New Head Appointed At Ontario Agricultural College

On September 1st the Ontario Agricultural College is to have a new President. The announcement was made by Col. the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the latter part of last week. Dr. W. R. Reek, M.B.E., former deputy minister of Agriculture for Ontario and who has been president of the O.A.C. since Dr. Christie's retirement, will bring his long and noteworthy career in the public service to a conclusion at the end of August.

His successor as president of the O.A.C. will be Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, who has been head of the Botany Dept. at the O.A.C. since 1948. Dr. MacLachlan, who is a native of Grey County, took his arts degree at Queens University. He also took his masters and doctor's degrees at Harvard University, specializing in plant pathology. During the comparatively short time Dr. MacLachlan has been on the staff at the O.A.C. he has won the esteem and respect of many in both the practical and professional fields of Agriculture. The farm folk of Halton will wish him well in his new and important post as President of the O.A.C.

Holstein Breeders Hold Successful Twilight Meeting

On Wednesday evening of last week the Holstein Breeders of Halton and the members of Halton's two dairy calf clubs held a most successful Twilight Meeting in the Sales Arena of Hays Limited near Trafalgar. One hundred and fifty representing all sections of Halton were in attendance for the very excellent programme. Guests were also present from Peel and Wellington counties. Numbered among these were Warden D. G. Dunton of Peel County, President H. Craig Reid, assisted by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock was the able chairman of the evening.

Geo. Drennan, popular Holstein fieldman and Prof. Geo. E. Raithby were the able demonstrators on the two excellent classes selected by genial Tom Hays and his assistants. The prize winners in the judging competitions were as follows: Club members, 1st Harold Brain, Norval. Ladies, 1st Mrs. Ross Segsworth, Freeman; 2nd Mrs. V. J. Lawrence, Oakville.

Men: Don Holmes of Milton and Lloyd Tovell, Palermo, tied for top honours.

Following a very instructive and interesting address by Prof. Raithby refreshments were served by the ladies. Others who spoke briefly were Albert Hunter of Freeman and [illegible] Hunter of Norval, who extended thanks and appreciation to all those who had contributed to the success of the evening.

Halton Juniors Complete Plans for Annual Field Day

Saturday, June 17 is the date for the annual Junior Farmer Field Day in Halton. The event is to be held in Lowville at the Community Park. The programme will include softball tournaments for both the boys and girls and Acton, Brookville, Norval, Milton and Palermo clubs have promised entries. Other features of the afternoon programme include tug of war contests between the various boys' clubs and volley ball for the girls.

The members of the Kingsway Kiwanis of West Toronto are holding a picnic at Lowville the same afternoon. This group for the past three years has taken a keen interest in boys' and girls' work in Halton. To this end they have annually awarded Short Course Scholarships at the O.A.C. to the top members. It is expected that a representative group of farm leaders will be on deck to act as hosts for the occasion.

Annual Livestock Judging Competition and Achievement Day for Halton Juniors Held on Saturday Last

On Saturday last Halton Junior Farmers and Junior Homemakers held their annual judging competition and achievement day. Thirty Junior Homemakers under the leadership of Miss Louise Barber have been carrying on work [illegible] ... [illegible] "Meat in the Menu." Two of the young ladies, namely Mildred Reed of the Ashgrove Club and Ruth Barnes of the Ashgrove Club were awarded the Championship cups donated by the Halton District Women's Institutes. The announcement of the awards and presentation of prizes was held in the Milton Town Hall on Saturday evening last. Mrs. M. J. Brown, 1st Vice President of the Halton W.I. made the presentation.

The young men in the number of [illegible] judged ten classes of livestock in the morning and during the afternoon gave oral reasons for their placings. The livestock farms visited were as follows: E. L. Taylor, Esquesing Township for Swine; E. A. Marling, Trafalgar Township for Shorthorns; Featherstone Bros., Trafalgar Township for Jerseys; Graymar Farm, Trafalgar Township, Holsteins; Valley Crest Farm, Trafalgar Township, Clydesdales; J. H. Wilmott, Hampshire Sheep.

