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**NORVAL**

**TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN BRITISH GUIANA**

An interesting service was held in Norval Presbyterian Church Sunday evening under the auspices of the WMS.

Rev. Allan Peach, who did mission service in Manchuria, Central China and later in communist Peking has just returned from service in British Guiana and his address was mainly on the subject of his work in the latter place.

He was introduced by Rev. G. L. Hojal and began his address by stressing the need not just for a religion but for the Christian religion in the lives of the heathen peoples of the world. He quoted Confucius' dictum that "He who offends against heaven hath none to whom he can pray" as an example of the shortcomings of other religious outlooks when compared to Christianity.

He gave a brief geographical and historical survey of his present field of activity, British Guiana and indicated that the work of the church is mainly with the East Indian population there. He praised their industry and their thrift and explained that the new respectful attitude to the church is due to the growing influence of primary schools opened by the church.

He pointed out that the school children receive a good practical education in all kinds of handicraft and are encouraged in the habit of saving from an early age. The need for more teachers and missionaries is acute, especially in view of the growing danger of communism. The spirit of fear became part of their lives for a short time last year when the nationalist communist party had a short-lived success. Protestant Christian opposition was the only effective weapon against the communist regime of fear and oppression.

Mrs. Clifford Harston, a former member of the Norval church, sang two solos "If You Have Found Jesus and Follow Me." The congregation was fairly representative of the community with friends from Union, Limehouse, Georgetown and Brampton.

**BALLINAFAD**

**Bazaar, Thankoffering Planned by Mission Ladies**

The WMS met at the home of Miss B. Hills for their September meeting. Mrs. H. Hills led in the worship service the theme being "A Nation Before God" and stressed the thought that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Our thank-offering is planned for October 17th with Miss Mary Near a deaconess from Toronto as guest speaker. A bazaar is to be held late in November. The new study book "The Church in India" was introduced by Miss Hills reviewing the past history and activities of the people. The three great tragedies of the nation are the landlords, the small amount of land that a family can hold and the money lenders.

Ladies of the community are well pleased with the success of their booths at Milton and Georgetown fairs. They plan to be at Erin fair both Saturday and Monday.

We wish to congratulate Mrs. Frank Smith and Muriel Hills on their culinary efforts displayed at Georgetown fair.

**ANIGROVE**

**FULL PROGRAM FOR MISSION BAND MEET**

The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon at the home of Marilyn Wilson with Doris Pickett presiding. Marilyn played for the hymns, Sandra Tindale gave the secretary's report, Verna Pickett the treasurer's report, Sandra Carney read the Scripture, Karen Brigden sang a solo, Adrienne Nurse gave the missionary prayer. Story from the new study book on India was told by Mrs. John H. Hunter. Nora Barnes and Larry Pickett took up the offering and Nancy Hunter dedicated it. Catherine Hunter read a poem. Verna Pickett thanked the hostess and Margaret Austin closed the meeting with prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riddell enjoyed a trip last week to northern Ontario and also attended the cattle sale on Manitoulin Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Austin attended the wedding in Guelph on Saturday of his nephew Harvey McDougall and Audrey Pharoah.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dick spent the week-end up north and on Manitoulin Island.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riddell were guests at the Giles-Braiden wedding in Caledon United Church.

Congratulations are due the Ashgrove Institute in winning so many prizes at the fair. It really was a grand fair and if the weatherman had cooperated, the crowd would have been bigger.

The church services will be held at eleven-thirty on Sunday morning when Mr. Boston, a college student from Toronto, will be the speaker.

**STEWARTTOWN**

**REV. R. COUPLAND HARVEST SPEAKER**

Happy birthday to Butch Huffman who will be 4 years old, Saturday, October 9th.

The new school is progressing quickly and should be ready for use in a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bally, John and Paul spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Bally.

The Junior WA meeting was held last week at Mrs. Bally's home. Marilyn Murray had charge of the opening meeting. She chose "When Mothers of Salem" for the opening hymn, and led the prayer service. The Tuesday pledge was remembered — the schools in the district of Keegra, India. Gretha Koeslag read the minutes of the previous meeting. Quilt blocks were made in the busy period.

Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. John's Church Sunday evening. Flowers, fresh vegetables, and grain beautifully arranged, made the church look lovely. Rev. R. Coupland had charge of the service. Many of the members of St. Paul's Norval and St. Stephen's, Hornby, were present, filling the church. At the close of the service Mr. A. Barnett, rector's warden of Norval asked the congregation to stay and with warden from the other two churches made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Coupland of a beautiful

**Retiring Railwayman Charles Davis Feted**

On Friday a group of former workmates gathered at the CNR station to honour Charles T. Davis who recently retired from the CNR after 38 years service with the company.

