

# Farm

# Tribune

## Make Indoor Bulbs Bloom For Christmas

By JOHN BRADSHAW, Garden Editor  
How would you like a bowl of fragrant, snowy-white flowers to grace your Christmas dinner table or to enhance the beauty of your living room, library or kitchen? You can have all this for \$2.00 or less. All you need do is go to your nearest garden store and buy some paperwhite narcissus bulbs.

Growing these delightful and eye-catching bulbs in your own home or apartment is just about the easiest gardening job in the world. The newest gardener or small child can expect 100% success on the very first try.

Paperwhites are the answer to the would-be window gardener who lives in an apartment and is very limited in what can be grown.

Many gardening books and articles still insist that paperwhites must be placed in the dark for a two or three week period in order to have them flower well. I'm happy to report that after conducting numerous trials over the past few years, this is not necessary in any way and the best thing to do is to put the bulbs immediately in your sunniest or lightest window. This keeps the stems shorter and stockier and helps prevent them from falling over toward the end of the blooming period. On the other hand, those placed in the dark for a period, as you would daffodils, tulips and hyacinths, will always produce stems that are too long.

Paperwhites come to our gardens from southern France. They're not hardy like the other daffodils and are discarded after they've bloomed. It's unfortunate that the growers of these bulbs in southern France are not too interested in the job, and as a result, no improvements have been introduced during my memory.

As with all bulbs to be forced, get the highest quality and firmest that are available. Forcing any bulb into bloom out of season is asking quite a bit from it and you need all the strength and quality that you can obtain. I suggest that you buy at least a dozen paperwhites. By starting off three or four bulbs at a time, ten days to two weeks apart, you'll have fresh blooms coming along for a six to eight week period. Anyone wishing to make an exciting display over the Christmas season could buy 25 to 50 paperwhites and start them off in soil in a seedling flat. The bulbs could be moved to suitable containers just as they come into bud.

However, most window gardeners use a shallow bowl eight to ten inches in diameter. It should be deep enough to hold sufficient small stones or pebbles so that when the bulbs are set in place on top of them, there will be two inches of space between the base of the bulb and the bottom of the bowl. This space is needed to allow for good root development.

I've always encouraged my children to collect pretty stones and pebbles on their summer holidays on various trips around the country. Each year these are added to a growing collection of stones saved especially for forcing paperwhites.

## Basic Herd Tax Plan

A. A. WALL  
Agricultural Representative for York County  
I have had a lot of calls in the last few weeks about the provisions for basic herds in income tax. Somehow, rumors are going that the basic herd policy is going to be discontinued. I have checked with the Taxation Office in Toronto and find that no changes are planned. Livestock owners can still have their herds put on the basic herd plan.

Basic Herd is a method suggested for income tax purposes, to enable a farmer to classify his breeding herd as a capital asset. Being capital, it does not have to be considered as income when a herd is dispersed. It's good business and the longer an owner has it, the better. Basic herds set up just before a sale often aren't nearly as helpful as they could have been, if the owner had started several years earlier.

Starting a basic herd isn't difficult. An application form, obtained from the Taxation office, 36 Adelaide St., Toronto, filled in, and sent to the same office will do the job.

