

Uxbridge Ranch Wins Top Chinchilla Award

The Stonehouse Chinchilla Ranch, RR 1, Uxbridge, Ont., near Sloom, has proven once again that it is not only one of Canada's largest ranches, but also produces some of Canada's finest chinchilla.

Over the past show season the ranch entered animals in three chinchilla shows and received a total of 51 awards including three aggregate breeders awards, one light colour champion, 11 firsts, as well as nine second place awards, 10 third place awards and 10 4th.

The largest of the shows was the Western Ontario Chinchilla Show held at London, Ont., and drew 285 entries from all parts of Ontario, Quebec and from the border states of U.S.A. Competition was extremely keen and ranchers and judges alike were astounded by the number of top quality chinchilla shown.

Good chinchilla pelts are still in short supply. It has been impossible for chinchilla ranchers to fill the demand for their product on the market. Realizing the tremendous potential of this industry the Stonehouse Ranch is expanding as fast as possible. The ranch is expecting 1200 young this year and expects to produce between 2000 and 3000 pelts by 1967.

Life is very much like Christmas — you're more likely to get what you expect than what you want.

Bethesda News

(March 18) Saturday evening dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Allin and family were Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham and family of Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wideman and Murray of New Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt and boys visited on Saturday with Mrs. Hunt's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Addison of Creemore.

Bethesda Women's Institute met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff. The topic on "Race and Culture" was taken by Mrs. Robert Johnston.

Mrs. Gordon Carr of Keswick Miss Aleta Richardson and Mrs. Clara Smith of London had supper on Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allin and Shirley.

Recent visitors with the Atkinson, sisters were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atkinson on Tuesday and Mrs. Clifford Gordon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Nelson of Victoria Square, also Mr. and Mrs. William Empringham had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hunt.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hunt accompanied by Mrs. Richardson of Aurora and Mrs. McNicol of Newmarket visited their sister Mrs. Plowright who is a patient in Barrie Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Masters of Grand Valley, Mrs. Helen Hisey of Ringwood, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanderkooy and families visited with their mother Mrs. Clarence Atkinson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and two daughters of West Hill were Sunday visitors with our local storekeepers Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herbert.

Mr. Reesor Steckley of Toronto escaped serious injury when hit by a car on Saturday morning. He is at his home nursing some bad bruises.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Burn Preston were Rev. and Mrs. George Peck and three children of Fort Albany. They will return to their mission in the James Bay area this week after spending a few weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Richmond Hill Team Wins County Council Bonspiel

A Richmond Hill rink, skippered by Reeve Floyd Perkins, captured the annual York County Council curling bonspiel at the Richmond Hill Curling Club last week. Russell Lynett was vice-skip, Don Faxton second and Lois Hancey lead. The Perkins crew won three games. They received the Jim Murray Trophy presented by Councilor Jim Murray in post-bonspiel ceremonies. It was won last year by East Gwillimbury Twp. Toronto York Road Commission rink, skipped by Emerson Miller; Jack Rettle, vice-skip; Bill Sellers, second, and Earl Bales lead, captured second spot in the late draw. A Stouffville unit skipped by Ken Betz was third.

Markham Township, Newmarket, County of York office and Whitechurch Township finished in that order in the early draw. Charlie Hooper, Harry Crisp and Dusty Miklas were Markham curlers. Clare Salisbury, Sid Legge, Tom Taylor and T. Phippard performed with Newmarket. York County curlers were Ed Jones, Bob Vernon, Peggy Wrightman and Jack Mills.

Toronto-Dominion Bank picked up the "booby prize," Bob Phillips Coffee Pot Trophy. Rink members were Alex MacKay, George Ferguson, Ed Southcoote and Ron Torrivale.

Town and township council members from all York North area communities participated. Jack Rettle engineered the presentation ceremonies assisted by Warden Legge, Jim Murray, Jack Smith and Floyd Perkins. Ed Jones was official score-keeper.

A patient was informed by his psychiatrist that he could consider himself completely cured of his delusion that he was Napoleon. "Wonderful!" cried the grateful patient. "Where's the telephone? I must call Josephine and tell her the good news."

Winter Kill May Be Extensive In Wheat, Hay, Says Agric. Rep.

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County.)

I hear a lot of talk these days on how this winter's weather will affect crops in 1965. At this stage, any prediction is just a guess but it's well worth some thought.

I think it's quite likely that wheat and legumes in hay and pasture fields will have been adversely affected. Absence of snow cover combined with temperatures changing quickly from one extreme to another, are not good for crops that have to live over winter. Of course, a great deal depends on what happens from now on. Damage is more likely to occur in early spring than in the dead of winter.

What's the use of worrying about it now? Well, unlike the weather itself there are some things that can be done to help crops that have had a rough winter. Timing on these is important. Steps can be taken in April that wouldn't help much in May or June.

Extra fertilizer this spring is the main way to boost stands of wheat or hay that have suffered winter damage. Nitrogen put on early will help to get plants off to a good start, and will speed up growth while the ground is still cold but while there is a good supply of moisture. Chances are good that ammonium nitrate at 80 to 100 lbs. per acre on wheat will pay good returns this year, if it's put on early enough. Getting it on at the right time is difficult. There may be only two or three days when there is a frozen crust solid enough to carry a tractor and spreader. And everything has to be ready when one of these days comes along, to get the job done quickly.

