

York Presbytery, of United Church Convenes Spring Session at Schomberg

The spring meeting of York Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was held in the Schomberg United Church with a good attendance of ministers and laymen of the area. The opening worship was conducted by Rev. J. S. Bole, minister of Schomberg United Church, who spoke on the theme of "The Church, yesterday, today and forever."

Presbytery was constituted with Rev. Douglas Davis, Stouffville, as chairman and Rev. G. H. Thomas, Scarborough, secretary. During the morning sessions, the election of officers for 1959-60 was held with the following results:

Chairman, Rev. John F. G. Morris, Aurora; secretary, Rev. Martin R. Jenkinson, King City; treasurer, Mr. Elgin Evans, Newmarket; settlement committee, Mr. Trevor Watson, Markham; Rev. A. F. Binnington, Victoria Square.

Considerable attention was devoted to the presentation of the Christian education committee of which Rev. Donald E. C. McLean, Keswick, is chairman. Rev. Jane Bone, Five Oaks Christian Training Centre, Paris, addressed the gathering on the work and place of this training centre. She outlined the variety of activities in which Five Oaks participated during the year and invited ministers, Sunday School staffs, professional people and interested persons to visit Five Oaks to share the program being offered.

She related the experience of a weekend retreat held recently by a group of dentists. The theme of Christianity and the professional life was emphasized at this retreat. Miss Bone pointed out the importance and impetus of a dedicated permanent staff thinking, praying, studying and planning. "Here at Five Oaks," she explained, "one becomes aware of the overwhelming presence of God." She told of the work camps which are quite popular and recommended this type of holiday and recreation to older teenagers and young people.

During the noon recess a number of interesting and colorful pictures were shown. Miss Bone also circulated several pamphlets on different features of Five Oaks. The chairman expressed the appreciation of the Presbytery to Miss Bone.

In presenting the other items of the report, Mr. McLean announced the forthcoming Church Vacation School Workshop at Wesley United Church, Van-dorf, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 19 and 20.

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Man hours per cow dropped from 148 in 1952 to 92 in 1957, meaning that the man hours per 100 lbs. of milk decreased from 1.8 to 1.0.

For every \$100 investment, these farmers were selling 10 cwt. of milk in 1952 and sold 16 cwt. in 1957. At the same time, York (North) County farmers increased the average cows in their herds from 16 to 24. The average price received per hundredweight rose from \$4.26 to \$1.35 during this period, while the cost per 100 lbs. of milk declined from \$4.28 to \$3.48.

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Rev. R. N. Pick, Markham, presented the report for Home Missions. He explained the arrangement under consideration concerning the Cedar Grove-Zion charge.

Rev. Dr. J. I. MacKay, Home Mission superintendent, Toronto, related the new scale of salaries and travel allowances for ministers and urged all pastoral charges to put this into effect at once. He also told of a grant which the Home Mission Board was making available for assisting ministers on aid-receiving charges in giving their families higher education.

The new proposals concerning women's work in the church was presented for discussion but it was decided that this should be left for a later occasion. Meanwhile, each minister was urged to have this program presented at official board meetings as soon as possible by the women of his church.

Miss L. Hamer, Aurora, presenting the Overseas Missions report, revealed that the Christian church faces a real challenge in many parts of the world with respect to its relationship to other great religions such as Hinduism.

An announcement was made of the Toronto Conference in Division St. United Church, Owen Sound, June 1 to June 5. Special sessions will be featured for the ordination of ministers, the presentation of the work of the church at home and abroad and the introduction of men and women going forth to serve the church in different parts of the world.

Two vacancies were noted in the Presbytery—Unionville and Vroomantion. A new minister will be inducted into the Unionville charge early in July but Vroomantion has not as yet called a minister.

Rev. W. S. Butt is retiring from the Unionville charge while Rev. W. E. Brignall, Vroomantion, leaves to become minister of the Oakwood Pastoral Charge in Lindsay Presbytery.

Rev. Douglas Davis extended to Rev. J. S. Bole, and his official board the appreciation of Presbytery for the accommodation of their church and to the Woman's Association of Schomberg United Church for the excellent dinner which they served. Presbytery adjourned for a brief session during the meetings of the Toronto Conference.

Speed Up Tests

Since the start of the Brucellosis Control Area program in York County in early December of 1958, progress has been rapid. Veterinarians working under the director of the Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture, have tested enough herds to account for about one-quarter of the cattle population in the County. The incidence of infection, according to latest reports, is 1.8% of the cattle tested. Infection has been found in 16% of the herds.

In order to speed up the testing programme, Dr. K. F. Wells, Veterinary Director General, recently announced that special technicians will now be allowed to collect blood samples. This will be the first time that technicians have ever been used for this type of work by the Health of Animals division.

A practising veterinarian employed by the Health of Animals Division, may hire and train one technician, who must be approved by the federal department, and at all times will be under supervision.

The rate at which the programme is carried out largely depends on the co-operation of the owners of the cattle in helping to secure and hold them for the Vet. or technician. Reports indicate that so far co-operation has been very good and it is hoped that farmers will continue to try to be on hand to help when the tester calls.

