

Wesley General U.C.W.

The meeting of the General U.C.W. met in the C.E. Building on Tuesday May 19 at 8:30 p.m. The President, Mrs. Earl Slater called the meeting to order by the reading of a few verses on the value of friendships.

Minutes were read and approved. Various committee reports were given. Members are asked to bring clothing to their June unit meeting for a bale to be packed that month.

The fireside Group was asked to be in charge of placing flowers in the Church from July 1st. to Dec. 31st.

The U.C.W. will purchase a new rug to be placed at the entrance to the C.E. Building.

Mrs. Allan Lundy and Mrs. George Walker were in charge of an inspirational devotional, centred around the theme "Jesus on our street" a topic used by

Wilson Macdonald Museum

The Wilson Macdonald Museum near Cheapside will again open its doors to the general public on June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will be open each Sunday and on holidays throughout the summer.

Other times by appointment. Several groups are already booked for picnic and meetings. You are heartily welcome to visit your Haldimand County School Museum. The first Sunday in July (5th at 2 p.m.) a plaque will be unveiled at the Birthplace of Wilson Macdonald in Cheapside. This will replace the formal yearly opening of the Museum.

Watch for further reports on the unveiling ceremony and plan to share this memorial day with your hosts - The Haldimand County Museum Board.

Kagawa when speaking to Canadians at the CNE some year ago.

Mrs. Laird Miller entertained the group with a travelogue of her recent trip to Japan. This proved to be a very interesting and educational hour. Lunch was served by the Committee, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lundy, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Walker.

Mary Edith Group W.M.S.

On Thursday May 21 the group met in the Church Hall. Four ladies gathered at 11 a.m. and put up the crib quilt which was completed during the afternoon.

President opened the meeting in the afternoon with nine ladies in attendance.

Mrs. Muscoe read the scripture and Mrs. Taylor-Munro read a poem entitled "The Touch of the Masters Hand."

The topic entitled "Mother" was given by the president followed by a special prayer for two of our members who are at present in the hospital.

The roll call with anything pertaining to Mothers brought out many worthwhile poems.

The roll call for the next meeting will be an article of baking or a special cash donation.

The next meeting will be held in the church hall with Mrs. Taylor-Munro as hostess and Mrs. William Campbell as convener.

Lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Murray Biggar. She was thanked by Mrs. Leslie Keen.

New Democratic Party General Meeting For Haldimand-Norfolk

Donald C. MacDonald, M.P.P. for York South, Toronto, Ontario Provincial Leader of the New Democratic Party will be the guest speaker at a General Meeting of the Haldimand-Norfolk New Democratic Party Riding Association, to be held May 25, at 8 p.m. at the Hagersville Community Centre.

The membership will be asked to approve the Riding By-laws for conducting the affairs of the Association.

This is an open meeting and the public are cordially invited to attend, especially those interested in asking questions pertaining to future developments in the area.

Happy Doubles Club

The club held their annual bowling party May 12 at the Star Bowling Lanes in Simcoe.

The event proved to be a most enjoyable evening for all attending. The highlights of the evening was the announcement of the prize winners during lunch at the Simcoe Lodge, which were as follows: Ladies High - Sandra McDowell, Ladies Low - Molly Marr, Mens High - Morm Walpole, Mens Low - Bob Parkinson, Gutter Ball Champ - Bonnie Parkinson, Low Average - Gloria Walpole. Committee in charge of the meeting in June are Norm and Gloria Walpole, Keith and Janet Reid.

Splake Stocking Proves Success

A total of 404 tagged, adult splake were released in Lower Island Lake, Sault Ste. Marie Forest District, during the fall of 1968 by the department of lands and forests. The fishery was aimed at attracting family groups and the response of the general public was most gratifying the following year.

Splake are not available in Ontario for general planting. The fish used in this project were adult stock that had been used for splake studies and were no longer required.

A catch of 101 fish was reported to department personnel but it was felt the total catch actually exceeded 200. On February 23, 1969, a splake was caught in the Root River about eight miles downstream from Lower Island Lake.

A total of 431 splake were released at the public beach at Lower Island Lake last November 5 and 6. All fish were tagged with a small, yellow plastic disc located at the base of the dorsal fin and branded with a "V" on their left side between the dorsal fin and lateral line.

