Halton Night School Off to a Splendid Start

Three hundred folk were in attendance on Tuesday evening of last week for the opening of the Night classes being held in Milton. Courses are being given in Farm Business, Farm Machinery, Woodworking, Elementary Clothing, Advanced Dressmaking, Tailoring, Choral Singing, Leathercraft, Effective Speaking and Oil Painting. The response to the announcement sent out in October was far greater than anyone ever anticipated. The closing date for applications was Nov. 1st when 312 folk both rural and urban from all sections of the County had made application for some one of the courses offered. We are informed by A. T. Woodley, Chairman of the Committee in charge, that due to lack of accommodation it has not been possible to accept many other applications which have come forward since that date. Eight of the courses are being held at the Milton High School and some 90 ladies participating in the Clothing and Tailoring Courses are holding forth in the Sunday School room of St. Paul's United Church and in the hall of the Farmers Building. A staff of 18 has been secured from such points as Guelph, Hamilton, Dundas, Mimico, Toronto and Milton district.

The committee in charge has had many problems with which to cope and while some adjustments here and there will have to be made it would appear that the majority of those who have come to date are delighted with the opportunities which are being presented.

Halton Baby Beeves Make Outstanding Showing at the Royal

Nine Halton Baby Beef Club steers were entered for the Kings Guineas at the recent Royal Winter Fair. They were in competition with over one hundred and eighty Club members from all sections of the Province. Judge Chas. Yewell from Western Canada had his work more than cut out in selecting the top 10 in the Shorthorn section with over eighty steers in competition. Eight to five out of seven Halton entries were in the first class group. Heading the line was the entry of Judy Merry of Oakville and in second place was Sandy Buchanan of Moffat, a great achievement for Halton Baby Beef Club Members. The entry of Judy Merry was the runner up to the Angus steer which was awarded the King's Guineas. The King's Guineas winner sold at $2.00 per pound and the reserve at $1.00 per pound.

Halton Junior Farmers Stage Annual Public Speaking and Amateur Entertainment Contests

The Milton High School was recently the scene of the annual Halton Junior Farmers Public Speaking and Amateur Entertainment Contest. The large audience which filled the auditorium was delighted with the excellent programme ably presented over by president Stanley Jay of the Halton Junior Farmers. According to many it was the best ever night's programme ever presented by Halton Juniors. In the public speaking competition the judge's decision was presented by Geo. E. Elliott of Milton. Mr. Elliott who for many years has officiated in a similar capacity at various Junior Farmer activities congratulated not only the speakers and those participating in the various skits but also the officers of the organization for the efficient manner in which they had attended to all details of the evening's programme.

First Contest of the Milton Junior was declared the winner in public speaking with Jim Ingram of Milton Juniors in second place and Doug Lacey of Palermo third. Miss Connie will now represent Halton Juniors in the Provincial Competition to be held in Toronto early in the year. The amateur entertainment brought together entries from Brookville, Milton, Norval and Palermo. Miss Edith Donkin of Burlington was the able adjudicator in this branch of the evening's programme. Palermo Juniors directed by Geo. S. Atkins presented the winning skit entitled "S. S. Bermuda". The skit was written for the occasion by Mr. Atkins and was declared by many to be at least the equal if not superior to their winning skit of a year ago which received much commendation wherever presented. Palermo Juniors will now present their skit in a Zone Contest to be held at Simcoe on Friday, Dec. 8th.

Palermo Juniors Entertain Parents

Palermo Juniors are also to be congratulated on the excellent programme which they presented for their Annual Parents' Night held in Glenwood School on Thursday evening of last week. President David Pelletteria was the Chairman of the evening. Miss Nellie Whitley of Hamilton delighted the group with her able demonstration in floral arrangements as did also Prof. Arthur Robertson in his discussion of "Father and Son Agreements." As an onlooker your reporter could not help but note the justifiable pride which the parents in attendance displayed in the activities of their young people.

M. C. Beaty Newly Elected President of the Halton Milk Producers

The annual meeting of Halton Milk Producers was held in the Court House at Milton on Thursday afternoon of last week. F. O. Hunter president of the Association presided. W. H. Wilmot secretary-manager of the Toronto Milk Producers gave an excellent resume of the year's activities while Jack House official check tester for the Association briefly discussed the question of butterfat tests and of weights. Another feature of the afternoon programme was an excellent address by Miss Parsons of the Milk Foundation. Miss Parsons briefly but clearly presented the need for a better public relations job in the dairy industry.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Representative to the Toronto Board, A. T. Woodley, Milton; Vice President, John Bird, Georgetown; Sec.-Treas., Lyle de Vries, Georgetown; Directors: Trafalgar, Walter Boyle; Edward Fish; Pinnet P.O., Hugh Beaty; Esquesing, M. F. McNabb; John Hunter; F. O. Hoover; Ken Ellis; Nelson, Ross Scrowerth; Geo. Pelletteria; J. C. Bell; Nassagaweya, Wm. Mahon and Robt. Hurren.

