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Doctor's Family Here Attends Reunion of United States McAllisters

A week ago Dr. and Mrs. A. McAllister, Misses Jean and Helen McAllister, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McAllister, motored to Michigan to attend a family reunion. The McAllisters are one of Huron County's oldest families and Dr. McAllister has been good enough to write us an account of the trip, which we reprint below.

Until we fulfilled an invitation given on June 30 last at Bayfield, on the eastern shore of Lake Huron on the Ontario division of the McAllister Clan gathering, we had never heard the name applied to that portion of Michigan State between Saginaw Bay and the western shore of Lake Huron as the "Thumb."

As our destination was the village of Applegate in Michigan, our party of six travelled via Sarnia and Port Huron on September 2nd going via Strafford, Exeter to Grand Bend and Forest on the Blue Water Highway No. 21, arriving about 6:00 at the home of Mr. Alex McAllister, grandson of my uncle "Sandy", one of the three pioneering sons of William and Mrs. McAllister who came from Glasgow with the third son Robert a year or two after his brothers John and Alexander, who came in 1842 with another family on the same boat from Glasgow. Charles Scobie and wife and children.

This latter family was destined to be united by marriage in 1852 when John McAllister and Mary Scobie took up home making. The other two brothers married locally, daughters of early pioneers in Huron, each son cutting a home out of solid hard hardwood bush for the lady of his choice.

The McAllisters, father and their three sons, took up farming on 400 acres on what was locally known as Parr Line from a man named John Parr. Their nearest market for grain was Bayfield, about 12 miles distant. London was 40 miles away.

Charles Scobie and his son John, full brother to Mary McAllister, afterwards were skilled tradesmen and built a flour mill in Seaford, a Huron town. Later in Goderich, John ran a salt well, but was burnt out and after varying fortunes finally came to Detroit after the American Civil War in which John had enlisted, having fought on Lookout Mountain as a private.

After a very beautiful supper at

the above mentioned Applegate farm, and after viewing many old and newer photographs, we chose to be billeted with Mr. and Mrs. Loran McAllister, also a Mr. and Mrs. James McAllister from near Zurich. Another grandson, Robin McAllister and his wife were present from near Hillsgreen and were billeted at other homes. Also Wm. McAllister, Ayr.

We two went out to a farm occupied by the other Michigan resident, Loran and Mrs. McAllister, also grandson of my uncle Sandy. The others remained where we had our supper with Alex.

Next day I was privileged to view the set-up on an American farm, in all 345 acres, with at least two powerful tractors and a combine self-propelled. In the barn were 3 milking units for 37 Holsteins, and out in the yard were 50 pigs of various ages, some fed on corn on the cob. Two large silos were ready for the 1951 corn crop which was not very good, due to a cold wet spring. Much hay was baled.

Two houses, one for his married son and family, had modern equipment, including television sets, while the other across a short lane was conveniently equipped for the parents.

On September 3, Labour Day, the clan gathering took place in a park operated by the Church of Latter Day Saints which was provided with a large pavilion with plenty of table space and electricity for heating and running water for tea or coffee and dishwashing afterwards.

In about an hour after the various guests had arrived, the dinner bell was rung, and soon we were enjoying the dinner with abundance of hot beverage to wash down the excellent foods provided by the wives of various families present.

After dinner, the presiding chairman called upon me to speak a few words outlining briefly some of the history of the clan as above given. He had learned that I was the oldest member of Clan McAllister present. This was an honour to the remaining son of John McAllister. After dinner came a spirited ball game on ample park space, then the cameras came into action, and soon the day was ended.

Again we were called to the pavilion to enjoy ice cream, watermelon and cake after which a brief programme put on by local talent was enjoyed.

As a tribute to Ontario guests the chairman requested our people to sing our national anthem, which was led by myself with ample assistance from Huron.

After election of officers for 1952, it was again necessary to have our own gathering at 1952 at the same place.

So there was no Lord Curzon to visit the year before. A return on postage after leaving a package to the post office, we left for Detroit on the 10th. The morning of September 11th, our Scobie relatives and I went to the city in the heart of my old home, a day's travels for the first time. We arrived home shortly after midnight on Tuesday morning, and then started on the 12th.

FARM NEWS

Ten Counties Compete Regional Holstein Show

Holstein's entry in the Holstein county herd class at the CNE stood second. "Peg" was first amongst the ten counties entered. Individual breeders showed animals that stood well up in the prize money. They included A. M. Brain & Sons, Freeman, second prize senior yearling bull and Reserve Junior Champion on Brownview Futurity Burs, Ross Segsworth, Freeman, second junior bull calf, sixth milking four year old and seventh senior bull calf; J. F. Trimble, Streetsville, second junior yearling heifer, third milking four year old and fifth progeny of dam, George Howard, Gowland, Milton, second and fifth dry two year olds, A. M. Sheppard, Freeman, second two year old bull, F. O. Hunter, Norval, third senior bull calf, A. G. Hunter, Freeman, sixth senior bull calf, Robt. C. Alexander, Georgetown, fourth aged bull, fourth senior heifer calf, fourth junior heifer calf, F. L. Rogister & Son, Milton, sixth Junior Yearling bull; Gordon R. Sinclair, Freeman, seventh milking three year old.

This CNE was designated as the Regional Holstein Show for the ten counties in the West Central Ontario district. There were 255 head shown by 91 exhibitors. J. M. Fraser, Streetsville, was premier breeder and premier exhibitor and showed both Grand Champions, taking the female award on Spring Farm Juliette and the male award on Spring Farm Fond Hope. Bob. Franklin, 21 year old from Collingwood provided a Cinderella touch when, showing for the first time, he not only won the class on

his four-year-old "Beauty" but took her through to the Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Championship, beaten only by that perennial champion Juliette.

Hector I. Astengo, Brampton, was runner-up for Premier Exhibitor and had the Reserve Grand Champion bull and Reserve Junior Champion Female, Wilfred James, Sarnia, exhibited the Junior Champion female, and Stephen B. Roman, King the Junior Champion bull, with the Reserve Junior bull award going to A. M. Brain & Sons, Freeman.

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