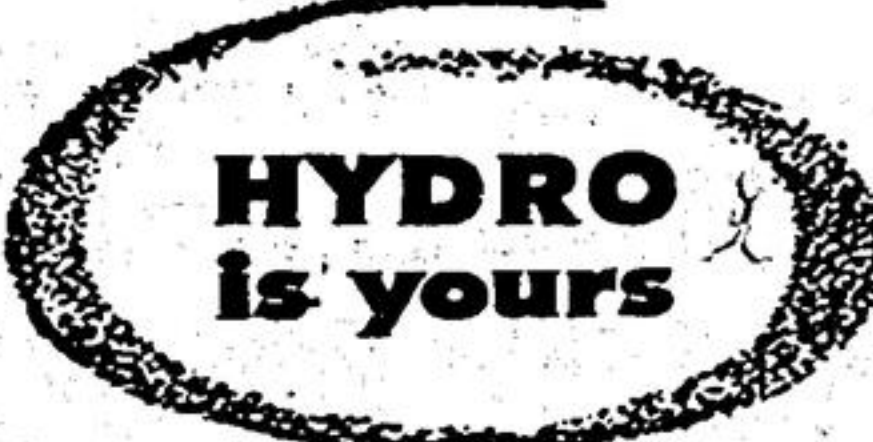
The speed with which the testing can be done is important to all farmers, not only from a health standpoint but due to the United States importation regulation, which requires all female cattle over 30 months of age to be from listed herds, certified areas or herds that have passed a clean test.



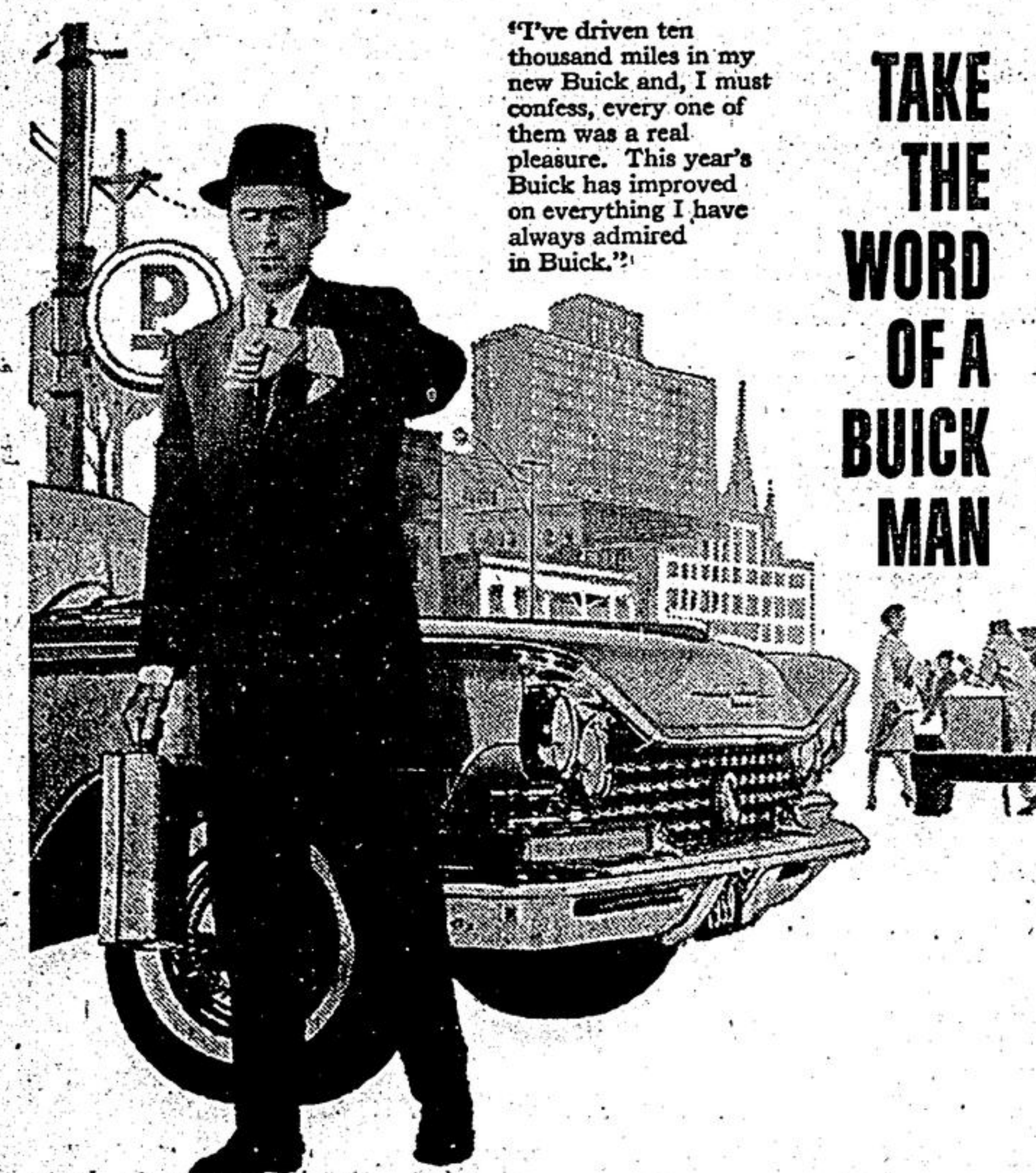
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by Anne Allan:
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