

CEDAR GROVE

Mrs. Pat McLennan
The Mothers' Club will be holding the annual Christmas party for the club and the Baby Band on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Zion Church. There will be a Mitten Tree again this year. This has grown into a happy tradition for the group. An exchange of gifts, not to exceed 50c in value will be part of the fun planned for the mothers.
Following were winners at the Euchre last Monday: Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Howard Plaxton,

Mrs. Offen Sr., John Elson, Carson Armstrong, Richard French. A pot-luck Christmas supper will take the place this year of the usual Christmas concert at Zion Church. The supper will be sponsored by the United Church Sunday School, and is planned for December 16 at 7:15. The entire congregation is invited.
Cedar Grove extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Wilson who received this week, the sad news that her sister's infant boy had died. Mrs. Schroeter very kindly took over the school work in the absence of Mrs. Wilson.

CANADIAN PLOWMEN ABROAD

by WILL C. BARRIE, Manager
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CANADIAN PLOWING TEAM



(Editor's Note) — W. C. Barrie of Galt, Ont., a past president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and 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 fifth of his reports.
Uppsala, Sweden — Even though the world ploughing championship was over, we still had a great deal to look forward to, for now we were to tour Sweden — a country in which there is something fascinating to see almost everywhere you go.
On the Sunday afternoon fol-

lowing the Saturday night plowing banquet, our party joined the other visitors on a bus trip to some of the historic places in old Uppsala. (By "our party" I mean Ivan McLaughlin, who came second in the world match; Joe Tran, who placed fourth; plus Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Barrie and myself.) Near an old church we saw three mounds which are said to have been built by the slaves of Viking kings of the fifth and sixth centuries.
Sacrifices
In those days the people made great sacrifices to the gods. When a king died, his ship would be drawn up to the site of one of these mounds by his slaves, his body would be placed in the ship, his slaves would be slaughtered and his ship would be burned. Over the ashes, this great mound was built.
Our next stop was at the University in Uppsala, which has a library with some very rare documents on exhibit, including a letter written by Eric XIV of Sweden proposing marriage to Elizabeth I of England. When she refused him, he flew into a terrible rage and slaughtered 40 prisoners with his own sword.
On Monday morning our tour of Sweden, sponsored by Esso of Sweden, left Uppsala for a two-day visit to Stockholm. On the way we called to see a modern grain dryer owned and operated by the Swedish Farmers' Cooperative. Six high silos over 100 feet high were used for storage. In one hour the moisture content would be reduced to 15 percent, dry enough for winter storage.
Golden Coaches
Next we saw a modern poultry farm with 6,000 white leghorns, a lovely park where wild birds and animals lived in a more or less natural state, and the Stockholm museum, where we saw eight large golden coaches used on state occasions by the royal family.
Next morning we boarded a bus, for Orebro. We visited a piggery, as it is called in Sweden. Here pure-bred Yorkshires are raised for sale to the farmers. This was a farm of 500 acres and 100 acres were used for grazing. This farm is also used for cereal plant breeding and the production of registered seed. There are 200 stations in the country for the production of such seed and the standard is very high.
Drawbridge, Moat
The next day we visited a Swedish military riding school where horses for the cavalry are trained. The school includes a huge castle which took 200 years to build. It was surrounded by a moat with deep fast-running water, spanned by a drawbridge.
We also saw through Sweden's largest and most modern dairy, which is owned 90% by farmers. Milk from 5,000 farms was handled here and went on the market as butter, cheese, and bottled milk. Every operation was done automatically and the place was spotlessly clean. Several laboratories for testing were staffed with people in white uniforms. Ninety people are employed there and each one has a medical inspection regularly. Their clothes are disinfected daily and no employee works in clothes worn outside.
In the afternoon we had the pleasure of going through the factory of Thermeniusvoken in Hallsburg, where many kinds of farm implements are manufactured. The skilled workmen in the big plant gave us an insight into the amount of labour and material that is entailed in the production of farm machinery.
Modern Farms
We visited two large adjoining farms of 500 acres each. The farm of Carl Neilson is equipped to feed a large herd of cattle. The other one is owned by Gustav Willemann. The only animal on his farm is a dog. His farm produces a large amount of grain which is sold for seed. Storage bins, grain dryers and seed-cleaning plant cost him \$50,000. Both farms were well equipped with machinery. Each had a swimming pool and lovely garden. The houses were large. Mr. Willemann's was like a museum with its array of guns, swords, battle axes and spears everywhere.
The next day Nels Anderson, chairman of the forestry board, led us into a large spruce and pine forest estate of his own, where several men were busy trimming the lower branches from the trees, cutting down and hauling trees with tractors, and taking them away on trucks.
One thing we noticed that would probably account for Sweden's few forest fires as compared to Canada's is that the ground was covered with a thick moss which was green and damp, despite the dry weather.

Quarter Million Left By Markham Twp. Farmer

Charles Goodall Morris, farmer, late of Markham Township, left an estate consisting largely of mortgages worth \$250,000, it was revealed at the probate in Surrogate Court. It will be divided into two equal shares, the first to go to Mrs. Aneta Leone Brokenshire. After \$1,000 to each employee, the second part will be shared by nieces Violet Clamp, Sheila, Mary, Ellen, Nora Morris, a nephew Arthur Clamp, all of

England, and three employees Gordon Hammond, Geo. Wakefield and Hein Andreason, provided they remain in their present employment; for not more than one year after Mr. Morris' death. His wife predeceased him.

