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WHAT TO DO WHERE TO GO THIS SUNDAY

This will be the first Sunday of the annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists which takes place at the **TORONTO ART GALLERY**, 317 Dundas West at the corner of Beverley. All the paintings and sculpture displayed in the show have been created by Ontario people — many of them already well known in the field of art. And with the show, there is an "Unsigned Painting Competition." Prizes will be given for correctly naming the artists. Twenty unsigned canvasses will be shown, and the public will be invited to guess who painted them.

The "Unsigned Painting Competition" was originated because some people felt that too much attention was paid to the works of established artists, and too little to lesser known painters. So it was decided that several paintings should be shown with no signatures, enabling novices to compete with well known artists. Paintings will be judged by Doris McCarthy, William Winter, Cleeve Horne and several other recognized Canadian artists and critics.

The annual show by the Ontario Society of Artists has become the social event of the art year. People come from everywhere to see it. Why don't you plan to attend? We're sure you'll enjoy it — and you may be one of the prizewinners! The Gallery opens at 1.30 p.m. Sundays, and is free to the public.

After visiting the Art Gallery, why not treat the family to Sunday dinner out? We suggest **SCOTT'S ON BLOOR STREET** just two doors west of Yonge. Here you may enjoy food from Scott's delicious French Buffet or table service. The atmosphere is delightful and the prices very reasonable. Dinner is served from 4 - 9 p.m. on Sundays and you can reserve a table by calling **WALnut 2-4320**.

That's all for this Sunday. We hope you have a very pleasant time. And watch for our article next week, when we'll have more suggestions for places to go and things to do on Sunday afternoon in Toronto.

FARM NEWS

Norval, Acton Juniors Elect New Officers

J. E. W.

Halton Juniors are really busy. This was part of their program last week. Monday night saw Milton and Palermo Club in the first of their hockey playoff series. Tuesday evening was county board night, when president John W. Pickett and his fellow officers were initiating or completing plans for various activities. Then on Wednesday night, Acton and Norval clubs held their respective annual meetings. At four other centres, members of Drama casts were holding dress rehearsals, preparatory to their Halton Juniors' Annual Drama Festival, which was held at Oakville on Friday evening. Just what they did in their spare time we are not sure. But here are the new officers elected at Acton and Norval.

Acton Junior Farmers — President, Jackie Marshall; vice president, Wm. Price; Secretary, Treasurer, Calvin Sprowl; Directors — Sandy Buchanan, Jackie Black, Don Matthews and Paul Lawson.

Junior Institute — President, Kathleen Stanley; vice president, Doris Thompson; secretary treasurer, Mildred Watson; Directors, Ida Matthews, Betty Anderson.

Norval Junior Farmers: President, Cliff McDonald; vice president, Elmer Bird; secretary, Jamie Cunningham; treasurer, Bill Wilson; Directors, Earl Wilson, Herb Wilson, Howson Ruddell and Ed Bailey.

W. P. Watson Address Highlight Ontario Soil & Crop Convention

J. E. W.

The highlight of the day and a half we spent at the 1956 Ontario Soil and Crop four day convention was in our opinion, the address by W. P. Watson, Ontario's livestock commissioner. As usual, Mr. Watson spoke on "The Agricultural Outlook for 1956." Here is a digest of Mr. Watson's outstanding address.

"In 1955 Canadians exported more, imported more, produced more, consumed more, earned more, spent more, and saved more, than in any previous year. Although all classes of society shared in this record performance, they did not share equally in the rewards derived therefrom. The total amount received from the sale of farm products was slightly higher in 1955 than in 1954, but the net farm income was lower because costs which have been steadily rising since, 1951, reached a new peak last year. With few exceptions prices of farm products were about the same as during the previous year." Exports of wheat, cattle, beef, pork and cheese were lower, in fact, with the exception of wheat, amounted to a very small percentage of the total production of these products. Thus the greater part of Canada's revenue from exports, was derived from such non-farm products as base-metals, lumber, chemicals, iron ore and newsprint. This decline in the export of agricultural products is a natural consequence to the expansion which has taken place in Canada during the post-war years. In 1945 this country had a population of 12.1 million people, 10 years later, the population has increased to 15.6 million — an increase of 30 per cent. During the same decade, there was no significant change in the number of cattle or hogs. Hence the production of animal products has not kept pace with the rise in population, a situation which places live stock producers in the position of being less dependent upon export markets for their returns.

