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CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

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This is the first of a series of weekly stories which Victor C. Porteous of Owen Sound, Ont., a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, who as their coach-manager, will write about the visit of Canada's champion plowmen to the British Isles, Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands.

ON BOARD THE QUEEN MARY: We are now on our way across the Atlantic. We left the dock in New York about 3.30 a.m. and it is now mid afternoon. The big ship is rolling a little but not too much and I think we will prove seaworthy. I hope so, for none of us have been to sea before.

By us I mean Hugh Leslie of Georgetown, Ont., and Herbert Jarvis of Agincourt, Ont., the 1950 Canadian champion plowmen and myself. We are headed for the other side to take part in plowing matches in the British Isles and to observe agricultural conditions and visit historical places there and in Holland, Belgium and Denmark.

We are the fifth in as many years to have been awarded all-expense-paid overseas trips by Imperial Oil as a result of winning the Esso Champions Trans-Atlantic horse and tractor classes at the International plowing match. The boys won their trips in competition with county and district champions and I was appointed team manager by the Ontario Plowmen's Association who sponsor the big annual event.

Besides looking after the boys one of my jobs is to write a series of letters describing our experiences abroad — what we see, what we do and sometimes what we hear. I hope they will prove interesting to you. But to get this series of letters properly under way I'll introduce the two champion plowmen and myself.

By coincidence both of the boys are 28 years old — but Herbert Jarvis, the gold medal horse plowman is really the younger. His birthday was January 3rd, the day we left Toronto for New York. (Nice birthday present, eh?) Herb is the son of John Jarvis and is the second youngest of the seven plowing Jarvis Brothers. Willis, Donald, Russell, Richard, Norman, Herbert and Leonard... in that order. The boys were given that title when all of them competed at the East York plowing match in 1947. Norman won that year but Herb had since won the county championship two years in a row.

It might interest you to know that while Herb is an out-and-out horse plowman he works in a plant turning out tractors. But on week-ends Herb plows with a horse on his father's 100 acre farm. His wife is a Timbers, a member of a family that includes many champion plowmen, and they have twin daughters Linda and Donna who will be three years old next May.

Hugh Leslie, the gold medal tractor plowman, hails from Georgetown and is an old hand at tractor plowing. He has been behind the wheel of a tractor since he was able to climb into the driver's seat, and he has competed at county and at international matches since they were resumed after the war. Last year he was Peel County champion in the open 80d tractor class.

Hugh and his father, George H. Leslie, work a 400 acre farm and of course it is highly mechanized. He is a married man and the father of a four-year-old daughter Lynda Ann.

As for me, I'm a farmer from away back and my Grey Maples farm near Owen Sound has been in the family for over a hundred years. My son is now operating it and I'm a sort of silent partner.

I have always been interested in organizations that are aimed at improving agricultural conditions and I've taken an active part in nearly all farm organizations in North Grey.

Well so much for all of us. I had better get back to describing our trip or you'll think we never got off. The day of our departure was a busy one with radio broadcasts, press interviews, photographers and the official luncheon. I was glad that Col. Tom Kennedy, the Ontario minister of agriculture, was able to drop in for it wouldn't have seemed right not to have him there to wish us luck.

But before we knew it it was time to be at Toronto's Union Station. Our departure was quite in accord with all the other events of the day and I must say that the spirit of those friends who saw us off was not dampened in the least by the inclement weather. Platform tickets did not seem necessary for I heard a good many of our friends tell the man at the gate they had reservations on the New York train. I think I heard at least five say they had lower berth six on car 36, but of course they were not on the train when it pulled out.

We had no trouble whatever with inspection at the border as the customs officers were aboard when we left Toronto. Inspection was carried out systematically and completed by the time we entered the U.S.A. Altogether our train trip was quite uneventful except for the fact that we were about one-and-a-half hours late arriving in New York.

It was 11 a.m. when we got into our rooms at the Biltmore Hotel. By the time we contacted Peter Kinneer of Standard Oil, New Jersey, it was almost noon and he invited us to have lunch with him and a group of his associates. Mr. Kinneer is a former Ontario boy, having been raised in Cayuga.

