



HAIL BINKY—Binky, a Keesbond, from Mount Blanc Kennels and now owned by Miss Laura Treble, who operates Tanhardt Kennels at R. R. 1, Georgetown, attained an achievement for show canines recently by being declared a Canadian champion. The title signifies having amassed 10 points in the show ring.

BALLINAFAD

Old Books Prove Interesting Exhibit at Women's Institute

Mrs. Leo Jamieson was hostess for the program for the January meeting of the W.I. The roll call was answered by each member displaying their oldest book and telling something about it. There was a varied assortment of books, cook books, history books, and a book containing sermons of the two well-known evangelists of the early 1900's, Crosley and Hunter who had autographed the book before presenting it to the organist of their church. Other comments on the books proved to be quite interesting. Many items of business were dealt with. Much discussion arose from the new inheritance tax proposed by the federal government last fall. A motion was carried that each member and the secretary write to the member of Parliament for our area, in protest against the bill before it becomes law.

The new training school for leaders of the 4-H Homemaking clubs will be the end of January. It will be a sewing project "Cottons can be Smart" and each girl taking part will make herself a cotton dress. Mrs. Marshall, convener of current events and Mrs. R. McEneaney, convener of historical research had charge of the program. Due to the absence of two members a few items had to be omitted. Mrs. Reta Shortill, curator, spoke briefly on the history book she is compiling and asked several members to help with the family tree of their ancestors who established what is now the century farms. Mrs. Marshall of the welfare committee reported on the number of boxes she had distributed to the shut-ins and sick at Christmas. There was an attendance of 12 members and one visitor. Mrs. Eckert will be hostess for the February meeting. A social time was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Council Briefs

At a regular meeting, Monday council decided to purchase a new plough from Wheels, Brakes and Equipment Ltd., at a cost of \$1,560. This was the lowest of two tenders.

• That's just the start, commented Road Chairman W. Smith when council okayed the first payment to Armstrong Brothers, for work on the Main St. bridge, the amount was \$26,142.

The purchasing agent was authorized to invite bids for a front end loader suitable for the sanitary land fill operation.

An offer of purchase from Harry DeBoer for lot 28 pkm 617, in the town-owned industrial area was turned over to the industrial committee.

North Halton Achievement day "The Third Meal" was held on Saturday, January 11th, in the Community Centre. Six groups of 4-H Homemaking clubs with their leaders took part in the programme. The morning was taken up with the girls of the different groups setting their note books on display where they were examined and commented on by Mrs. K. Williams, Home Economist for Peel and Halton Counties. The girls each had to make and pack a "dainty lunch" which was also judged by Mrs. Williams. The Ballinafad Branch of the W.I. provided hot drinks and extra dessert for the girls, if needed along with their lunches. It got along with their lunches, if needed. About 1:30 in the afternoon mothers and other interested

Expect U.S. Imports to Reduce Drug Costs Here

The man who headed the Commons' committee which probed drug costs in Canada is pleased that lower priced prescription drugs may soon be available.

Dr. Harry Harley, retired Halton riding MP was commenting on reports that the drugs bill is high on the list of priorities to be discussed in the Commons.

The bill is designed to cut prices by injecting more competition into the manufacturing of drugs.

It is now over two and one half years since the committee began its probe into the high cost of drugs. Harley said he spent enough time in Ottawa to realize that it takes time for things to happen.

Held Study

Following a year of study into the costs, in which the committee heard fact and opinion from doctors, scientists, manufacturers, druggists, and civil servants, the report was released. One of its recommendations, that sales tax on drugs be removed, was implemented by then Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp.

The other main recommendation, that the Patent and Trade Marks Act be amended to allow more imports into Canada and thus reduce prices, came before the Commons last year but had not been passed when the House adjourned for the June election.

Harley said the bill which will be introduced this session is basically the same as last year's but safety requirements for drugs have been written into the bill.

It was concerned over the quality and safety of cheaper imported drugs which prevented the bill from being passed when it was introduced last year.

Proposed Bill

Harley said it is difficult to predict whether the bill will win approval this time but he hopes it will.

The Harley committee made 23 recommendations and he said the government is proceeding



DR. HARRY HARLEY

on the major ones.

Harley pointed out the government was making plans to act on a committee suggestion that the government publish a monthly bulletin for doctors telling them of the result of drug tests and the cost of drugs. He said the bulletin would be non-biased.

The former MP said that to his knowledge none of the Canadian manufacturers have made attempts to reduce the costs of drugs since his committee's report came out in '67. He pointed out that as a doctor for an insurance company his work does not require him to obtain and prescribe drugs as a general practitioner does.

Harley, besides being pleased that drug prices will likely drop has another reason for being glad the drugs bill is coming before the Commons.

"I like to think I did some good while I was in Ottawa," he said.

CAN MASK

The department of national health and welfare says a drug taken without a doctor's knowledge makes it more difficult for him to diagnose an ailment

22,000 Turkey Chicks Lost in Flash Fire Sunday

Sam Liebovici, who operates a turkey farm on Highway 7 just north of Georgetown, lost a new batch of 22,000 turkey chicks in a flash fire Sunday morning that roared through the brooder barn at another location on the 1st Line of Esquesing.

Hampered by lack of water and the deep snow, Acton firemen fought the blaze for five hours until 1:30 a.m. They saved the front end of the 300 by 40 foot modern barn, and kept the fire from leaping 100 feet to a smaller barn housing some 17,000 older birds.

The poulters were delivered Saturday to the farm.

Manager Ted LeBlanc made a trip to the barn 20 minutes before the outbreak of fire, and found everything alright. Then, returning, he opened the door and was driven back by a burst of flame. Cause of the fire is not known.

Firemen had to battle snow as well as fire. A portable tank holding 500 gallons was their only source of water until 800

feet of hose and a second pump formed a supply line from a farm pond on the opposite side of the road.

Firemen trailing hoses ploughed through waist-deep snow across a field to reach the pond. The auxiliary pump followed on a snowmobile owned by one of the firemen.

Although the wind was light, flames ripped through the rectangular barn in moments, mushrooming smoke over the countryside.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ontario Safety League says that Michigan has passed a new law which calls for impoundment of a vehicle from 30 to 120 days for persons convicted of driving while under suspension. It is expected that this will be the most effective measure yet taken against the state's hard-core "incorrigible" traffic offenders. But some difficulties are foreseen in enforcing the new law in local areas, until the authorities are well prepared to handle the procedures and mechanics of providing storage for impounded vehicles.

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Golf Club Featuring Palette Club Paintings

The Palette and Pencil Club has just concluded a showing of paintings at the Georgetown Golf & Country Club and will commence a showing at the North Halton Golf & Country Club this month.

This month, artist Peter Goets is instructing the club in an evening of water colour painting. In February, an outside artist will demonstrate painting knife technique and Frank Black will give a demonstration in batik. Also, a portrait night and a pen and ink night are planned for the near future. Arrangements for the annual spring show are getting underway. In the meantime some sessions will be devoted to practice in figure drawing.

The club meets every Wednesday evening, in the Halton and Peel Trust Building.



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