

## Friends N' Neighbours

Rev and Mrs. Anderson, of Toronto, formerly of Hagersville and several members of the Poetical Society of Toronto attended the anniversary service at the Wilson MacDonald Memorial School on Sunday.

Greetings were

brought from Mrs. MacDonald, sister-in-law, and a poem Maggie Start was recited by his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dosser of Jarvis are in Ridgeway staying with Mrs. Dosser's brother and wife whose son Lawrence Henry Hil-

liker Jr., aged 20 was drowned last Sunday July 10 in Waterford lake.

Ed Tyrrell of St. Catharines is spending two weeks in this district on business in connection with his mother's estate.

Mrs. R. A. Miller

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spent last week at Port Stanley at the home of her son Bruce F. Miller returning home on Sunday to attend the festivities at the Wilson MacDonald Museum. She returned with the R. Cameron Miller's to St. Catharines from the

Museum. They will attend the Shaw Theatre at Niagara on the lake Thursday evening.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Grace in the loss of her father.

Rev. G Taylor-Munro returned on Wednesday, July 12 from a car trip that included a week at Canadian Keswick Christian Conference Centre out of Port Carling. He also spent a week-end with an army friend of World War II, George Liscumb and wife Maria a business man, of Cobalt. Mr. Taylor-Munro also spent two days in Barrie with sister Olga, Mrs. Norman Rankin,

her husband children and grandchildren.

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## Local Clergyman Attends Canadian Christian Conference

One of several outstanding resource personnel at Canadian Keswick Christian conference centre for the week was Doctor Frank Peters, Psychologist graduate of Chicago under Dr. R. Rogers, non-directive therapist as well as being a minister of the Mennonite Brethren.

Dr. Peters recently returned from visiting with his Mennonite Brethren in Russia and had many reassuring things to say about the conditions of the

people and their continual observance of the ordinances of worship, reports Rev. G. Taylor-Munro, who attended the conference.

Some of Dr. Peters' lectures at Canadian Keswick included a study of the first five chapters of 1st Corinthians; Five Questions in Mark chapters 11 and 12; Understanding the Youth Culture of To-day, and The Pastor as a Counsellor.

Another lecturer, Dr. C. Seidenspinner, Alliance Churchman of

Ottawa, delivered among others a most relevant study of The Survival of the Family in 1972, said Mr. Taylor-Munro.

A team of specialists in the employ of Scripture Press conducted optional work shops in the various age groups for learning sessions.

The week was not all work but did include a lot of fun and recreation. Every afternoon was left open for water-skiing, sight-seeing around Lake Rosseau in a motor-cruiser, tennis on one of two courts, lawn bowling, shuffle

board, swimming, or just sunbathing or strolling.

Complete care and training programs for children were made available while lectures were on with supervision for both day camping, and fun activities.

"I took most of five 50-foot rolls of 8 mm film of this conference centre that looks like a million-dollar tourist paradise. It is a place where the whole family can come for the whole summer, if convenient, for reasonable rates, in their own trailer, tent or in a wide range of cost accommodations," Mr. Taylor-Munro said.

### Sanitation Plan For Swine

A good sanitation program is an important part of a well-operated hog business. Reducing the bacteria build-up in hog barns keeps disease levels at a minimum, says Dr. P. G. Oliver, swine disease consultant, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Such a program does not interfere with the establishment of natural herd immunity to diseases.

Many producers have an "all in - all out" system for farrowing areas. However, where this is not possible, keeping the pens clean promotes the likelihood of healthy, thrifty weaner pigs. During the warm weather months ahead, pork producers should plan

ahead so that entire barns or sections can be empty of hogs for a few days. The barns can then be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

Dr. Oliver suggests the following procedure to clean and disinfect the building unit:

Clean out all the manure from floors and walls.

Sweep ceilings to remove dust and cobwebs.

Soak the entire area with water and let stand for 24 hours.

Use high pressure cleaning equipment, with machine ratings of between 800 and 1000 pounds per square inch.

Apply the disinfectant.

Isolate the area while drying.

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### Editorial Comment:

#### Farm Safety Week

The accidental death rate on the farm is 20 per cent higher, by estimate, than the national average, according to the Canada Safety Council.

In its national campaign, Farm Safety Week, July 25 to 31, the council stresses the need for more safety practices and caution in everyday farm activities.

The need for such a campaign is underlined by the fact that, while the farm accident rate is higher than the average for Canada, the percentage of Canadians engaged in farming has been declining.

This paradoxical ratio of a high farm accident rate to a decreasing percentage of the population in farming is partly explained by the increasing use of more powerful and complicated machinery.

But the basic cause of accidents, on the farm or off, is human neglect of safety procedures and thoughtlessness by farm residents themselves.

