sons, Bill and Ernie, presented Mrs. Alexander with a milk goat. "I guess they'd just heard me say it would be nice to have a goat on the farm," she recalls.

Tall, spare Mac Alexander says he had no idea at the time what the outcome of this birthday gift would be. A man who knows dairy cattle like the back of his hand, Mr. Alexander owns one of the finest herds of Jersey cattle in Central Ontario.

He and his two teenage sons operate the 250-acre Rosegate Farm themselves. Besides the big Jersey herd, they market a large number of hogs each year.

Electricity gets good use on Rosegate Farm. One noteworthy item is the electrically-operated stable cleaner which does in 10 minutes, according to Mac Alexander, what once took two hours of back-breaking work.

The tidy Rosegate milkhouse boasts two bulk coolers, one for cows' milk and one for goats' milk. In the Alexander home there's a deep freeze, electric range and refrigerator, in addition to numerous other electrical appliances.

A recent innovation is the 12-hp standby generator, which still hasn't been used, but which Mac Alexander points out is "there and available" in the rare event Rosegate Farm does experience a power outage.

Use of such modern electrical

farm appliances means Mr. Alexander, Bill and Ernie have time to help Mrs. Alexander with her white Saanens. And that is a job which is constantly growing in terms of its economic importance to Rosegate Farm.

The well-bred Swiss Saanen is a handsome creature indeed. A full-grown female generally weighs 140 to 200 lbs., and is pure white in color. Horns are an hereditary feature, but the Alexanders make certain that no goat in their herd will have horns by "treating" the kids shortly after birth.

A good dam will give an imposing quantity of milk. Mrs. Alexander says a goat will yield about 10 lbs. or a gallon of milk a day. Some do even better.

Her prize dam is Rosegate Jorina, an animal which, in the past year, took first prize at the Royal Winter Fair, and first prize and grand champion ribbon at the C.N.E.

Many Prizes
The Alexander living room is replete with silverware, ribbons and other tokens of the quality and prowess of both their Jerseys and their Saanen goats.

Rosegate Jorina, like other Swiss Saanens, is a mild-mannered creature with a mischievous expression and an overwhelming curiosity. During winter months, when she's penned inside with her sisters, her favorite pastime seems to be the occasional butting contest she'll hold with a friend.

Two animals will eye each other quietly. Then, as if at a signal, both will spring up daintily and bash heads in what appears to be some sort of affectionate dumb show.

"It makes your head ache to watch 'em," comments freckle-faced, 14 year old Bill.

Bill, who appears to be a sort of second-in-command to his mother, so far as the Rosegate goats

are concerned, is currently training two wethers to pull a cart. The result this summer was as handsome a pair of "steeds" as were ever hitched to a chariot. Among Largest in Canada Records show that there are some 2,000 registered Saanen stock in Canada. Mrs. Alexander feels her Rosegate Saanen herd ranks among the largest. And it's likely to get larger before it gets smaller. Demand for goats' milk is growing, and the Alexanders—already owners of a fine herd—plan on being ready to help take care of this thriving new Canadian market for commodity as old as the Bible.



YOUNG BILL ALEXANDER gets an affectionate bussing from one of the latest crop of "kids" at Rosegate Farm, Norval.

EDEN MILLS

W.I. Visits Wellington Home Name Church Groups' Officers

(Intended for last week)
Hour's Program
Twelve members of Edén Mills Women's Institute journeyed to Fergus visiting the Wellington County Home for the Aged and staging an hour's program. Mrs. James Hamer in her capable way brought rounds of applause with her two comic readings, dressed for the occasion. Mrs. William Early gave an array of Scotch and Irish melodies on the piano and on the serious side, sacred duets by Mrs. Wallace Lasby and Mrs. R. Wright, and a solo by Mrs. Fred Cowell were enjoyed. A tour of the buildings followed a social cup of tea. Out of 80 residents, it was told, 12 range in age between 90 and 100 and 40 between 80 and 90.
The annual meeting of Edén Mills Presbyterian church Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. were held on Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. MacDougall's home. Mrs. Roy Gordon in charge of W.M.S. and Mrs. R. Wright W.M.S. After the old business the chairs were vacated an election of officers took place. Mrs. Kaye Stevenson was appointed chairman.
Officers for W.M.S. follows: president, Mrs. Roy Gordon; first vice president, Mrs. Herb Gilbertson; secretary, Mrs. Will Gilbertson; treasurer, Mrs. "Chas." Lasby.
Officers for Ladies' Aid: president, Mrs. Robt. Roy; first vice president, Mrs. Wallace Lasby;

secretary, Mrs. Harold Buchan; treasurer, Mrs. J. MacDonald; press reporter, Mrs. R. Wright.
Meet at Thomas Home
United Church W.M.S. and W.A. ladies met at the Thomas home Tuesday evening for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Ralph Thompson in charge of W.A. and Mrs. H. James the W.M.S. A nominating committee was formed for the annual meeting consisting of Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Thomlinson.
Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thomas were Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Norm Thomas and family of Hamilton.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacIntosh attended the Royal Winter Fair Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. B. Simpson and family of Niagara Falls were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. MacIntosh.
Mrs. Lottie Heyink is at present confined to Guelph General Hospital.

