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The Editor's Corner

WITHOUT STIGMA

At this time when the Salvation Army is conducting its annual appeal for funds in the Georgetown district, attention is drawn to one of the many avenues of Christian service rendered by that great international organization. From a small beginning in London, England, sixty years ago, the Army's care and work for the unmarried mother and her baby has spread around the world until there are now in Canada alone 24 hospitals and institutions devoted to their needs. Pre-natal, confinement and post-natal care are given to these unfortunate people. In the past year 1441 babies were born to unmarried mothers in Canadian Salvation Army hospitals.

His branch of Army work accomplishes a double purpose. It helps to save erring women from going further along the path of degradation and it gives a proper start in life to the youngster who has as much right to grow and develop in a normal way as his more fortunate brothers born in wedlock. The Army does everything in its power to have the mother retain her baby and to have parents accept the situation. The Army frowns upon abortions and is firm in its teachings that this is not the way out for the unmarried mother with all its terrible consequences. "One sin should not be crowned by a far greater" is their slogan and in many cases they have saved mothers from such resorts.

It is good to know that your donation will help to carry on this and other good works of a great band of humble Christian workers who not only believe in but work to that noble end of soul claiming and bodily restoration — without stigma.

POT POURRI

Mrs. George Walters of Victoria Street has been raising money for welfare work for several years with such parties which she holds at her home. Last week a donation of \$25.00 was sent to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, as a contribution from those whose pleasure helps others in less fortunate circumstances. Mrs. Walters is to be complimented on the good work she is doing.

Town Foreman Ern Hyde has asked us to remind householders that the water shortage is still serious and that the use of hose for gardens and lawns is still verboten. The freight train fire the week before last put a serious strain on an already depleted water supply and everyone's co-operation is needed to ease the strain.

On one of the editor's infrequent appearances as a speaker, to the Limehouse Women's Institute last Thursday, it struck us that rural ladies have one advantage over their urban cousins. With most of the ladies present on the same "party line" each can answer her own "ring" when visiting and there is no danger of missing any phone calls.

In her final broadcast from the Toronto Exhibition last week Kate Aitken told of the man who had had headaches and asked a doctor for a cure. "Your brain needs a good cleaning up," said the doctor. "I'll take it out, do the job and you can call back the day after tomorrow to have it replaced." Several days went by and the patient didn't come. Finally the doctor called and enquired when he would be coming. "Oh, I don't really need it now was the answer. "I've got a new job with the government".

Toronto's Beanery Gang seem like sissies when one reads the story of "Boy Gangs of Mousetown" in a recent issue of the Reader's Digest. It tells of conditions in tough sections of New York City and makes us wonder how thin our veneer of civilization is.

Apparently his fellow members of the North Halton High School Area Board are keeping the Acton-Milton editor in the dark. In his editorial column last week he quotes from a Herald editorial and says it is news to him that plans for a central school at Speyside have been abandoned for all time. We would suggest that the Board issue a statement about Speyside and fill in the grave.

If a small girl's opinion counts for anything, a local Grade One-er was asked how she liked the C.N.E. "It was all right," she said soberly, "but I think Georgetown Fair is nicer."

COME TO THE FAIR

It's hard to believe that another year has rolled around and on Saturday the annual Georgetown Fair will be presented in the park. The fair has met with an increasing measure of success these past few years and indications are that it will set a new record, both in quality and in gate receipts this season. The regular program will all be there — hall exhibits, baby show, poultry lawn show, the Lorne Scots Band, Girls Pipe Band and the Stanger mid-week grandstand feature this year is a horse show. The fair is a place where you can see what is always a good show.

The merchant's display tent which last year proved so popular has been expanded and several Main Street businessmen have found space to display their products. On Friday night the Debbonaires will play for the Fair Night Dance in the Rose Room.

Did you ever stop to think of the work that the Fair Board puts into the presentation of this annual show? Preparations start months in advance to encourage stockmen to bring their animals to Georgetown, to solicit advertising for the booklet and donations for the prize list. Midway and grandstand features have to be arranged, the prize list checked and revisions made, and dozens of details taken care of to make the fair the smooth-functioning affair it has become. It is only by cooperation that this is possible — first in everyone entering their garden produce, livestock and handicraft, and second in attending the big fair. See you there.

NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS MAKE FINE SHOWING IN LIVESTOCK JUDGING COMPETITIONS AT C.N.E.

