



HOLIDAY IN MEXICO

Canadian Pacific Airlines' Toronto-Mexico City, Vancouver-Mexico City non-stop flights aboard DC-6B "Empress" airliners, provide holiday-bent

Canadians with an opportunity to visit the fabled Land of the Aztecs. The white sands of Acapulco beckon beach and surf enthusiasts, and the Mexican divers provide daily thrills for tourists as they risk

their lives in high dives from rocky pinnacles into the Pacific Ocean. Pottery decoration at Puebla by native artists and the ruins at Tula are extra attractions for the visitor. —C.P. Photo

Holsteins Among Gift Animals to Turkey

Twenty Canadian Holsteins are amongst a shipment of 192 head of cattle that are being sent as a gift to Turkey by a U.S.A. organization known as Heifer Project Inc. The shipment will consist of 50 female calves and 12 bulls of each of the Holstein, Jersey, and Brown Swiss breeds, also five Here-

ford and five Angus bull calves. The calves will be used to start a foundation herd operated by the government near Ankara. The bulls will also be used at this Ataturk Farm, and in addition will be distributed to villages of the country for cross-breeding with native stock.

For a period of 7 years, Ataturk Farm will pasteurize and give free 10 percent of the milk obtained to needy children and expectant mothers who cannot afford to buy milk. Twenty percent of the heifers from these animals will be given to refugees and other needy village people of Turkey who have had prior training and education with regard to handling, feeding, breeding, and supervising livestock. Also for a period of seven years, service of the bulls from these cows, as well as the original bulls, will be made available without charge to village people for crossbreeding with their native cattle.

The remaining progeny will be used to develop breeding herds on the Ataturk Farm and other State Farms, these ultimately to be used for the purpose of improving the livestock in the villages of Turkey. They will form the nucleus of a na-

tional livestock improvement program.

The twenty head of Holsteins including four bulls and sixteen heifers secured in Canada were purchased by H. J. Fretz and Sons, Stevensville, in the Niagara peninsula. All are well bred individuals, the dam in each case having completed an excellent Record of Performance production test.

Heifer Project Inc. is sponsored by a number of U.S.A. churches. It sponsors an interfaith relief and rehabilitation program that sends contributed live stock and poultry to war ruined and agriculturally undeveloped countries. The purpose of this program is to help meet the nutritional needs of hungry people by supplying the type of assistance which meets the immediate problem of hunger and malnutrition, but yet has the long range potential for supplying food requirements for the months and years to come. Since 1944, 8,826 cattle, 7,307 goats, 1,325 pigs, 530 rabbits, 264,860 chicks, 287,280 hatching eggs, 47 horses, 200 packages of honey bees, 449 sheep, 3,000 turkey poults, have been shipped to 39 different countries. —Holstein-Friesian Assn.

Plan Expansion of Stouffville Health Office During 1957

The health of the people of York County continues to be good. During the past year, the health unit's part in maintaining this good level has been a "holding the line" action. No new services were started in 1956. Apart from opening a branch office in Aurora next week and a proposed expansion of Stouffville branch office, no other new services are planned for 1957.

Last year, it was drawn to your attention that there was an increasing urgency to safeguard water supply in quality and quantity, particularly for built-up areas. Further light has been thrown on this subject during the past year, but we should not consider ourselves out of the woods yet. It remains to be seen whether the Ontario Water Resources Commission may yet plan an important part in assisting in the supply, on an economic basis, of good, quality water to the Aurora, Newmarket, south Lake Simcoe area, and the Yonge Street front of Markham and Vaughan townships.

The private home owner in the rural area is by no means overlooked in the water picture. Water testing of private wells on request in rural areas amounted to 426 water tests taken in the year.

Regular checks on sanitary quality of municipal water supplies in the eight public water systems were carried out regularly to ensure continued safety for the large number of consumers served by these municipal systems. It is noted that many complaints are regularly received regarding taste, colour and sediment in certain localities. Continuing re-assurance from the health point of view that these particular municipal waters continue to be safe for consumption, and that the waters' physical defects are outside the immediate field of public health does not appear to completely satisfy the complainants. They are then referred to the water works' superintendents in their local area for further consideration of what appears to be an economic problem rather than a health problem.

A word of commendation should be said to the 14 municipal Mayors, Reeves and Councilors and their Planning Boards for the close co-operation they have given the health unit in ensuring close supervision of waste disposal and plumbing installations, and for future provision of the same on a private or municipal basis in new subdivision developments. Checking of plans, advising and assisting contractors, builders and owners and providing supervision of installation continues to be a major time consumer for the sanitary and plumbing inspectors even though there has been a levelling off in building activity in the County.