W.I. Meeting
The Edén Mills Women's Institute met at the Gilbertson home with the president, Mrs. H. Buchan, in the chair. After the usual business the meeting was turned over to Mrs. W. Lasby, program convener. A contest was won by Mrs. J. Gilbertson. A trip to the Wellington County Home for the Aged was arranged and a social half hour followed.

Sharon Gervais, Victor Watts Married in Knox Manse Nov. 4

A double ring ceremony in Knox Presbyterian church manse on November 4 united in marriage Sharon Lynne Gervais and Victor Edward Watts. Rev. Andrew McKenzie officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gervais, Acton, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Watts of Acton.
The bride wore a beige wool walking suit with mauve accessories and a corsage of mauve mums. Her attendant, Roselee Higgins, wore a brown wool suit trimmed with lur, green accessories and a corsage of yellow mums.
Brian Gervais, the bride's brother, was groomsmen.
The evening reception was held at the bride's parents' home. The groom's grandparents arrived from England for the wedding.
The couple took a trip to the United States and are living in Willowdale.
Several Showers
Before the wedding, Miss Rose-

alee Higgins held a miscellaneous shower at her home, Main St. Mrs. Marie Shadbolt and Mrs. Nan Reed of Tides Ave. gave a kitchen shower. Miss Ruth Webber held a miscellaneous shower at her home in Toronto.

Bannockburn W.I. Has Monthly Euchre

Bannockburn W.I. held their monthly euchre last Saturday evening in Bannockburn school. Sixteen tables of euchre were played.
Prizes were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. Claire Wilson; ladies' second, Mrs. Uphall; men's first, Wm. Ballentine; men's second, George Pivka.

AVERAGE OF 40
The average impact speed of cars involved in fatal accidents is about 40 m.p.h. "Slow Down and Live!" the Ontario Safety League asks all drivers.

W.I. Highlight

Hat-Making Demonstration

The highlight of the November meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute held at the home of Mrs. H. Price was the demonstration by Mrs. C. L. Young on how to make a hat. The colorful display of hats made by Mrs. Young drew admiring comments from a fascinated audience.

Mrs. M. Mahon opened the meeting with a poem. The Eleventh Month of Wonder. As roll call was a sample of handcraft were shown by the members. Mrs. A. Frank dealt with the minutes and correspondence. Mrs. M. Mahon and Mrs. J. Henry reported on the convention held at the O.A.C. It was decided to donate \$50 to be used for equipment in the new Brookville school.

Handwork on Show
The meeting was then turned over to the Stitch and Snip chat-time conveners, Mrs. H. Price and Mrs. M. Moffat, who provided many pieces of fancy work and the members spent a pleasant half hour chatting over the

Ballinafad

Form Scout, Cub Groups Name Group Committee

A meeting was held in Ballinafad United Church when many interested parents decided to form Cub and Scout groups after hearing the activities offered by other district organizations. Representatives were present to explain the benefits derived by such groups in a community.
Reg. French was elected chairman of the new group committee. Mrs. Elwood Snow secretary, Eddie Smith treasurer, Don Smith leader, Leo Jamison and

Alvey Gordon Lodge Master

On Tuesday, November 22, election of officers of Orange Lodge Ass. No. 467 for the coming year was the highlight of the evening, with a good turnout of members. Brother Alvey Gordon was elected to the Master's chair for the coming year.
Elected to hold other chairs were the following: Brothers James Higgins, Deputy Master; Charles Hubble, recording secretary; Norman Fryer, chaplain; Bert Rennick, financial secretary; Harry Gordon, treasurer; Hartley DeForest, marshal; Fergus Ouee, first lecturer; James Vickery, second lecturer; Committee, Brothers George Holmes, James Vickery, H. DeForest, Stan Mages, Fergus Ouee, James Higgins, Harry Turner, Alan Green.
Visiting Past Master Brother Ralph Barlow of Campbellville took the Master's chair for the evening and conducted the elections of officers and received a fine vote of thanks from all members of the Lodge No. 467. After the new officers were installed the evening ended with speeches from the ingoing and outgoing officers and the singing of the National Anthem.

