

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Halton Jersey New Canadian Champion

Fairy Raleigh Zana, 14 year old Jersey cow owned by Featherstone Bros. of the sixth line of Trafalgar is the new Jersey Champion long distance production cow for Canada. "Old Zana" as she is known to all Jersey enthusiasts, just recently completed another record of 660 lbs. of butterfat which makes her life-time production 7,980 lbs. of butterfat. All of her records have been made on 2 times milking under the management of her owners, those master feeders and caretakers, Jack and Bill Featherstone. In the same herd is Almonte Gentle Fern whose recent record makes her fifth in the list of Canada's long distance Jersey producers.

In recognition of Zana's great achievement, Halton Jersey Breeders' Club in co-operation with the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club is staging a Banquet in the Milton Town Hall on Tuesday evening, April 13th. Col. the Honorable T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is to be the guest speaker. We understand that tickets are now available from officers and directors of the Halton Jersey Club; Jas. Bremner, Secretary of the Canadian Jersey Club; and the Agricultural Office in Milton.

At a recent meeting of the Halton club the officers for 1948 were elected as follows: President—Wm. Davies, Palomona; 1st Vice—Pres. Gerald R. Graham, Georgetown; 2nd Vice—Pres. Duncan Moffat, Rockwood; Secretary—Treasurer, J. E. Whitlock, Milton.

Maple Unit To Add Batteries Of Ayrshire and Jersey Bulls

The annual meeting of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association was held at Maple Ont., on Monday, March 22nd. The crowded auditorium bespoke the interest of the members of the unit who followed with interest the reports of the officers which revealed the amazing growth of the Association. Operations commenced in June 1945 with a membership of 78. At the end of 1947 this has increased to 685 and many new members have signed up since the beginning of the year. The new barn, 120 ft. in length, which will house 16 bulls and also the new laboratory are both rapidly nearing completion.

Signed applications with cheques, attached were presented by Andrew Stewart, fieldman of the Ontario Ayrshire Club. These represented 1038 Ayrshire Cows in the 5 counties covered by the unit, to be bred in a twelve months period. Secretary W. M. Cockburn of the York Jersey Club also presented signed up applications representing some 1000 Jersey cows. Two hundred of this number are from fourteen Halton Jersey herds.

The election of new officers resulted as follows: President, Norman Porter; Vice-Pres., Jim Dunnington; Secretary-Manager, G. W. Keffler.

W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner who has played an active part in the development of the Maple Unit, brought greetings, congratulations and a few suggestions to the officers and members of this thriving organization which is recognized as a model for new units being established in the Province.

Capacity House at Annual Theatre Night

The annual entertainment jointly sponsored by the Halton Holstein Club and Halton Milk Producers' Association was held in the Princess Theatre, Milton, on Wednesday evening of last week. A capacity house greeted the guest speaker, Dr. Archer Wallace of Maple, and the assisting artists, Ben Silverton and Margaret Lewis, old favourites of Halton audiences, with their dynamic numbers on the violin and piano accordion, the Victorians, a mixed quartette and Ben Lucas, characterist who also acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. Wallace who is well known as a traveller, lecturer, and author delighted his audience with his illustrated lecture on a "Tale of two cities, London and New York." The balance of the programme while very excellent was hardly up to the standard of recent years. C. F. Dickett, President of the Halton Holstein Club, was the very able chairman of the evening.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 4th

A PROPHET AMONG EXILES
Golden Text.—Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel. Ezek. 3: 17.
Lesson Text.—Ezek. 1: 1-3; 3: 11, 17-21; 4: 1-3.

Exposition.—I. The Prophet's Commission, 1: 1-3.
Ezekiel means "one whom God has strengthened." He was an inspired prophet (2 Tim. 3: 16). His father was a priest named Buzi. He had been carried captive to Babylon (2 Ki. 24: 11-16). Ezekiel was a contemporary with Jeremiah and Daniel. The former had prophesied 34 years before Ezekiel and continued to do so about seven years after he became known. The call came to Ezekiel a year later by the river Chebar. He was a man of earnest faith and great determination. Fearlessly he denounced the sins of his people and called them back to God. He was vividly spiritual as would be necessary in an apostate and worldly age.

