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T. S. Ostrander Was Shelburne's Oldest Man

Shelburne's oldest resident, T. S. Ostrander, died at his home there on Friday, February 24th. He was in his 94th year.

Mr. Ostrander was born in Hut-tonville, a descendant of United Empire Loyalists who came to Canada from Pennsylvania in the early part of the nineteenth century. He farmed at Reddickville for fifty years, retiring twenty years ago.

He was twice married, his first wife, Mary Conover dying several years ago. He leaves his wife, Annie Chalmer, two daughters, Mrs. Olive Ewing of Laurel, Mrs. R. C. Dynes of Reddickville, and one son, Harvey Ostrander of Melancthon Township. One daughter predeceased him. He was a first cousin of Mrs. William Ostrander of Georgetown and a second cousin of her late husband.

STEWARTTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkinson, Herbie, Maralyn and Donald of Mount Dennis were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphreys last week end.

Although it might have been worse, and we are glad no one was hurt, we do extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barclay in the damage to their home by the fire last week. They had worked so hard to get their house comfortable and nice.

Mrs. George Leslie was the leader at the World's Day of Prayer meeting held in St. John's Church, Friday afternoon. Assisting were Mrs. Milton Bird, Mrs. V. Picket, Mrs. Hector Bird, Mrs. G. Wingfield, Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. J. Sanford, Mrs. C. A. Grant and Mrs. Mary Bally. Mrs. Francis Thompson sang a solo "Jesus is all the world to me", accompanied by Mrs. Hazen Graham. Mrs. William Cromar took the subject of "Prayer" for the devotional address. The Committee for next year's meeting: leader, Mrs. George Leslie; Anglicans—Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sanford; Baptist—Mrs. Parrot, Mrs. H. Bessey; Presbyterian—Mrs. Cromar, Mrs. H. Graham, Salvation Army—Mrs. Mortram, Mrs. W. Humphreys, United—Mrs. H. Bird, Mrs. Wingfield; Ebanist—Mrs. V. Picket; Sec'y—Treas. Mrs. W. Lawson.

Happy Birthday to Mary Lawson, six on Thursday and Happy Birthday to Doris Picket, six on Friday. Nearly twins, aren't you,

Loan Cupboard Provided By Local Red Cross

Since the inauguration of Red Cross loan cupboards about three years ago, approximately 120 of these are now located in various parts of Ontario. The Toronto Branch was one of the first in operation and some time ago George-

town Branch equipped itself with one. The equipment consists of a collapsible canvas wheel chair, bedside table, air cushion, bed pad, flannel blankets, cotton sheets and pillow cases, rubber sheets and crutches if desired.

This equipment is loaned entirely free of charge, but must have approval of a doctor. This is a safeguard for the patient, since a wheelchair might be asked for when crutches were actually more beneficial to the patient. The room supplies are available to anyone in the community and officials of the local branch hope that advantage will be taken of this service.

The A.Y.P.A. are holding a social evening next Friday in the school. Mr. Frank Jenkinson will show his moving pictures. An invitation is extended to those who wish to attend this social. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.



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CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by ALEX MCKINNEY Jr. * Director ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Editor's Note: This is the fifth of a series of weekly stories which Alex McKinney Jr., a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is writing about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles, West Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.

ULSTER: It's more than a month since we boarded the Queen Mary at New York to sail to the United Kingdom. Since then we've been around quite a bit, visiting points in England, Denmark and West Germany. Now after spending four days in the Netherlands we are in Ulster. But before describing our experiences in Northern Ireland I'll try and pick up where I left off in my last letter, the one from Germany.

We travelled by train from Hamburg to Holland where we were met at The Hague by D. A. Bruce Marshall, the agricultural specialist of the Canadian Embassy. Many of you will remember Bruce's father, the late Senator Duncan Marshall. The senator was at one time minister of agriculture for Ontario and did much to encourage the raising of purebred cattle as well as other improvements in Canadian agriculture. Bruce was a great help to us and acted as our guide and interpreter throughout our visit.

We have been told that Holland is a small country with a large population and everything we saw tended to bear this out. The farms are so small that they can no longer be divided up to hand on to descendants of the families that occupy them. As a result, about 180,000 people leave agriculture each year. They must seek employment in other fields, but as there are not a great many other industries, agriculture accounting for 60 per cent of Holland's export trade, many of these people must migrate. We were told that Holland looks to Canada to receive as many Dutch immigrants as possible.

From my observations I would say the Dutch are an industrious lot and I feel the same about them as I do about the Danes—that is, that Canada should admit as many of them as she can absorb.

