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The Editor's Corner

GEORGETOWN'S FARM COMMANDOS

Business and professional men of Georgetown are answering the call for Volunteer Farm Labour in a way which is to be commended. A group of men consisting of H. C. McClure, Mayor Joseph Gibbons, P. B. Harrison and G. W. McLintock form the nucleus of the labour recruiting efforts in town and report splendid co-operation on the part of all those contacted.

The farmers, themselves, must co-operate with the plan if it is to meet with an measure of success at all. There is an exceptionally heavy crop of oats in the fields right now and all a farmer has to do, if he wants assistance, is contact any one of the committee mentioned above and the required number of men will be immediately available to him.

The organizers feel sure that this situation exists partly because the farmers are not acquainted with two very important factors in the program: (1) The help given is voluntary and absolutely free of monetary recompense.

The volunteer "Farm Commandos" of Georgetown deserve a big hand for their willingness to pull their share of the load. Needless to say, a few of the men are not physically fit and cannot do hard manual labor, but they have expressed their desire to help in any way possible and in many cases this help has taken the form offering their cars and services for transportation of the labour volunteers.

"GLADS"

This week we noticed the beautiful showing made by the "glads" in several local gardens. We are told that the gladiolus is a favourite with amateur gardeners, and often at gladiolus shows, some beginner will carry off the prize for the best spikes of a variety in competition with professional growers.

The gladiolus has long been grown as a flower used primarily for cutting and as such is usually put in a bed by itself or in a space in the vegetable garden. However, many gardeners are now taking advantage of the clear, self-colored varieties for either border or landscape planting.

Many people are not aware that flowers for cutting should be taken just as the first two or three buds are well opened. You should remove only one or two leaves with the flower spike if you wish to have strong new bulbs for the following season.

"As We See It"

By J. A. SOBER

ONE OF THE city's most advertised bicycles built for 1942, recently they were quite common about forty years ago but we haven't seen one for a long time. They weren't allowed to be forgotten though, because of the song, "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do. The bicycle that I'm fond of is the one that has been on the go since then and the late still has its many friends. The bicycle advertised recently was made in England. No doubt the Canadian bicycle manufacturers have trouble enough getting raw material for their standard size bicycles and are not attempting to build the 160-centimeter bicycle which has made quite a comeback because of the scarcity of gas and rubber, no doubt. Perhaps we will see the reproduction of bicycle races. They used to be in fashion both the short race and the long distance one but apparently have since gone out of date. The idea of pedaling a bicycle in a race doesn't seem to appeal to a person that has become used to sitting behind a wheel and of stepping on the gas in order to get from here to there in a hurry.

THE CORN BORER seems to be having its innings this year, and is plentiful all over the country. A lady was telling us that she had paid twenty cents for one and one-half dozen corn on the North Toronto market and that it was not any too good at that. We had no borers last year at all but we did have plenty of tomato worms. This year we have plenty of corn borers but very few tomato worms. No doubt the weather has something to do with the number of certain pests from year to year. Some of these pests are more long-lived than others and both the corn borer and the big green tomato worm being to that class of pests that seem to double more so than we do other pests. As far as we know science hasn't yet caught up with the corn borer in providing a remedy for its destruction. It certainly can make a mess of both the stalks and the cobs as well. It is a pest that the tomato worm is easily found and a number nine placed on top of it not too gently soon perishes. It usually feeds on the foliage of the tomato plant, although it does eat the fruit as well, and as there is usually plenty of spare foliage on tomato vines, it really isn't a serious enemy.

ONE OF THE exhibitors carried an unusual advertisement a few weeks ago. The party that put the ad in was wanting any information that anyone had in regard to bees swarming. It was the first time that we have ever heard of such an ad. We thought of that ad though one day last week we were driving from Guelph to Eora and we were talking about it. The prescribed speed of 40 miles per hour, we ran straight into a swarm of bees. There was quite a lot of buck wheat in blossom along that road right now and they left some buck-wheat honey all over the windshield. The front windows were open and a few of the bees came in and went for a ride with us. However, they were content with exploring the rear windows of the car and didn't bother us at all and we let them out when we reached our destination. We have forgotten who it was that was wanting to know of any bees swarming and so.

fect.

Every season sees scores of new varieties at the "glad" shows. We would imagine that breeding new types is one of the greatest sources of gardening thrills. Pink is a favourite color for "glads." There seems to be such a wonderful range of shades and combinations in this color—everything ranging from a cream-coloured bloom with light pink shading to the most vivid splash of scarlet. Our favourites, however, are the lavender shades—they have colours which can compete with orchids themselves for delicate beauty.

The next time you have an hour or so of daylight leisure, take a walk around town to see and appreciate personally, the beauty presented by the local gardens of "glads" in full bloom.

In these days of crisis in India, there seems to be some very similar quality in Gandhi's spinning wheel and Nero's fiddle.

