

Ont. Car Licence Boost Ranges from \$1 to \$6

Highways Minister Allan announced last week that Ontario motor vehicles registration fees will be increased next year.

Announcement was made at a press conference called after a provincial cabinet meeting. The increase ranges from \$1 to \$6 for cars, from \$3 to \$188.50 for trucks; 50 cents to \$120.50 for trailers; \$5 to \$128 for buses and \$3 to \$14 for dual-purpose vehicles.

Under the new scale of fees for passenger cars, the present \$2 licence will cost \$3, \$5 licence \$7, the \$7 licence \$10, the \$10 licence \$15 and the present \$15 licence \$21.

Licences for trucks and buses will be increased on a comparable scale up to and including commercial vehicles of 14 tons. Beyond that weight the rate of increase will rise more sharply.

The rate on a 19-ton truck, for example, will be \$502 instead of the present \$313.50. That for a commercial vehicle of not more than two tons, now \$7.50 will be \$10.50.

Mr. Allan said the increase is the first in Ontario's motor vehicle licence fees in more than 18 years, a period during which the cost of almost everything has doubled and the purchasing power of the dollar has been halved.

Ontario's road budget was approaching \$200,000,000 annually with the result that the increased expenditures on highways and subsidies for municipal thoroughfares were more than the

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The regular meeting of the Altona W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Barkey on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 2 p.m. The programme is in charge of the directors, Mrs. J. Harris.

Motto—Joy to the World. Roll Call—Something I remember as a child about Christmas. Guest speaker, Mrs. A. Huston of Victoria Square. There will be an exchange of Christmas gifts made from odds and ends, also a collection of donations to fill boxes for shut-ins. Note change of date.

Congratulations to Altona School for winning 2nd prize on their Red Riding Hood float at Claremont on Saturday. They also receive a silver cup donated by Taylor's Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vaughan of Don Mills Rd. were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bunker.

On Monday evening some of the mothers of the school children met at the home of Mrs. Ted Jones to make capes and caps for the children playing in the school rhythm band. The rhythm band instruments were purchased last year with the prize money from the floats and this year the material for their costumes came from their prize money. Now we have something to show for our work.

Keep in mind the Altona School Christmas Concert to be held on Dec. 21st at 8 p.m.



CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by WILL C. BARRIE, Manager
1955
CANADIAN PLOWING TEAM

Editor's Note: W. C. Barrie of Galt, Ont., a past president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and the manager of the Canadian plowing team at the third annual World Plowing Match in Sweden, has sent home on-the-spot reports of his trip with team members Joe Tran of Claremont, Ont., and Ivan McLaughlin of Stouffville, Ont. Here is the fourth of his reports.

Uppsala, Sweden: Of all the plowing teams — from 12 different countries — none were looking forward any more eagerly than we were, to making the last leg of the journey to the site of the 1955 World Plowing Match. We Canadians had travelled almost half way around the world by train, by boat and by plane, and now we, along with the 11 other teams, were boarding a bus to travel the last few miles to the match site, on the Royal Agricultural Farm, just outside this old city of 75,000.

The college is part of the University of Uppsala. One of the oldest universities in Europe, it was established in 1477, 15 years before Columbus discovered America. On the hillside at the rear of the hotel is the Uppsala Cathedral, an immense red brick building with three spires reaching into the sky. This is Sweden's largest cathedral, and although the outside of the building is quite plain and cold looking, inside it is one of the most beautiful we have ever seen.

However, we did not have too much time for sight-seeing at this point, for we had to get ready for the match. When we arrived at the grounds, we could see that preparations had been underway for some time as a large number of implements of all makes were on display.

Instruct Judges The first day was spent in demonstrating to the judges what to look for in the competition. We in Ontario who have been connected with the International Match for many years feel that our score card is just about right. However, when the ideas of 12 countries have to be considered, compromises have to be made.