We were taken to the Luncheon Club in the Rainbow Room of the RCA Building, Rockefeller Centre. This is on the 65th floor, about 800 feet above ground level. After lunch we were shown New York from the top of the same building. It was quite a sight.

Later we visited some of the offices in the same building, where one of the radio networks recorded an interview with Herb and Hugh for use the next day on a farm broadcast. We also had some photographs taken with 'Dagmar', a well-known television actress. Naturally this was enjoyed by all—even myself.

In the evening we had dinner, smorgasbord, at a Swedish restaurant. There was everything you could think of to eat, and plenty of it. Later we toured sections of Greater New York including Wall Street, Brooklyn and the wharves. We certainly enjoyed every minute of it. All too soon it was 11 p.m. and time to go aboard the Queen Mary. We regretted having to bid our new friends goodbye.

Once on board the Queen Mary we stayed up and watched its progress out of the harbour. At four a.m. we passed the statue of liberty. By five we were pretty well out of sight of land so we waved good-bye to North America and made for bed.

In my next letter I'll tell you more about life aboard this giant ship and of our first days in England.

STEWARTTOWN

CHURCH LADIES FORM NEW LADIES GUILD

Fourteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. John Standish last Tuesday evening to form a new organization in the village, taking the name of St. John's Guild, Stewarttown, with the purpose of working for St. John's Church, Stewarttown. The following officers were elected:

President — Mrs. John Standish
Secretary — Mrs. Tom Clapham
Treasurer — Mrs. Colin Blizzard
Publicity Sec'y. — Mrs. Bob Harris
Assist. Sec'y. — Mrs. C. A. Grant

The next meeting to be held at Mrs. David Barclay's home on Tuesday, 30th of January will take the form of a sale of home baking. A quessing women's institute held a short business meeting at Mrs. Bob Harris' home to plan for the evening of February 6th when the Schneider Meat Company will present films and a demonstration of their products in the Community Hall. The presentation will be under the auspices of the Women's Institute.

THE WEATHER

Mr. Editor: We certainly moved out of the 'Banana Belt' as Gordon Sinclair calls this part of the world, in a hurry, over the weekend. That deluge of almost 1 inch of rain cleared the ground ready for our next fall of snow. The highest temperature of 51 was 11 degrees from the high mark of 62, set last January.

Date	Max.	Min.	Snow
January 15	32	20	S-1"
January 16	32	18	
January 17	39	21	
January 18	36	12	
January 19	46	32	
January 20	51	29	R 96
January 21	26	12	
Average	37.42	20.57	R 96 S 1"

Open House Marks 90th Birthday

To mark her 90th birthday last Thursday, Mrs. W. D. Johnston held open-house at her home on Charles Street.

Many friends called during the afternoon and evening to pay their respects. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith Thompson of Toronto poured tea. A beautiful bouquet of ninety red roses brightened the day, sent by her only granddaughter, Mrs. Gordon McMurchy of Huttonville.

Mrs. Johnston enjoys good health and spends her days happily quilting and knitting and doing some of the chores around the home. A faithful member of St. John's Church of England, Stewarttown, she rarely misses a Sunday service. She is an active worker for the Grenfell Mission and the Mission to Lepers.

Social and Personal

Bill Barry, of the Barrager Cleaners staff spent the week-end with his parents in Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler of Guelph visited with Mrs. A. S. Wilson, Queen Street, on Saturday.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Clem Dwyer is confined to Guelph General Hospital.

Miss Effie Hillis of Simcoe spent a few days last week in town visiting with her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hillis.

Mr. Lou Butko, employed as a chemist at Provincial Paper Ltd., has been transferred to the Thorold mill of the company.

Mr. Dean Harley has had the misfortune to break his ankle and will be confined to his home for some time.

Mr. Ivan Hay, proprietor of the Vogue Hairdressing is spending a few days in Kitchener attending a hairdressers' convention.

Patty Wardlaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wardlaw of Malton spent the week-end in town where she was a guest of Gloria Bain.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGilvray and family and Mrs. F. L. McGilvray spent Sunday at Downsview with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watts.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Will Hillis on Saturday were Mrs. Hillis' mother and brother, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Sam Richardson of Simcoe.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayward, Berwick Hall, were Mrs. W. Dawson of Leaside, Mrs. E. Cook and Mrs. J. Treloar, Toronto.