OUR FIRST SPEAR THRUST

At the time of writing, there is great enthusiasm both here and abroad over the opening moves of offensive warfare on the second front against Germany. This can well be taken as a token of the reserves of restless energy in the men "over-there," who have long awaited action. It must also be very heartening to the hard-pressed Russians, who doubtless see in the Allied action, a bit of a let-up in the full force of the German barrage, against which they have been heroically fighting. No one is under the delusion, however, that there aren't a lot of hard battles to be fought yet before the Nazis are defeated. So far this war has entailed many sacrifices, but lists of casualties have been short. Many of our Canadian boys took part in the raid on Dieppe, last week and made a wonderful job of it. But, needless to say, many of them will never come back. But we're proud of our boys and we know how glad they are to have a chance to take a real crack at Hitler. We'll realize more acutely as time goes on, the truth of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's statement that this war can only be won with "Blood, sweat and tears."

don't suppose that bees stick around very long after getting into a collision with a car, even if they are swarming.

THERE HAVE been plenty of times when we felt that the war news was all bad and yet if we stop to think about it the enemy hasn't really won anything decisive for a long time. It is true that the Russians have been forced to leave ground but they still seem to be able to keep their lines intact even if they do lose a little here and there. Another bright spot was the recent invasion across the channel. Apparently our side was able to carry out an invasion according to plan and yet the enemy hasn't been able to do that and they did try it when so many seemed to be in their favor. It seems to be a good time to keep smiling and carry on at our job.

ONE OF THE Quiz programs takes a stab at a vegetable and with some good reason. It is difficult to place potatoes this year, because of the many seed beds that are on them this season. Don't be surprised if burdock are mentioned as a pest-kill or as an excellent topping for ice cream.

CANADA NEEDS MORE WOOL

Every Good Ewe Lamb Should Be Kept for Breeding Purposes

Five Canadians have stopped to consider our present position with respect to wool supplies. Perhaps the following facts will provide food for thought. The Government of Canada is now required to supply equipment of our soldiers. Canada has now over 600,000 men in the armed services. Hence wool requirements for military purposes alone involves the total production of about 5,500,000 sheep. On December 31st last, Canada's sheep population was about 3,500,000 head, nearly 2,000,000 less than the number required to supply wool for our armed forces. One does not need to be a mathematician to figure out the fate of Canada's 11,000,000 civilians should anything occur to seriously interfere with imports.

In the light of these facts, every ewe lamb suitable for breeding purposes should be saved. Farmers are being urged to increase sheep production. Surveys conducted in various counties of the province indicate that they are responding to the appeal. The results in Halton are typical of the trend in many others.

In this area, 63 farmers claimed ownership of 1,303 sheep, 95 of these ewes will be discarded during the present year on account of having out-lived their usefulness. 200 ewe lambs will be retained. After making allowances for replacements, the increase will be 394 head or 22.3 per cent. If the intentions of the flock owners reporting are representative of the trend in the other flocks of the county, the 25 per cent increase aimed at by the Department of Agriculture will be very nearly attained in the existing flocks. That many farmers are going all out in their efforts, is indicated by the fact that quite a number of the men reporting intend keeping all their ewe lambs. The remainder of the farmers will have 180 ewe lambs for sale. Complete details about these lambs are in pamphlet.

In order to prevent their slaughter, the Ontario Department of Agriculture is planning to buy good lambs on the market and to assemble them at a depot established in the Toronto

area. The lambs so assembled will constitute a reserve supply and will be offered for sale to anyone who wishes to purchase wool, but more particularly to supply the requirements of countries where wool production is inadequate. It is not intended that lambs be shipped to countries where the supply exceeds the demand so long as that condition exists. Men wishing to establish new flocks are, therefore, urged to explore the situation locally before seeking supplies elsewhere.

The Field Crop Winners in Action Fair Competition

Secretary C. B. Guschhammer, of Action Fair has received this week the results of the Field Crop Competition for oats conducted under the auspices of Action Fair. The judge was Mr. C. L. Palmer, of Freeman, Ontario. Following are the awards: Gordon Leslie, Acton—66 points; J. E. Prever, Acton—63 points; Hugh Reid, Erin—62 points; Miller Bros., Georgetown—60 points; O'Brien Bros., Acton—58 points; Arthur Guschhammer, Acton—57 points. In a three-acre field on the farm

of Gordon Leslie, a yield is estimated at 50 bushels of oats to the acre. This is just one of the many exceptional crops that will be harvested in this district this year.

FUNERAL OF JOSEPH BENHAM FORMER REEVE ERIN 1877.

Active in the municipal life of Erin Township for nearly half a century, former Reeve Joseph Benham died Monday afternoon at Ouelph Hospital. Seventy-three years of age he has been a resident of Erin for the past 15 years. He had formerly held office as Councilor, Deputy Reeve and Reeve for many years. Mr. Benham was a past president of Erin Agricultural Society and took an active part in arrangements for the Fall Fair. He was well known throughout the district as a breeder of Oxford sheep. He is survived by his widow, formerly Margaret Wilson. They celebrated their golden wedding three years ago. Three sons, James W., of Ouelph, Joseph, of Erin, and John Frederick, and two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Marshall of Erin and Mrs. W. W. Bartlett of Brampton, also survive. The funeral was held to Erin Cemetery, and was largely attended.

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