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The Editor's Corner

A DREAD DISEASE

The daily national news continues to concentrate on the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the Regina region out west. The outbreak, as yet confined to a limited area has resulted in severe loss to a half dozen farmers who have lost their entire cattle herds. This in itself would not be a national calamity, but the repercussions have certainly been. Banning of Canadian livestock imports by the United States, as well as several provincial bans have affected hog and poultry markets as well as cattle.

An article by B. T. Dale, Wellington County M.O.H. tells us a few things we did not know about the disease, and we pass them on to readers who might also be interested. Here is what Mr. Dale says:

Is foot and mouth disease confined only to animals or may it infect man? The truth is that man is relatively resistant to this disease although may suffer from it. The clinical manifestations and symptoms are usually mild although some cases of death are described. But the most important epidemiological finding about this disease is that it may be spread through men who handle diseased cattle.

The disease prevails in Russia, Asia and South America. It is certain that it is caused by viruses which are highly communicable and infectious. The viruses attack animals and produce eruption on the mucous membranes of the mouth and on the skin between the toes. Vesicles are formed, which rupture easily, leaving ulcers or erosions. The animals when affected lose appetite, salivate and show decrease in milk production, with loss of weight and emaciation. The infection is spread through direct and indirect contact, that is why quarantine is so important.

Man if infected suffers from general weakness, loss of appetite and weight, emaciation and complications from ruptured vesicles and ulcers. They appear mostly in mouth and between the fingers. Malnourished children may die. Man is infected through direct contact with the affected animal or by drinking unpasteurized milk, or by eating cheese prepared from infected milk.

The usual precautionary measures during any epidemic should be preserved. Diseased cattle slaughtered, suspects quarantined and the rest vaccinated. The entire population should cooperate to the utmost with the sanitary authorities and help them to eradicate the disease and diminish the national disaster.

POT POURRI

Florida is once more proving a mecca for Georgetown people this year. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Wray Watson of Grimsby, former residents, who spend part of each winter in St. Petersburg, there have been several who have made short-trips, these including Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Brandford, Miss Sybil Bennett, Q.C. and LeRoy Dale, Q.C., with Miss Bennett's aunt Mrs. Burnhill and Mrs. Burnhill's daughter, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Al Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kentner, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cleave, Mrs. Ern Thompson and Mrs. W. C. Bessey of Kitchener, also a former Georgetown resident. Mrs. Cleave in a note from St. Petersburg, says they are enjoying their holiday and at time of writing the thermometer registered 85. They were leaving for home last Thursday to visit relatives en route in Alabama. They had met the Howard Kentners and had a game of bowls in St. Petersburg. They don't bowl on grass in Florida, but on "marl" a fine, white sand over cement. It is very keen. They had met the Alan Nortons in Key West, also. Mrs. Bessey who took the trip with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leslie of Aylmer and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leslie of Port Huron, writes to say they had seen Ringling Brothers circus and it recalled her visit last year to the circus winter quarters at Sarasota where Dorothy Lamour and Betty Hutton were making scenes for "The Greatest Show on Earth" which is now playing at a Toronto movie theatre. Florida has its changes in temperature too, for Mrs. Bessey reported the weather in Tampa at 34 after having rain for three days. Always sad to see what fire can do, and we had sympathy for Frank Whitmee when we had a look at his electric shop Friday shortly after it had been gutted by fire. The fire destroyed one of the town's landmarks for the building must be at least a hundred years old if not more. Perhaps readers can bring us up to date on the building's history. Frank, meanwhile, is carrying on his business, Whitmee Electric from his home just down the street. A few corrections! Two headings got mixed last week and we had Fred Helson showing pictures at night school instead of to the Women's Institute. In

Copied Bucko McDonald When Partnered as Leafs

The concluding instalment of a two part article about Georgetown's Bob Goldham, in the Hockey News, tells of his career from high school days to his present defence post with Detroit Red Wings.

As he progressed through midget junior and intermediate ranks, his hockey had the blessing of his father — "my greatest fan — he is a butcher and he even let me out of delivering meat for him so I could play hockey."