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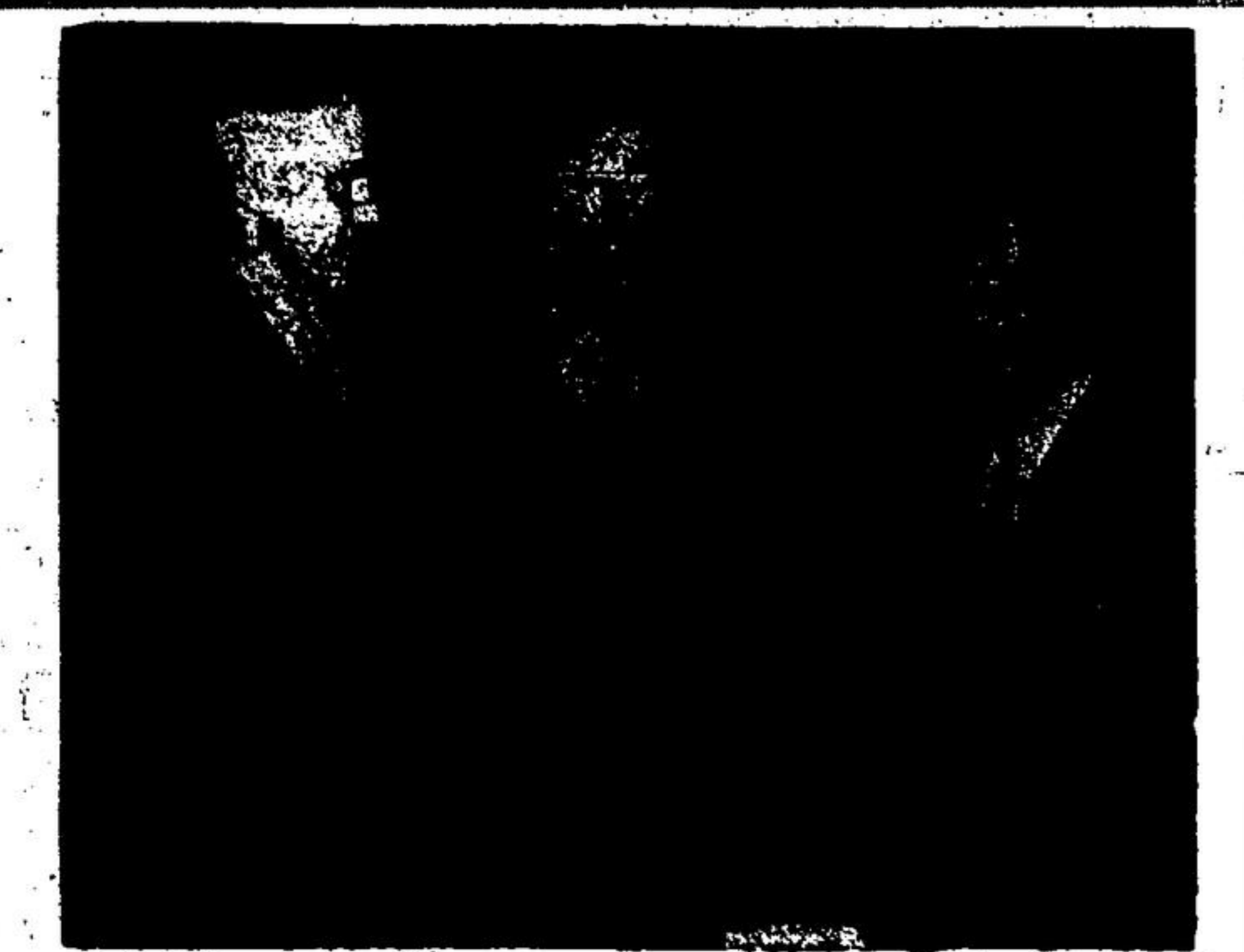
Ho, Ho, Ho

Again this year, Santa Claus is coming to town. The retail section of the Chamber of Commerce sent the invitation. He arrives at the park by helicopter December 17, and will take time out to make the merchants' draw at the post office.
—Traffic through town on Highway 25 has been lighter since Highway 401 opened Thursday.
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FACING EACH OTHER on different sides of the table and opposing each other in the coming Nassagaweya elections are the 1960 Deputy Reeve A. R. Service and councillor John Robertson. Acting as mediator is Reeve J. A. Milne who was acclaimed as Mr. Service declined to run against him, deciding to contest his former office. Nominations were held Monday.