Rockford Personals

Lorna Chambers spent the weekend in Simcoe with her cousin Debbie McLean. John Smith of Cornwall spent Sunday and Monday with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith.

Mrs. Harold Lamb attended the graduation of her daughter Virginia from Hamilton Teacher's College at the Wentworth Curling Club on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson of Fonthill visited on Sunday afternoon with Gordon North.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Howard and family of Galt visited on Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Mildred Hammond and Dale spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kitchen and family of Stayner.

Swine Breeders Day Slated For Ridgetown

The 1970 Ontario Swine Breeders Field Day will be held on June 18 at the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology.

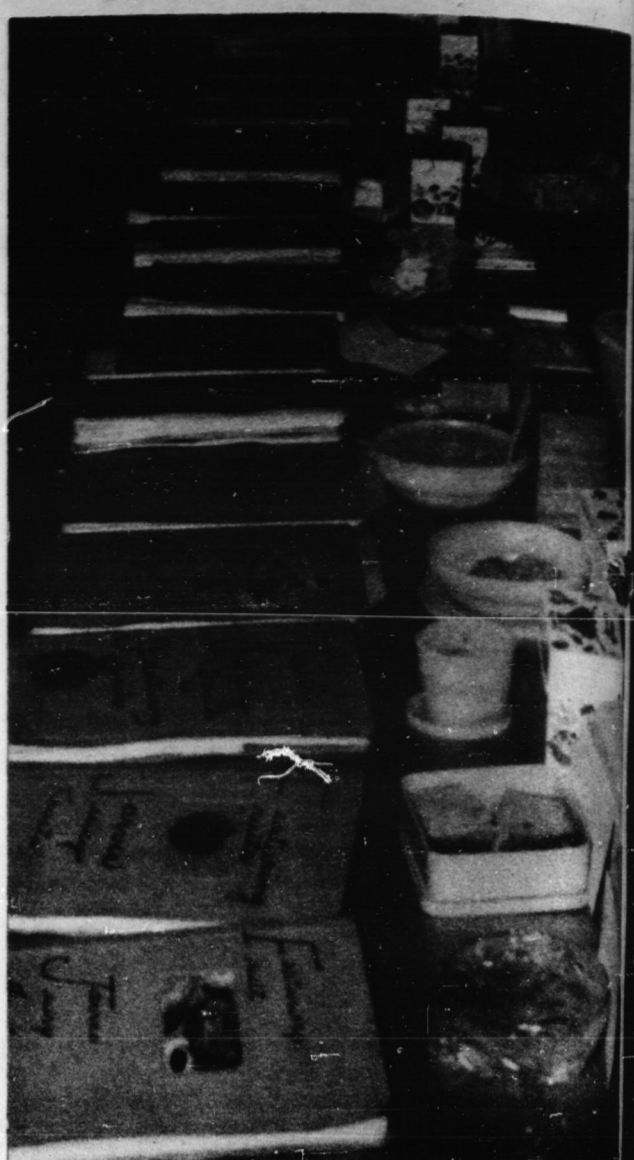
Mr. Don Luckham, Livestock Division, Ridgetown College, secretary of the organizing committee, said that classes of boars and gilts will be judged throughout the day and will feature Yorkshire, Hampshire, Landrace, Lacombe, Duroc, and possibly a display of two other breeds recently imported into Canada from the United States, although this is not yet certain.

A live class of barrows will be shown in the morning. Weigh and probe, and ultrasonic measurement in information will be available. The barrows will then be slaughtered and a comparative evaluation between the live barrow and the carcass will be made.

Judges for the evaluation classes will all be well-known figures in the swine breeding field, although the panel is not yet complete. Mr. Luckham added that the committee hoped for a turnout of 150 to 200 swine breeders. The Canadian Lacombe Breeders will be at Ridgetown for their annual meeting on June 19 and it is hoped many of them will attend the field day.

Other plans for the day include a luncheon as part of the registration fee, and a pork barbecue in the evening.

Other members of the organizing committee who may be contacted for information are: Mr. Garnet Lenentine, Ridgetown; Mr. Doug Simpson, Wallacetown; Mr. Jud Martin, St. Thomas; Mr. Angus Campbell, Iona Station; Mr. George Spence, Northwood; and Mr. Lloyd Hagey, Preston.