The dream of actually playing in the big leagues came to him early, for at the tenderest age possible, about six, his father took him on the first of many trips over the 30 miles from Georgetown to Toronto to see NHL games.

The dream started to come true when he was 15, the day a teacher from Toronto, a Leaf scout, came to talk with Bob's father. He offered the chance for Bob to come to Toronto's Northern Vocational School. The reason was clear — although in only his first year of high school, Bob was showing unmistakable athletic talent.

"My dad asked me what I wanted to do, and I said I couldn't think of anything else but going," Goldham recalls.

Once settled at Northern in 1937, Bob quickly began to carve a considerable reputation with his all-round sports brilliance.

In hockey he played Junior "B" one year for Northern, and then moved to Toronto Marlboros for the next two seasons which stamped him as an outstanding prospect.

In football he played three years as Northern's fullback and made the All City team each year.

Liked Lacrosse Best of All And in the summers he played at the sport which he liked best of all, lacrosse. In 1940 he made the Ontario All Star team which traveled to Vancouver to play in (and win) the All Canadian junior finals.

Back in those days Bob would have picked lacrosse as his future full-time sport but that wasn't where the biggest future appeared. The choice came down to football or hockey, and under somewhat dramatic circumstances.

"It was on May 5, 1941, just before I graduated, that I was called into Conn Smythe's office," he remembers. "Mr Smythe told me I could have my choice of going on to the University of Toronto and play football and hockey, or of having a pro contract."

"To make the story short, I decided there to go into pro hockey, and I signed the same day."

"Maybe I'd have been better off now if I'd taken the college education — I know that's how I'd advise any boy who had to make the same decision. Yet I've really never been sorry I chose pro hockey, for it's been good to me."

"But I've always admired Mr. Smythe for giving me the choice. And that's just the same way I've always found him to be in all my later dealings with him."

Goldham's progress as a pro is a matter of record which any fan with a hockey guide book is familiar. Except the guide book doesn't list all the happiness and heart-breaks.

The happiness came first, for his rise was rapid. He started his first pro season (1941-42) with Hershey, but was called up by the parent Leafs in January to play on a Stanley Cup championship team. Rather than the cup finals, Bob looks back at his first NHL game as his greatest thrill. It was with reason, for he performed with distinction on defense in a tight game against Boston which went through overtime and ended 0-0.

After beating Detroit in the Cup finals, Goldham's NHL days were interrupted by three years in the Navy. He returned to football, as well as hockey, during his service time, first on the west coast, and then on the east coast when he played on HMCS Cornwallis' two Maritime championship teams.

In 1945-46 he was back with the Leafs again, and his pro career resumed in happy fashion. The following year came his first setback. In the 11th game of the season, playing in Boston, he was checked heavily by Pat Egan and fell. X-rays told the rest of the story: Both bones in his forearms were broken, and he wore a cast for the next sev-

ven months, sidelined from sport for the first time in his life.

The following campaign he was assigned to Pittsburgh, a stay which lasted only two weeks. He was wrapped up in the big package, Toronto sent to Chicago to get Max Bentley, being traded along with Gage Stewart, Gus Bodnar, Bud Poile and Ernie Dickens.

There followed three years of play with the Black Hawks, with bad luck still dogging him. His first season in the Windy City, he again broke the same arm and missed half the season.

In the summer of 1950 Goldham figured in hockey's biggest trade of all time. Detroit gave up Harry Lumley, Jack Stewart, Al Dewabury, Pete Jabardo to get Goldham, Metro Prystal, Gage Stewart and Jim Henry.

Incidentally, it marked another step in hockey in which he was accompanied by Gage Stewart. They had played together on the Toronto Marlboro juniors, on two Navy teams, with the post-war Leafs and then had been traded together, first to Chicago and then to Detroit. This was broken up last summer when Detroit shipped Stewart on to New York.