Municipal waste disposal continues to be a local problem. Residents of Newmarket and of communities downstream from that town should be somewhat

discouraged with the rate of progress toward adequate sewage disposal facilities for Newmarket. While this view is confined to public health, it is, of course, true that community economic health and public health are interdependent. The lack of adequate sewage disposal facilities in Newmarket is certainly a "millstone" delaying healthy economic growth.

There should also be particular concern about the continuing lack of municipal sewage disposal facilities in the Yonge St. front area of Markham and Vaughan townships. In this well-defined area of urban development along Yonge Street north of Steeles Avenue, which is desperately needing municipal sewage services, the people are apparently being denied the necessities of adequate health protection because they are too close, but not close enough, to Metropolitan Toronto. Unfortunately, the problem seems to be the immediate concern of planning officials although it would appear to have long ago slipped through the stage susceptible to planning in a local sense and became developed community sewerage problem desperately in need of action to protect the community from the hazards that are rife in sewage seeping in to the ditches, roadways and streams.

The village of Woodbridge is in the horrible position of being soaked in sewage, with little hope of being washed clean. As long as Woodbridge's balance between assessment and debt remains much the same, the village apparently must continue to wallow in septic tank effluent. As long as this unsanitary condition continues, the village will not likely be able to improve its assessment picture. Perhaps this is a situation where the hypothetical banker, to salvage his original investment must plunge in further before the red ink will change to black, and the hazards of seepage will be changed to the glow of health.

Garbage collection and garbage dumps throughout the county have been under scrutiny during the year. Most municipalities have some provision for garbage collection in built-up areas. The most notable defect is the grossly inadequate supervision of dumping operations and irregular maintenance of dump sites. Many dumps or dumping operations are operated privately, or by concession from municipal councils. Unfortunately, it appears that private enterprise tends to do a poor job of garbage dump operation. It is recommended that municipalities accept more direct responsibility for garbage dump operations in order to check any worsening of a growing public health problem.

Polio vaccination of children in public schools, separate schools, high schools and private schools in the County is almost complete. In 1955, there were 5,200 children in grades 1, 2 and 3 given two doses of Salk vaccine. In 1956, this was increased by another 12,636 children in remaining grades. Third doses are now being given to those who already have had two doses, new entry and stragglers are getting the first two doses, and all high school students are being offered two doses — an additional 13,541 children. By next April, if vaccine supplies continue to arrive, an estimated 20,000 pre-school children down to 6 months of age will be offered Salk vaccine. A special word of appreciation should be said to the many practising physicians in the local communities who have assisted in the polio vaccination program.

A tabulation of some of the highlights of the year's work is before you to outline, in part, the broad scope of your health unit's daily activities. The advent of polio vaccine in 1955, and the urgency to inoculate as many children as possible in the most susceptible age groups has taken a great many hours of public health nursing staff time. A shortage of trained public health nurses during 1956 reduced the public health nursing staff in the field from 15 to

11 or almost 25% reduction since the middle of last year. These two factors produced a sharp decline in the amount of public health nursing time devoted to the vital fields of maternal health, infant health and school health which are the foundations of a healthy population.

As you know, infant and maternal mortality rates are referred to by welfare experts as the measure of civilization. Ontario's infant mortality rate is excessively high ranking 6th behind national rates for Sweden, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Australia and Norway. We need to do more on a local basis to combat this poor record of infant deaths.

In addition, in York County we are still not engaging in a practical mental health program, in a field that is economically sound since the investment of a few preventive dollars is now known to save taxpayers' money in the long run, since it costs the taxpayer over \$1,000 per annum to keep mentally ill patients in hospital.

Another serious gap in preventing costly and unnecessary illness and death is the lack of sufficient effort directed toward accident prevention. Accidental death is the sixth biggest cause of death in the whole population, and the first cause of death in youth and young adulthood. Most of these deaths occur following accidents at home, and for the most part could be prevented.

Another almost unscratched field in York County is the maintenance of health and well-being for the aged and infirm, apart from those elderly people already in York Manor. Every effort should be made to assist incapacitated citizens to return to a profitable and productive existence. As we live longer, there are more of us in the older level of life, and up to the present, we have very little organized public health program to prevent our senior citizens from becoming early liabilities on the community. An effort in this direction should now take the place of yesterday's fight against contagious and infectious diseases which are now well on the wane.

