

New Record for Co-op. Business

During the 1945-46 crop year a record number of farmers bought supplies and sold produce co-operatively it is disclosed in a report just issued by the Economics Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture. In the same period their volume of co-operative business attained a new record.

Preliminary statistics collected by J. E. O'Meara, who compiled the report gives membership in farmers' co-operatives as 789,408, compared with 739,604 in the 1944-45 crop year. The division emphasizes that these membership totals are greater than the number of individuals in co-operatives, as a farmer may, and often does, belong to more than one organization.

Further, comparing co-operative activities the two crop years, the number of farm co-operatives reporting has increased from 1,824 to 1,905, with additional organizations expected to be heard from before a final report is issued. The Division estimates that in addition to these farm co-operatives there are approximately 2,500 credit unions in Canada together with many other associations engaged in such co-operative activities as housing, telephone, medical, transportation and fish marketing.

Total business transacted by farmers' co-operatives in Canada amounted to \$585,545,170, compared with \$581,842,482, in the 1944-45 crop year. This increase is attributed by Mr. O'Meara to greater co-operative buying of supplies. Co-operative marketings declined because in the latest crop year western wheat pools had only current production to sell, while in the previous year they also disposed of carry-over wheat.

LEADER OF ONTARIO LIBERALS



Farquhar Oliver, M.P.P. for Grey South, who was chosen last Friday at the Liberal Convention in Toronto to lead Ontario Liberals. He has been House Leader of the Opposition for the past session, and has been a member of the Legislature for twenty-two years. He is a part-time farmer on his farm, near Priceville, Ontario, of 550 acres.

SHAKESPEARE AND JOHN L. LEWIS

Fed up with jaywalkers, traffic jams and reckless motorists, a friend has given up driving his car to and from the office and is letting a bus-driver do the worrying. He reports that there are compensations in his new way of life, as long as he can dodge the worst of the rush hours. Latterly he has taken up the plays of Shakespeare for reading during his journeys, and is working through them at a rate of about one a week.

In a pocket edition, he says, the plays are easier to handle than a newspaper. He has also been impressed on several occasions with the fact that a passage from his weekly supplementary reading will turn out to be applicable to the events of the day as a contemporary editorial.

For example he was reading Measure for Measure at the time when the Government of the United States was threatening John L. Lewis and his miners with fines and imprisonment, and he found the Duke's speech from Act 1 particularly apt. It goes as follows:

We have strict statutes and most biting laws,
The needful bits and curbs for headstrong steeds,
Which for these fourteen years we have let sleep.
Even like an o'ergrown lion in a cave,
That goes not out to prey. Now, as fond fathers,
Having bound up the threatening twigs of birch,
Only to sick it in their children's sight
For terror, not to use, in time the rod
Becomes more mock'd than fear'd:
so our decrees,
Dead to infliction, to themselves are dead;
And liberty plucks justice by the nose;
The baby beats the nurse, and quite athwart
Goes all decorum.

—The Printed Word

NEW TYPE ROCKET FOR BRITAIN'S COASTGUARDS

A new improved type of rocket for use by coastguards, developed as a result of experiments during the war, is expected shortly to go into production in Britain. According to the Chief Inspector of Coastguards for the United Kingdom Ministry of Transport, the new rocket, which is to be known as the Cordite Rocket, will have greater power in strong winds and a longer range than the Boxer type. Designed on the same principle as rockets used by Britain's Navy for carrying explosives from landing craft on D-Day, it is electrically fired and has an instantaneous start and a steady propulsive thrust of about 300 pounds for about three seconds. The range of the new rocket will be about 450 yards or more than 100 yards farther than that of the present type.

SUDDEN SNOW MAROONS SCOUTS

A sudden snow storm marooned a dozen Saskatoon, Sask. Boy Scout cyclists who had been camping at their Beaver Creek grounds recently. Highlight of the trip was when they encountered several beaver which were so hungry that they ate out of the Scout's hands. The deep snow making it impossible for the Scouts to use their bicycles they were brought back to the city by truck. Another Saskatoon Scout, who had ridden horseback to an Indian Reservation for a branding bee reported a tough ride home through the snow storm.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of MAY FERRIER, late of the Town of Milton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of MAY FERRIER, late of the Town of Milton, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the 13th day of December, 1945, are requested to send the same to the undersigned Solicitor on or before the 26th day of May, 1947; otherwise the estate will be distributed without regard to their claims.

GEORGE E. ELLIOTT,
Milton, Ontario
Solicitor for the Executor
Milton, May 2nd, 1947. 48-3

General Sessions

County of Halton,
To Wit:
Notice is hereby given that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and also the County Court of the said

COUNTY OF HALTON
will be held in the Court House in the
Town of Milton
—ON—
MONDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1947

at the hour of one o'clock p.m., D.S.T., of which all Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Constables, Gaolers and all others concerned are requested to take notice and attend, to do and perform all duties which appertain to them.

WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON,
Sheriff, Co. Halton
Sheriff's Office, Milton, May 13th 1947. 49-3

WHERE, OH WHERE

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1947 - LOCAL COURTS CALENDAR - 1947

Place of Sitting	Day of Sitting	Jan.	Mar.	May	June	Sept.	Nov.	1948 Jan.
1. Milton	Friday	10	7	4	27	5	7	9
2. Oakville	Tuesday	7	4	6	24	0	4	6
3. Georgetown	Wednesday	8	5	7	25	3	5	7
4. Acton	Thursday	9	6	8	26	4	6	8
5. Burlington	Monday	6	3	5	23	3	5	5

All Division Courts Open at 10 a.m. Standard Time

Names and Addresses of Clerks—1. B. Knight, Milton; 2. John Chambers, Oakville; 3. Elmer Thompson, Georgetown; 4. Wilfred Coles, Acton; 5. C. D. Bull, Burlington.

County Court and General Sessions, Monday, 2nd June, 1 p.m.; Monday, 1st December, 1 p.m.

Sittings of County Court without Jury, Monday, 7th April, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 6th October, at 10 a.m.

Audit of Criminal Justice and County Accounts, Tuesday, 7th January; Monday, 7th April; Monday, 7th July; Tuesday, 7th October.

By Order W. I. DICK, Milton
Clerk of the Peace

BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY

As the nice spring weather comes on, more people drive out from the cities into country scenes. It is a sort of fresh revelation, if one has been restricted to a large city all winter to see the beauty of the world. Nature is wearing a garment of charm and loveliness. As spring comes on, she puts on her best clothes, and welcomes visitors who come to see her attractions.

Any ordinary country road is a delightful picture. Trees shine in their radiant costume of soft green. The winds move their branches softly and they seem to be dancing in the breezes of heaven, to a tune played by Nature's orchestra. The greening grass of fields and meadows lays a carpet of color for people to tread upon, as they walk up the aisles of Nature's cathedral.

If there are hills and mountains near these reflect the shadows of clouds and the rays of the sun. They turn purple as the shadows fall, and seem a sort of temple where Nature's worshippers can gather.

If there are rivers, lakes, or ocean, these tumbling or still waters shimmer as the breezes ruffle their depths. Their sparkling wavelets reflect the light, and present a throbbing and sparkling surface that ever changes and yet constantly remains the same. The broad sweep of the sky overhead has infinite variety. On bright and sunny days, it seems full of happiness and delight. If the skies are dark and cloudy, they suggest quiet peace. So the country scenes invite people to come and rest or live among them, and enjoy daily the loveliness of Nature.

CIGARETTE'S HISTORY

Although crude forms of cigarettes have been found in ancient ruins in Arizona, it was not until the middle of the 19th century that cigarettes were used in Brazil, where they were called "papalitos", says Dr. Norman A. McRae, chief, Tobacco Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. This new way of consuming tobacco was naturally taken to Spain, and from there it made slow progress to neighboring countries. But cigarettes did not gain any real recognition until after the Crimean War in 1856. The soldiers took to using this new form, because it was much easier and less expensive to "roll your own". They brought it back to their various countries, where once again there was opposition, particularly in Germany, but the opposition this time was not against the use of tobacco but lay in the competitive popular cigar.

In England, cigarettes became the fashion rapidly, especially following the use of better grades of paper and tobacco. From England contrary to the other forms of tobacco, the cigarette went to North America. To-day, the tobacco industry, including the production of leaf and manufacture of tobacco products, has become one of Canada's greatest achievements and a considerable proportion of the tobacco used for making cigarettes in Britain is imported from Canada.

EXPORTS OF SEEDS

From the total production of 7,350,000 pounds of alfalfa seed produced in Canada, plus a carryover of 1,000,000 pounds from the 1945 crop, a total of 4,512,105 pounds have been exported, with the United States as the principal market. Of the 8,640,000 pounds of red clover seed produced in Canada in 1946, a total of 3,487,329 pounds has been sold in the export markets.

LOST AGAIN

Father: "Did you put your penny in the Sunday School collection, son?"
Tommy: "No dad, I lost it."
Father: But this is the third week you've lost it."
Tommy: "I know, but that other kid's luck can't last forever."

NEW BULB GIVES 10,000 FLASHES

Professional photographers—and serious amateurs too—will be interested in the new "Megafash", on view at the British Industries Fair, which does the work of 10,000 of the traditional type of flash bulb. This bulb, which is manufactured by a London firm is an electronic-flash unit employing a specially designed gas-filled bulb which gives a minimum of 10,000 flashes as against a solitary flash of the standard type. The peak light-output is enormous, being in the region of 20,000,000 lumens. Its immense value to photographers, who until now have had to carry one flash-bulb for every exposure on "difficult light" subjects is obvious. The principle on which the Megafash works is a development of that used by Britain in aerial photography cameras during the war—a short-duration flash of intense light secured by discharging an electric current of high voltage through a rarefied gas. The whole mechanism is easy to carry, weighing only about 10 lbs. and measuring 10"x6½"x3¼"—roughly the size of a women's handbag.

CLOCK SWITCHES ON RADIO

An accessory which will be seen at the British Industries Fair is the "Pre-set" clock device, which when set at the time required, will switch on the radio at any moment desired and switch it off when the selected program ends. It can be added to any AC radio set.

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