

BETHLEHEM
 All love and mystery in one little face,
 All light and beauty in one single star
 That rose among the shadows, pure and far,
 Above a humble place;
 All heaven in song upon a little hill,
 Earth listening, faint and still;
 The long years go; the old stars rise and set;
 But still there's Bethlehem — could I forget?
 That loveliness—that light?
 Shadows there are, but who shall fall for them?
 Still there is Bethlehem!
 —Nancy Byrd Turner.

Three cattle are missing in the Aliston district, two from a farm in Tecumseth and one from a Tossoronto farm, for which police are keeping a watchful eye. It may be that these animals have merely strayed from their pastures, but there are reasons to suspect that they have been taken by cattle rustlers.

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Hospital records are stories of life and death. Here is an actual record taken from one of Canada's largest hospitals.

In June, Willie Blank, residing in a town about sixty miles distant from the city in which the hospital is located, developed a headache and fever, quickly becoming very ill. A consultant was called. He diagnosed the case as meningitis, which in lay language is inflammation of the membrane around the brain. The child was rushed to the hospital where it was confirmed that he had bovine tuberculous meningitis; but despite all efforts known to scientific medicine to save the life of this curly-headed three year old boy, he died.

Where did he get the bovine tubercular germ? From milk most likely. So the Doctors began their investigation and with little difficulty they traced the milk supply of the child's family to one herd of cows and discovered one of the cows to be infected with tuberculosis of the exact type which killed Willie Blank.

Six months previous to the infection and death of this child, the citizens of the town in which he lived defeated a By-Law which, if passed, would have made it compulsory for all milk sold within the town to be pasteurized. Pasteurization kills germs in milk and had the By-Law passed instead of being defeated, it is reasonable to think that Willie Blank would be alive today.

Since pasteurization of all milk sold for public consumption became compulsory in one of Canada's largest cities 23 years ago, there has not been one case of bovine tuberculosis traced to the milk supply within that city.

Pasteurization of milk destroys the germs that destroy life and pasteurization makes milk safe for you and your children. Contrary to many statements made by ill-informed persons who for various reasons oppose pasteurization of milk, it may be said with confidence born of facts that pasteurization does not destroy the food value of milk. Children—hundreds of thousands of them—thrive on pasteurized milk every day.

Safe milk for all children and all adults should be a goal for all Canada. Pasteurization of milk is the answer.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

Chicken thieving has been so prevalent in Mulmur and Melancton townships that law officers recently set up a night patrol of the highways and halted cars that they had any reason to suspect. Accosting a car on a recent night, the car refused to stop and the officers gave chase until the driver drove into a farm yard and then left the car and took to his heels. He was overtaken after a short chase and lodged in Orangeville gaol. Three bags of chickens were found in the car.

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Canada Second

Canada is the second largest exporter of apples, ranking second only to the United States in this respect. In 1936 Canada exported a total of 96,000 tons of apples, consisting almost entirely of dessert and cooking apples.

Prize-Winning Essay

Among the many agricultural students in the United States and Canada, the medal essay competition of the Saddle and Siroloin Club of Chicago at the International Hay and Grain Show and International Live Stock Exposition is regarded as a very important event, and to be one of the winners is considered a notably high honour. The contest is held every year by the Saddle and Siroloin Club of Chicago for the purpose of encouraging writing on live stock topics and is open to all undergraduates of agricultural colleges in the United States and Canada. As in former years, there were many contestants in the 1937 competition.

The subject selected for this year's contest was "The Character Contributions of the Live Stock Club." In the best twenty essays selected by the judges, Robert S. Procunier, Ontario Agricultural College, ranked third, and thereby gained the bronze medal. L. T. Sonley, also of Ontario Agricultural College, was placed ninth.

Value of Ontario Crops

The gross value of agricultural production in Ontario for the year 1938 is expected to be about \$365,000,000 as compared with \$358,000,000 last year and \$248,000,000 in 1932, the low point of the depression. The value of field crop production shows a reduction of \$16,000,000 as the 11 per cent gain in volume of production was not sufficient to offset the sharp decline in prices. Average prices since harvest this season are 19% below the average of prices obtained for the 1934 field crops.

The revenue obtained from livestock, dairy products, tobacco, poultry, fruits and other agricultural products is expected to reach \$215,000,000 as compared with \$192,000,000 in 1936. As the bulk of field crop production in Ontario is fed to livestock and marketed in this form, the improvement in total farm purchasing power for 1937 probably approximated \$20,000,000.

The outstanding feature of the agricultural situation this season is the recent sharp reaction in prices. Since June, the farm price of oats has declined from 61 cents to 43 cents per bushel; barley from 83 cents to 59 cents; buckwheat from 90 to 59 cents, and fall wheat from \$1.24 to \$1.01. Hog prices have dropped from \$10.52 per cwt. in September to \$8.00 at the present time, and good steers, over 1050 pounds, from \$8.55 to \$7.35 per cwt. Unless prices of farm products show some advance from the present level, agricultural income during the first half of 1938 will be considerably lower than during the same period of 1937.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie.
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by:
 Yet in the dark streets shineth
 The everlasting light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary;
 And, gather'd all above
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy Birth
 And praise sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is given,
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming,
 Where meek souls will receive Him
 still

The dear Christ enters in,
 O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord, Immanuel.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We can no more measure Christmas by the hour hand of the clock than we can confine its good-will and happiness within the boundaries of a single human being—Christmas radiates its spirit beyond its day and year... Its joy permeates the very air we breathe—becomes an integral part of ourselves. In wishing you the full happiness that the season heralds, it is our earnest hope that it may remain your personal possession across the busy months to come.

SLATS' DIARY
 (By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Well Christmas are about cum to hand agen. It are a wander-



le ocashen for money rensen but he chief of witch is vacashen and-Santy Clos & his presence. I see whair a felloe says they aint no thing to it all but I bet he are a Old Made. Or sum thing of the kind.

Monday: Ma has did her Christmas shoping erly as the P. O. and Shamber of Commerce says & let me see a box of swell lady's hdkfs she has got for Pa. I think they is methed in her madnes as Napoleum sed.

Tuesday: The girls in the class are a going to give a Christmas play & the teacher told Jake to set down to the tiperiter & rite up a item on the subjec. Jake did & rote that it are to be a 3-cat show. & then he turned in his paper. Just thataway. Now then none of the dames speak to him & he wont haft to buy no presence. Mebby he aint so dum as I thot.

Wednesday: I went to sleep in school & dreemed I were going thry a big forest & the snow was about 1 ft. deep & I got ofle tired & set down on a log to rest. After a while I lookt back & a big black bare were a snifling at my tracks. O you like them do you sed I. Well, then I will make plenty more for you. Blisters cot me just as I was fallen offe the seat.

Thursday: School are out for the holidays. I am xceedingly happy becoss vacashen lasts until the 3rdst day of next yr. which are 19 and 38. I am wandering if I will becum fed up on it & want to go back to school. The desishen are in the neggativ of the queshchen.

Friday: Pa's editur got slapt by a dame. She went in to the noosepaper offis to tell him what to print in the paper & sed she could recall what editurs printed when she was a littel girl. He komplimented her wanderfle memry & then it hapened. I dont no why but Ma sed theys a very good resen. Witch I will understand when I get a big man.

Saturday: Nine days of vacashen will be a offle long time but still I aint intirely happy. They so mutch fun in the world I cant help being scart that I cant have it all in so breek a time. But dont no boddie think I wont stay right in there and pitch.

It's a funny world. We won't let an irresponsible child drive a car, but we invent machines for killing and sell them to irresponsible races.

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