Nearly three hundred Junior Farmers from the counties surrounding Toronto competed in the Live Stock Judging Competitions at the C.N.E. on Wednesday of last week. These competitions are open to individuals and Halton was represented by some 14 young men, and in addition, four Halton young ladies competed in the Junior Homemaker Competition. All of the Haltonites made a fine showing, the awards being as follows:

- Jr. Swine — 1st, Fraser McNabb, Georgetown; Sr. Swine, 4th, Keith Merry, Hornby; 7th, Ward-Brown-ridge, Georgetown; 8th, Wm. Brain, Norval.
- Jr. Sheep — 2nd, John Currie, 8rd, Geo. Wilson, both of Georgetown district; Sr. Sheep Section — 2nd, Douglas Currie, Georgetown.
- Jr. Dairy Cattle Section — 1st, Clark Lyons, Norval; 2nd, Henk de Vries, Georgetown (last year's winner); 8th, John Pickett, Hornby; 12th, Stewart Alexander, Georgetown.
- Sr. Dairy Cattle Section — 3rd, Don E. Holmes, Milton.
- Sr. Heavy Horse Section — 4th, Ted Leslie, Acton.
- Jr. Beef Cattle Section — 6th, Clarence Reid, Acton.
- Sr. Dairy Produce — 3rd, Ted Leslie.
- Jr. Grain and Roots — 1st, George Wilson, 6th, Henk De Vries.

In the Junior Homemaker competitions all four Halton competitors, namely Donna Downs, Hornby; Eleanor Stark, Georgetown; and Jessie and Mae Wingfield also of Georgetown were in the first prize group, scoring over 80 per cent.

The young people were guests of the C.N.E. for the day and were entertained to supper and the horse show in the evening.

HALTON JUNIORS SEND DELEGATES TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP

The leadership training camp sponsored by Ontario Junior Farmers was held at Geneva Park on Lake Couchiching the week of Sept. 6th. Halton Juniors were represented by Marion Currie of Norval Juniors, and David Pelletier of Palermo Juniors. Both on their return home early this week reported a most enjoyable and worth while seven days at Geneva Park.

WINTER WHEAT

For once, Ontario farmers hit the fall wheat jackpot with a large acreage, a record yield, and a good price. Seldom do all three of these factors turn up in the same year on the agricultural slot machine. Eight hundred and fifty eight thousand acres producing an estimated 27,500,000 bushels valued at 56 million dollars. That is not chicken feed literally or figuratively, because there is a demand for this type of wheat for bakery flour for domestic consumption and for export.

At the moment, prospects are not bright in Halton for a normal acreage of fall wheat being sown this fall. In brief, the land is too hard to plow and where it has been summer fallowed it is, in most cases, too dry to sow. However, we hope before this appears in print that the much needed moisture will have arrived.

There is perhaps more interest in the question of variety than there has been for many years. Dawsons, Cornell, and Egyptian Amber are the three we hear most about in this section of Ontario. Har's the summary of replicated tests made at Baden in Waterloo County, Guelph, and Brantford in 1948:

- Cornell 596 — 41.9 bushels
- Dawsons — 39.9 bushels
- Egyptian Amber — 30.9 bushels

Here is another picture based on the average of four years at seven stations across Ontario:

- Cornell 596 — 38.4 bushels
- Dawsons — 35.8 bushels

If you are particularly interested

in Egyptian Amber, here's another one based on the average yields for 11 years at Harrow:

Dawsons — 34.9 bushels
 Egyptian Amber — 30.9 bushels

In short, for this section of Ontario it would appear that you can take your choice between Dawsons and Cornell 596. Both varieties are of excellent milling quality with the millers giving the preference to Cornell — both good yielders, with Cornell slightly in the lead at the moment — in strength of straw Dawsons would appear to be slightly superior — in resistance to loose smut, Cornell is stated to be considerably superior. In any event, whichever variety you choose be sure and treat for stinking smut, or bunt. While there is no very practical treatment for loose smut, stinking smut on the other hand can be ethyl mercuric dust treatments such controlled by the use of one of the as Ceresan.

U.S. DEMAND IS FOR HIGH QUALITY BEEF CATTLE

Since the ban on the export of beef cattle to U.S. was removed a few weeks ago, we have been impressed by the fact that U.S. buyers are interested only in high quality beef cattle or perhaps we should say they are only prepared to pay top prices for good cattle while the price of the common stuff remains at much the same figure it commanded previous to the embargo being removed. In conversation with one of the members of the Ontario Agricultural Commission of Inquiry which set some three or four years ago, we were told that the members of the Commission were unanimous in recognizing that the average quality of our Ontario beef cattle is not good enough but they were more or less at a loss to suggest any new method of improvement. We can't help but wonder if the price spread which now exists between the price of top cattle and that for common stuff will not succeed where propaganda, bull bonuses, etc. failed in the past. We are informed that top butcher cattle sold on the Toronto market at 27c for export while some of the common stuff sold as low as 15c. That spread should encourage the investment in top beef herd sires.

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Being gently swayed by the waves of the Trans-Canada, a golden haired Diana, daughter of a Norfolk, who, owing to her widowed mother's ill health, travelled alone by air from England to Vancouver, to be adopted by her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Kingshott. The pert little five year old with her dolly "Doreen" was a model passenger and entertained the travellers with songs and "What's that for" questions, and amazed airport staff by knowing her passport, tickets and baggage checks. Her new father, Ronald H. Kingshott, met Diane and her aunt, while serving overseas with Canadian Artillery.