As we expected, Holland is the land of windmills and dikes. We could understand this when we learned that more than 30 per cent of the country is below sea level. The Dutch are finding it very costly to reclaim the land that they flooded when the Nazis invaded their country. You really have to go there and see for yourself to realize how much work is involved in maintaining the dikes and manning the pumping stations that keep the sea out. It's an amazing country.

On one of the motor trips we made we saw a flower auction in

operation. It was held about 40 miles from Amsterdam in a hall about an acre in extent. There was about every flower you can think of there, as well as quantities of winter vegetables. They were brought in on trays, each tray was numbered and represented a certain grower. There were about 150 buyers on hand, most of them from London, Paris, Brussels and other centres outside Holland.

Each buyer had an electric push button at his side. The peculiar thing about this auction is that the bidding is the reverse of ours—the price starts high and comes down as the auction proceeds! When the prices suited a buyer he pushed the button and a light flashed. This stopped the bidding. This also meant that there was only one bidder. This system seems to maintain prices at a very high level.

During our stay at the Hague the Canadian Ambassador, Hon. Pierre Dupuy, gave a dinner in our honour. It was a wonderful dinner and was attended by many Dutch government officials. At the dinner I presented three of the Canadian maple trees I brought with me to the Dutch government. When the weather improves the Dutch authorities are going to plant them in the Canadian war cemeteries over there.

I might say that the maple trees, which I presented as a symbol of Canadian fellowship and esteem for the overseas countries, were well received everywhere. At Copenhagen I planted one at the veterinary college. At Newquay, in Cornwall, where the boys plowed their first match soon after arriving in the U.K. I planted a maple and presented one to the city. It is to be planted in the city square some time later.

It was in Belfast that they made a big ceremony out of the tree planting. I planted one in the city square and the Lord Mayor, Mr. W. Johnston and other dignitaries were on hand. It was quite an honor, for the Lord Mayor told me that it was the first tree planted in the city square by any one other than a member of royalty. The last tree planted there was an oak and it was planted by the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales.

That was one of the highlights of our week in Ulster. We came here after a day in London when we were the guests of Col. J. S. P. Armstrong, the Ontario Government Agent-General, at a luncheon. We had flown to London from The Hague and the trip was uneventful. We went from London by train and then by boat to Belfast and that, too, was a fairly uneventful trip.

Here the boys took part in the plowing match at Mullpark, just outside of Belfast. It was a dirty

day but there were a fair number of spectators on hand. Jim Eccles came eighth in a class of 38 which included six plowmen from Sweden. They used Irish plows and the Irish people said Jim did exceptionally well. I thought so too for Jim only had one day's practice on the high cut plow.

As I said before, we spent a week in Ireland and it was the busiest week I've ever spent. We were taken everywhere and only one night did I manage to get to bed before 12 a.m. Irish hospitality defies description. It's overwhelming. On one occasion I must have had six cups of tea within less than two hours and that's a record for me.

Another experience that stands out in my mind was meeting Jim Kernahan, assistant to the minister of agriculture for Ulster. During our conversation we discovered that his grandmother and my grandmother were sisters.

But I think you've had enough for now. By the time you are reading this letter we will probably be back in Canada after a visit to Scotland. I'll tell you about that in my next letter. It's been a wonderful experience being over here but we'll be glad to see Canada again.

Frank Dolson New Peel Juniors Head

Frank Dolson was chosen president of Peel Junior Farmers when the group held their annual meeting recently in the agricultural offices at Brampton. He succeeds Keith Shaw of Malton. Loren Fenwick, retiring president of the Junior Institute will be replaced by Helen Nesbitt of Caledon.

Other officers elected for 1950 are: vice president, Tom Davidson, Terra Cotta; secretary-treasurer, Edgar Cook, Bolton; Junior Farmer building treasurer; Milford Fenwick, Brampton. Institute officers are: vice president, Florence Codlin, Malton; secretary treasurer, Marjorie Johnson, Streetsville; press reporter, Fern Shaw, Bolton. The president was named Peel County representative to the Ontario Junior Farmers Association and Marjorie McDougall, Caledon and Shirley Hostwasser, Malton, are representatives on Peel County Women's Institute.

The guest speaker, T. R. Hilliard, secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Junior Farmers congratulated the group on the erection of their new building at Brampton fair grounds. Plans were discussed for the Junior Farmer field day, judging competitions, annual boat cruise and the annual "At Home" at Casa Loma, Toronto. Paul Beer, agricultural representative was presented with a set of book ends for his assistance to the junior during the year and cups and saucers were given to Beatrice Fenwick, office secretary and Lucille Barber, county home economist.

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