This is the right time to seed down on wheat too. Seeding down on wheat is poor business anyway, but its chances are better if it's done at the right time. Hay and pastures could respond well to a good shot of nitrogen this spring too. Hay supplies are low generally, and the risk of legume winter kill is high. At O.A.C. nitrogen has increased hay yields by as much as 100 per cent on grass stands. Ammonium nitrate at up to 200 lbs. per acre will make a real difference on a field where alfalfa is gone or badly thinned out. This can be put on early in the spring just as growth is starting.

The York County Beef Improvement Association is sponsoring a bus tour next week to the Guelph-Kitchener districts. Feedlots, large and small, will be visited as well as some more conventional beef farms. The date is Thursday, April first, and reservations should be sent to me before this Friday.

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The severe winter weather experienced this past year has created a deeper frost level than normal. When the frost "comes out", as milder temperatures prevail, ground movement will be greater than in other years.

The Works Departments of many municipalities have warned of the damage that has already occurred to streets and paving, and that more damage will take place. Repairs to broken roads, water mains, etc., cost thousands of dollars each year and the estimates this year are greater than ever.

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3. Any indication that your furnace, regardless of fuel, does not appear to be operating as it should.

Basement floor drains should be checked to ensure that they contain water. Sewer gases, natural gas and other combustible fumes can enter homes through basement drains if they are dry. Pour a pail of water into dry cellar floor drains to fill the water traps and prevent the entry of gases.

Your participation in this safety program is appreciated. Please assist us to render the best possible service by reporting ANY STRANGE ODOUR to us quickly at any time of the day or night.

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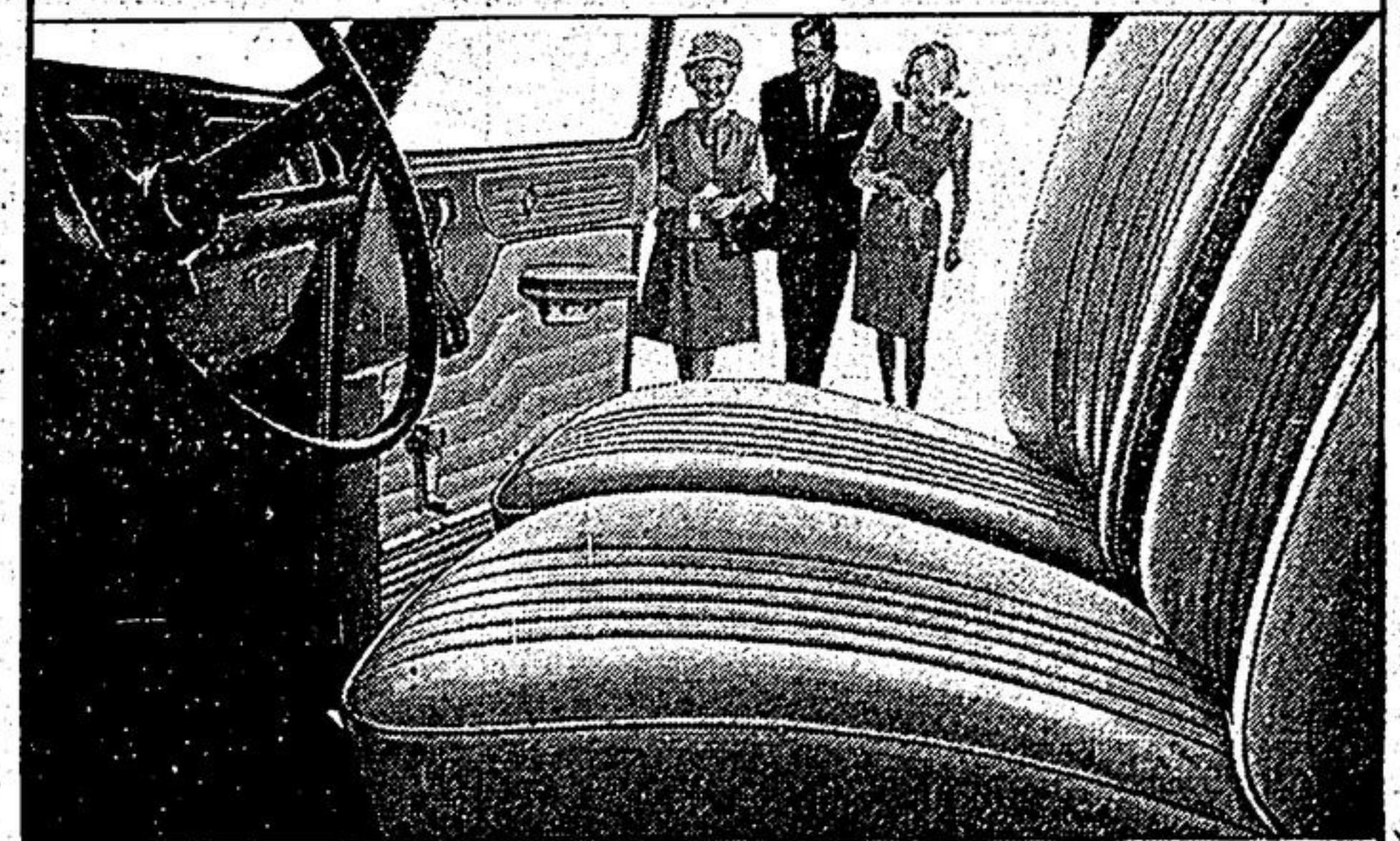
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