This was a display of fruits shown at the girl's 4-B achievement day Saturday. (Staff Photo)

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Tomato Variety Trials Showing Good Results

Different tomato varieties are presently being tested for yield and processing qualities by the Kent County Vegetable Growers Association and the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. Mr. J. Muehmer, Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology, is cooperating on these trials. He said that results so far have been satisfactory. The trials were primarily designed to increase the number of potential varieties a grower can offer to the processor.

For the past two years, a dozen different tomato varieties were planted in three one-acre plots, each plot having a different soil type. The tomatoes were handled by various operators in the normal manner following the harvest. The three types of plots used had sandy, heavy clay, and clay loam soils, respectively. Yields from many of the varieties were good and proved adaptable to processing techniques.

Mr. Muehmer said that trials will be continued for another year before specific recommendations are made to growers.

Growth trials for the smaller Italian tomato variety are also in progress. This tomato type is popularly used in whole pack and for tomato paste products. At present, Canada imports this type from Bulgaria or Portugal; these growth trials will concentrate on increasing Canadian yields of this tomato.

Direct seeding of tomatoes was also begun in 1969 near Chatham in Brookston clay loam. Although this soil type is hard to work with, Mr. Muehmer regards the results as satisfactory. Although yields brought yields down, production from direct seeding outyielded that from transplants.

While growth trials are in progress, commercial bulk handling of tomatoes is under study. The difficulty here is that tomatoes bruise easily and may spoil rapidly when mass collection and storage facilities are used.

Work in this area now includes storing tomatoes in bulk bins, each with an 800 to 900-pound capacity. Using whole trailers or racks, the bins are split horizontally into sections with planks or shelves placed about 18 inches apart, to avoid undue stress in the bottom layer of tomatoes. In unloading, the tomatoes are flushed out of bins with hoses, to avoid damage.

Mr. Muehmer points out that the need is to develop a tomato variety that is adaptable to mechanical handling. Such a variety would be nearly egg-shaped,

with a tougher skin than that of present varieties, and with acceptable flavor.

The research program is also concerned with cucumbers. In each of the last two seasons, eight different varieties were grown in clay loam soil, and run through the commercial grader. Meaningful varietal comparisons resulted, says Mr. Muehmer.

Seek Election

COQUITLAM, B.C. (CP) - Berenice Gilmore believes more women, especially school teachers, should seek election to local school boards.

A former teacher herself, she was elected to the school board in this Vancouver suburb first in 1967 and again in 1969.

"I wanted to be on the school board because I felt I had a contribution to make," she said in an interview. "I had seen education from the teacher's point of view and it's important to have that point of view expressed."

Her work doesn't stop with the school board. The mother of three and wife of a Coquitlam alderman is also a member of a trustee-teacher liaison committee launched to improve communications. "We discuss mutual problems and exchange information."

"There is much less misunderstanding if we sit and talk things over. The public tends to think we meet only for salary negotiations in the fall."

She and another woman board member also visit one of the 34 schools in the district each week. "Women are not tied down in the daytime like men and can do something like this," she said. "It is unfortunate there are not more women school trustees."

"They are vitally concerned with education and can give a lot to it."

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Comments From Canadian Meat Meat Packers

The latest U.S.D.A. 10-state quarterly hog and pig report indicates the U.S. pig crop for the December - February period was up. These Corn Belt States usually account for about 75 per cent of the total pig crop and hence should be useful for indicating total hog production in the U.S. Highlights of the recent report are as follows:

The number of hogs and pigs on farms at March 1 was estimated at 40.2 million head, one per cent below a year ago.

Market hog numbers were one per cent below last year's March total with all the decrease coming in the heavier weight categories. Market hogs weighing 120-179 pounds were down six per cent, with a similar percentage decline for the 180 pounds and over category. However, there was a three per cent increase in market hogs under 60 pounds.

The December - February pig crop totalled 13.5 million head in the 10 states, four per cent above the corresponding quarter last year. Iowa, the leading state, recorded a five per cent increase pig crop at 3.5 million, while second place Illinois reported a 2.1 million head pig crop for the quarter, up seven per cent from a year ago.