Mrs. A. E. Dawson is spending a few weeks in Lansing, Michigan, where she will visit with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dawson.

Mrs. Harry Matthews of Kitchener spent Saturday with Mrs. Fred Laws and Archdeacon and Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson. Mrs. Matthews is a former resident in town.

Cpl. Bruce Collins, who is stationed with the army at Camp Borden is at Barriefield Camp near Kingston at present where he is taking a special course.

Mrs. A. S. Wilson, Queen Street, entertained for her sister, Mrs. Sydney Robin at a family party Saturday evening which took the form of a miscellaneous shower. There were 32 present.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Reid spent Thursday at Niagara-on-the-Lake visiting with Dr. Reid's father, Mr. George Reid who is a patient at Cottage Hospital where he is seriously ill.

Calvin Clark, Frank Whitmore and Frank Carney attended an executive dinner meeting of the district Electrical Contractors Association at the Royal Hotel, Guelph, last Wednesday.

Well-Known Citizen Mrs. Wm. Gamble Dies

A resident of town since early childhood, Mrs. William Gamble, died at her home on the 9th Line last Tuesday.

She was born 77 years ago in Hull, Quebec, the eldest of five children of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hawes. The family moved to Georgetown a few years later where her father was employed at the greenhouse operated by the late Dr. W. J. Roe. The greenhouse was located at the corner of Main and Guelph Streets where the Lorne Peters' residence now stands.

Before her marriage 52 years ago, Mrs. Gamble worked in Toronto. Her husband predeceased her in 1927. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two children, Mrs. Clarence Walters (Susan) of Georgetown and William F. Gamble, of Detroit, Michigan. There are two grandchildren. A brother John Hawes lives in Stayner.

Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson conducted the funeral service on Thursday at the McClure Funeral Home and interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were William Hill, Wilfred Mino, Ray Webster and three nephews, William Hawes, Richard Hawes and Fred Fryer.

A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, she was born at Ashgrove and following her marriage lived for several years at Stewarttown where her husband operated a saw mill and farm. They moved to Georgetown in 1915 where Mr. Johnston died fifteen years ago. An only daughter, Mrs. Norman Snyder lives in Georgetown and she has one brother, Rev. Griffin Thompson of Milton.

Second School in North Gym for Us: Milton

Board Quashes Milton Move For Two-School Area

A motion to build a new school in the northern part of Halton and to add a gymnasium to the Milton school found little favor at a meeting of North Halton School Board in Milton Monday.

Milton representatives, Dr. Carl Martin and Nelson Pickett proposed the move which was supported by Ross Carbert of Nassagaweya. Representatives of the three other municipalities involved voted solidly against it — John Bell, Dr. J. B. Milne and Walter Blehn of Georgetown; Arthur Beaumont and William Schenk of Esqueness; G. A. Dills, William Coon and Dr. A. J. Buchanan of Acton. A newly-appointed member, George Cleave of Esqueness was not present at the meeting.

Dr. Martin in moving the motion, said he believed a speedy solution should be made towards the establishment of a new school and the creation of a two-school area. He argued that there had never been any intention for one school to serve the whole area and that the present Milton building, with the addition of a gymnasium, would save money and provide the best in education. It had been the impression, he said, at a meeting in Stewarttown in September, 1949 that two schools would be most economical and practical.

Several members expressed the thought that one school alone could provide better education at a reasonable cost. The present shuttle system of transportation, which not only brings children to school in the morning, but shifts them from school to school for special classes, creates a heavy burden of cost. There was a suggestion that if Milton was adamant in refusing to cooperate on one school that the town be allowed to withdraw from the district. Dr. Martin said this would

be quite satisfactory as Milton could expect in future to have students from parts of Trafalgar Township.

D.P. Class Successful. A good report was received about the English course for DP's being taught in Milton each Monday night. Original enrolment of ten has grown to 21 and there is also a fifteen-student class operating in Acton.

Permission was given for the transportation of Acton school pupils to Toronto to attend the opening of the Ontario Legislature.

A borrowing-by-law authorizes the chairman and treasurer to borrow up to \$50,000 from the Bank of Nova Scotia, until tax money is received.