In one year, accidents take the lives of about 1,400 Canadian farm and rural residents. They injure about 25,000 of them and permanently disable around 1,500.

Studies show that farm machinery fatalities per 100,000 farmers doubled in the past decade. Of all fatal machinery accidents, 78 per cent involve tractors and of these more than half are overturn accidents.

Following the tractor, farm machines most commonly involved in fatal accidents are combines, balers, corn pickers, forage harvesters and spreaders.

According to national studies, 72 per cent of accidents involving rural residents occur on the farm and 28 per cent off the farm.

On the farm, 45 per cent of the accidents happen in the farm yard, 28 per cent in the field and 27 per cent in and around the home.

Youngsters are distressingly significant in the farm accidents statistics. Ten per cent of the farm machinery deaths occur in the under 10 age group. A further 16 per cent involve the 10 to 19 age group, all of whom are killed in overturns or are crushed.

In its plea to all farm and other rural residents to help "weed out farm hazards", the Canada Safety Council points out that the responsibility of preventing the accidents rests with everyone engaged directly or indirectly with the farming industry.

### Counter Clockwise

20 Years Ago

Thursday, July 10, 1952

An amendment to the redistribution bill, which combines Haldimand with Brant County, was rejected

solidly by government supporters in the House of Commons last Wednesday.

The amendment, which was introduced by J. W. Murphy and Donald Fleming called for the retention of the present riding of Brant - Wentworth, with minor adjustments

which, if agreed to, would have made it possible to introduce a second amendment to add five townships of the County of Lincoln to the present riding of Haldimand and thereby retain this historic seat.

Among the many comments from members of Parliament who spoke in support of Haldimand MP Earl Catherwood's speech against redistribution was this one from John Diefenbaker.

"Today I have tried to present the argument free from those pre-

judices all of us have, in the same spirit as that exhibited by the Hon. member for Haldimand.

"I only wish I had the power and effect on the House that he had last evening when he spoke so feelingly over the loss of a constituency historic in its importance.

He reached in his speech last evening one of the high points that come in Parliament."

Jewel Burke Gano, a purebred Holstein owned by W. Keith Banfield, Nanticoke and bred by Brant A. Bowyer, of Simcoe, has qualified as a Blue Seal longtime producer with her 10 lactation twice - a - day milking lifetime record of 130,337 pounds of milk containing 4,258 pounds of fat.

Jewel has been a very regular breeder, having started her first record as a junior two year old and her tenth as an 11 year old. In nine of her 10 lactations she qualified for the 305 day division.

## More For Less Found With Precision Seeding

Anyone who has ever had a home garden knows what it is like to plant tiny seeds like carrots and onions. For commercial vegetable growers seeding of such market produce has been a costly headache.

Matthew Valk, horticultural crop specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Bradford and Dr. I. L. Nonnecke, Department of Horticultural Science, University of Guelph, have been working closely with vegetable growers in the Bradford Marsh area to find solutions for problems in seeding and vegetable production. One of the most successful methods to date is precision seeding.

To a vegetable producer precision seeding means less hand labor and lower costs. Highly vigorous seeds are machine-planted in calculated spacings. Often these seeds are coated allowing one-at-a-time planting. This means a more efficient method of planting and a greater return for each seed sown, since the cost of seed and hand labor is lowered.

Precision seeding results in fuller stands with almost perfect germination of every seed. Seed coatings of clay, vermiculite wafers and seed tapes have shown varying degrees of success in field experiments. Some seed coatings do not allow for planting by present machinery. Clay-coated seeds are slower to absorb water and result in slower seed germination. With seed that has been "waterized," the problem is how to plant, that is, whether the seed should be parallel to the soil surface or vertical to it.

Taped seeds are good for planting in flats as nursery stocks. They are easy to plant and required no thinning because the seeds are spaced on the tapes. A gelatinous substance fastens the seeds to a highly water-soluble tape which begins to dissolve almost immediately with planting. There is less trouble

with germination in greenhouse beds where water can be controlled more easily. But in the field there are several problems with taped seeds. They sometimes become impenetrably coated with the gelatin, preventing germination. Also the tapes tend to dissolve unevenly and may throw off the precision seeding.

A recently developed coating called Lito-coating has proven most successful. It utilizes a sterile powdered vermiculite coating to mask seed unevenness. The uniform sizes allow seed to be precision planted in carefully spaced rows.

The spacing is controlled by holes punched in a seeding belt. Pulleys mounted on the planter drive the belt. Different vegetable crops can be seeded using different belts and operating speeds. Some Lito-coated seeds are colored, so the vegetable grower can check his seed bed to make sure the proper spacing is being used.

