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Annual At Master Research

Bruce Nixon Elected President At Halton-Peel Jersey Club

On Saturday, November 27th, members and friends of the Halton-Peel Jersey Club met at the Master Feed Research Farm in Georgetown for the annual meeting. Events commenced with lunch. Chairman Bruce Nixon discussed the various activities of the club during 1971 - farm tour, Junior Jersey Rally

at Galt, picnic, Parish Show, eucure and participation in the all American Jersey Show. The club voted \$10.00 to be used to purchase a trophy for the top member in the Halton 4-H Jersey, Guernsey, Dual-Purpose Shorthorn Calf Club in 1972. Murray Mellow, Director of the Ontario Jersey Club complimented the breeders in Halton and Peel on the production and type of their cattle. He also mentioned the annual meeting at the Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston from January 12-14th.

The election of directors and officers for 1972 went as follows: President - Bruce Nixon; Vice-President - Jim Livock; Secretary-Treasurer - Ken Ella. Directors - Elliott Snyder, John Wright; Eva Harper; Lorne Ella; Murray Mellow; Eleanor Robinson; Jean Howse; Bob Mellow; Lionel McKeown. Bill Gibbins of Barrie, President of the Ontario Jersey Club stated that the club has once again hired a fieldman - Dave Parkinson. Dudley Oliver, Secretary of the club, is working two days a week on Jersey business. There has been difficulty in Ontario finding Jersey cattle for export - cattle on R.O.P. registered and bred to a Jersey bull.

Dave Parkinson, fieldman, stated that the goal of all Jersey breeders should be 10,000 or more pounds of milk per year. He was very concerned that one half of the Jerseys bred in September were bred to beef bulls. He stressed that everyone must advertise and proclaim the Jersey breed.

Considerable discussion took place on the suggestion that the 18 local Jersey clubs be amalgamated to form 9 or 10 clubs. This is being proposed as a means of cutting expenses. It is

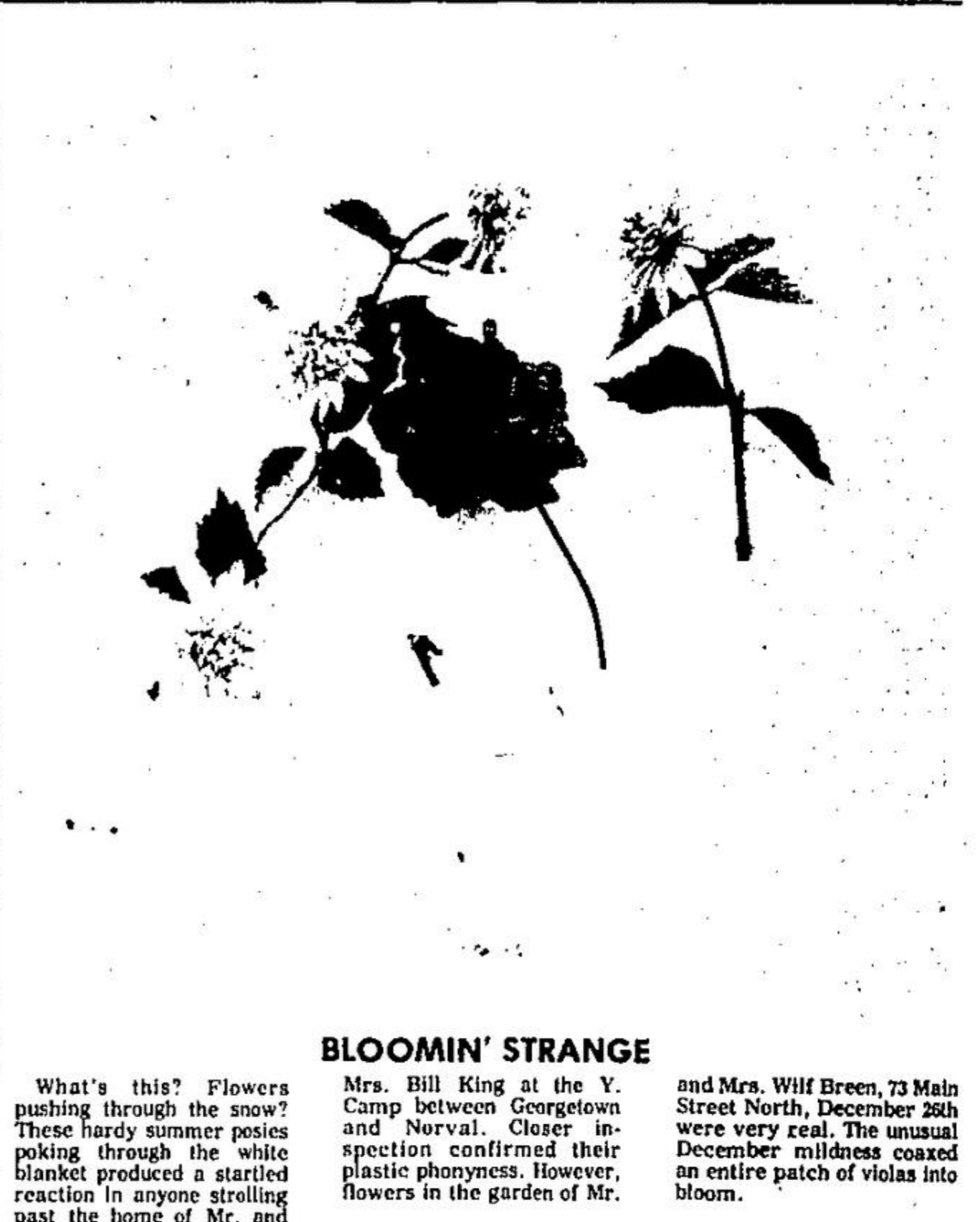
suggested that the Halton-Peel Jersey Club amalgamate with the south half of Wellington County. The Junior Show for Dairy Heifers was proposed for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The Halton-Peel Jersey Club plan a banquet and dance in early April in the Hornby area.