Assisting Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock as judges were Messrs. J. H. Willmott and Geo. R. Breckon of Trafalgar Township; Bruce St. Beer, Agricultural Representative for Peel County; Earle Roger, Assistant Agric. Rep. for Halton and Peel Counties, and Murray McRae of the Federal Live Stock Branch.

The awards for the young men and additional winners among the Junior Homemakers will be announced in next week's column.

BANK BORROWINGS UP

Business borrowings at the chartered banks showed an increase of 18 millions in February, the first February gain in three years, reports The Financial Post.

The increase was attributed in some quarters to borrowing by general trade and industry in preparation for spring operations. In other quarters, activity in oil fields was mentioned as a factor tending to expand the demand for bank credit both directly and indirectly.

Montreal is the second largest French speaking city in the world.

Among Our Blessings

By Joseph [illegible]

Charles F. Kettering, the American inventor, might be described as a man with an open mind. His habit of actually thinking of the things that are going on around him, or that are not going on, has made him a sort of prophet of first principles. How the Kettering mind thinks through to the fundamentals of the matter was indicated by a statement made by the inventor a few weeks ago as he prepared to pay his income tax: "One of the things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for."

It is difficult for most of us to realize just how much government we do get, and harder still to realize how much we purchase through our government may be obscure, and some are obvious. Government builds roads and schools for us. Government hires the policeman, the fireman, the weatherman. Government pays the cost of elections and supplies the halls where our elected governors meet. In all these matters, of course, government is our servant. We provide the cash; government provides the services. However, government is not stimulated by the motives that control our private endeavours to satisfy the customer, to operate with maximum efficiency, to make profit out of costs and put a little money by for another day.

Because so much of the money for government is cash we never see, the inclination might be to think that someone else is paying the freight. The truth is, of course, that any Canadian who earns a dollar or spends a dollar is contributing to the cost of government. We pay income taxes, real estate taxes, excise taxes, amusement taxes, sales taxes. We pay taxes to federal government, provincial government, municipal government. In 1950, to these various taxing authorities, Canadians will pay a total tribute of about three billion dollars. For our three billion dollars we will get the roads, the schools, the fireman, the policeman, the weatherman. We will also get a host of controls, bureaus and the red tape we all occasionally tangle with.

As Kettering has said, it may well be that "One of the things we have to be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for."

GEORGETOWN

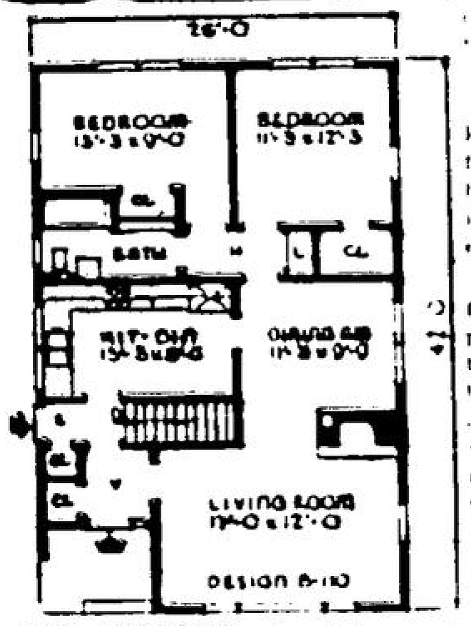
The town grader was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. A town employee, Jim Sargent, was driving the grader down Back St. which runs down the hill from the fire hall when he noticed flames at the back of the machine.

In the first week of the Georgetown and District Flood Relief a total of over $1800 has been donated by organizations and individuals.

The annual spring piano recital by the pupils of Mrs. R. H. Wright was held in the auditorium of the Georgetown Baptist Church on Monday evening, May 29th.

Smith and Stone are leading the industrial softball league with wins in their first three games.—Herald.