Plant stress has been found to be a destructive problem in vegetable crops particularly in those that require thinning such as carrots and onions.

Precision seeding eliminates stress producing very high populations of uniform plants with calculated rows and spacing. Crops seeded this way are also more capable of mechanical harvest or at least once-over harvest. By double and triple spacing of the rows, acreages can be nearly doubled, using the seed beds more efficiently with a minimum of hand work.

Because there is a higher rate of uniformly healthy plants, culls are practically eliminated. The producer can reduce dumping to about five per cent from 40 per cent normally found using present seeding methods, says Dr. Nonnecke. With precision seeding the vegetable grower has more marketable produce and can expect higher yields from his crops.

## Care Of Herd Sire Good Breeding Practice

Poor reproductive performance reduces income in many cow herds. In many cases, this can be traced to the bull, says R.W. Murray, beef cattle specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

For maximum performance, beef bulls should be in good condition but not fat. The National Research Council recommends a ration of nine to 10 per cent crude protein for mature bulls.

Growing and mature bulls should have access to adequate supplies of vitamin A and cobalt iodized salt. Adequate mineral during the growing period ensures proper bone formation in the legs. Certain diseases which cause infertility and abortion can be spread by the bull. A veterinarian should be consulted if your records show an unusual number of irregular heats and abortions.

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## Hot Weather Can Cause Heat Stroke In Swine

With hot, humid weather ahead, hog producers should keep in mind that heat stroke can cause swine deaths. Overcrowding, poor ventilation, transportation and stress under these conditions can produce heat stroke, says Dr. P. G. Oliver, swine disease consultant, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Both temperature and humidity are involved in heat stroke. Pigs do not sweat to any great degree and body heat is lost mostly through the lungs. With a layer of fat as insulation, a pig is at quite a disadvantage during very hot, humid weather.

Symptoms of heat stroke include panting, slobbering and a high body temperature. In some cases the animals are restless and appear in a frenzy. Pregnant animals may abort.

To avoid heat stroke, Dr. Oliver offers the following recommendations:

Provide good air movement in barns. Do not overcrowd in pens or trucks and make sure that the ventilation is adequate.

Avoid handling or moving pigs except in the early morning or evening.

If the pigs are housed outside, shade should be provided.

Sprays and mists can also be used to cool the animals.

If the animal suffers from heat stroke, treatment is required. Bathing the animal with cool water and improving ventilation helps prevent deaths, says Dr. Oliver. However, a veterinarian should be called to administer medication as well.

During hot humid weather, feed a laxative diet, provide lots of water and be particularly careful when the pigs are transported or handled. These steps should help to reduce the

affects of an adverse environment caused by hot weather conditions.

## Agri. Business Slaughtering Own Hens

Agri-business feed companies have prevented farmers from marketing hens under the federal government's slaughter program, and have instead reserved slaughtering facilities for their own birds, Gordon Hill, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture charged in Toronto last week.

He said this was another flagrant case of agri-business exploitation of farmers. 'Agri-business created the need for this slaughter program in the first place,' Hill said. 'Now, because the feed companies control processing plants, they are first to dip their fingers into the federal purse.'

'The federal government should stop payment of hen slaughter subsidies to agri-business concerns,' Hill said. 'It should extend the program and allow more farmers to benefit.'

Hill described the federal program as 'poorly designed.' He said it allowed dumping of over-age birds, in the early part of the program and would not reduce productive hen flocks as much as was needed.

'Hen marketing during the next three or four weeks will be much lower than normal,' he predicted.

Under the program announced early in June by Agriculture Minister H.A. Olson, the federal government promised to pay producers 75 cents a bird if they marketed one million hens in eight weeks. The government would pay 90 cents a bird if producers reached the target in six weeks.

Producers actually marketed one million birds in the first three weeks of the program.

### Rev. Taylor-Munro Addresses Former Congregation

Sunday morning July 16 Rev. G. Taylor-Munro addressed the 144th Anniversary service at North Pelham Presbyterian Church, one of a two point charge where he had served between the years of 1955-1959.

The Sanctuary was filled to over-capacity. An opportunity was



provided following at a luncheon, which overflowed from the basement into the school and out on the lawn surrounding the Church, to visit with the many friends.

Mrs. Marie Taylor-Munro, her mother, Mrs. May Musclove motored in their car and joined daughter, Heather, Mrs. Edwin C. Smith with two of her three children, Patricia and Kevin, in a family pew for the anniversary service at North Pelham.

The resident minister at North Pelham-Rockway, Rev. Robert Wray opened the service, welcomed the guests and dedicated anniversary offerings and closed the service with a benediction of thanksgiving.

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