The prophet's description in v. 3 of his call is significant, "The hand of the Lord was there upon me." It takes a man who seeks God to know when he is under the hand of the Lord (Jer. 29: 13). Ezekiel was a surrendered soul. He was willing that the power of God should be upon him. If we, likewise, are desirous of serving God, His Holy Spirit will be given to us in special endowment for each task (Ac. 1: 8; Jno. 14: 26). Ezekiel had visions of heaven and of God (1: 4, 28). Equipped he was, then, endowed with God's spirit for his specific duty (2: 1, 2). That was to go to "the children of thy people" (3: 11). These should have been better disposed to hear God's message. He is guided by the Spirit to Tel-abib (v. 15), the chief town of the Jewish colony in Babylon. God's purpose in revival is first of all to awaken those who appear to be dead who are supposed to be His. The professedly are to become truly and more so.

II. Ezekiel appointed "a watchman unto the House of Israel", 3: 11, 17-21.
These verses should be read in comparison with Ezek. 18: 1-32; 33: 1-33. Every minister and Christian worker, in a sense, should be a watchman unto his fellows (v. 17; Jer. 6: 17; Ac. 20: 28-31; Heb. 13: 17; Jer. 5: 19, 20). It is a great privilege to have the Word of Jehovah given unto us, but it involves a tremendous responsibility. It makes us stewards of the Word, responsible to carry the Word to our fellow men (Matt. 28: 18-20). The watchman's business is to get "his message directly from God" ("Hear the Word of my mouth") and to give to others warning on the basis of that Word (v. 17; 33: 6-8; Isa. 58: 1; 2 Cor. 5: 11, 20; Col. 1: 28). "The one who knows what God says about the doom of the wicked and does not give them warning incurs an appalling responsibility. The wicked man will perish but God will require his blood at the hand of his unfaithful servant (v. 18). Each of us would do well to ask if we are free of this guilt (Ac. 20: 26, 27). The wages of sin is death (Gen. 2: 17; Ezek. 18: 4, 13, 20; Rom. 6: 23; Rev. 21: 8). It is a loving act to warn the wicked; the object is to "save his life" (v. 18; 33: 32; Ac. 3: 19; Jas. 5: 19, 20). Many warnings will not be heeded but we must utter them whether they will hear or forbear (v. 19; ch. 2: 3-5; 3: 11-27). If they do not heed, we have delivered our souls (v. 19). Jehovah manifested His mercy toward His people in continued warnings (2 Ki. 17: 13-18; 2 Chron. 36: 15, 16; Jer. 42: 19-22; 44: 4, 5). We should but of men will not turn, they must at last burn (v. 19; 2 Pet. 3: 9; 1st Jn. 5: 18; 2 Th. 1: 10; Heb. 10: 26, 27, 32; 25). It is not enough to be righteous counts with God. Continued righteousness counts with God. When a man turns from his righteousness to sin "his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered" (v. 20). This is on the ground of law but even under grace. It is required that we continue in the faith (Ac. 13: 22; Heb. 10: 28; Rom. 2: 7-9).

The other side of this truth is that the one who truly believes and is born again will continue (Heb. 10: 39; Jno. 10: 28, 29; 1 Jno. 2: 19; Luke 8: 13, 15). The dog may return to his vomit and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (2 Pet. 2: 20-22), but a sheep will know the true Shepherd's voice and follow. Him but a stranger they will not follow (Jno. 10: 3-5, 27-29). It is the watchman's business to warn the backslider and also to warn men before they backslide. If he does not do it, the backslider's blood will be required at his hand. There is a deep significance in these words, "He shall surely live, because he is warned." How blessed is the privilege of warning men, even if only one turns from his sins and lives (Jas. 5: 19, 20). Not only do we thus deliver our own soul but we shall have the

privilege of rejoicing over at least one soul eternally saved (Luke 15: 7, 10). Much of Jesus' ministry and that of Paul was given to warning the sinner (Matt. 21: 37; Ac. 20: 31; Col. 1: 28; 1 Cor. 4: 14; 10: 12; Gal. 1: 6-10; 4: 2-7; Eph. 4: 17-21; 5: 5, 6; Col. 3: 5-8; 1 Thes. 4: 6-8; 5: 14; Titus 2: 15; 1 Jno. 3: 6-9; Rev. 3: 19).