Despite the fact that the human population has increased, the amount of wheat consumed remains fairly constant — about 160 million bushels per year. Canadians have been in the habit of spending about 25 per cent of their incomes in food. Statistics will probably reveal that they spent about the same percentage in 1955, but that more of the total was spent on items that are considered to be luxuries.

According to most prognosticators the present wave of prosperity is likely to continue throughout 1956. New homes are being built in large numbers; many industrial concerns are increasing their capacity and public works, the most notable one being the St. Lawrence seaway, are under construction. In this period of international tension there is a keen demand for Canada's nickel, copper, uranium and iron ore, while exports of lumber and newsprint appear likely to continue at a high rate. With Canada's labour force fully employed at high wages, live stock producers can expect a strong domestic demand for their products. However, the actual strength of that market will depend upon the answer to the following question: Will the demand be great enough to absorb all that is produced? An analysis of production prospects should provide a clue to the answer.

Cattle — According to present prospects, cattle marketings will be higher in 1956 than in 1955. That forecast is predicated on the knowledge that the cattle population is higher and that more cattle were purchased for further feeding. Canadians could absorb these extra cattle if other classes of meat were in normal or below normal supply. However, all indications point to the fact that beef will receive plenty of competition for the consumers dollar from other classes of meat, particularly pork.

Hogs — Recent surveys indicate that there was an increase of 13 per cent in the number of sows which farrowed between June 1st and Nov. 30 1955, over the same period in the previous year. These pigs should be marketed between December 1, 1955 and May 31st, 1956. Marketings are therefore likely to average 120,000 per week during these months. In Mr. Watson's opinion, it is reasonable to assume that marketings will be at least normal during the last half of the year, and that marketings for the 12 months will exceed those of 1955.

Dairy Products — Although the human population has increased by 30 per cent in the past ten years, milk production has only increased by two per cent. However, there has been a significant switch in the form in which milk is marketed. Fluid milk consumption has registered a substantial increase and accounts for over 30 per cent of the total. The construction of new towns in our hinterlands, has opened up new markets for processed milk. Consumption of butter has remained fairly constant, about 310 million pounds per year. As a result of these adjustments, less milk has been available for cheese, the production of which has declined to about 80 million pounds per year. A very small quantity when compared with wartime production. Domestic consumption of cheese per capita has increased materially, hence practically all of our production is now being consumed at home.

Prices Prospects: All indications point to the fact that the 1956 meat supply will be in excess of the needs for our normal requirements. Consequently prices for livestock will approximate those prevailing in the United States, or in the case of hogs, the floor price, if it is higher than the American price. Canadian and Americans are consuming more and more

meat. Due to this remarkable increase in consumption, there are no embarrassing surpluses of meat in storage. Consequently prices should strengthen as soon as supplies begin to ease off — a situation that is bound to develop sometime in 1956.

And now for a final word about the dairy situation. The support price policy for butter is subject to review annually, the present arrangement expiring on April 30th. Inasmuch as the government has not announced its intentions, no one can predict the price of any dairy product with any degree of accuracy.

Producers should bear in mind that Canada may be an expensive country in which to produce dairy products, but the price of dairy products is higher in Canada than in any other country in the world, with the possible exception of the United States. Prices cannot go much higher without incurring the risks of imports. Even if the support price is maintained at the present level, producers have a responsibility to do everything within their power to promote an increase in consumption — in other words, the "Government" should not be expected to carry the whole load. Mr. Watson concluded his address by suggesting that we make 1956, a do-it yourself year in Agriculture.

Births Still Increase Peel Memorial Hospital

If the first month of the year may be taken as a sound criterion, the record of 1167 births in 1955 at Peel Memorial Hospital is going to be shattered in the current year.