The concise financial statement for 1956 (from auditors report) which is before you, indicates a technical surplus of \$901.03. This represents a balance between funds expended and funds received. If the Board of Health had a full staff for which it budgeted at the beginning of 1956, it would have expended about another \$7,000.

The Board of Health is budgeting in 1957 as shown on page 2. Several items that appeared in last year's budget, but were not used, are again included this year. These include provision for opening an Aurora Branch office, provision for adjusting accommodation in the Newmarket head-office, provision for a baseline number of public health nurses, provision for replacement of automobiles, and routine additional office equipment (deferred due to disruption of head office by fire).

This year the Board is budgeting for a full staff, including 17 public health nurses which is York County's full quota in terms of our eligibility for 100% Federal Health Grants. Last year we received only \$28,497 in conditional Federal Grants out of a possible \$39,000 due to shortage of staff. This year we will be eligible for almost \$50,000, on condition that we have basic staff.

Adding to this the estimated contribution from the Province of Ontario (\$76,256) and the estimated plumbing inspection revenue (\$15,524.00), we have \$141,500 or 65% of the total budget, leaving \$76,256 or 35% as the County of York's share.

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Liquor Vote in Newmarket

The date for a plebiscite under the Liquor Licence Act in Newmarket has been set for Wednesday, May 1. A bylaw authorizing the holding of a vote on the question: "Are you in favor of the establishment of Government stores for the sale of Liquor?" and naming the date, was passed by council on Monday, Feb. 11.

At first Reeve Edward Wrightman refused to support the bylaw, claiming it made him state he approved the establishment of liquor outlets in the town. But, when it was explained that the bylaw only authorized the holding of the plebiscite and set the date, Mr. Wrightman supported it. The mayor, D. R. Violet MacNaughton and Councilor Rome Paynter approved it.

FORTIETH ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

of the Brethren in Christ Church
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and
Elder George C. Shaffer, Stayner, Ont.
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CARS ARE MY LINE

by Neil Patrick
Fogs and Car Deals

The world's most famous fogs, I suppose, are those experienced in San Francisco, London, England and by bridegrooms.

Some of the stories they tell about London fogs are just about as thick as the fogs themselves. An old friend of mine just returned from England brought back two sluggy smog stories that he swears are true. He couldn't see through them, at least.

Two Cockneys were making deliveries in the London dock areas when a sudden fog dropped and they pulled up their truck to see where they were. One of them got out — and stepped into water up to his knees.

Terrified, he cried that they were right on the edge of the dock. They dared not move until the pea soup lifted. They stayed there all night.

When the fog lifted in the morning they found they had parked beside a horse trough.

My friend also solemnly swears his wife was standing on a corner during a San Francisco fog when she let out a terrible scream. Somebody was trying to mail a letter in her.

Well, those famous fogs aren't really as thick as some of the blankets of confusion I've seen dropped over car advertising in some big cities lately. All you need to do is walk into a car dealer, they try to tell you, and he'll be overjoyed to let you have a car for the price of an ice cream cone.

There is an easy way to judge true car prices. The difference between the total price you pay and the trade-in allowance is your guide. That's the important price — it's your money.

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RINGWOOD

Mrs. Fred Steckley Church service at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24th. We were glad to welcome as visitors six young men at the evening service. The pastor brought these men with him.

Christian Endeavour prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Morrison last Monday night and this week is to be held at Mr. and Mrs. Herb Yakeley's home.

We seem to have missed the excitement, and right at our own door, of a plane landing in the field north of Mr. Frank Atkinson's barn on Sunday, Feb. 10th. It was Miss Neta Lawson arriving in style to visit her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lawson. Then, we hear that another plane was down this weekend in Mr. Warren Rae's field, but the circumstances are not happy as in the case of the other landing as three men in this one were killed. All were married and had families.

The Steckley sisters and sisters-in-law and Miss Ada Grove attended a quilting at Mrs. Norman Steckley's on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. It was fun.

