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### Dairy Meeting Well Attended

STOUFFVILLE—More than 100 district farmers attended the first organized Dairy Meeting in the Legion Hall, Stouffville, Friday. The gathering was sponsored by area feed dealers and the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic.

Dr. Cote spoke on the problems of milk fever and methods of prevention. He said that during the sickness period, a cow should be kept on its feet at all times. He said that the vitamin D-3 preparation had proved 70 percent effective.

Mr. Clapp said that numbers of dairy cows in Ontario were decreasing annually. He stressed the importance of knowing the ingredients of feed for highest milk production.

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## GARDEN GUIDE

### A Touch Of Spring In Mid-Winter

By JOHN BRADSHAW, Garden Editor

On a snowy cold day last week, a bit of spring arrived well ahead of schedule in the form of a nursery catalog. After dinner, I sat down in an easy chair in front of a roaring fire, opened the catalog and immediately moved forward into spring.

Checking through the various catalogs as they arrive, and making notes of some of the new and better plants you'd like to try, is fun whether or not they're eventually ordered and planted.

One of the first items that caught my attention was a new coropsis called Baby Gold. This hardy perennial fits the modern trend to dwarfier plants of all kinds. Compact and bushy little plants are covered with masses of pure, golden-yellow blooms from early in June to some time in October. The gold color of the flowers complements the other perennials and adds to their beauty.

This year there's also a superb new strain of French Pussy Willow. Its catkins are much bigger than any other variety on the market. It's hardy all over southern Ontario and is wonderful for forcing.

The purple leaf Filbert is worth planting for the rich display of bronze-purple foliage it produces each year, and for its tasty nuts. Here we have a many branched shrub that is covered with richly colored leaves from top to bottom, providing a pleasant contrast to the greens of the other shrubs and evergreens. The foliage is produced so abundantly that liberal amounts can be cut for out-of-the-ordinary flower arrangements.

The European mountain ash is now available in two new forms which develop golden-yellow and pink berries rather than those colored the normal orange scarlet. Lambert's Golden Wonder is a new, vigorous grower with large leaves and branches colored a striking red. Berries are a glorious golden yellow in color and come in clusters which cover all parts of the trees. Lambert's Golden Wonder has all the characteristics of the regular mountain ash except for the unusual gold color of the berries. Height at maturity will vary anywhere from 20 to 30 feet depending on the soil conditions.

Rose Elegance is a new pink berried form of the normal mountain ash. This is a budded strain whose berries are a rich pink in color with silvery overtones. A well grown specimen will not only add new elegance to the garden but will be a talking point for years to come.

For areas surrounding Toronto there's a new, much harder strain of English ivy, called Wilson, available this spring for the first time. Whenever I visit England, or go a little further south in the United States, I always admire the regular English ivy with its attractive glossy green foliage. Unfortunately, it's not quite hardy enough for this area. Wilson is much harder kind that makes a wonderful ground cover, even in shady places, and will climb any wall.

Bells of Holland is a new, dwarf Canterbury Bell which grows 1 to 1 1/2 feet tall. There's a fine mixture of colors including rose, red, white and blue. Flowering time is quite a bit earlier than the normal, tall-growing Canterbury Bells.

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## Farm Tribune

# Wet Weather Hampers Corn, Barley Campaign

A. A. WALL, Agricultural Rep. for York County

Last year sure didn't help our campaign for more corn and barley in York County. Rain hit barley harder than other grains and fields of grain corn that still have to be harvested in this weather, doesn't help the cause any either.

The easiest thing would be to do a quick reverse and get back to oats, mixed grain, some buckwheat and even a little millet. These safe crops are a good way to keep out of trouble. Too bad though.

they just don't yield enough for farms in York County in 1968.

Our yield competitions last year, tells the story. The highest yielding oats (at 107 bus. per acre) ranked twelfth in terms of feed produced per acre. Nine of the higher yielding fields were clear barley and two were mixed grain.

In corn, the average yield from all entries in our competition was 126 bushels per acre. It isn't fair of course, to compare this to the usual growing costs are so much higher. But with high value being so vital to make a profit these days, any crop that puts up this amount of feed just has to be in the picture.

At the average yield for our competition, an acre of corn will finish nearly twelve hogs, or make the grain ration for two dairy cows for a whole year. This is good enough to justify taking the risk of miserable harvesting weather, or storing the crop in a silo as high moisture corn can remove a great deal of this risk.

Our top yield for corn, at 157 bushels was our highest ever. Carmen Bowdoy of Mount Albert got it and there were many others close to that mark including Shur-Gain Farms, Murray Cupples, Don Head Farms, Jim Darlington, James Rae, Jack Crittenden, Ken Stevenson, Harry Rae and Floyd Forsyth.

The spring grain was a record too. Eighty-one bushels of barley is in the

same league with corn. Jim Darlington was high, and others right up there were Davidson Bros., Stuart Watson, Walter Jackson, Bob Beynon, Murray Faris, Vern Smith, Russell Hoover, James Rae, Pick Bros., Grant Leonard and Floyd Steckley.

### Safety Tips On Snowmobiles

Snowmobile riding, a relatively new winter sport, can provide good healthy fun but some caution must be taken, says Oscar M. Snyder, Farm Safety Consultant, Farm Safety Council of Ontario.

Like any other mechanical device, the snowmobile can create hazards which may result in serious injury. Some precautions should be kept in mind when operating the machine.

One of the most important hazards to watch for when driving a snowmobile is a wire fence—especially a single wire. The reflection of the snow on a bright sunny day or in a snowfall makes a wire difficult to see. Driving at night in unknown areas is particularly dangerous since visibility is even more limited.

Snowmobiles on the road are a real hazard and should not be on the road or highway unless it is absolutely necessary. The same laws apply to a snowmobile as for a lic-

### Farm Unity Overdue

Farm organization unity is inevitable, says the president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. And it's overdue.

The only question is: When?

Charles Munro of Embro made the comments in a talk scheduled for presentation on the CBC noon Farm Broadcast.

Mr. Munro said "there is no doubt in my mind that we will soon have one strong voice speaking for the majority of farmers in Ontario."

But he says that voice won't be either the Federation of the Ontario Farmers' Union. "I think responsible people on both sides agree on that."

"We want to get down to the business of building strong representation for Ontario farmers. We have been divided too long."

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Be sure young people (teenagers) know how to operate the snowmobile before being allowed to drive it alone. All children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. It is a good practice to stay off ice surfaces, since river currents may weaken the ice to the point where it cannot hold the weight of the machine.

Often, people on skis are towed by a snowmobile. Tow only thoroughly experienced skiers and have a person seated backward on the snowmobile to watch the skier.

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