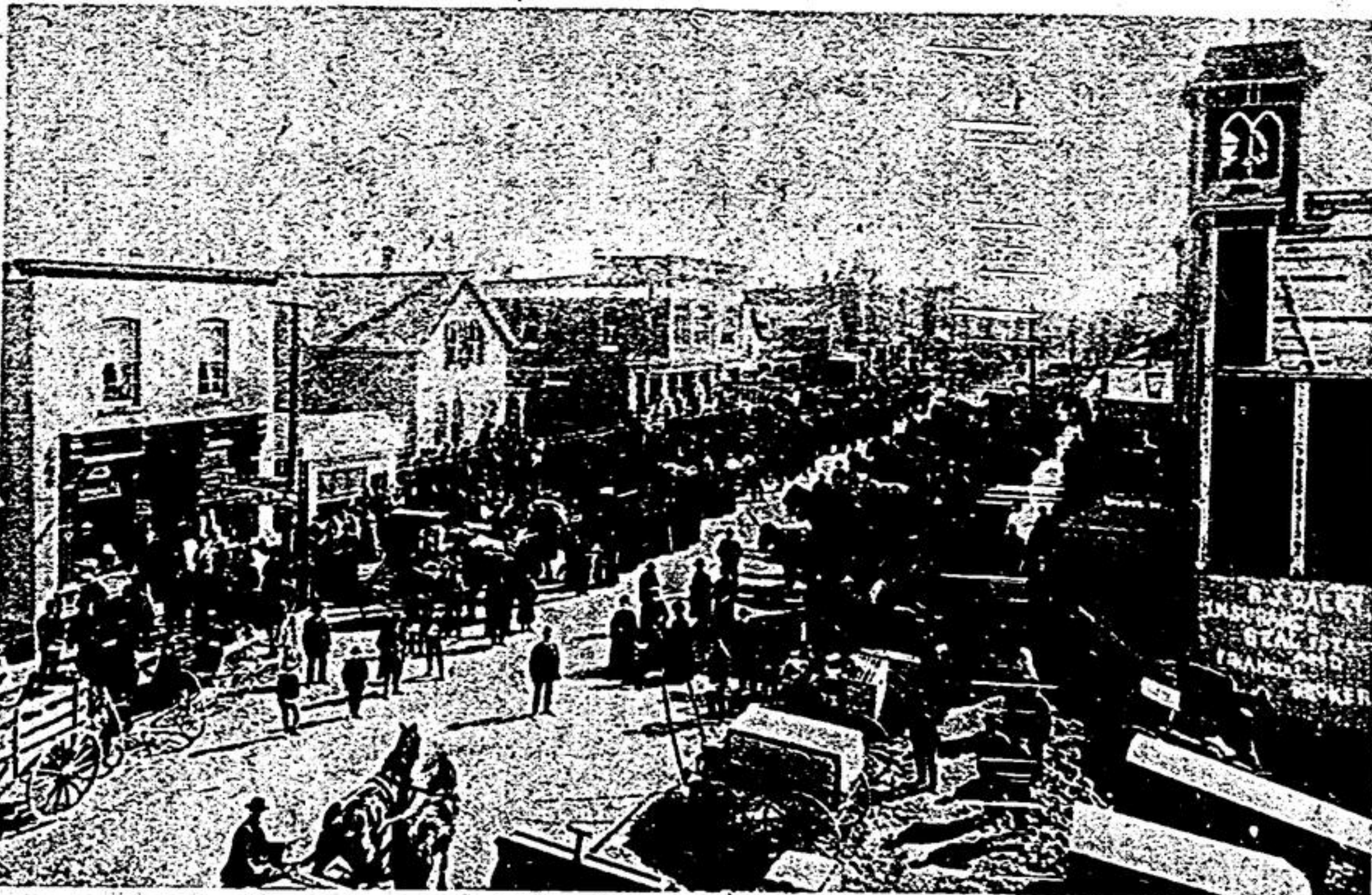
**ESTABLISH COURSE**  
Electric power is a cog in the production end of a farm that gets bigger each year. It milks cows, cools milk, takes out the manure and ventilates the barn. It feeds the pigs, hens, and beef cattle. It makes fences, warms the floors and provides heat for livestock maternity wards.

With so many new uses, a good knowledge of electricity is worthwhile for any farm operator. I'm pleased that the farm department of Ontario Hydro is putting on a course for farmers this winter. There will be a session each Tuesday afternoon from January 15 to February 27 in our board room at the Newmarket Plaza. Farmers are invited to register at Ontario Hydro offices in Sutton, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge or Markham.

**SET QUOTAS**  
Milk producers in York were advised of their new quotas last week. The new allotments are 89% of shipments in the quota setting period. This is a cut for many of course, but most dairymen were afraid that the cut would be more severe.

If it's any consolation to those who lost quota, a great many shippers who before had to live with very poor quotas, will be better off under the new plan. And for the first time in many years, all producers now know quite definitely where they stand in selling their milk.

**Celebrity** — A person who knows all the phonies.



Main Street Parking At A Premium 70 Years Ago

If you think its hard to find a place to park in Stouffville today, the same problem prevailed 70 years ago, according to this photo. Thursday was "market day" in town and folks turned out by the hundreds. The building on the right is Daley's Hall, now the site of the Post Office. —Staff Photo

## Noted Holstein Breeder

## Born At Victoria Square

# Named To Agricultural Hall Of Fame

The late J. J. E. McCague, of Glenafton Farms, Alliston, was admitted to the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame at the Royal Winter Fair, as the Hon. Wm. Rowe, Lt. Governor of Ontario, unveiled the picture of Mr. McCague. In doing so, the Hon. Mr. Rowe said "I never met anyone I thought was as good a judge of all types of livestock as Jack McCague, silver foxes, swine, sheep, horses, as well as his good Holstein cattle. He was a natural genius for selection of good animals."