Orangemen Send Aid To Ulster

The Grand Loyal Orange Lodge of Canada has established the Ulster Appeal Fund to aid those in distress in Northern Ireland. All six Orange Lodges in Halton County are contributing liberally to this fund. They are the South Halton Lodge, Carlisle, Acton, Hornby, Georgetown and Stewarttown.

First Council Meeting Monday

The first Georgetown council meeting of 1972 will be held in the council chambers Monday, January 10, Esqueving Township council's first '72 meeting was held January 3.



BLOOMIN' STRANGE

What's this? Flowers pushing through the snow? These hardy summer posies poking through the white blanket produced a startled reaction in anyone strolling past the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Bill King at the Y. Camp between Georgetown and Norval. Closer inspection confirmed their plastic phyness. However, flowers in the garden of Mr.

and Mrs. Wilf Breen, 73 Main Street North, December 28th were very real. The unusual December mildness coaxed an entire patch of violas into bloom.

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Holiday Letter From Rev. James Kirkwood

A missionary in Zambia for several years following ordination as a United Church minister, Rev. James Kirkwood this year wrote his Christmas letter from Toronto.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkwood, 4 Pauline Street, he attended Blue Mountain school when his parents lived at Ballinacree, then Georgetown high school and Emmanuel College, University of Toronto. His friends here will be interested in his comments about his life during the past year.

57 Humewood Drive, Toronto 10, Ontario. December 1971.

Dear Friends, Greetings from Toronto, Canada. Yes, we did make it back to our native land after another four stimulating years in Zambia! And at this Christmas season, we want once again to share with you a few of the highlights of the past year, as well as to greet you in the name of Christ at this time of celebration of his birthday. A year ago, we were immersed in the usual preparations for a Zambian Christmas. Practising carols in English and Bemba with the Sunday School children; picking wild red lilies in the woods to decorate our home; attending the community song-fest 'Carols by Candlelight' on Christmas eve, participating in the exciting and sometimes hilarious presentation of the Christmas story on Christmas

morning in the township church; swimming and holding an outdoor bar-b-que with friends on Boxing Day - these are some of our family's memories of Christmas, 1970.

