

## Ballantrae News — Musselman's Lake News

Congratulations S.S. 11. still another feather in your cap. John Wylie, Ballantrae's entry in the public speaking contest, brought home first prize in the Whitchurch Twp. division. The next step is at Newmarket next Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

The bazaar and pie social held at Ballantrae Church on Friday did very well. The attendance could have been better but everything considered, a good job was done. Many thanks to all those who helped to make this evening a good one.

The ladies in the district are forming a bowling league of their own. They are going to bowl on Friday nights, so if you enjoy bowling and would like to get in on the fun, please get in touch with Mrs. Villeneuve at 136W3. She will be glad to take your name and give you complete details about the ladies' league.

Don't forget your next general meeting of Home & School. It's next Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 8.30 in the school. A really interesting panel discussion has been planned. The panel will be representative of our school area. The topic is most timely—Family life, past and present, and should prove to be a real thought provoker. Come along, bring your ideas, there will be an open discussion period. Remember, you don't have to be a member of Home & School to take advantage of these meetings, everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. The members on the Euchre committee have asked me to remind Home & School members to bring the cake mix to this meeting if at all possible.

To cut down expenses at the Euchres, it was decided to ask

all members to donate a cake mix to the Euchre committee, and in this way almost enough mixes would be supplied to operate for two or three months or until funds were more plentiful. The report explaining the Euchre set up in detail was read at the last general meeting and this is just a part of it. So please help your cause along the road to financial success by bringing your cake mix as soon as possible. If you can't come, send it, or get in touch with someone on the Executive. They will be glad to pick it up for you.

The next Euchre, by the way, is this Friday, Nov. 8th at 8.30. Everyone had a fine time at the last one, so come along and make this one even bigger and better. There are good prizes, and good eats for only 35c.

The Cubs and Scouts will soon be having their annual Christmas Card drive. If you haven't already bought your cards for this year, this will be your big chance to help both yourself and the Scouts & Cubs. They have a very fine selection and they will be only \$1.00 a box.

Congratulations are in order for nine of the Scouts who won their second star on Monday. The boys are, John, David and Stan Nesbitt, Norman Mowder, Donald Fitzgerald, Evan McCormack, Grant Horton, Gord. Over and Bud Henderson. The Scouts are a keen lot and have really developed in the last year. Much credit is due to their leader, Mr. Rogers.

Be the kind of driver you expect the other fellow to be. — DRIVE SAFELY.

## SHOULD SEGREGATE SUPERIOR STUDENTS SAYS FEDERATION

C. Gordon Hunt, head of the Science department at the Pickering District High School, was elected to president at the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District 9 annual meeting, last week at Bowmanville.

John Saunders, head of the commercial department at the same school, was re-appointed secretary-treasurer of the 400 teacher group.

Ross Warner, also of the Pickering staff, was selected as a delegate to represent the district at the Provincial Assembly to be held in Toronto during the Christmas vacation.

One of the conclusions drawn at the end of the Educational Conference by the District Nine teachers of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation was that superior students, should be segregated and given special courses at a Secondary School Level.

Superior students were defined as those whose IQ's were in excess of 120. This group would represent under 20 percent of the general school population. Under 2 percent would rate above 140 IQ. These would be termed "gifted".

In addition to IQ rating as a means of segregation, the academic record right through the elementary grades and the results of special arithmetical and language tests would be considered.

It was pointed out that an IQ range of from 60 to 140 in the same class presented an almost impossible situation to the teacher.

## Imported Cattle Fattened on Uxbridge Township Ranch



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Steers Gain Up to Three Pounds Daily

The seventh concession of Uxbridge Twp. runs north and south through rolling farmland, with here and there neat, familiar farm buildings.

Before the concession road reaches Highway 47, to the north, however, it passes a farm entirely different from any other in the county, and possibly in the Province.

The first incongruous feature to meet the eye on the DHS Ranch nestling halfway between Uxbridge and Manchester, is a gleaming 70-foot high grain elevator. Behind the elevator is what appears to be a small, square hill.

The two unusual features tell the story of a compact, streamlined version of beef cattle ranching.

