

SELDOM SEEN

We are very pleased at our house since Mrs. Phil's niece has decided to train for the nursing profession in Toronto. Mrs. Phil is going about with a very pleased look, and is forever saying that it was too bad we had no girls, and if we had that affair brought to my mind a picture of a nice girl still not forgotten around Ballantrae, I know, who de-cided to enter nursing and went to the city to live with an uncle during her training course. I recall

the morning we boys and the girls gathered on the platform at Ballantrae station to wish Mary good luck, and how we sang that old song, "So Long Mary, How we hate to See You Go." I really meant it. Well, to get back to Mary, she was one of those obliging and love-able kind. How did she make out? Well, she rose to become a supervi-sor, and she makes no bones about one particular experience. Said Mary: "I was young and wanted to be useful. It was in my apprentice

days, I had served a probationary period in the General Hospital and had been assigned to night duty in my ward. On the first night just as the "lights out" hour arrived every-body seemed to be calling for a glass of water. It was a man's ward, and I tried to oblige those fellows. I carried around a good many glasses, and placed them at the bedside. Later, with the whole ward asleep, and wanting to do something to keep awake myself, I quietly moved around and collect-ed the empties. One by one I pick-ed them up and carried them back to the galley, the place where nur-

ses park their dirty dishes. Then, later, in the glaring light of the wash-up room, I discovered that every glass contained a set of teeth—and there wasn't an identification mark on a single glass. So our little Mary had her ups and downs, but she made a wonder-ful nurse. No second rate could afford to tell that one on herself. The next Blood Donor Clinic at Markham will be Thursday, May 4th. A pint of your blood may save a life.

Toronto—Goodwood FLASHES

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee of Roch-ester, were in Toronto visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Lee. Arthur was once an Uxbridge printer. Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Clark have taken the Chas. Lee farm and are now moved. The twins, (John and Judith Pilkey) and babies of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pilkey reached their first birth-day on April 15. They are the cen-tre of attraction on the 6th of Ux-bridge. Miss Ruby Hockley spent some time visiting her grandmother Mrs. George Jones. Property certainly is snapped up at Goodwood, as evidenced by the sale of the Latham place and re-ported elsewhere in this issue. In view of the great house shortage why not convert the vacant store into dwelling places, also the two big hotel properties would accom-modate some families if remodelled into apartments. Everybody in the township will regret the fact that Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Kendall are moving north to Bala district. The quiet and un-assuming Mr. Kendall went about doing a great work so unnoticed that it will be now when he goes that they will be missed. Norman Wagg whose auction was on Tuesday, intends to work his father's farm, where he will be wel-come, no doubt, back on the home acres. We people in Toronto are being warned to get our radio license re-newed, and we pass on the tip to our friends in the country. After a bit those fellows charged with checking up will be around, so at-tend to the matter so they can't get you. We live in an age when even the air isn't free any more, since radio listeners must pay \$2.50 for the privilege of owning a receiving set.

BIG INCREASE IN FARM LIVE STOCK

Substantial increases in all classes of live stock on Canadian farms are noted in the report of the official survey of December 1, 1943. The number of cattle on farms is placed at 9,506,200, showing an increase of 672,500 head, or 7.6 per cent over the 1942 figure. The increase was common to all provinces, although there was little change in Ontario. Saskatchewan had the highest in-crease with a per cent of 18.3 over 1942. The number of milk cows in Canada increased by 120,600, rela-tively small increases occurring in all the provinces. Altogether there were 3,953,000 milk cows on Cana-dian farms, as at December 1, 1943. Following the tendency of in-creased numbers during the past years, sheep at 2,733,000 head in-creased by 250,300, or 10.1 per cent on the number in 1942, in all provinces except British Columbia. The increase of 127.8 per cent in Sas-katchewan was particularly mark-ed. The 1943 flocks include a high proportion of breeding stock, an indication that the increase may con-tinue during 1944. The number of hogs on farms in 1943 reached 9,473,000 head, an all-time record, an increase of 1,723,000 or 22 per cent, over the correspond-ing date in 1942. The increase was common to all provinces except Ontario and was particularly marked in the three Prairie Provinces. In the number of hens and chick-ens (57,512,500) there was a sharp increase of 7,731,200 birds. This represents an increase of 15.5 per cent on the number in 1942. The in-crease in the provinces of Saskatch-ewan and Nova Scotia exceeded 20 per cent, and in all the other provinces the increase was greater than 10 per cent. Turkeys number-ed 3,077,300, an increase of 36,300, the increases occurring only in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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WATERCORE IN TURNIPS CAN BE CONTROLLED