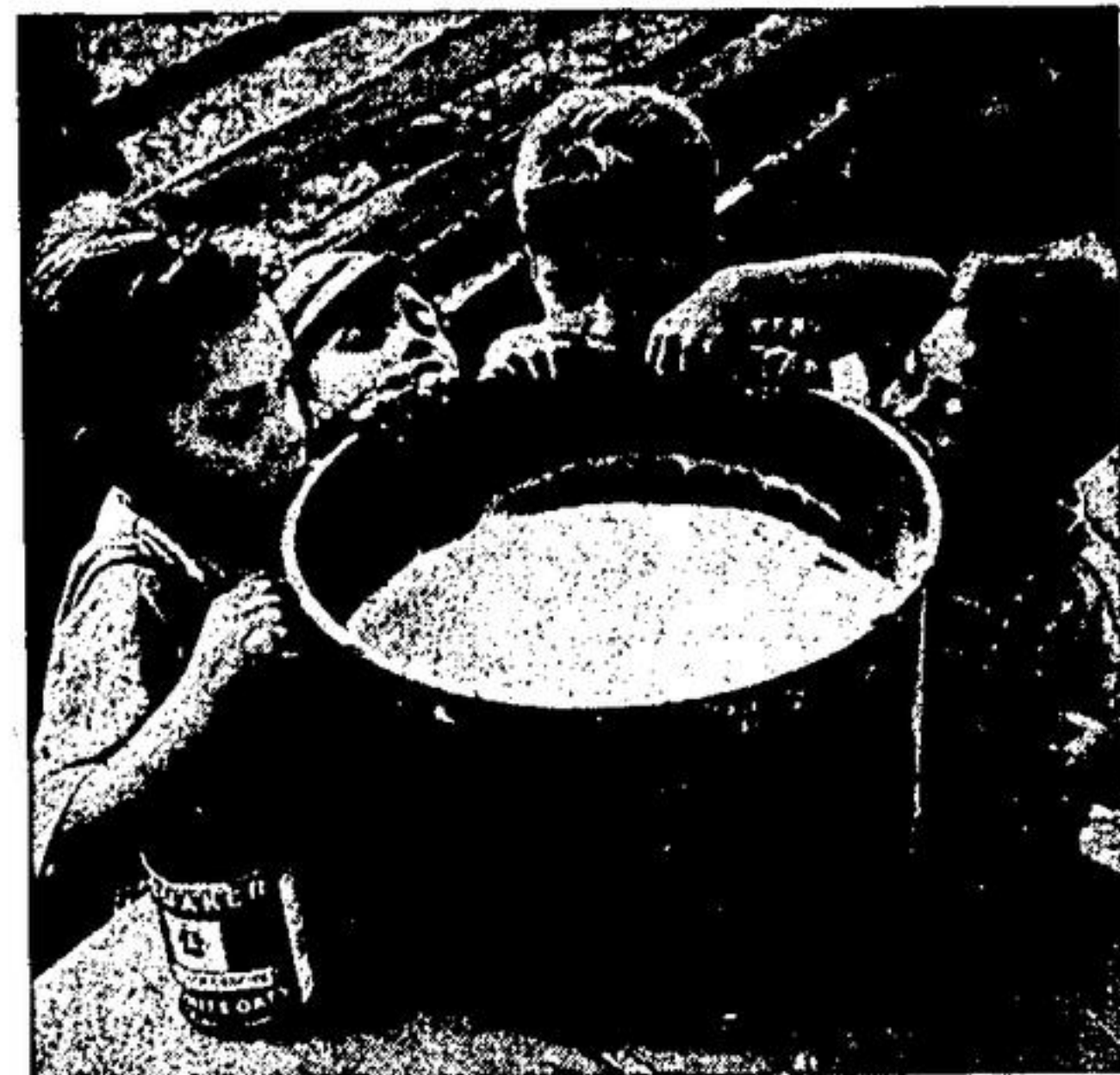
In January the report shows a total of 91 births as compared to 82 for the same month last year, increase of nine or more than 10 per cent.

After finishing slightly ahead of the girls in 1955, the boys have taken a substantial lead of nine in the first lap of the annual baby derby. The male births being 50 and the females 41. In January last year there were 46 girls and only 36 boys born at Peel Memorial.

Two boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dowell of Terra Cotta on January 2nd. This was the only multiple birth during the month.

It's always interesting to look over the births recorded to learn the addresses of the parents and see the wide area in which your hospital serves. Here's the recapitulation for January showing the places from which the mother came. Brampton and Chingquacousy accounted for 31 or over one third of the total; Streetsville, Gear town and Woodbridge each district with nine registrations, came next; Malton 5; Bolton, Albion and Cooksville 4 each; Inglewood and Terra Cotta 3 each; Glen Williams 2 and one from each of the following

What Is It Milk!



Milk still rates eager inspection from youngsters in Jacaleapa, Honduras, to whom it has always been a rarity. But every Saturday now is milk-drinking time for them since the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) began a special program last June aimed at pre-school children. This is the age group hardest hit by under-nourishment from the area's standard black bean and tortilla diet. UNICEF has supplied milk to Honduras since 1950 and, with UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, has helped the Government set up feeding programs which reach 45,000 children of all ages.

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