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FARM NEWS

T. J. Brownridge Judging Winner at OAC Field Day

Weather conditions while on the warm side were generally ideal for the annual Halton and Peel Guernsey Holstein and Jersey Field Day at Guelph a week ago last Saturday. Some six or seven hundred men, women and children were in attendance for the enjoyable event. Following the noonday meal in the College Dining Hall, the group received a welcome from Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, president of the OAC. Many took advantage of the opportunity to see something of the research work being conducted by the Animal Husbandry Department, relative to the ability of the herd sires in the various Artificial Units to transmit type and production. Dr. J. C. Rennie, former assistant Agricultural Representative in Halton and Peel counties, who is closely associated with this research programme, left no stones unturned to make the day a memorable one for those in attendance. The afternoon programme also included the usual judging competitions, where Dr. Rennie, Prof. M. W. Staples, and B. H. Hodgins of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association, were the official judges. The winners here were as follows:

Holstein Class — Juniors Phyllis Cousins, of Malton; Ladies Mrs. J. H.

FARM NEWS

Haltonites Plan to Attend Unionville

During the past five years Folk Schools have been held annually in Halton. Those privileged to attend are most enthusiastic of the benefits to be derived. Interest and enthusiasm increases each year. We were therefore interested to learn from Mrs. M. J. Brown, secretary treasurer of the Halton Folk School Committee, that a Folk Festival is to be held at Cherry Hill Farm, Unionville, on Saturday, June 25th. The annual event will get under way at 3 p.m. and will be followed by a picnic supper and evening entertainment. Everyone is welcome so we anticipate that many Haltonites will be in attendance to mingle and exchange experiences with folk school enthusiasts from other counties.

Nixon, Streetsville; Men: G. Leslie Peck, Milton. — Juniors: Kevin Burge, Milton; Ladies: Mrs. A. Copeland, Erin; Men: G. Tarrwell, Rockwood. — Guernsey Class — Juniors: David McCaugherty, Streetsville; Ladies: Mrs. H. Lawrence, Malton; Men: T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown. The event concluded with an enjoyable sports programme on the college campus.

Chatting . . .

with M. H. E.

● **IT'S FRIDAY** as we write this, and we've just finished putting our "perishables" away. We usually try to have the car for the weekly shopping jaunt, but sometimes that has its disadvantages when you go to find a parking space. It has a double problem for us, because we are definitely partial to angle parking. By the time we've manoeuvred the car into a parallel spot we're a wreck and lucky if the car is not. So we will be among the many happy people when a solution is found to the parking problem for Main Street. Had one of the merchants mention it to us when we were down town and of course they are vitally concerned with the problem, which is pressing enough now, but will be worse as the town grows larger . . .

● **AND WE ARE** confident that a solution will be found, for Georgetown has always been very progressive. In fact, we are always so busy looking forward, that no one seems to have the time to look back . . . When we see such places as the Jordan Museum we feel a twinge of envy. Our history is just as interesting as theirs, yet nothing is being done to preserve it. Not that anything on such an elaborate scale would be necessary. Perhaps just a place set aside where historical relics and documents could be safely stored and documented, together with history-making pictures and events of the present, (and if ever a generation of people had a better opportunity to tell our children's children unbelievable tales of "I remember when . . . I haven't heard of it). We are in the midst of a big municipal history-making transitional period . . .

● **WHAT BROUGHT** these thoughts to mind, was the short note we received from Mr. J. D. Godfrey last week, telling us that the Esqueping Branch of the Bible Society is probably over 120 years old . . . the oldest organization in town. And this is an organization which recognizes the value of its records. As we have mentioned before, they have them all stored in the archives in Toronto. As the railroads came in and Georgetown grew, the Bible Society became known as the Georgetown Branch. We appreciate Mr. Godfrey's interest, as we do that of every one who takes time out to tell us about things of interest for the column. Keep us in mind when you hear of something a

little unusual, or an interesting person or event, and give us a call . . .

● **PERSONALLY,** We always find talking to someone who has been away on a trip to a place we have never been, very absorbing. Much as we like home, we have a sort of yen for far-away places too, and like to hear about them. So we enjoyed our chat with Mrs. Marion Barber the other day. Mrs. Barber was on a two-week trip to Mexico the first part of May. And to sum up her impressions very briefly . . . it was wonderful!