Viscount Alexander is the 17th Governor-General of Canada since Confederation.



THE BRANDON. [illegible] ... room and kitchen. [illegible] could be extended and a future third bedroom added on the side.

The front entrance [illegible] enters a vestibule which connects with the kitchen. Coat closets are provided for both entrances. The kitchen and bathroom are adjoining for economical plumbing with the laundry directly below.

The dining room is separated from the living room by the fireplace and there is ample space in the kitchen for dining. [illegible] ... [illegible]

SCENE OF UTTER DESOLATION GREETS MINISTER'S TRIP WEST

The following impressions of the southern Manitoba flood were written by Rev. Dr. A. J. Wilson, editor of the United Church Observer. Dr. Wilson was sent to Winnipeg by his church to bring assurance of support and to get a first-hand impression of the situation.

I have read the Winnipeg papers [illegible] ... [illegible] Dr. W. [illegible] Martin [illegible] ... [illegible] Winnipeg [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... I was ready for what I would see when Dr. P. H. T. Thorlakson and I boarded the two seater plane for a view from the air. I may have been prepared mentally but not emotionally. I am not ashamed to confess to tears as I looked down from 800 feet on a scene of utter desolation.

The hospitals where medical skill and nursing had ministered to thousands of people stood like [illegible] monuments to the love and affection of the modern community. Schools stood in waters surrounding playgrounds under three feet of water, the voices of the little children no longer heard. The university from whose halls go out each year the cream of the province, prepared in body and mind to become our future leaders, now almost inaccessible and trees and woodlots seeming all but surrounded by water.

It was homes however that seemed most. Hundreds, I saw, whole streets of them under water. Homes that were the pride of the little man, artisan, salesman, professional man, merchant, just ordinary hard working citizens. Most of them owned their own homes. [illegible] and were steadily paying off the mortgages.

In imagination we could see the [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... houses inundated, [illegible] ... [illegible] ... waters, barns [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... repairs after the water subsides. The real test will come not tomorrow, but the day after tomorrow when the trek back home begins, excitement dies down and the little family faces broken plaster and ruined furniture.

Money is needed, ten million dollars for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. It is not difficult to see this as the immediate need, but when the people return they will need encouragement and support from everybody. They should not be forgotten. Anyway, that is the way we feel after one of the most overwhelming experiences through which I have passed.

A. J. Wilson

The Island of Newfoundland has an area of 42,000 square miles; the Coast of Labrador is almost three times as large.

MILTON

Another record was written into the annals of Freemasonry in Milton on Monday evening. It was the occasion of the 90th birthday of St. Clair Lodge, founded on May 29th, 1860. There were eight lodges represented at this meeting to help St. Clair celebrate this important birthday, and District Deputy Grand Master W. L. Somerville, representing Hamilton District A, was also present.

Provincial Police at Milton are investigating a break and entry into a summer cottage near Kilbride sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The culprit gained entry to the building by breaking the glass in one of the window panes and then reached in and unlocked it.

A pretty wedding took place Saturday, May 27th, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, when Rev. J. F. Maxwell united in marriage Ivy Beatrice Rawlingson, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rawlingson, Norval, and Henry Albert Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Pearce, [illegible] Milton [illegible]

ERIN

The local Fire Brigade made a quick run to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bass, Lot 20, 7th line, Erin, on Saturday morning. Fire had broken out around stove pipes and was spreading rapidly. Chemicals extinguishers brought it under control, but [illegible] ... the place could have proved to be a disaster. [illegible]

A [illegible] and [illegible] appreciative crowd attended Christ Church [illegible] ... on Friday evening.

[illegible] ... of the Erin Public School Tuesday afternoon.

The first flower show of the season held by the Horticultural Society on Saturday was a very fine display of spring flowers. The flowers were displayed in the window of Barbour's grocery store. —Advocate.

In excise and sales taxes [illegible] Canadian corporations paid $67,000,000 in 1949.