On the Wednesday, the plowmen from the 12 countries were allotted plots of land on which to practise, and these workouts created just about as much interest as a real plowing match. On Thursday, the time was again used for practice.

We also had time on Thursday to visit the dairy barn on this farm where a fine herd of Swedish red and white dairy cattle is kept. These cattle are very much like our dual purpose shorthorns and are very popular in Sweden.

Unvell Cairn The official opening the next day was attended by about 12,000 people. To mark the site permanently, a cairn was unveiled on the Agricultural College grounds a short distance from the match field. A model of a plow surmounted the cairn, and a plaque noted the contribution which plows and plowmen make to the peace of the world. A similar cairn had been unveiled a few weeks earlier at Cobourg, Ont., where the first world match was held in 1953.

The Swedish minister of agriculture, Hon. Sam Norup, speaking in Swedish and then in English, traced the history



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Of 3,000 souvenir plates bearing scenes of historical sites around Kitchener and Jordan, only 500 remain unsold; the president reported. This is the second plate produced at the request of the society.

The production of Pennsylvania Dutch furniture will be started shortly by Hentschel's Furniture of Waterloo, Dr. Reaman announced. The pieces, decorated with the colorful designs typical of the pioneers, will probably include chests and bedroom sets.

Dr. Reaman displayed a silver five-franc coin struck for the 150th anniversary of Schiller. It had been presented to the society by the ambassador for the Republic of Germany.

Activities of chapters in Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Vineland and York County were mentioned.

Came to Canada Barbara Heck, founder of Methodism in North America.

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came to eastern Canada with the United Empire Loyalists, Mrs. Lillian Collier Gray of Guelph told the group.

She gave a comprehensive paper on Mrs. Heck, saying that a movement has been started to set aside her home between Prescott and Maitland as a museum or historic site.

The first settlers in Guelph Township, Pennsylvania Germans who came in 1825, were discussed in a paper prepared by Finlay Weaver and read by Dr. A. E. Byerly, both of Guelph.

Dr. Reaman was re-elected president. Other officers are Dr. B. Mabel Dunham, honorary president; Dr. J. G. Hagey, honorary vice-president; Fred M. Snyder, Dr. Norman High of Guelph, G. W. Keffer of Maple and Rev. Lloyd Schaus, vice-presidents; Lorne B. Weber, secretary-treasurer.

Committee chairmen are Mr. Dave Hunsberger of St. Jacobs, publicity; H. B. Disbrowe of Elmira, museum; Mrs. R. M. Lamb, genealogy; Mrs. Keith Staebler, folklore; Prof. Nabert, publications; Charles Deckert, College affiliation.

Will Publish Book Following a Pennsylvania Dutch supper at the college, Dr. High was chairman for a program. The speaker was Dr. John J. Stout of Norristown, Pa., of the parent society. His book on folklore will shortly be published.

Dr. High presented the constitution and by-laws which were accepted.

The banquet which was sponsored by the Swedish Young Farmers was a most colourful affair, with a setting that would be hard to surpass anywhere. The castle which is now the home of the governor of Uppsala was built in the 13th century on an elevation not unlike the Citadel at Quebec.

With its six-foot thick walls it must have been considered almost impregnable in the early days. The stairways leading to the banquet hall and also to the dance hall are very wide and built on immense slabs of stone.

By closing your eyes you would almost imagine you could see knights in shining armour with shields and spears, climbing the stairs. The meal was typically Swedish and many kinds of fish and cold sliced meats, and the amount and variety of drinks were unlimited.

When the Golden Plow was presented to Hugh Barr, the glare from the TV lights and the flash bulbs was almost blinding. The second prize winner, our own Ivan McLaughlin, received a large cup, and the 3rd place winner a smaller one.

The dance which followed was enhanced by the native Swedish costumes worn by the orchestra and many of the dancers. All those who attended will not soon forget the banquet in the old Swedish castle, signifying the close of the '55 world championship plowing match.

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