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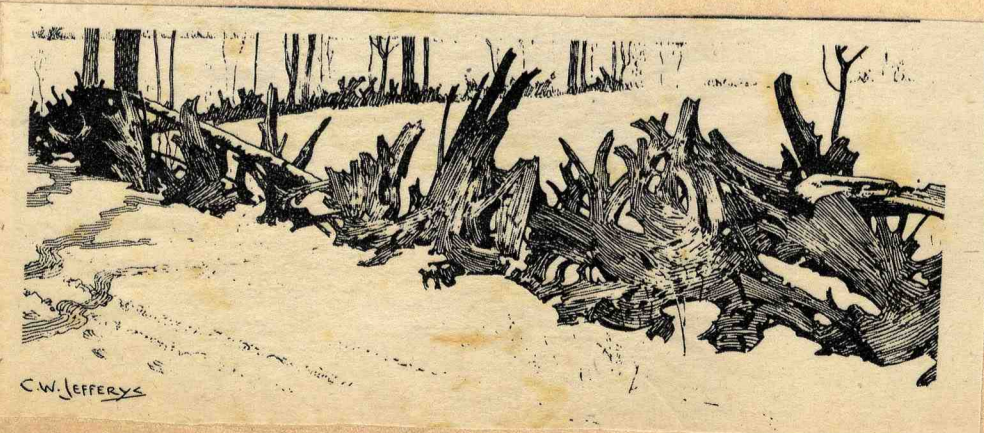
In EARLY days, OXEN WERE USED to till the soil.



LATER, THE HORSES AND THE plow.



ON THE GOW FARM



THE old Stump fence.



LATER - THE RAIL fence.



May
IRISH VISITOR — Miss Ann McNeill (left) of Northern Ireland is shown with Miss Linda Webster of Wallacetown with whom she spent the past week as part of her visit to Ontario. Miss McNeill is a member of the Young Farmers Club in Ireland and showed a keen interest in agriculture as carried on in this area.

—Advance photo.

Grateful for Hospitality

Miss May McNeill, Charming Irish

Visitor, Spends Week in District *Summer 1966*

An interesting and attractive visitor from Northern Ireland has completed a week's visit in this area. She is Miss May McNeill, 21-year-old resident of Country Antrim, and during her stay here was the guest of Miss Linda Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Webster, Wallacetown.

Miss McNeill is a dairy demonstrator at an agricultural college at Crookstown, Ireland. Her job is to instruct students in how to make butter, cheese, ice cream and other dairy products. She comes by her knowledge naturally as one of her brothers operates a 100-acre dairy farm in Ireland.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill, have another 100 acres on which they raise mostly cattle and pigs. Miss McNeill has four brothers and two sisters.

In Junior Farmer Work

Her interest in junior farmer work won Miss McNeill the trip to Ontario. She is a member of the Young Farmers' Club of Ulster and on April 25th she arrived in Canada with two other young people from Northern Ireland, four from Scotland and three from England. At present they are visiting various parts of Ontario.

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West Elgin Dancers Win Jr. Farmer Class

Those who prefer square dancing to the new fangled type enjoyed a real treat on Friday evening when 14 sets competed in the annual Square Dance Competition sponsored by West Elgin Agricultural Society. The record number of entries included seven sets in the public school, four in the Junior Farmer, and three in the open classes.

The event was held in the new Junior Exhibits building on the fair grounds, Wallacetown, and during the evening the structure was officially opened. Several hundred attended the joint event and cheered loudly for their favourite dancers.

Goes Past Midnight

Due to the many entries the competition lasted until about 12:30 a.m. and proved quite a strain on piano player Ron Pierce, and fiddler Elwyn Pierce, both of Mount Brydges, as well as Earl Bobier, the caller. These men were highly commended by Miss Armit, a prominent square dancing judge and teacher, for their "work beyond the call of duty." Miss Armit said it was the first competition she attended where there were so many entries for one night.