Black Rot Also Responds To Seed Treatment—Growers of Table Stock Listened To Advice of Experts At Exeter Meeting

At a meeting of turnip growers held in the town of Exeter, an audience of 200 farmers listened attentively to Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, of the O.A.C., while he told how boron sprays would control water-core, and they were likewise vitally interested in the advice given by J. K. Richardson, of the Dominion Plant Pathology Laboratory at St. Catharines, in regard to black rot in turnips for that, too, is becoming a serious scourge.

The boron spray should be applied before watercore shows up in the crop, Dr. MacLachlan said. It is a preventive, not a cure. When turnips are about one and a half inches across is the proper time to apply the first spray, and another should follow one month later. Fairly good control is obtained, he said, with one application, but to be sure of complete control it is advisable to spray a second time.

The materials cost about \$1 per acre, per application. A four-row potato sprayer does the job very well. It is not necessary to strike the underside of the leaves with the spray and, apparently, high pressure is not so essential as when spraying fruit trees or potatoes. Consequently, a reconstructed or reconditioned sprayer will be satisfactory for this job. Bentonite clay and other materials are used with the boron, as stickers and spreaders, and Dr. MacLachlan promised that sheets giving complete and detailed instructions would be circulated in good time.

A watercore condition in turnips, Dr. MacLachlan explained, is due to a deficiency of boron, either in the soil or in the plant itself. In the Maritime Provinces the trouble can be corrected by applying boron to the land on which the crop is to be grown, but that method is not effective in Ontario. The reason probably is that Maritime soils are acid in reaction, whereas the soils in Ontario, where the turnips-growing industry is centred, are rich in lime. At any rate, soil applications of boron will not control watercore in Ontario, but spraying boron on the plants, really does. This was thoroughly demonstrated last year on the 2,500 acres of scattered crops sprayed.

When the cells leak, watercore results. Dr. MacLachlan explained that the cells of the turnip contain moisture under pressure. Some-times this moisture leaks out into the spaces between the cells and that creates what is known as a watercore condition. Sometimes the cells reabsorb the moisture and the condition disappears.

REMAND COUPLE FOR SENTENCE

Stole From Pickering Farmer After Being Given Shelter

After placing at their disposal, in the role of the "Good Samaritan," his home, food and lodging for the night, William S. Carmichael, of Pickering, arrived home to find that valuable articles had been taken, leaving behind the old clothes and a note "Out to see the city, be right back," signed "Your Friends." This was the story disclosed in Whitby Police Court when Mr. and Mrs. Clement Scott appeared before Magistrate R. G. Baxter, on a charge of theft.

Mr. Carmichael said in evidence that he was returning from Toronto, when he noticed a young lady watching for a ride. He picked her up and she told him that her husband was also hitch-hiking along the road on their way to Kingston. "After picking up Scott, I told them they could stay at my house if they did not want to continue through to Kingston that night. I told them to make themselves at home, and get something to eat and rest for the night," said Mr. Carmichael. "When I returned to my home about 3 a.m. I found they were gone, also personal clothing, leaving behind the clothes they had on. I immediately contacted the police."

Clothing on exhibit in the court was identified by Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael as being the garments taken from their home. Provincial Constable J. D. Sutherland, in company with Provincial Harold W. Quantrell, went to Kingston, and Scott and his wife were given into custody by Provincial Constable Truax of Kingston. Clement Scott pleaded guilty to the charge, but Mrs. Scott denied the charge.

On his own admission Scott has been in custody ten times and had served 11 years in the Kingston Penitentiary. The accused is 27 years of age, and was released from the penitentiary last December. Mrs. Scott is on suspended sentence at the present time.

After hearing the evidence Magistrate Baxter accepted the guilty plea of the accused and remanded him for sentence until April 18. His Worship told Mrs. Scott that he did not believe her story and that he would register a conviction against her, and that he was remanding her in custody until April 18 for sentence.

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