At March 1, the breeding herd for the 10 states totalled 7.4 million head, up two per cent from 1969. The number of sows bred for farrowing in the March - May quarter was seven per cent over the same period last year. Breeding intentions for farrowing during the June - August 1970 quarter were estimated to be up eight per cent from the corresponding quarter last year. Iowa showed five per cent increases for both the March - May and the June - August quarters compared to last year.

Canadian slaughtering and meat packing plants in 1967 had sales of \$1,630 million, a new record high. The D.B.S. reports the industries 330 establishments purchased materials and supplies valued at \$1,342 million and paid a fuel and electrical bill of \$84 million. Salaries for the 27,749 employees totalled \$164 million compared to \$120 million paid to 25,823 employees five years ago. Ontario plants accounted for 36 per cent of industry dollar shipments in 1967; Alberta

represented 21 per cent of the value; Quebec, 20 per cent; and Manitoba, 10 per cent.

An additional 87 sausage and sausage casing manufacturers had sales of \$83 million, purchased \$53 million of material, and employed 2,661 people. Ontario and Quebec accounted for \$64 million of the sales for this segment of the meat industry. A further category of 25 animal oils and fat plants had sales of about \$21 million in 1967.

Cold storage stocks of the four red meats totalled 75.9 million pounds at March 1. Holdings in all categories, except fancy meats, were up. Beef stocks were up 17 million pounds compared to a year ago.

Recent average prices at bull sales in various areas of the country indicate broad optimism in the beef cattle industry. At the Ontario Bull Sale held on March 18, the overall average was \$739. Herefords set a record high average of \$788, almost \$90 over last year's average and about \$250 over the 1968 average. Shorthorns also achieved a record sale average at \$599, Angus averaged \$578, and the three Charolais averaged \$1042.

At the recent Kamloops bull sale, prices were well above a year ago. A total of 226 head averaged \$879 compared to \$571 in 1969. Top price was \$3,150 for the Champion Hereford bull. Kamloops was also the site of a spring market cattle show with the 965 pound Grand Champion, exhibited by Jim Houghton, going to Woodward's on a bid of \$1.35 per pound. The average price for market cattle was \$36.57 per cwt. compared with \$34.55 last year.

Producers' receipts from 113 reporting marketing boards totalled \$2.0 billion in 1968, a decrease of 1.7 per cent from the year previous. Income to producers under 36 dairy boards reporting amounted to \$329 million and represented 51 per cent of the cash income from the total sales of dairy products in Canada. Similar receipts under four hog boards representing \$169 million accounted for 41 per cent of the cash income from sales of hogs.

Will Never Strike

EDMONTON (CP) - This drilling rig doesn't want to strike oil-in fact the Alberta Government has ruled it must never go below 3,000 feet, a precaution so a strike won't happen.

The full-size drilling rig is in the middle of Edmonton's south side industrial area.

It has a good record-in its fifth year of almost continuous drilling it has never struck oil. "Roughneck U", opened in 1966 by the Alberta government, trains about 1,000 men a year for a job that is dangerous but lucrative - the job of driller's assistant on oil rigs. When they finish the month-long course, they become the "roughnecks" who put down the pipe and bring it up in the hunt for oil.

In late 1968, the school began to get a new kind of pupil - Eskimos and Indians from Canada's Arctic.

Eskimos and Indians live where the hunt for oil is going on, but technology is foreign to them. Applicants are supposed to have a Grade 6 education, but some of the native pupils have only Grade 2. Their

formal deficit is erased by their natural ability.

"They have a natural feeling for mechanical things", says Frank Klein, director of the training centre, "and their work habits are excellent."

The native program is sponsored by several agencies - Canada Manpower, the federal Indian affairs and northern development department and the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors.

Natives selected for the four-week training course are flown to the school and home again at no charge to them. They pay neither their living costs at the school nor the price of tuition. They are given an allowance for their families while they are away, pocket money and necessary equipment such as boots, hard hats and work clothes. Cost for each trainee is about \$1,000.

The chief attribute of the native trainees is that they can stand up better under the conditions on northern rigs, where the temperature in the Arctic winter sinks to 50 and 60 below zero and naked hands touching metal leave skin behind.

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