A few years ago, Harold Boyington, a Toronto gravel pit operator and his son, Donald, conceived an idea for fattening a large number of steers, on a small farm, and in the shortest possible space of time. They gave up the gravel business, and bought the Uxbridge farm which they titled the DHS Ranch—using the initials of three generations, Don, Harold and Scotty, Boyington.

No Breeding  
No steers are bred, or raised, on the DHS ranch. All the animals are imported from the western Provinces, chiefly Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Instead of having the animals ranging over a wide pasture area, most of the stock on the DHS ranch is confined in corrals, and barns, which serve only as shelters for the animals.

The steers spend a certain amount of time in pasture, but their chief diet consists of a concentrated mash, composed of pea-vines, and assorted cereals. The pea vines, which contain 16 percent protein—higher than most hay—are bought by the ranch under contract, from canning factories in Locust Hill, and Whitby. They are trucked to the farm, and piled in a huge stack, to the east of the farm buildings. Harold Boyington estimated that, in early summer, the stack contains 8,000 tons of pea vines.

The other half of the cattle fodder is grain; corn, oats, wheat and barley. These cereals are trucked to the farm, where they are hoisted into the specially constructed elevator. Each type of grain is stored in a separate hopper. From each hopper a chute descends, each chute having a glass inspection panel. A single wheel, at the base of the elevator, opens and shuts the various hoppers, so that one farmhand can mix, and load the grain for feeding.

Under the granary, which also contains a crusher for crushing grain, is a 4,200 gallon molasses tank. Molasses is added to the grain, to increase its food value.

### Feeding Truck

The grain, and pea-vines, are loaded into a special feeding truck and fed to the steers. The mash is dumped into long troughs, which run along the perimeter of the corrals, so that the animals may eat in comfort, by sticking their heads through the slats of the corral fence.

How does the strange diet affect the weight of a steer? Harold Boyington gave some indication of this by saying that the animals stay on the ranch for a period of 60 to 120 days. "In that time," he said, "they gain an average of three pounds a day."

The steers on the Boyington farm are mostly Herefords, though some Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn stock is fattened. The Boyingtons have a man constantly stationed in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, which town is used as a centre for buying operations. The beef bought for the ranch all grades as "red" or "blue"—the top two grades, corresponding to the red and blue grades of meat for sale to the consumer.

Approximately 700 head of beef cattle are fattened on the ranch at a time. They are brought from the west by rail, and when ready for market, are shipped to Peterborough by road transport. All the stock from the DHS ranch is sold at the Peterborough market. The ranch maintains a transport unit consisting of a tractor and two trailers, for shipping the cattle. A steer, Harold Boyington said, may lose as much as 20 pounds in weight during the short trip from Uxbridge to Peterborough.

The Boyingtons showed some concern over the present state of the beef market. "It's the worst it has been in many a year," Donald Boyington said. "We expect the price to dive a little in the fall, but this year it has gone lower than ever. Our top beef is only bringing about 19 cents the pound, on the hoof."

The farm, however, does not reflect any depression in the market. It is neat, asphalt-paved, in the built-up area, and completely mechanized.

### VAPOR BLISTERS PAINT

When paint blisters appear on the outside of a house, check the time of the year. Vapor pressure from the inside is greatest when the temperature drops to 25 degrees or below. This damage becomes noticeable in early spring. Outside water does its greatest damage in heavy rainy seasons and on gable ends where eaves are short.

Seventy-five percent of all lead pencils manufactured are yellow—and 100 percent can't be found immediately when you need one in a hurry.

## GLEN MAJOR

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones and Marvin, Mrs. Allan Jones and Judy, Newmarket, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar. Mrs. Jones is staying with her mother this week.

Mr. J. Moore, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson and Linda visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hockley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Le Breton and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson and daughter visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiss called on the Jones' on Sunday evening.

Miss Betty Risebrough and friend from Toronto Teacher's College, are student teachers at Pine Grove this week.

Miss Hazel Jones is spending this week in Newmarket.

Mrs. George Pickett spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fottoff moved to Uxbridge for the winter on Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Forsyth and Donna Balsam; Misses Gertie and Alma Goodkey, Toronto, called on Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones, Shirley and boys called on Mr. Allan Jones, Newmarket, on Sunday afternoon.



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