How to Afford That Special Vacation Trip

Help Yourself to the Holiday You've Been Planning For So Long

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Now is the time to make sure you enjoy the holiday you want most this summer — start saving today at the B. of M.

Rocking Chair Tourist

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

She was a little old lady with her grey hair parted primly in the middle. Most people called her "granny," and if six children of your own and innumerable grandchildren and their friends don't entitle one to that dignity, what does? They loved her because there was always something new about her, and her stories ranged over the whole vibrant world of people and events. She was a breath of that great world, as even children could understand. She had scarcely been beyond the confines of her own little neighborhood but she was one of the world's great travellers.

Years ago, as a girl, she would tell you, "I wanted to travel. But you know, a husband and six children—well you can't have money for everything." So she gave up her hopes and her dreams? Not at all. She had adapted them to her necessities. She yearned for travel so she travelled. Fifty years of travelling if it's only for a few minutes each day, make you a pretty broad citizen of a world. And that is true even if your ocean liner and your pack train and your aeroplane are only books and time tables and articles in magazines—even if your questing spirit is anchored in an ancient rocking chair.

Robert Louis Stevenson, who was quite a traveller in his day, knew better than that. He could feel the thrill of starting journeys whose destination was unsure "To travel hopefully," he said, "is better than to arrive; and the true success is to labor."

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MEMORY'S WAY

Maybe a lot of people don't think because they are afraid of using up the capacity for thought. We hope that's the reason, because maybe we can relieve that fear and send them back to exercising their memory. Most people think that the mind is like a "Wistful Vista" closet. It will hold just so much. Medical men and scientists however refuse to support that view. There is no limit to what you can remember or how long you can remember it, except the limitation you set on yourself. You set it yourself because the mind works by a process of association. If you don't have anything to associate an idea with why the chances are that you can't remember the idea. That isn't the fault of your mind. It's your fault for not providing the peg.

How do you do that? Simple enough says the authority. Let your mind wander for a minute or two, then try to reconstruct your train of thought in reverse, working back to the idea that started the whole thing. Or, if that's too inconsequential try recalling in detail the events of the past hour. You see the whole point is to be definite in your thinking. They used to say your wits were wool gathering. That simply meant the same thing. Wool-gathering wits provide nothing definite for memory to cling to. It needs a clear perception to give associations a chance.

DEMOCRACY

Democracy has always been more willing to fight for their gods than to look at them too closely. This is certainly true of the modern god Democracy. It is as difficult to get a clear analysis of what democracy really means as it is to get a fair statement of the case against Germany from a German professor.

A Profession

A stout hearted lady from England has had the courage to suggest in public that housework should be regarded as a profession. Presumably the idea behind all this is to help dignify, in some dreary way, the housewife's traditionally close association with dishes, diapers and garbage.

There was a time when professionals were all men and college graduates at that, with their activities largely limited to the law, the ministry and medicine. For no particular reason at all, professional people came to be regarded as more respectable than non-professionals who worked just as hard.

Respectability has long been more cherished than either legality, a quiet soul, or healthy body, which may explain why professional status has spread far, and wide to such diverse callings as boxing and newspaper work. There are even professional car thieves.

It took the world of sport to think up the most exasperating complication of all this by throwing in an amateur as the only alternative to a professional. Calling a person an amateur is downright insulting in any non-sporting field. And even sportsmen seem quite unable to agree on which is which.

Housewives may look upon themselves as unpaid chaps. Being professional won't lighten the load. It might add dignity, but housewives already have that rare dignity which comes from being needed and useful — something many people, including professionals, haven't got. The Printed Word.