Our impressions of Mexico have always been influenced by artists who always seem to find the colourful native with a sombrero and a Navajo robe over one shoulder selling handicrafts along a dusty hot road, the epitome of Mexican life. That is not the impression gained by an actual visit in Mexico at all . . .

On the contrary, the country is very progressive in every way, particularly in architecture, where the buildings are the most ultra modern in the world. The countryside is lush and fertile, with an abundance of beautiful flowers everywhere. Were surprised also to learn that Mexico is a completely self-supporting country, and its semi-tropical climate makes their fruits especially luscious . . .

● **TO GET TO MEXICO,** Mrs. Barber flew direct by Trans Canada Airlines, from Toronto. They took off from Malton at 11 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Mexico City at 9 o'clock that night, including a 40 minute stop over in Tampa, Florida, for refueling. Making Mexico City her headquarters, Mrs. Barber took trips from there to see the country . . .

Their climate is practically perfect — comfortably warm in the daytime and refreshingly cool at night. It is the same all year round, except in what they call their rainy season. It begins in June, and the rain consists of a couple of showers around 4 o'clock every afternoon . . .

As you can see, the climate lends itself to sight-seeing, not only because of the pleasant behaviour of the elements, but in the case of Mexico City, because of the high altitude. Mrs. Barber found the rarified air very stimulating. That in itself sounds like a good reason to pick Mexico City for a holiday, don't you agree?

● **THE ACTUAL** sight-seeing is stimulating too, being a blend of the very old and the very new. The Mexicans have preserved the relics of the old Indian civilizations built by the Toltecs and Aztecs, many many years before the Spaniards conquered the Indians and destroyed much of their civilization. Mexico is the greatest natural museum in the world, with its ancient pyramids, ruins of ancient temples, sculpture and painting, and the caves of Cacahuamilpa which are considered the seventh wonder of the world . . .

And at the other extreme is the ultra modern University City just outside Mexico City a modern architectural dream . . .

Even the white stucco houses are picturesque in their beauty, many most elaborate in style, built in the Spanish manner. They are always surrounded with gorgeous flowers and shrubs. These of course, are homes of the wealthy and middle class Mexicans. At the other extreme are the natives, who live in adobe huts built of clay with thatched roofs . . .

● **ONE OF THE THINGS** Mrs. Barber considers outstanding about Mexico are its handicrafts. They excel in weaving materials and straw, making pottery and hand-made beautiful semi-precious jewellery. In the jewellery they make good use of the products of their own silver, opal, onyx and emerald mines . . .

If you're ever on a trip to Mexico, Mrs. Barber says not to miss visiting the city of Acapulca. It's on the Pacific Coast, with stretches of wonderful beaches, and world-famous deep-sea fishing. It is popularly considered to be the "Riviera" of America . . .

● **IS IT EXPENSIVE** to holiday in Mexico? . . . We wondered, and we learned that it can be as cheap or as expensive as you wish or can afford. Living expenses are comparable to our own. Food is excellent and meals reasonable. We also wondered about the drinking water, and Mrs. Barber tells us that in the better hotels all the water is purified . . . Sounds like a wonderful place to have a holiday, doesn't it? But if we've put you in the mood, remember that before you can go to Mexico, you must be vaccinated and obtain a Mexican permit to enter the country. But, as Mrs. Barber remarked, it's certainly worth it . . .

● **NOW, TO TELL YOU** a bit more about the new subdivision in town, localizing it down to the names of some of the new families who live on Prince Charles Drive: in Sunbeam Heights: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Pressgrave, Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Presswood and Mr. and Mrs. Warwick.