Teachers Accept Raise

A letter from a committee representing the unanimous opinion of teachers in the three schools accepted the board's recent offer of a \$200 raise, plus an increase in the annual increment from \$100 to \$200. The teachers asked, however, that consideration be given to their original request for a \$300 raise. The letter was filed without comment from the board.

Buy Choir Gowns

Choir gowns and mortar boards will be purchased for use by girls' choirs in the schools. The gowns will be dark blue with scarlet trim and cost of 31 outfits will be \$600.

At present the Georgetown choir has been giving a series of concerts and it was felt that the choir would be stimulated by proper gowns.

Purchase of leather tools and equipment was endorsed for the household economics classes.

A motion by Blehn and Dills that the board serve without remuneration this year, except for a \$50 grant to the chairman for incidental expenses was lost when it was voted on. Mr. Coon being the only supporter of the motion.

Will Mark 93rd Birthday Tuesday

A resident of Georgetown for several years, Mrs. Robert McCullough of Brampton will celebrate her 93rd birthday next Tuesday.

Mrs. McCullough is a native of the district and after her marriage lived in the Parry Sound district before moving back to Georgetown. Her husband died several years ago. She attended the United Church while living in town.

Dance Planned Friday By High School Students

Students of Georgetown High School are sponsoring a dance in Stewarttown Hall this Friday when Tiny Hopkins and his Orchestra will play for dancing. The dance starts at 9.00 and a bus for students will leave the Rose Bar Restaurant at 8.45. Students will get in for 35c with a 50c charge to the general public.

Monday morning middle and upper school saw a showing of "Pride and Prejudice", preceded by a Robert Benchley comedy.

The junior forms saw the same show in the afternoon. "Pride and Prejudice" is being studied in literature this year at the school.

Forty Years with CNR Mike Lorusso Retires

A Canadian National Railways sectionman for forty and a half years, Emmanuel (Mike) Lorusso has retired on pension.

Mr. Lorusso was honoured by fellow employees on the railway on Saturday when they gathered at the station in the evening and presented him with a leather wallet containing a generous sum of money as a farewell present.

A native of Forzta province in southern Italy, Mr. Lorusso came to Canada as a young lad in his teens in 1902 and after living in Toronto came to Georgetown in 1909. His fiancée, Marie Masi came over from Italy two years later and since their marriage they have lived in the house on Victoria Street where they still reside. They attend Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church.

They have a family of nine children, three of whom served overseas with the Canadian army in the last war, Frank, Rego and Mike. The

Raiders Lose First Dundas the Victors

Georgetown Raiders suffered their first defeat in league competition on Monday at Dundas. Playing short-handed, the Raiders lost the game 12-8 to the home team.

Last Wednesday the Raiders drubbed Burlington here 13-4.

Raiders are at home tonight to Milton, the toughest competition in the league and have a return game in the county town Friday. Next Tuesday they play their first game in the new Burlington arena.

With Patterson, Haines and Chappeil scoring, the Raiders kept on even terms for the first period Monday but were outscored 5 to 2 in the second period, Del Beaumont and Kemshead getting the local goals. Kemshead and the Beaumont brothers scored three goals in the final period.

Ashgrove Dealer Exhibits At Toronto Implement Show

J. G. Davidson, Ashgrove garage-man and farm implement dealer was in Toronto last week where he had an exhibit at the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers' show in the Coliseum at the exhibition grounds.

Mr. Davidson says there was a keen interest in the show with large attendances on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

later rejoined the army when the Korean war broke out and is now at Fort Lewis, Washington with the Canadian Special Force. Frank now lives in Durham where he is a CNR section foreman and Ross works at Provincial Paper in town. Other members of the family are Dominic, Joe, Donald and Josephine of town, Mrs. Annie McConkey of Oshawa and Rose of Toronto.

Mr. Lorusso intends to remain living in Georgetown and has made no plans for the future. He figures on still doing work of some kind for he is in top physical condition and says he feels as good as he did twenty years ago. Mrs. Lorusso's mother and a sister still live in Italy but Mr. Lorusso has no immediate relatives there. After so many years in Canada he is dubious about whether he will take a trip back to the Old Country.



Herbert Jarvis



Hugh Leslie