Goldham came onto a Detroit team which had won the NHL title the year before, but was named immediately as a regular defenseman. It's a role he still fills as he bids again to have his name carved with the rest of the Wings onto the Stanley Cup — just 10 years after he became a cup sharer as a rookie.

And if it is Toronto which Detroit may beat for the Cup, and Goldham can play a major role in doing it, all the better. For he still enjoys every opportunity to prove that the Leafs were wrong when they traded him.

Toronto still is his permanent home, and he has built a house there where he spends his off-season time. Goldham is one hockey player who admits that coaching is far from his mind as a profession when his playing days are over, although he still has no concrete post-playing plans.

Married in 1946 to the former Elmer Platt, of Toronto, whom he met while attending Northern Vocational, Goldham has rented a home in Detroit (while he rents out his home in Toronto). They have two daughters.

BALLINAFAD

Lose Cannington Protest 'Fad Hangs Up Skates

The hockey team have hung up their skates for this season. Their protest against the Cannington team was not upheld — so that meant the end of the series for Ballinafad. We wish to congratulate the members of the team and their energetic coach, Mr. Lloyd Marshall. They deserve a lot of credit for progressing as far as they did and for much exciting entertainment for the hockey fans of this community.

The Evening Auxiliary sponsored a box social in the hall Friday night. Although the attendance was disappointing all present report a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Roy Hindley of Osprings auctioned off the boxes.

The mumps are quite prevalent in this community, also many have been down with the flu. Cheer up — spring is due to arrive fore long.

Sharon and David Blacklock who have spent the past several months with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McEnery returned to their home in Galt last week.

ALONE

"Beloved come back to me," her cry.
"Now I am all alone,"
Across the void comes no reply.
From that shore to where he's gone.
Rises that cry on every hand,
No answer, to high or low.
No whisper returns from that mysterious land.
Where the living can never go.
"Come back to me," the call is vain.
Unreal on the evening air.
Torn from the heart by a searing pain.
And the sight of any empty chair.
It is not for you to know My ways,
Why I take or why I give.
But he who believeth on Me, He says,
"Though he die, yet will he live."
Bill Taylor,
Water St., Georgetown

the same issue, those who read the first instalment of Bob Goldham's story would realize what the Herald would be like without proof-reading. We meant to hold the item till this week — but printed it at the last minute, and did not realize till after printing that it had not been checked. . . . In case anyone is still wondering why the Men's Club of the United Church helped out the Presbyterians by taking them on a sleigh ride when West Toronto presbytery held a conference at Norval the type gremlins transposed this from Union Church. In the same item in the March 5th Herald, the attendance at the conference was reported as 25 when it should have been 250. Guess we need a new proof reader. . . . Signs of spring in the sports news this week. With hockey getting near the end the baseballers are starting to stir. We hear rumours that there is a possibility of a Georgetown-Acton combine team seeking honours this year.

DIRECTORY

OLEN WILLIAMS

WILLING HELPERS HAVE ST. PATRICK'S TEA

Friday afternoon the Willing Helpers of the United Church held a St. Patrick's Tea which was well attended. The ladies report a successful afternoon from the tea and home made baking tables.

A group of ladies who have been holding afternoon euchre parties closed their winter activity with a party at the home of Mrs. J. Crawford, Sr. The husbands were the guests and it was an enjoyable evening with cards and lunch.

Bob Hooper celebrated his 13th birthday Saturday evening. His party guests were Eva Garvin, Marie Gibbs, Donna and Jack McQuarrie, Jacqueline Lucas, Elizabeth and Doug Ward, Mariel Davison, Marjorie Stewart, Carol and John Ottoway, Ken Beam, Gordon Preston, Jim Schenk and Eddie Norton.

Gwen Williams was home from Toronto for the week-end with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Reg Williams. Mr and Mrs. William Schenk were visitors in Hamilton on Sunday with Mr and Mrs. James Wood. Mr and Mrs. Roland Haines have returned from spending a week with friends in Collingswood. Mr and Mrs. Bert Marchmont and Mr and Mrs. Ted Arnold spent the week-end in Buffalo, N.Y.

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