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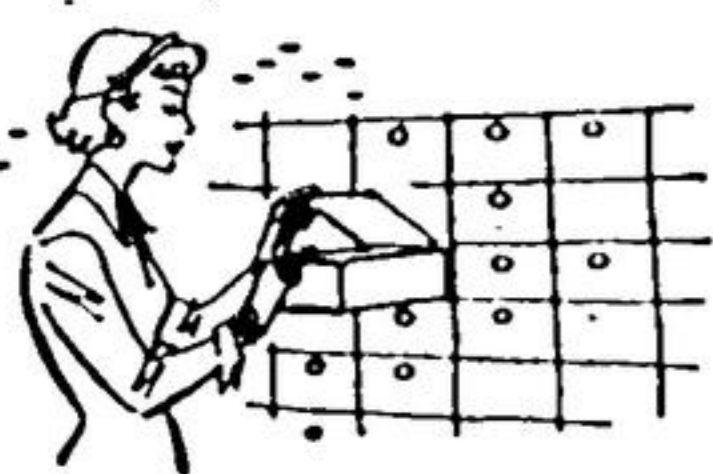
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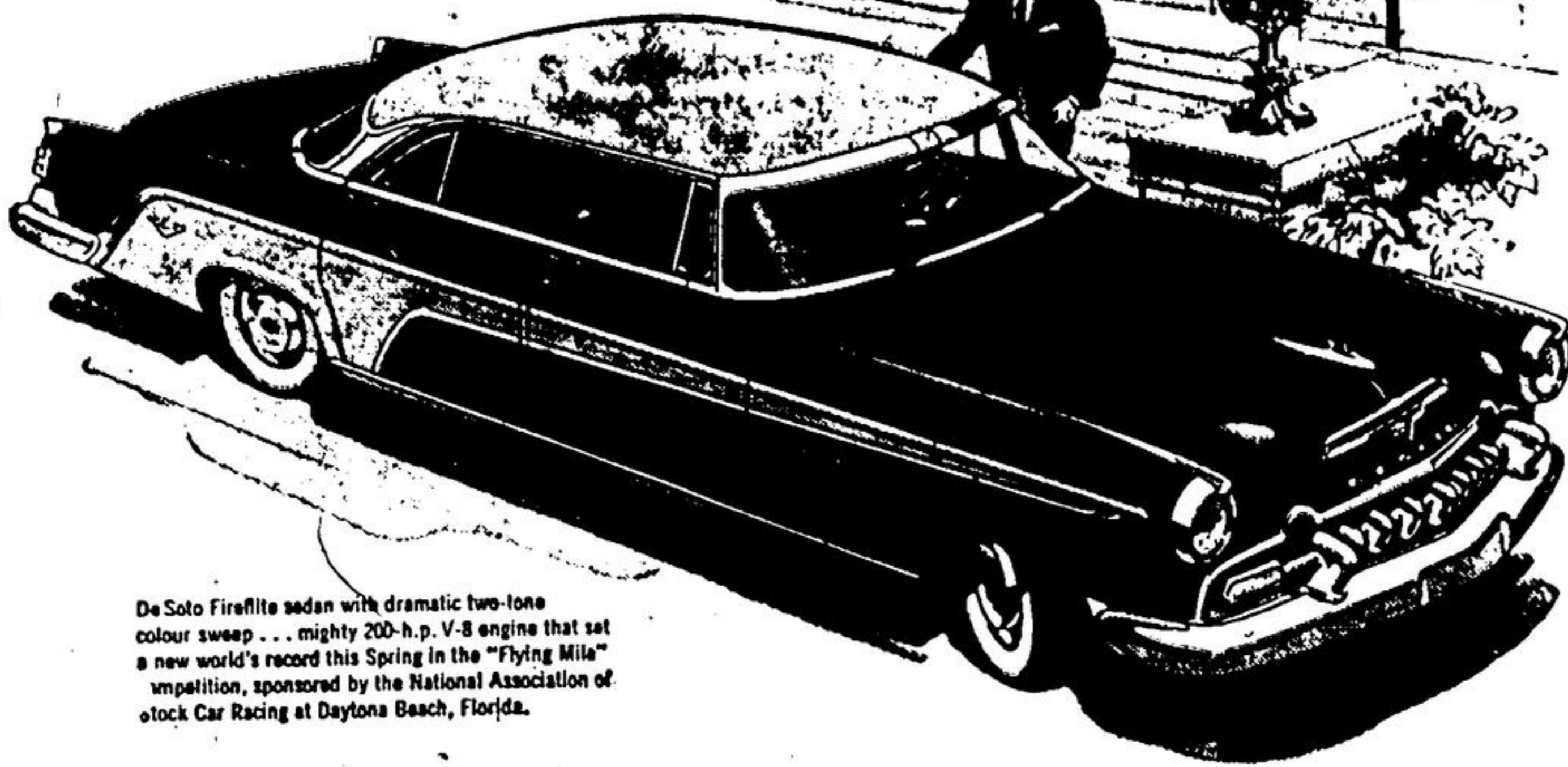
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