Mr. Davis first joined the old Grand Trunk Railway at Norval in 1915, and remained there until the Canadian National took over the company, at which time he was transferred to Georgetown. He saw overseas service in World War I.

Friday night, he was presented with a wallet and money, and Mrs. Davis a bouquet of beautiful mums. Mr. F. Lorusso and Mr. C. V. Griffiths made the presentations.

Afterwards, those present, with their wives went to the Davis home on Queen Street where a happy social evening was spent and where all wished many happy years to the couple.

**IN GUELPH HOSPITAL**

Mrs. Arthur Semple is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, and has been quite sick. Her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

silver tea and coffee set with a matching tray from the three churches. Both Mr. and Mrs. Coupland thanked their friends for these gifts.

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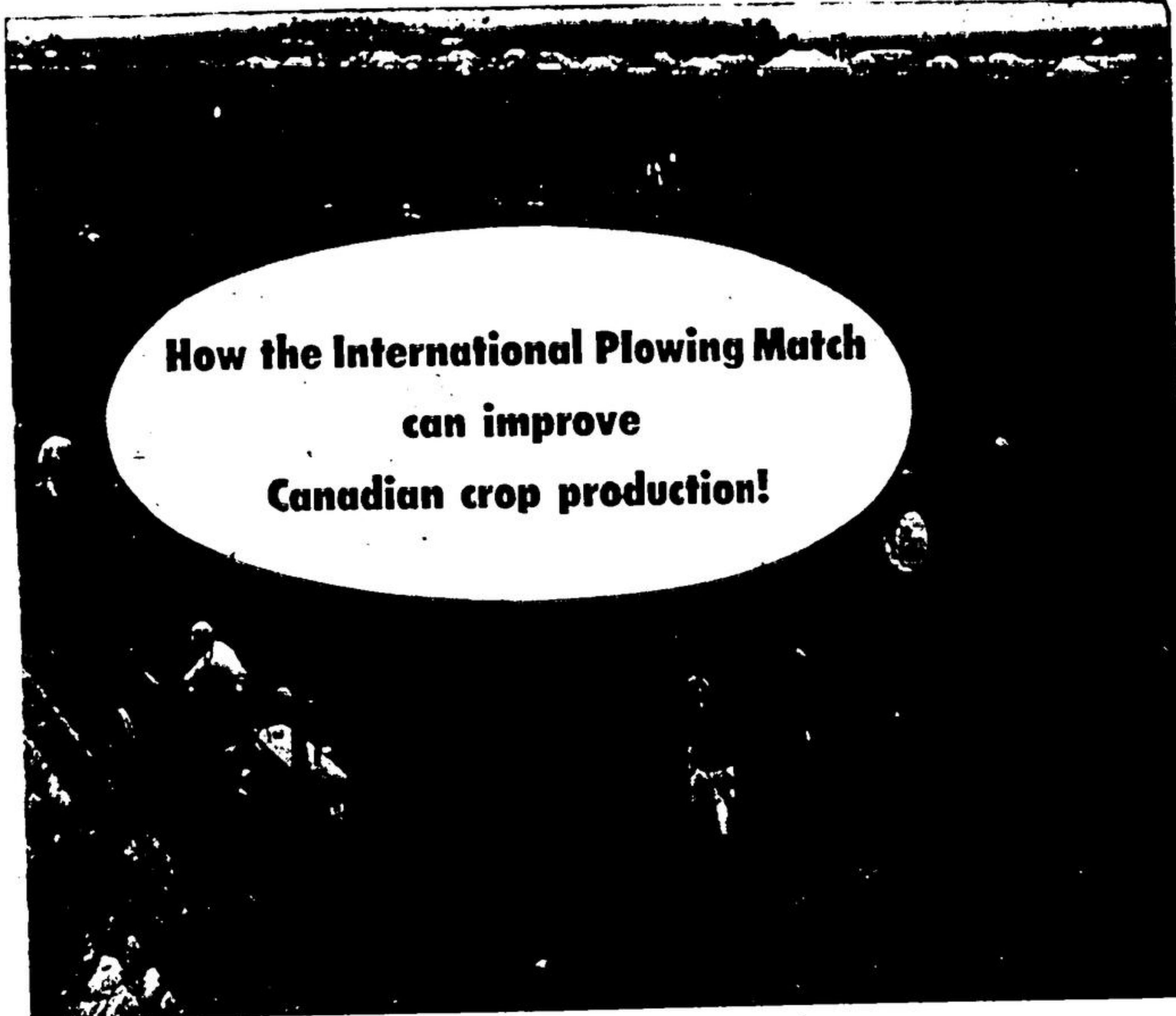
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