Elgin Wins

The West Elgin Junior Farm group placed first in the Junior Farmer competition. Members of this square include Dawn Morrison, R.R. 3, Dutton; Shirley Cameron, R.R. 3, Dutton; Grace and Elaine Pearce, both of R.R. 1, Wallacetown; Keith Campbell, R.R. 1, Iona Station; Allister Cameron, of London; James McWilliam, R.R. 5, Dutton, and Robert Patterson, of R.R. 1, Iona Station. The caller for the set was James West, R.R. 4, Dutton.

Other groups competing in this class (in order of standing) were: Thorndale Junior Farmers, Bennington Junior Farmers and the Enniskillen Junior Farmers.

St. Thomas Group

The St. Thomas Flares and Squares placed second in the Public School competition. They were

School class (in order of standing) were: Thorndale Swinging Stepettes, Rockin' Reelers, of Tillsonburg; Sparta Pairs and Squares, West Nissouri Swingettes, and the Sparta Dukes and Dolls.

The Jack and Jill Promenaders of Pinegrove, won the open class and the trophy, for their "fine you will ever see" display of square dancing, as Miss Angela Armit, of London, the judge, put it. were the Jack and Jill Swinging Couplets of Pine Grove and the Blue Tartans of Tillsonburg.

Roy Jewell, R.R. 1, Dutton, was the master of ceremonies and kept the program at a swift pace all the way. Square followed square, and dance came after dance, much to the delight of the large enthusiastic audience.

Open Building

Following the Public School competition, the building was officially opened by local dignitaries. Reeve of Dunwich Township, Walter Robson, cut the ribbon. The key to the building was presented by James Jewell, of the Elgin County Co-Operative Services, to Stewart West, the president of the West Elgin Agricultural Society, sponsors of the competition.

Rev. James Fleming, of the Wallacetown Presbyterian Church said the dedication prayer. Others participating in the opening ceremony were Dutton Reeve B. E. Downey, Jack Campbell, president of the building committee; his wife, Mrs. Campbell, president of the lady directors of the agricultural society, and M. H. Fletcher, of the Dutton Chamber of Commerce.

The various speakers commended the Fair Board on the enterprise shown in erecting the new building in addition to the fair grounds that has been badly needed for some time.

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ELGIN TEAM TAKES HONORS — The West Elgin Junior Farmers' Square Dancing group placed first in the Junior Farmer class at the Wallacetown Square Dance Competition last Friday night. They won over three other Junior Farmer sets from other counties. From left to right are Dawn Morrison, of R.R. 3, Dutton;

Allister Cameron, of London; Shirley Cameron, of R.R. 3, Iona Station; James McWilliam, of R.R. 5, Dutton; James West, of R.R. 4, Dutton, the caller; Grace Pearce, of R.R. 1, Wallacetown; Robert Patterson, of R.R. 1, Iona Station; Elaine Pearce, of R.R. 1, Wallacetown, and Keith Campbell, of R.R. 1, Iona Station.



BULLS TO RUMANIA — District Hereford breeders contributed to a shipment of pure bred cattle now on its way to Rumania as part of a \$1,000,000 order of Canadian products. The purchase was made through Ernest Warwick of Blenheim and included seed corn and Landrace swine. Ten bulls were purchased in Ontario, nine being Herefords and one Aberdeen Angus. Of these 10 bulls, four were bred in this area, two by Carman Lyons, one by Harold Lyons, both of Wallacetown and one by Peter Ocolisan, of West Lorne. The bulls were assembled on the Lyons farm for shipment on Friday and Mr. Lyons left to travel with

them as far as Montreal. In the above picture the four Elgin bulls are seen entering the truck to begin the long journey to Rumania. From left to right are Jerry Kremer, of Wallacetown, Mr. Ocolisan, Donald Lyons, Carman Lyons, William Lyons, Duncan Brown, the auctioneer who sold the bulls, and Carl Peltz. Two years ago, Carman Lyons and Jack Bobier accompanied a similar shipment across the ocean and down through Europe to the Hungarian-Rumanian border. The repeat order indicates that Rumanian authorities must have been pleased with the quality of the former purchase.