In the New Year, time simply flew by as we tried to wind up our work in Kalulushi and prepare to leave Zambia. One of the main emphases of Jim's work had been the training of lay preachers to lead worship services and preach in the churches. This involves four courses, in Old Testament, New Testament, Church Doctrine and Worship. Each course lasted between six and nine months, and the people participating are required to do assignments weekly, and to write an exam at the end. After completion of the four courses, each person has to preach a trial sermon, and to be interviewed by a member of the Presbytery committee. They are then entitled to receive certificates as 'local preachers'. It was very rewarding to have Rev. Jolly Chipili of the Presbytery committee with us in March to present certificates to sixteen people in the congregations of Kalulushi West and Chibuluma.

In the field of ecumenical relations, we were working more closely with our Anglican and Catholic friends. In addition to the monthly worship services followed by discussions which had been carrying on for some time in the English-speaking part of town, some new things were tried. Jim worked with Fr. Cornelius (Catholic) and Fr. Peake (Anglican) in a project as a farm labourer with a group of young people, during the Christmas vacation. This was an attempt to demonstrate the importance of work with the hands, the importance of agriculture in particular, and the importance of the church being involved in 'the world' rather than only involved with 'spiritual' matters. On the side of education, a step in co-operation was made when it was agreed that Religious Instruction in the local primary school should be done on an inter-denominational rather than a denominational basis. This means that instead of fragmenting the classes by denomination, and one person having to teach all Catholics (for example) from age 7 to 14, each Grade is taught by one teacher. This has meant that we could make an attempt to teach the things which are common to our faith, rather than those which divided. In the Secondary School also, teaching has been done on a non-denominational basis. Another aspect of ecumenism was the joint communion services held a few times with the Anglican church. We believe this was a 'first' for Zambia! Finally, again this year we held our inter-denominational procession behind the cross on Good Friday, marching and singing through the streets of the town and finishing with a short outdoor service at the football stadium.

April was a memorable month, because of the farewells. By this time it seemed that we would probably not be returning to Zambia in the immediate future, and so it was with a great deal of pain that we said farewell to friends in the Kalulushi and Copperbelt areas. Of all the farewell occasions, one evening especially remains in our

memory. First, we were invited for 'tea' to our friends, Titus and Hilda Kaonga's, who are teachers at Chibuluma. 'Tea' turned out to be a full-course Zambian meal of injima and chicken and various side dishes. Then we went to a concert sponsored by the choir at Kalulushi West church. In addition to a treat of marvellous singing and very funny skits, we were served food on three more occasions during the evening by way of symbolic last-meal-together. There was no way we could refuse so we came away from the evening very well satiated.

We left Zambia on April 16, and spent two weeks touring in parts of Europe. Memories here include the fantastic splendour of ancient Greek architecture in Athens, and the fantastic splendour of God's architecture in the Austrian Alps.

Holland put on a marvellous display of tulips and daffodils for our enjoyment! May 2 saw our return to Canada, and to reunions with our families - everyone except brother-in-law Pete was able to be with us for a few days. Although our reunion was sweet it was also short. In the middle of May Jim began a course at the Canadian Urban Training Centre for Christian Service, which operates from Wood Green Neighbourhood House in downtown Toronto. He took an intensive course for six weeks until the end of June and is now involved in an on-the-job training project until next June as part of the year-long course. The emphasis is on providing some knowledge of sociological skills and applying them to the situation in the church, so that the church can be more relevant to the needs of people in the city by helping them become more aware of their situation and on how to gain power to act to improve it. Jim's particular project is helping three churches downtown to set up a Service to provide temporary work for unemployed persons. Although it is a new field for him it is exciting and challenging. We don't know yet where it will lead, but probably into some sort of inner city work.

