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The Editor's Corner

EDUCATION CAN HELP

In their series of winter discussion groups, Ontario farm forums tackle a number of interesting subjects pertaining to the farmer's place in national and international affairs.

Last week, feeding the hungry nations of the world from Canada's surpluses was the broadcast topic for discussion and the answers compiled at county headquarters showed that Halton farmers are sympathetic to this world problem and are ready to do their part in helping unfortunate victims of starvation and under-nourishment in other countries.

One worthwhile way that Canada can help is to encourage attendance at courses offered in our agricultural colleges by representative farmers from other lands, as suggested by several Halton forums. This could easily be arranged by making government scholarships available. While charity in the form of concrete food donations is helpful, it is of more lasting importance to teach others to grow their own food in sufficient quantities to feed their own population.

One further step, and one which can get the best results of all, would be the dissemination of proper birth control information in heavily-populated countries such as China and India. It is much more preferable that a country adjust its population by artificial means to the proper proportions than it is for children to be born into a world where a certain number of them must starve to death because there is not enough food to keep them alive.

STOP TRAFFIC

We have been saving an editorial clipped from Mrs. Katharine Marston's Elora Express for some time, looking for the opportune time to use it. Now, with communism so much in the news, here is how Mrs. Marston sums up the difference between that and our way of life. Mrs. Marston has done an excellent job of putting into one small story what economists have taken volumes to write.

In Russia it is Joe Stalin who calls the tune and says stop and go. It is always like that in countries where power is concentrated. In a good honest democracy, now, things are different. Sometimes the signals come from Ottawa but sometimes they are worked by a very small person who wields a very great power.

Take the Saturday before Christmas, for example. We went to Kitchener for a variety of reasons, one of which was to admire the very beautiful decoration of their city hall. The crowds were milling up and down the streets in a good natured last minute effort to be ready for the great day. Cars buzzed along the highways and the city streets going as many places as possible in the least possible time. Carols chimed from the church towers and the City Hall and time ran out at an alarming rate.

And, then, on the busiest highway in town a little boy wanted to cross the street. By the school there is a red and green light that works by a button and turns on and off at school times. We rarely see it red. But that Saturday it turned suddenly and one small boy, important looking as Billy-be-damned, walked calmly across the road, after which it turned green and the Christmas traffic went about its business.

That is what we like about the silly democracies. They have a nice regard for the rights of minorities which shows itself in such devious ways as stop lights that can be operated by little boys to the inconvenience and possible dismay of great magnates in powerful cars. Just so that little lives may be safe on the highways. It was a nice little incident at Christmas time and we hope that the little boy and all other little boys in Canada may live safely by such means, for many years to come.

GEORGETOWN'S HISTORY

Continuing a series of articles from an 1893 edition of the Toronto Daily Mail:

GLEN WOOLLEN MILLS

In June, 1887, Messrs. John Sykes and Norman Ainley both of whom were experienced old country mill operatives, located at Glen Williams, and established this, the largest industry with the exception of the Georgetown Paper Mills, in this vicinity. In 1873 Mr. Sykes came from Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, to Canada, and was manager of the Montreal Woollen Mills for five years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Weston, Ontario, to assume management of the woollen mills at that place, a position he relinquished to engage in the Glen Williams enterprise. Mr. Ainley, the junior partner is also a native of Yorkshire.

He removed to this country in 1880, and was employed under Mr. Sykes at Weston until the opening of the Glen mill. The main building is of stone three storeys high, with mansard roof, and 50 by 100 feet in dimensions. Adjoining the main building on the west is No. 2 mill, also of stone, two storeys high, and 45 by 100 feet in extent. In addition to the two buildings above mentioned there are five other stone and wooden structures, utilized as boiler house, engine room and warehouses. There are on an average sixty hands employed here the year round in the manufacture of carpet yarns, tweeds, blankets, rugs and horse blanket linings. It is safe to say that there is not another similar industry in the Dominion that has run as many hours as these mills since their inception. F. W. Newman & Co. are agents for the Glen woollen mills for Quebec, the Maritime Provinces, and the North West. The trade for Ontario is supplied direct from the mills. Both proprietors devote their entire time to the inspection and supervision of the mills. Mr. Alfred Sykes superintends the card rooms, and Mr. Harry Holdroyd has charge of the office.

