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**Maple Experiments Help Improve Lumber Quality**

In a greenhouse atop a rolling hill near Maple, a 52-year-old Russian-born tree breeder is constantly carrying on experiments to make the quality of Ontario lumber the best in the world.  
Dr. Carl Heimburger of the Ontario Lands and Forests Department says this province is a step ahead of the rest of the world in its study and production of disease-resistant white pine.  
Leaving Russia when the revolution broke out, Heimburger studied forestry in Denmark and Finland, then came to Canada in 1925. After graduating in forestry from the University of Toronto, he got his doctor's degree at Cornell University and, five years ago, joined the Lands and Forests Department.  
"My problem was to develop a strain of white pine resistant to blight, rust and weevils," he recalls. "Blister rust is a disease native to Siberia. It grows there on the stone pine, wild gooseberries and currants."  
Sent To Europe  
Since Canada's white pine was so valuable, it was exported to Europe where the disease spread until the breed was almost extinct. Nursery stock was sent back and brought the disease with it.  
Genetics experts searched North America for disease-resistant strains of the pine and finally found the only plantation of its kind in the world at the Signory of Lotbiniere in Quebec.  
"The grandfather of the present Seigneur had started a plantation of black walnuts and imported white pine stock from Germany (to protect the walnuts from the cold winds). The pine was heavily infected," Dr. Heimburger said.  
When government officials ordered him to destroy the trees, the Seigneur chased them off the plantation. Of the 500 trees he brought in there were only 40 left in 1939. Of these, 36 finally survived, but they were entirely resistant to the infection.  
Seeds were obtained from the 36 trees. They were planted amid wild gooseberries and deliberately infected with blister. But the seedlings proved outstanding. Now there are some 50,000 seedlings at Maple and at a second nursery operated by the department at Midhurst.  
Grafting Important  
Grafting plays an important part in the production of seed. "Scions" or slips of resistant trees are refrigerated and then grafted onto "active" seedlings. It takes about a year for the joint to heal.  
Dr. Heimburger's outdoor grafting methods are copied in many other countries. He says it is now a simple operation, but "I spoiled hundreds of trees before I found out just how to perform the operation successfully."  
Right now, Dr. Heimburger is giving some four-year-old grafts "the business" — infecting them with blister to test their resistance.  
"We haven't got the weevil problem licked yet," he says, "but I'm quite sure we are leaving no stones unturned. If there's a cure we'll find it."

**Planning Demonstration Lecture On Small Holding Landscaping**

Practical demonstrations and an address on Small Holding Landscaping will be presented to an estimated 300 North Toronto area Veterans' Land Act Small Holders by Ashley C. Norcross, VLA Supervisor of Small Holding Development, Ottawa. A nationally known landscape architect, Mr. Norcross will speak at the North York Veterans Club, 6321 Yonge Street, at 8 p.m. May 10th.  
He will illustrate his talk with practical demonstrations on a large sand table with scale models materials. His theme will hinge on the development and beautification possible through planned landscaping prior to actual operations.  
Mr. Norcross will landscape completely a number of scale model properties both to illustrate procedure and to provide ideas. He will be assisted by VLA field representatives. Chairing the meeting will be Mr. Victor O'Malley of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships area VLA Settlement Officer.  
The demonstration will be followed by a question and answer period as an aid to members of the audience with individual development problems. Colour film "God of Creation" will conclude the programme.  
With the VLA Head Office for the past two years, Mr. Norcross is well known in his field both in Canada and the United States. He served overseas during the last two wars and operated his own landscaping firm in various parts of the U.S.A. Prior to this he worked for a New York landscaping contractor following post-graduate studies at Macdonald College.  
Mr. O'Malley has extended an invitation to the meeting to all Toronto area Small Holders and their friends.

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**Assessment Act Outmoded Now Speaker States**

The present assessment act in Ontario is 100 years old and should be revised to meet modern conditions, York County Assessor told a meeting of the directors of the county Federation of Agriculture held in Newmarket last Wednesday night.  
Assessment also came under fire from Frank Brumwell, secretary of Markham Township Federation of Agriculture. He opened the discussion by reading some figures from the schedule of Values and Assessments of the County of York for 1949, which showed that farm assessments were about three times as much per dollar value than that of the small lot owner; this meant that farms were paying much more than their share of the cost of education, he claimed.  
Mr. Mogg who is at present reassessing the Township of North Gwillimbury, told of some of his experiences as an assessor, and his method of assessing farm and urban properties; he stated that he thought only the farm house and 1 acre of land should be assessed for educational purposes; he also claimed that real estate could not carry the heavy cost of education and thought the Government should carry a larger share.

**HIGHLAND PARK NEWS**  
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Mr. and Mrs. Murray Harding entertained at a party last Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mac Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tomlinson, all of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bigelow. The party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Noan who are going to make their home in Edmonton, Alta.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hannah were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forrest on Friday evening.  
We understand that Mr. Chalmers is doing a splendid job of taking the school children across Yonge St.  
Mr. Gord MacCallum entertained at tea on Thursday afternoon. Those present were: Mrs. Reg. Weaving, Mr. Bert Conden, Mrs. Ernie Cumming, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. H. Bigelow.

**Ladies Visit Over 200 Families In Oak Ridges**  
"We have been received with great kindness, and it has given us much satisfaction to visit the families of the Wilcox Lake district," said Mrs. Geoffrey Beatty, when telling of the visits made to the women of the parish of St. John, Oak Ridges this spring.  
A countrywide campaign is being carried on by the Anglican Synod in Canada, known as the Diocesan Every Member Canvas.  
Mrs. Beatty assisted by enthusiastic women of St. John's Church says they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience their visits have provided, even on days when the weather was at its worst. They have met with kindness and gratefulness everywhere.  
Over 200 families have been visited in the past few weeks, and the ladies who have carried on this campaign are Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. G. Kerwell, Mrs. L. Dibb, Mrs. John Turfiff, Mrs. E. Ash, and Mrs. H. Boothman.

**BREEDER WINS AWARD**  
Cairnat Majesty's Emma, a 7 year old Guernsey cow, owned by Jack Fraser, Fraserdale Farms, Concord, has on the completion of her last record of 14,600 milk and 729 fat, made a total of 2584 lbs. fat in five tested lactations for an average of 516.8 lbs. fat in each lactation. Emma is sired by one of the outstanding bulls of the breed, "Foremost Majesty" who was imported to Canada from New York State by Jos. Milligan & Sons, Whitby, Ontario, whose herd of Guernseys have established many records of longtime production. Fraserdale Farms have one of the largest Guernsey herds in Canada, and have placed many of them on the Honour Roll in the last few years.



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