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**Junior Farmer News Salutes Howard Laidlaw**

Junior Farmer News, an excellent publication which reports each month on events of interest to Ontario junior farmers, recently carried a complimentary article about a well-known Norval farmer, Howard Laidlaw.

Here is what the News has to say:

Peel County gave the Junior Farmers their second Provincial President in the person of Howard Laidlaw, of Norval, Ontario. A keen interest in scientific agriculture plus practical experience gained on the home farm and in club work has helped him become the good dairy farmer he is today.

The latch is always out at "Peel Lodge" where he and his wife, the former Eileen Cunningham, are now living with their little girls, Linda, aged five, and Ruth, two. Dairying and fruit farming are the two main enterprises carried out on the 135 acre farm about four miles from Brampton. They have a herd of 25 to 30 cows, the milk from which is shipped to Toronto. An apple orchard containing some 1,100 trees is owned in partnership with his father and brother.

Born and raised on a dairy farm near Brampton, Howard has always been keenly interested in dairy cattle. Seven short courses at the Ontario Agricultural College helped to complete his education obtained at Brampton High School. He also attended the Graham scientific breeding school at Toledo, Ohio, and then took a refresher course in artificial insemination at OVC.

As a result, Howard was one of the first farmers in Peel County to be granted a certificate to practise artificial insemination of dairy cattle. At the age of 12 Howard started his training as a member of calf and grain clubs. During his club work he was awarded three scholarships by the West Toronto Kiwanis Club. His skill in judging won him a place on the intercounty judging team and in 1944 he was one of the Ontario delegates to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

From club work Howard went on to join his local Junior Farmer Club in Streetsville. After serving as president of the local club he was chosen as president of the county association. In 1944 he was one of those who attended the meeting held in Toronto when it was decided to unite all local clubs in a provincial organization. Following his election to the provincial executive, Howard succeeded Gordon Orr as president in 1945.

That same year Howard had the honour of representing Canadian farm youth at the World Youth Conference in London, England. Before returning home he went on a tour of Young Farmers clubs in England, Scotland and Wales, with a view to promoting exchange visits between Ontario Juniors and British Young Farmers.

Going forward into the senior farm organizations, Howard represented the Junior Farmers on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. He has also served as Junior Director on the Brampton Fair Board and as president of Streetsville Fair for two years.

Active in all community affairs, Howard found time to take part in young people's work in the United Church, serving on the executive and also as president of their county Young People's Society.

Junior Farmer efforts to make farm homes and surroundings look more attractive to town and country people alike are certainly worthwhile, Howard feels, and he hopes the Juniors will keep up the good work. Another project which he feels Juniors could tackle is to provide active leadership in fire and accident prevention on farms.

As he looks forward to the tenth anniversary of the Provincial Association, Howard would remind the Juniors of the debt of gratitude they owe to all those in the Department of Agriculture for the help they have given in making the association click as it does today.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF Robert Eason, Farmer, Deceased.**

All persons having claims against the estate of Robert Eason, late of the Township of Esquesing, Farmer, who died on or about the 8th day of May, A.D., 1953, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of January, A.D. 1954, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Georgetown, this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1953.

John Eason and Joseph Eason, executors of the estate of Robert Eason, by their solicitors, Dale & Bennett, Georgetown, Ont. 12-16

**Friends Honor Couple 25 Years Married**

On Sunday evening, November 22nd after church, the family of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Thompson, George Street, planned a surprise party in honour of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Returning from church, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson found a number of friends gathered at their home, a wedding cake on the table and the room decorated with mauve and yellow mums. Mrs. Thompson was presented with a corsage of roses and 25 silver dollars and a number of other gifts were presented to them. Mrs. Thompson's sisters, Mrs. Harvey Bassett, Montreal and Miss Norma Whaley, Toronto were among those present, as well as friends from Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married in Toronto and have lived in town since then, Mr. Thompson being associated with his brother in operating the Maple Leaf Dairy. They have five children, Donna Barbara and Keith at home, and Bill and Dean in Edmonton, who sent telegrams of congratulation.

**STEWARTTOWN**

Happy birthday to Judy Walker who will be 9 next Sunday December 6th.

Junior W.A. meeting was held on Monday of last week after school. Judy Walker chose "Jesus Loves Me" for the opening hymn and conducted the worship service. The story was about the little rabbit and his new winter coat. Work was begun on the scrap book.

W.A. meeting was held at Mrs. M. Baily's home.

Next Sunday being the 1st Sunday of the month, the children's service will be in the church at 10 a.m. and the church service in the evening at 7.30.

Esquing W.L. December meeting will be held Wednesday evening, December 9th at Mrs. Brigg's home. Topic: Public Relations. Roll Call to be answered with a Christmas gift for a teen age girl. Mrs. Houston of Cedarvale School will be the guest speaker.

Mr. John Fisher of the USA who is visiting relatives in the Scotch Block had a short visit with Mrs. Lawson Sunday evening.

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