THE NORVAL MILLS

These mills were established by a gentleman named McNab in 1825, and were for many years operated in a wooden structure, but in 1878 a new building was erected by the present owner, Mr. Robert Noble, who became proprietor in 1870. The Norval Mills of today are located in stone and brick buildings, with iron and slate roofs, and consist of a merchant mill, 44 by 80 feet in dimensions; a custom mill, three storeys high, 30 by 70 feet. The merchants' mill is of the very latest roller process, capable of producing 400 barrels of flour daily, most of which is shipped to the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Noble is a native of Cumberland, England, and was born at Carlisle in 1836. He came to Canada in 1852, settling in Dundas, Ont., whence he removed to Norval.

EMPIRE BLANKET MILLS

While its limekilns are in a comparative state of masterly inactivity for the time being, there is one industry in Limehouse worthy of special commendation. Allusion is made to the Empire Blanket Mills, which were established by the late Mr. John Newton in 1868. Mr. Newton served his time as a woollen manufacturer in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, and settling in Limehouse, Ontario, in 1854, brought up his three sons, James, John M., and Isaac to the business which they now control. The woollen or blanket mill is three and a half storeys high, forty feet in width, and seventy feet in length and is filled with the best modern machinery attainable. While flannels, sheetings, tweeds and yarns are here manufactured to supply the local demand, while woollen blankets are a specialty, and of which a full line of the various grades required are made exclusively for the wholesale trade, the quality of every grade being the very best in its class. The manufactured goods are stored until ready for shipment in a two-storey warehouse with basement, 30 by 40 feet in dimensions. In addition to woollen goods, John Newton & Sons manufacture mineral paints for outbuildings and fences. These paints are of seven different colours, and are fire proof as well as permanent. The paint mill, which adjoins the woollen mill on the south, is two storeys high, and 30 by 50 feet in extent. The machinery in both mills is propelled by water and steam combined. The woollen mill is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Isaac Newton, the paint mill is under the management of Mr. James Newton, while the office and warehouses are presided over by Mr. John M. Newton.

FARM FORUMS

Suggest Many Ways to Feed World's Hungry

by Mrs. Roy Ellenton

The question of feeding the hungry with surplus Canadian food, if there is any, was the subject brought before Halton farm forums on February 12th.

All forums felt that surplus food products should be distributed in areas where food is badly needed, and a number of suggestions were made as to how this can best be done.

One forum suggested the lowering of import restrictions, or in other words to trade something other countries have for our food. Another forum suggested that if money, the world over, was on the same par basis we could do more effective trading. S.S. 4, Esquevas, thought food products should not be sold for profit when shipped to needy countries and Bannockburn said national indolence should be discouraged.

No. 7 Nassagaweya favoured a marketing scheme financed by the Dominion government. Ligny forum suggested a scheme similar to the Marshall Plan. Kilbride said that if countries can spend millions of dollars on armaments, it seems more logical to put that money to use in distributing food throughout the world. Food is one weapon needed to fight Communism and efforts should be made to distribute surplus food to any needy country we can reach. The government would of course have the controlling hand in any such undertaking.

Forums agreed that people in other countries should be helped to improve their techniques in agriculture so they will be able to produce as much food as possible by themselves.

We should offer the facilities of our agricultural colleges to their representatives and distribute some of our own agricultural bulletins.

Appelby forum thought that in some parts of the world they would never be able to produce enough food to feed themselves because of growing population. Countries such as China and India will always need aid because of their large population and a small food-producing acreage, so it is impossible to expect them to be self-maintaining.

MAJOR BOWLERS

MANY GOOD SCORES 38 GAMES OVER 200

by Ace Bailey

Anderson's team whitewashed Kirby to push their total points up to 76, Kirby remaining at 81. Wilson's team proved to be the victors against Bailey, getting 4 to 3. Bailey now has 60 and Wilson 41.

There were some good scores rolled in the evening's bowling. Out of sixty games there were 38 of 200 and over. Bill Anderson had 335 for high single, Ernie Peters second with 301 and Ev Wilson had 295.

Anderson also took triple honours with 735 (335-190-220). Bill had a hard luck second game. Ev Wilson had a 695 triple. Bob (just call me Keys) Hall burned up the alleys with 88. (If anybody has seen Dick Tracey around, please inform Bob.)

Rolling the team single score for the night was Bailey's team with 1215. Best triple was rolled by Anderson's team, 3292.

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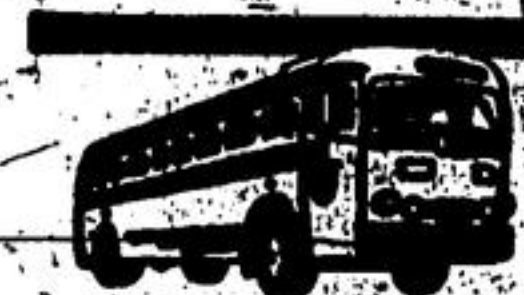
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