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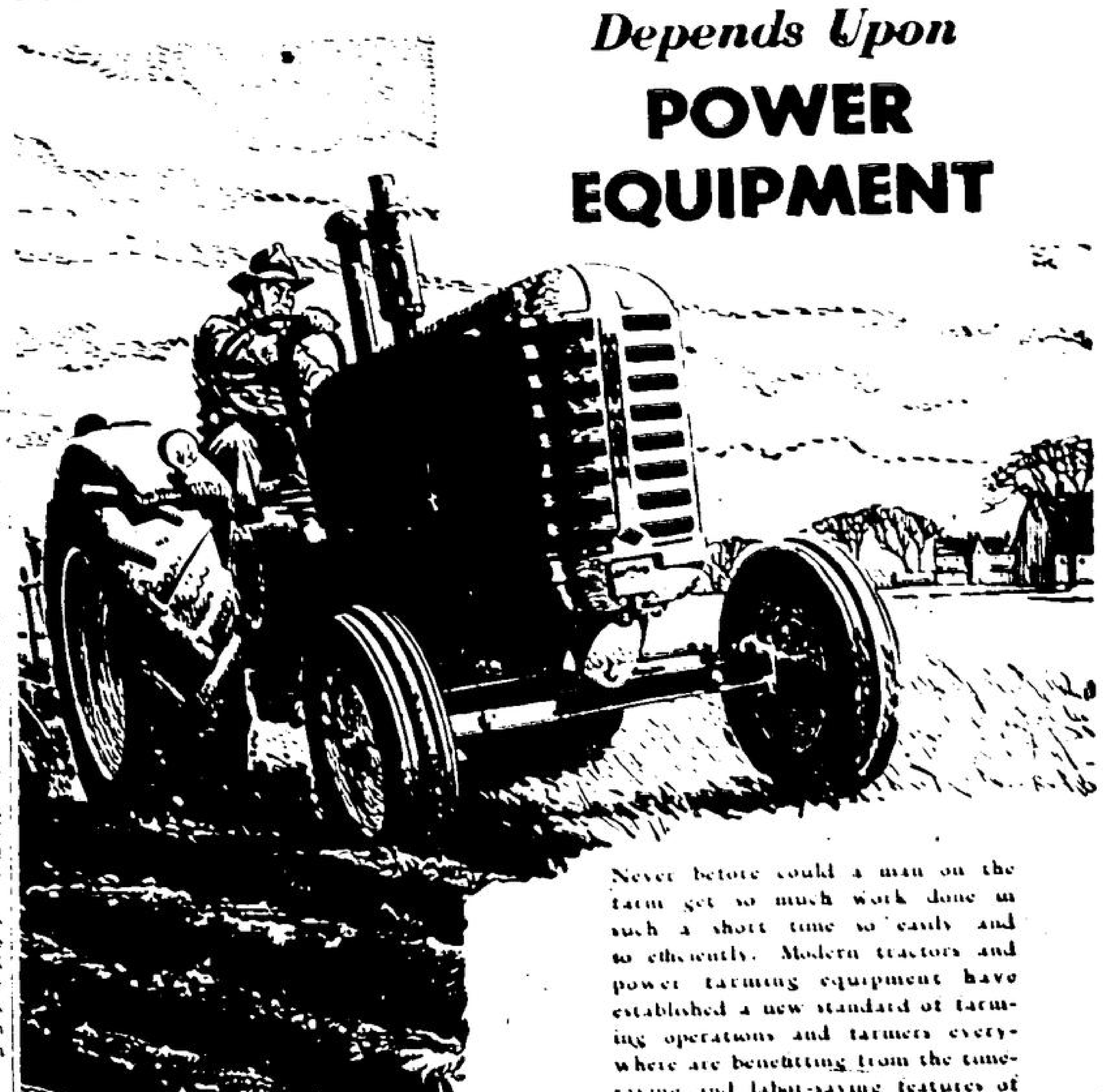

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