Precautions For Your Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree, long a festive symbol to people all over the world, can become an instrument of death and injury unless careful precautions are taken. Christmas trees are definite fire hazards and should be chosen and used with extreme caution.
In addition, care should be taken in the buying of Christmas presents and decorations. Chemistry sets, firearms and toys requiring kerosene or other inflammable liquids should not be given to young children. As a final safeguard, use of these toys should be supervised by adults.
To help minimize the danger of fire and accidents during the Christmas season, safety experts recommend the following precautions:

1. Choose a small tree; it is less hazardous than a large one.
2. Keep trees outdoors as long as possible; remove from the house when needles start to fall.
3. Never place trees near doorways, staircases or fireplaces.
4. The safest foundation for a Christmas tree is a pot of water.
5. Keep burning cigarettes, cigars and portable heaters away from tree.
6. Christmas presents should not be placed under tree until Christmas Eve; fancy wrappings should be removed as soon as possible.
7. Use electric lights for tree decorations, never candles.
8. When lights dry out tree needles, rearrange lights.
9. Be sure that electrical decorations do not overload circuits.
10. Decorative lights should be turned off when house is unoccupied.

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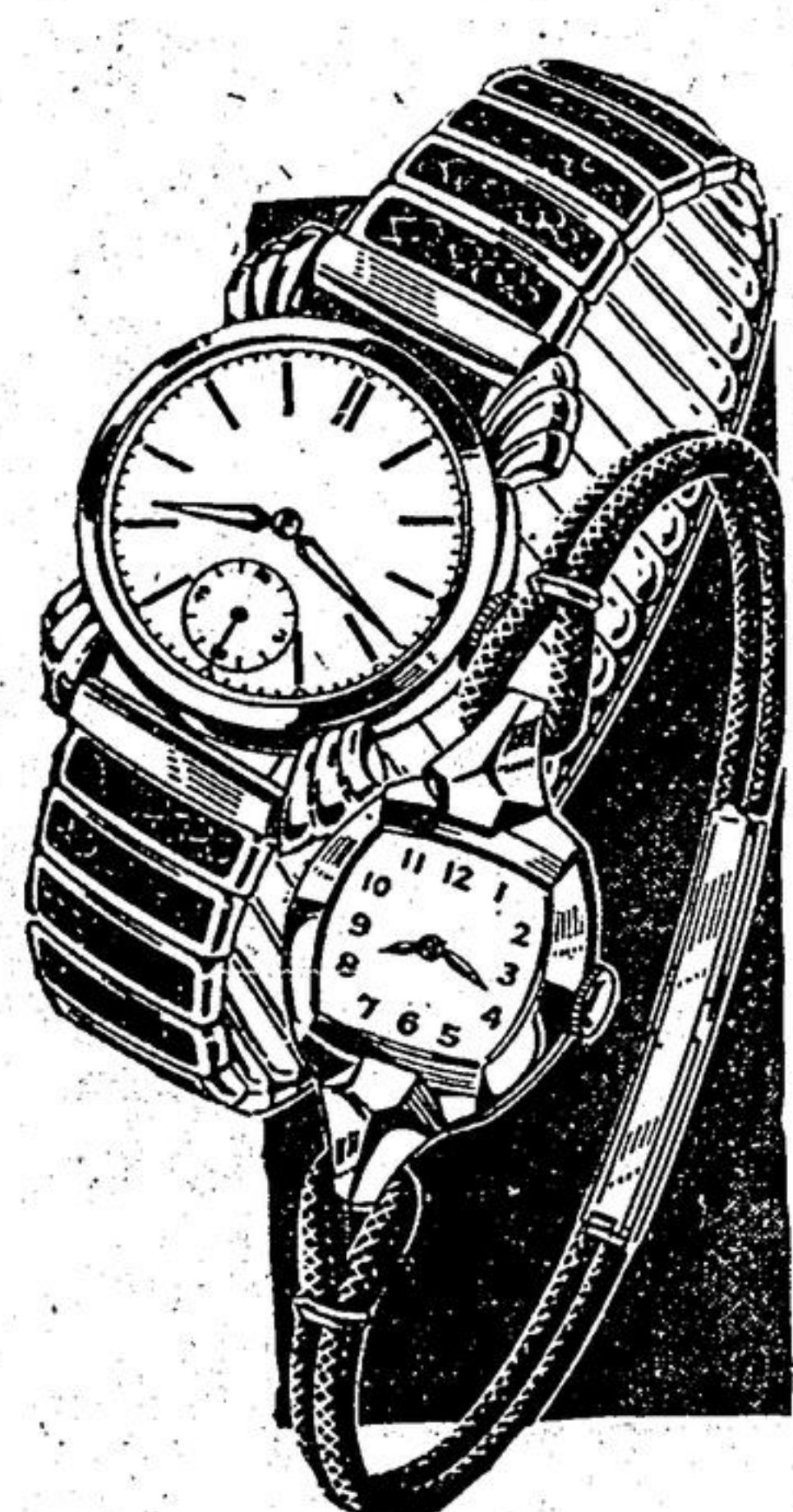
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