



VISITING HALTON FARMS on his tour of Ontario, John Thomson, left, a member of the Young Farmers' Association of Scotland. He is seen here with Ralph Cunningham on the farm of Ralph's father, R. J. Cunningham. Ralph is a member of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association who is playing the role of visiting farmer on his exchange tour. They are looking over part of the herd of Holsteins. Thomson is on the farm of Halton Champion photo.

ON EXCHANGE TOUR

Scot John Thomson Visits Halton

as written in
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The Halton Junior Farmers' Association is playing host to John Thomson, 25, a member of the Young Farmers' Club of Scotland. He stayed one week with Ralph Cunningham at the R. J. Cunningham farm owned by Ralph's father at R. H. 2 Georgetown and is now spending his second week in Halton at Ed Segsworth's Burlington farm.

While in Halton, Mr. Thomson is visiting farms and studying agriculture in the county. He is one of four Scottish young farmers taking part in the exchange program sponsored by the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association and the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Four English young farmers will also visit Ontario during 1960. In addition, four delegates from the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario will visit the British Isles.

The young Scot arrived in Halton after his two week stay at Lennox and Addington counties. He visited a stock raiser, Mr. Thomson has visited the dairy farms of many Canadian soil. He touched Canadian soil April 22.

Mr. Thomson hails from Chapleton, Leslie, by Inverclyde, Aberdeenshire. Though Scotland is usually mentally partitioned by foreigners into the highland and lowland sections, the young farmer said he's from the "middlelands" in the north east part of Scotland, 30 miles north-east of the coast town of Aberdeen.

Mr. Thomson visited the Holstein dairy farm at Kingston penitentiary on his way to Toronto where he stayed one and a half days. He said the prison farm was modern and was the best farm he has seen to date. "They have plenty of help there", he added.

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BALLINAPAD

Organ Dedication, Farewell Sermon Planned on Sunday

Rev. Murray McBride conducted communion services at all three churches on the Ballinapad charge on Sunday morning. At the church here, those joining the church by profession of faith were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and Mr. Don Smith and by certificate from another church, Mrs. Don Smith. Next Sunday will be Mr. McBride's last time with the congregation as their minister and also there will be a special service in the evening at 8 o'clock when the new organ which has been placed in the church recently will be dedicated as a memorial to those who served in the war and also to those who gave their lives.

Mr. Jack Nelson of Dryden is visiting with relatives and friends in Ballinapad and district.

Mrs. Aspin of Toronto, is visiting for a week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McEnery visited in Bluevale on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David McNery on the birth of a son at the Guelph hospital recently.

Were Married Fifty Years Ago in Alton

Wednesday, June 15th was a very happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson, R.R. 2, Norval when they held open house for friends and relatives on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson (she is the former Georgina Smith) were married on June 15th 1910 at Alton with Rev. G. W. Rose officiating. Miss Evelyn Neil, now Mrs. John Campbell of Orangeville was bridesmaid and Mr. John Campbell groomsmen.

For the first quarter century of married life they lived in Brampton, and after that have resided in the Norval district. Both are natives of Monro Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson received their guests assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. A three tiered wedding cake, yellow roses and candles decorated the table. Mrs. A. Buchanan, sister of the bride, Mrs. E. Avison, sister of the groom and sisters-in-law Mrs. M. South and Mrs. C. Patterson poured tea.

Stanley Hall, M.P.P. called and presented Mr. and Mrs. Patterson with a framed plaque from the Ontario Legislature. Congratulations were also received from Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Hon. Lester Pearson and Sandy Dint, M.P. along with many beautiful cards and gifts.

The Pattersons' only daughter Mrs. John Evans lives in British Columbia and was unable to attend. The couple had one son, Beverly, who is deceased.

Friends attended from Gawa, Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, Shelburne, Orangeville and district, Alliston, Toronto, Streetsville, Georgetown, Brampton, Milton and Norval.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. E. Perryman on Wednesday afternoon for their June meeting. Roll call was answered by each one present bringing a parcel and also buying one worth 25 cents. An auction sale of articles left over at the bazaar was both amusing and profitable and the members discussed several matters of business. A birthday card and treat was sent to Miss Kate McKay on the occasion of her birthday. The ladies of this group also enjoyed their annual bus trip outing recently when they travelled to Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Crystal Beach and along the Welland Canal to Port Colborne and home. Many places of interest that they enjoyed seeing were the hydro power station and the wax museum at Niagara Falls.

The Young People's group of the Ballinapad charge met for their regular meeting in the church here on Sunday evening. It was the last meeting for the season and lunch was served and a social time enjoyed by all as they bid farewell to Mr. McBride who has

He also pointed out the many differences between the farms in Canada and those in Scotland. In Canada, he noticed the farmers "take it easy and don't get excited" as they do in his country when something like weather threat comes. He commented on the friendly nature and the kind ways of the farmers in Halton and also the central location of the county.

Asked whether he would prefer living here rather than Scotland, Mr. Thomson replied, "I would like it better here, but I spend most of my money over there. He invested in a 140 acre farm with his brother and said he would lose money if he moved now. A large acreage in Scotland like his father's 1200 acres is needed to make it pay, as the farms there serve a dual purpose.

On his land, he has a stock of breeding cows with Angus bulls and a flock of 300 black faced sheep. He said the sheep eat what the cattle leave and they "do well together."

He attended the service at the Grace Anglican church in Milton where he met other members of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association. Mr. Thomson's next stop will be Wentworth county.

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