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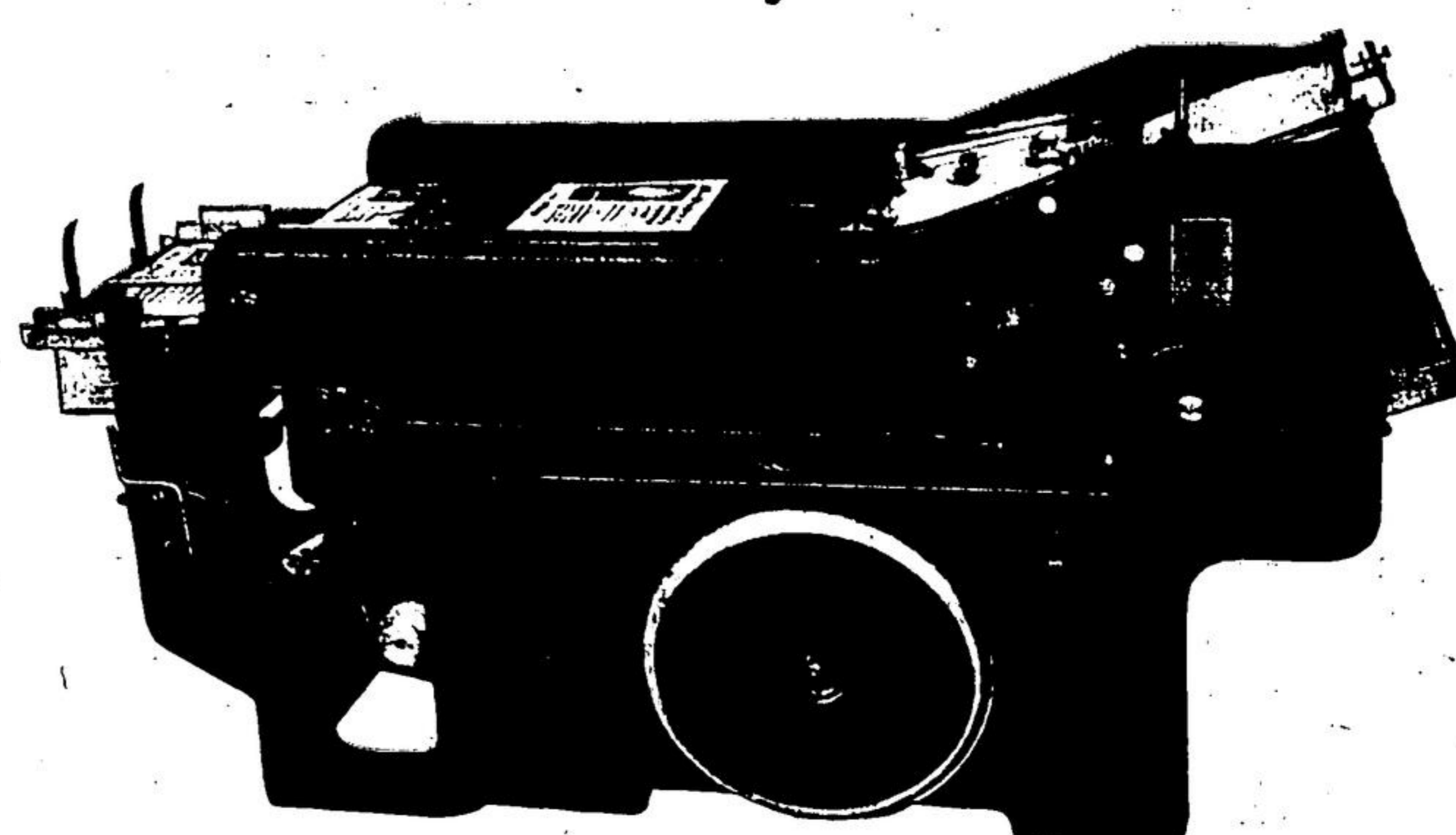
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