

Fair Board Meet First In New Municipal Hall

The directors of Esqueping Agricultural Society unofficially opened the new council chamber in the Municipal Building when they were the first body to hold a meeting there a week ago.

Plans for the 1956 Georgetown Fair, to be held this year on Sept. 21-22, were discussed at some length and a number of changes were recorded in the prize list. One of the outstanding changes will be the elimination of the bacon hog class which the directors deemed not worthy from an attraction standpoint for the effort put into it.

It was also decided to drop the Western horse classes for this year, and in its place will feature a new attraction for Georgetown Fair — Anna May and her trick horse, and educated calf "Buckshot." This show has been highly rated for some years as pleasing entertainment.

Special junior classes were also added to the poultry and pet stock section, giving the boys and girls who are not connected with the Halton poultry association, a chance to show their poultry, pigeons, rabbits and pets in a class of their own.

Earlier this year the directors signed a contract with King Shows Ltd. to supply the entire midway this year. The show has been playing many of the larger fairs and were engaged for Georgetown when it was found Stanger Shows could not meet the new date of the fair.

From this distance it looks as if Georgetown is in for another big fair attraction this fall. Spencer Wilson is this year's president, and Trevor Williams the new secretary of the Esqueping Agricultural Society.

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WILL TELL ABOUT TRIP TO MEXICO

Mrs. Walter Taylor will be guest speaker at a Lilac Tea in the community hall, Stewarttown, Thursday, June 7th, sponsored by St. John's Church Guild, with proceeds for Sunday School building fund.

Mrs. Taylor is very much in demand as a speaker all over Ontario. She has been guest speaker at Stewarttown, Ashgrove, Georgetown, where she spoke on her trip to South Africa. Last year she, with her husband, took a trip to Mexico, and Mexico will be her topic for this coming event.

Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Dr. A. T. Cringan, who taught music at Toronto Normal School, and was supervisor of music for the Province of Ontario. She has had her own nursery school for 15 years. In 1952 she was elected councillor of East York, and in 1953 was deputy-reeve. At present she is president of East York V.O.N. Auxiliary.

Christian Reformed Church Membership Noy 300,000

Membership in the Christian Reformed Church has passed the 300,000 mark as it approaches its 1957 centennial, according to Dr. John Kromminga of Grand Rapids, Michigan, centennial chairman.

Total membership in Ontario is 42,731. There are 68 Christian Reformed churches in the province, compared with 4 just nine years ago. Immanuel Church, Brampton, is attended by many local and district New Canadians from the Netherlands. Services are conducted each Sunday morning and evening by Rev. J. van Harmelen, with services alternately in English and Dutch.

Membership in Christian Reformed churches in and near Brampton totals 903.

"This is significant, in view of the fact that the Christian Reformed Church has never attempted to recruit members at the expense of departing from its historic Christian beliefs," says Dr. Kromminga. "The denomination, although still relatively small, is now regarded as one of the world's foremost exponents of Calvinism with its emphasis on salvation, not only for the soul but for all society."

TEACHER FOR FORTY YEARS WILLIAM F. PATTERSON DIES

William Patterson, a public school teacher in Ontario for more than forty years, passed away on Friday, May 18th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Percy Heaslip, Princeton, in his 90th year. He was born near Moffat in Halton County, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and was the last survivor of a family of fourteen. His wife, the former Emily Butts, predeceased him nine years ago. Besides his daughter Mrs. Heaslip (Alice) he is survived by his son John F. Patterson of Benton Harbor, Michigan, three grandchildren and one great grandson.

During his long teaching career, Mr. Patterson taught school at Lowville, SS No. 9 Puslinch township, SS 2 and 3 Nassagaweya, Fruitland, Grimsby Beach, Brantford, Everard and Kakabeka Falls. He retired from teaching in 1935 and for twelve years resided at Eastwood, Ontario until his wife's death in 1947. Since then he has been living at the home of his daughter.

Mr. Patterson was a very active and faithful member of the Methodist Church until church union and since then of the United Church. He was always very active in Sunday school work, and most of his life he was a superintendent or bible class teacher.

BILLION DOLLAR FORESTS MENACED

With the commendation of Prime Minister St. Laurent, National Forest Conservation week will be under way May 19th to 26th in most regions of Canada.

The Canadian Forestry Association, Montreal, terms the event "the two-billion-dollar week" in recognition of the annual contribution made by Canada's forests to national income. Warning that this immense 'forest dividend' is made insecure by the prevalence of forest fires, the Association says: "Since the timberlands are now Canada's biggest paymaster, the four-thousand forest fires set by public carelessness each summer threaten the wage-earner and the expansion of forest industry. A large majority of those using woodland areas for recreation or work are fully alert to the danger of conflagration, but a considerable minority continues to make a bonfire of the timbered domain. Less than two minutes of precaution is required to extinguish a campfire, and ten seconds will snuff out lighted tobacco, but the flaming consequences of neglect can create a blackened shambles."

"Last summer, one camper walked away from his cooking-fire which quickly grew into 75 acres of billowing smoke. Eight hours later, despite efforts of fire-fighters, 18,000 acres were engulfed. Another 48 hours and 70,000 acres had become an inferno. Within four days the bill for fire-fighting crews had reached 100,000, and a new barren wilderness had replaced a rich harvest-field of timber."

THE DEAN LESLIES WILL TOUR EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Leslie have left for Europe, sailing aboard the S.S. Ivernia.

They intend to stay abroad until November. They will tour Belgium

and Germany, then sail across the Baltic Sea to the Scandinavian countries, and from there to Britain for the summer. In September they will return to the continent, visiting France, Switzerland and Italy.

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