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**On The Farm Front...
 Trend To Corn Crops
 Noted In York County**

(A. A. Wall) Agricultural Representative, York County.)
 I think this week some thoughts on crop plans for 1965 would be timely. I expect the trend this year to more and more corn will continue, and with good reason. There isn't any doubt now, that with good care, we can get real good yields from this crop in York County. And the risk of failure isn't too high either. Last year's weather for corn was pretty bad, but we still came up with good yields. However, corn is by no means the best crop on all farms. Barley competes well if we give it the same attention. Planted early and well fertilized, it will put up a lot of high quality feed per acre, and in my books, it will beat oats by a good margin. Some oats is a must of course, for dairy farms but it would be a good move to chop the oat acreage and replace a lot of it with barley or corn. Oats is the only grain to use as a nurse crop. Mixed grain or barley are not good for this purpose. The forage crop picture is about the same as usual. The alfalfa reign supreme; birds-foot trefoil is in the picture for very long term seedings, but red clover is pretty well out. The very simple mixtures of just one grass and one legume are strongly recommended, and direct seeding is coming on strong too. Alfalfa is being suggested for fields with moderately poor drainage. If its the only legume in the mixture, fertility is looked after, surface water can be let off quickly in the spring and if it is grazed carefully, there is a good chance that alfalfa will stay in for three or four years. Once established, it performs so well that it is worth a fair sized gamble. In cash crops, wheat looks bad right now. Many wheat fields may have to be replanted with something else in the spring. Barley or corn could be used. I think potatoes could be given some careful thought as a cash crop this year too. Small acreages of potatoes have gone out of the picture in the last few years but I think they may come back. Planting and harvesting

might be done by custom work now. We are very close to processing plants and markets; and land that is used in a regular farm rotation is quite likely to be free of disease problems that plague specialist potato growers. Anyone with well drained loamy soil, might well take a second look at this crop. Seed supplies are awfully short though this year, and seed would have to be ordered right way.

BROUGHAM
 On Monday, February 15th, Canada officially unfurled her new flag. It is hoped that when the local schools obtain their new flags, and, in some cases, flag poles, there will be some simple impressive ceremony to mark the occasion. Mrs. Howard Malcolm and Mrs. Roland Harden attended the two-day Leader Training Course, "Focus on Finishes", held in Port Perry last week. The program was sponsored by the extension services of this Women's Institutes. Achievement day will be April 13th at Brooklin. The scouts of the 1st Brock Pickering & Greenwood troops will go to the West Pickering Fire Hall on Tuesday evening to try for their fireman's badge. Last Tuesday, the 1st Brock Scouts served cookies and hot chocolate to their guests, the Greenwood Scouts, to mark the completion of training courses

GREENWOOD

The Church Parade on Sunday was very colourful. The Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Bleasdale, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Lee, Ken Brooks, Ron Hoar, Doug Morden, Art Stevens and Don Goodwin. David Henning of the Scouts and Cameron Culford of the Cubs were in the Colour Party. The Father and Son Banquet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27th at 6:30 p.m. Several Scouts from Greenwood are going to Dunbarton on Thursday evening to pass their fireman's badge. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Keddel spent the weekend at their cottage here. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Keddel who has been staying with Mrs. Brooks, is much improved and plans to return to Toronto soon. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pegg enjoyed dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dennis and family of Markham. The Girl Guides went on a hike last weekend to their campsite on the 8th concession. The Valentine Tea at the Valleyview School was a fine success. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of pins for the graduating class. Mrs. Ralph Lee of Kinsale donated the cake that was won by her sister-in-law, Anne's Fabric Shop in Whitby donated a length of exquisite material that was won by Mrs. Ivor Slater. The floral decoration that centred the table was won by Mrs. W. Thomas. Mrs. McTaggart, Mrs. Frev and Mrs. Webb will act as canvassers for the Red Cross in a campaign to begin very soon. The farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moore and family was well attended. Mrs. Les Wilson read the testimonial and Mrs. John Brooks was in charge of the games. They were presented with a box of cutlery, a stainless steel service for 12. Mr. Moore will be the postmaster, mail delivery man and general storekeeper at Bonar Law near Belleville. Mr. Bill Lishman is still in California. Our blacksmith-cum-artist is missing some miserable weather and bad roads. Mr. Andy Morden's car was in collision with a car owned by Mrs. Duncan, north of here. The accident occurred near the Mushroom Farm. Mrs. Watters who resides in the lovely renovated home on the Ernie Trimble farm was also in a car accident. Her injuries required stitches and her auto was quite badly damaged. Don't forget the oyster supper on March 10th in the Greenwood United Church.

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York 4-H Club Leaders Meet

The York County 4-H Agricultural club leaders met for their annual meeting in Bell's Corners Restaurant on Feb. 16. Bill Darlington, leader of the Sharon 4-H Calf Club, was elected President for 1965. Twelve leaders were present and each gave a brief report of the activities in their club during 1964. A programme was developed which will provide a more advanced teaching programme for senior 4-H members. It was decided that the annual 4-H bus trip should visit the University of Guelph in 1965. York 4-H Clubs will be represented in the County Exhibit at the International Plowing Match. A committee of Bill Darlington, Dalton Paris, Lester Weatherill and Jim Sellers was appointed to be in charge of the exhibit. The organization meetings for the 1965 season will be held during Easter holidays.

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