**World Famous**  
Glenafton Holsteins are world famous and have served as foundation stock in many countries. John Joseph Edward McCague was born at Victoria Square, Markham township, in 1898. Following graduation from the Ontario Agricultural College, he was an agricultural representative in South Simcoe and Carleton Counties until he went to manage the farm of T. P. Loblaw in the Alliston area. When Mr. Loblaw died in 1933, J. J. E. McCague bought some of the farm, along with his silver foxes and some bred heifers, and started his own farm business. Much of his success as a breeder can be traced to his purchase of Montvic Rag Apple Marksman, a Holstein bull which he and C. J. Cerswell, Beeton, Ont., purchased from the famous herd of T. B. Macaulay, Hudson Heights, Quebec, in 1940. Marksman broke all records as a sire, won the All-Canadian championship seven times, and was All-American Aged Bull in 1947.

Received Shield  
J. J. E. McCague was presented with a Master Breeder shield by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada in 1946, and at various times served as

Chairman of the National Live Stock Records, President of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association, Canadian Silver Fox Breeders Association, the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada and the Dairy Farmers of Canada. He became the first Canadian farmer ever to sit in the boardroom of a bank, being a director of the Bank of Toronto (now the Toronto-Dominion Bank) from 1945 to 1957.

His farm remains in family ownership, operated as Glenafton Farms Ltd., a company in which his sons George and Brian hold the interest. George is a sod farmer supplying the Toronto area and Brian manages the farm breeding operations. Among other things, J. J. E. McCague introduced pure bred live stock and certified seed potatoes to the district, thus making a great and lasting improvement in the agricultural economy. Jack and his herd manager "Mort" Butchers, each with highest respect for the abilities of the other, made an unbeatable team which brought Glenafton to the fore of the show ring. His death in 1959 ended the life of one of the most influential breeders of Canadian live stock.

If your blood pressure is high, your doctor can help you bring it down and reduce your risk of heart attack, the Ontario Heart Foundation advises. Coronary risk goes up when blood pressure is elevated.

## Highest Priority To Protect Agricultural Land

The premier of Ontario says he gives "highest priority" to protecting agricultural land from disappearing under the sterile cap of concrete and black-top.

Speaking to the annual convention banquet of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Premier John Robarts said the province must get on with the job of controlling the uses to which land is put. He says rural municipalities must plan their future the same way urban municipalities have to. Without planning, the resources of our province will almost certainly be wasted.

He said a lot of education is necessary if people are to accept planning and the restrictions it will bring. "If planning is to have any meaning, it must involve a willingness to cast aside what seems true today in the light of changed conditions of tomorrow."

He said the question "is whether we, as a people with a huge stake in the future of this province, can afford to sacrifice an orderly approach in the development of our land to haphazard, individual decisions. "We still have the opportunity to control our destiny. We can still determine the best use to be

made of our land. We can still reverse the tide of pollution to our own making."

"It is not too late, but time is running out."

## Win At Royal

CLAREMONT — Several Claremont district growers won awards for entries at the Royal Winter Fair.

Frank Hendy, Claremont, R.R. 1, scored first prizes with entries of onions and carrots. He received the Oshawa Wholesale Limited award for carrots.

Other winners were: Harold Norton, Ivan Norton, Albert Hockley and three generations in the Dunkeld family, Dougie, 12, his father, Donald, and his grandfather, Murray.

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## O.F.A. Asks

# Lower Assessment On Farm Lands

Lower assessment of farm lands, faster depreciation on concrete silos, and larger exemptions from unemployment insurance and the Canada Pension Plan have been asked at the annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

The requests were in resolutions passed after presentation of the report of the Federation's assessment and taxation committee.

"The resolution on land, says assessment should be based on its productive capacity, rather than on its sale value. It notes that equalization factors used in the last two years by the Department of Municipal Affairs have been based on land sales.

In the debate, it was pointed out that sale prices are often based on speculation about the use of land for purposes other than agriculture.

The resolution calls for a great deal of weight to be given to prevailing rents on land-term leases in assessing land.

In the resolution on concrete structures, the Federation calls for faster depreciation. At present,

depreciation allowed on concrete structures is two and a half per cent per year. The resolution points out that many concrete structures are obsolete before they are fully depreciated, and calls for the rate to be raised to five per cent each year.

This would cut depreciation time from 40 years to 20 years.

The resolution on unemployment insurance and the pension plan calls for exemptions from coverage to be raised to 40 days and \$600 income.

At present, workers don't have to contribute to the programs if they work less than 25 days or make less than \$250, and the resolution says these figures are "inadequate."

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