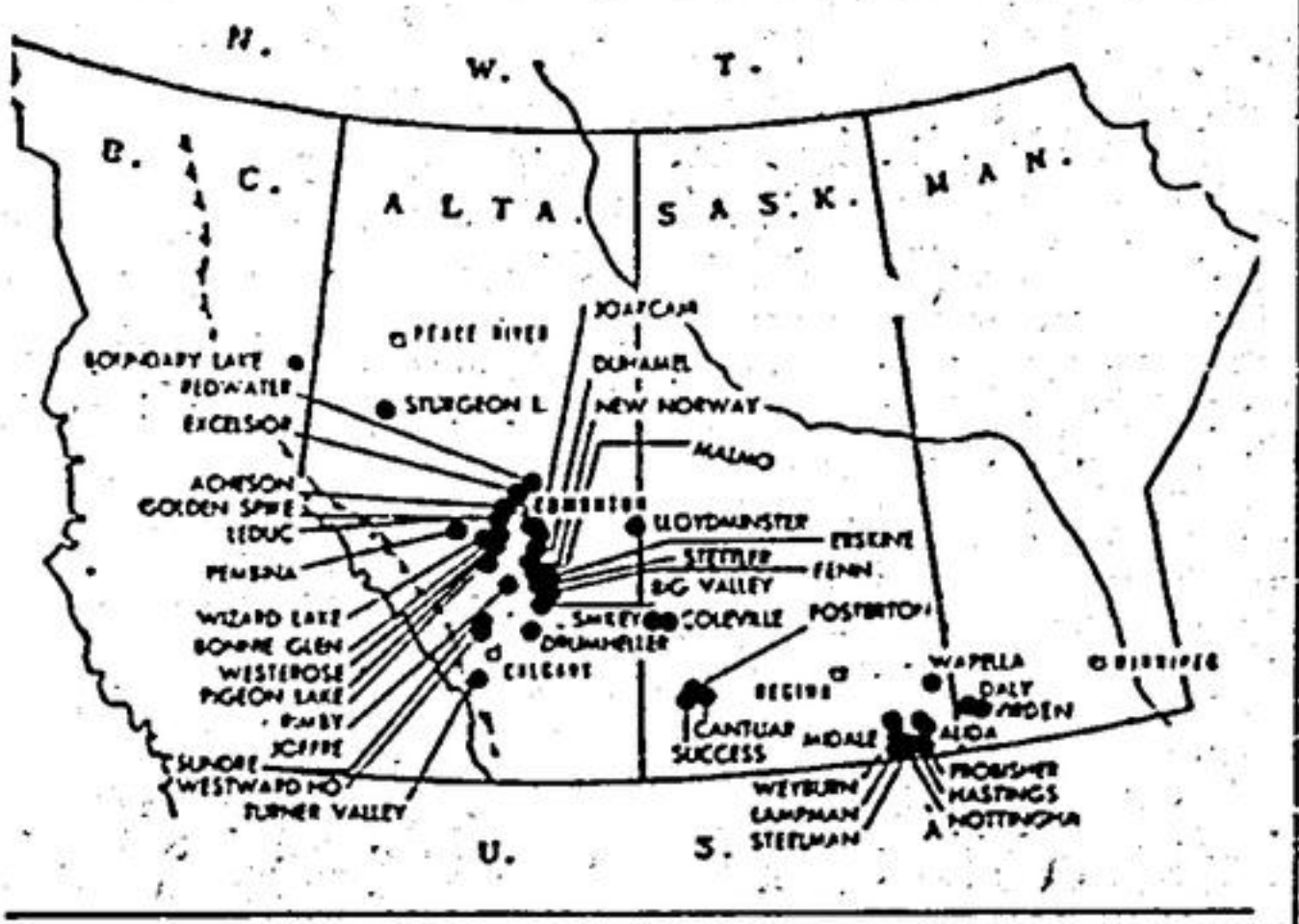
There was so much snow fell on Thursday that the Christian Endeavour Union skating party at Cedarena had to be cancelled, but an enjoyable time was had at Rattiff's pond by the members of the Sunday School on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brown and family of Erin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steckley, Marilyn and Kevin, — Gary is home from hospital now and was favored with grandma and grandpa Boden as baby sitters while he had to stay home. — Miss Shirley Steckley and Mr. George Gower had Sat. noon dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley, the occasion being a surprise birthday party for Dad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Foekler entertained on Sunday for their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullock. It was their first wedding anniversary.

Mr. Mervin Brownsberger spent Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Vague and his father, Mr. Henry Brownsberger, who celebrated his ninety-first birthday last month.

WESTERN CANADA'S IMPORTANT OIL FIELDS TODAY



Inspired by the Leduc discovery a decade ago, oil men began a stepped-up exploration program that has resulted in many important discoveries in western Canada. By the end of 1956, western Canada had almost 10,000 producing oil wells, compared to fewer than 400 at the time of the Leduc discovery.