The other thing which we have been doing since returning to Canada is 'deputation', that is speaking in churches about Zambia. This is something that we enjoy very much, probably because we love Zambia so much! It has been especially good to be with friends in churches where we previously had a connection. In addition to discussing the work of the church in Zambia, we have been trying to point out the problems which Zambia faces because of her geographical position, surrounded as she is on three sides, by Rhodesia, South Africa, Mozambique and Angola - all countries with white minority governments hostile to Zambia. What is Canada's role towards Zambia and the other free countries of Africa? How consistent is our trading policy or our involvement in multinational corporations with our human Christian concerns for justice? (e.g. Alcan's involvement in the Cabora Bassa Dam in Mozambique). If you want to know what we think write us: Also, the Africa Study Pac for

this year has good food for thought and action. The Black Paper is a critique of the Governments policy towards Southern Africa. Get it, read it, discuss it, act on it. It is available from Canadian Council for International Co-operation, 75 Spark Street, Ottawa 4, at 70 cents a copy or 50 cents in bulk.

A personal note to end on. Marion is involved in keeping the household together, taking two night courses at U. of T., learning to play the guitar in her spare time. Paul is in residential school for Retarded Children in Scarborough, and has adjusted very well. He is developing social and communication skills which should stand him in good stead later in life. Jane and Joy have settled into the Canadian school system well - in spite of dire predictions from English friends in Zambia. They are both a year ahead of their peers in the Canadian system. Kenny goes to kindergarten half days and continues to keep the rest of the family hopping and amused. Plans for the summer tentatively include a camping trip to Saskatchewan and British Columbia, so you may find us parked on your door-step some evening in August. We were pleased to be asked to staff people at the Missionary Orientation Conference during July next year.

As we have indicated above, the long-term future is uncertain at the moment, but we will not be returning to Zambia in the immediate future. We are on a leave of absence from the Board of World Mission, and will be looking for a job in Canada next summer. This will be the last letter circulated by the Education for Mission Department for some time. We are grateful to them for having distributed letters for us since 1961. We will be circulating personal letters in future only to those who want them, so please let us know if you are 'still there'. We will be at the above address until spring, or you can contact us anytime c/o J. P. Kirkwood, 4 Pauline St. Georgetown, Ont. To each and every one of you, PEACE.

Sincerely,
Jim, Marion, Jane, Paul, Joy and Kenneth Kirkwood.

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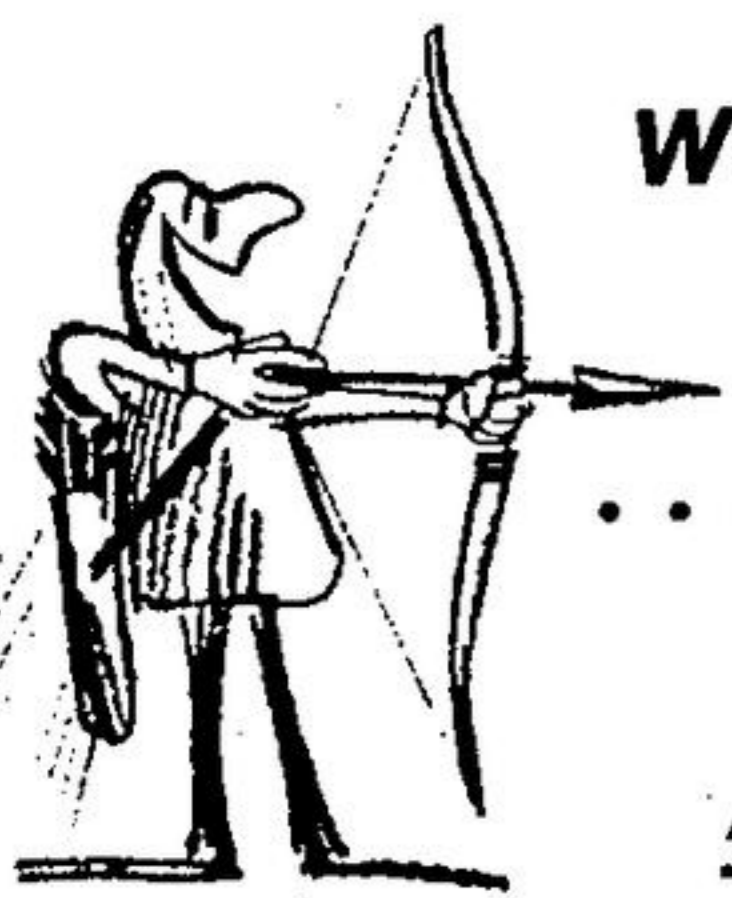
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