PRUSSIAN FIRE LAWS

The following excerpts from a proclamation of King Frederick dated December 3, 1775 shows that the forest laws for East Prussia were quite severe:

Anyone starting a fire in or within 100 paces of a forest or using a pitch torch or any fire when fishing or catching crawfish in any lakes and on streams or creeks flowing through a forest or who smokes tobacco during the dry or summer season within a forest, even though no damage is done, shall be punished with a four-week jail or penitentiary sentence and, if any damage results, shall pay such damage; if he can not pay the damage, the period of imprisonment shall be in proportion to the amount of damage ascertained, up to 100 thaler, one-fourth year, from 100 to 200 thaler, one-half year, and 200 thaler and over, 1 year imprisonment."

Unique In Lack Of National Library

Canada is unique in that it has no national library. Every other nation in the world has a central library from which small libraries can obtain special books, J. D. Snell of Guelph Public Library told members of the Community Social Workers Group in Guelph not long ago.

Although recommended by Sir John A. Macdonald, a national library has never been established, Guelph's new chief librarian declared.

No one library can hope to store all the books needed to meet the needs of its own community chiefly because material is expensive. The establishment of a central library would help alleviate this situation, Mr. Snell said.

Once considered the haunt of only the scholarly folk the library now tries to serve all parts of the community by obtaining material and by organizing the books so that individual needs may be met easily, quickly and efficiently.

Headache pill manufacturers say the people of the United States have 7,500,000,000 headaches a year. Nobody has counted Canadian headaches.

BRITISH FASHION NOTE

Velvet will be the leading fabric in the London millinery world this season, and even the famous peach bloom velour is taking second place. This may be because there is more and more inclination in the workrooms to "build up" as it were a model. Certainly the new velvet models demand the greatest skill since the foundation on which each is built must first be made before the material is draped over it. Velvet is popular, too, because of its softening effect and because it lends itself more effectively to a feather trimming even than does a velour. But the large hat has failed to secure a following, women seem to prefer a small hat which frames the face and can provide a good background for a beautiful feather trimming. Colours most popular are rich deep jewel tones which can in fact, be matched by two or three pieces of really fine jewellery.

"ALL IN A DAY'S WORK"

British Boy Scouts, while touring near Ostend, Belgium, recently, found a missing 3-year-old floating in a canal rescued him, and after applying artificial respiration for an hour and a half revived the child.

Odd Superstitions Of Christmas Time

It used to be said that if you ate a raw egg first thing on Christmas morning you would be able to lift heavy weights.

In Germany the crumbs from the Christmas table when shaken on the soil caused a little plant known as the Crumbwort to spring up and this plant was said to have great healing powers.

In England it was believed that bread baked on Christmas day would not go mouldy.

In Scandinavia families used to put all their shoes together on Christmas believing it would result in their living in harmony all the rest of the year.

There is a Scottish belief that to be born on Christmas is to have power to see spirits and even to command them.

In Silesia it is said that a baby born on Christmas will become either a lawyer or a thief.

One of the many picturesque beliefs found in many countries was that in honour of the Christ Child the bees hummed a carol on Christmas day. In England it was the custom to place a sprig of holly on the hive to wish the bees a merry Christmas.

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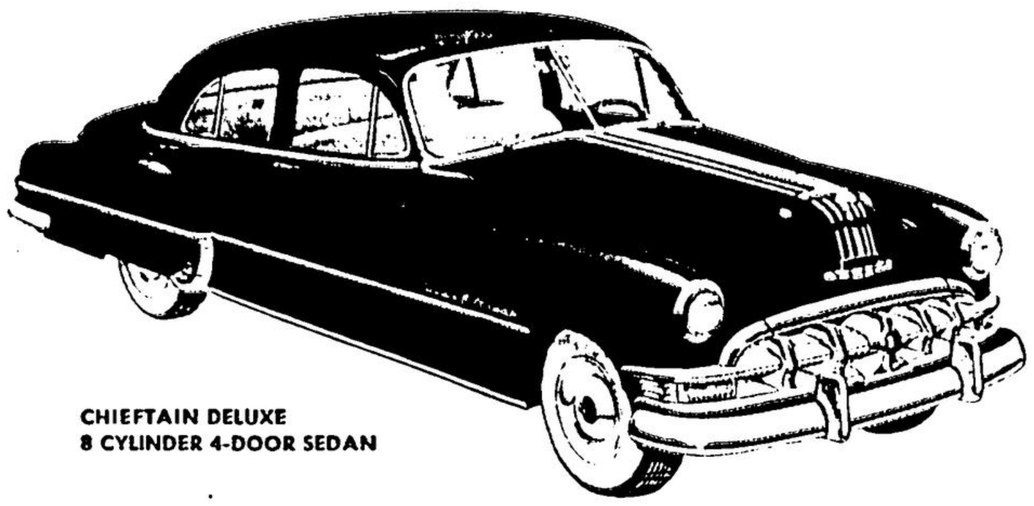

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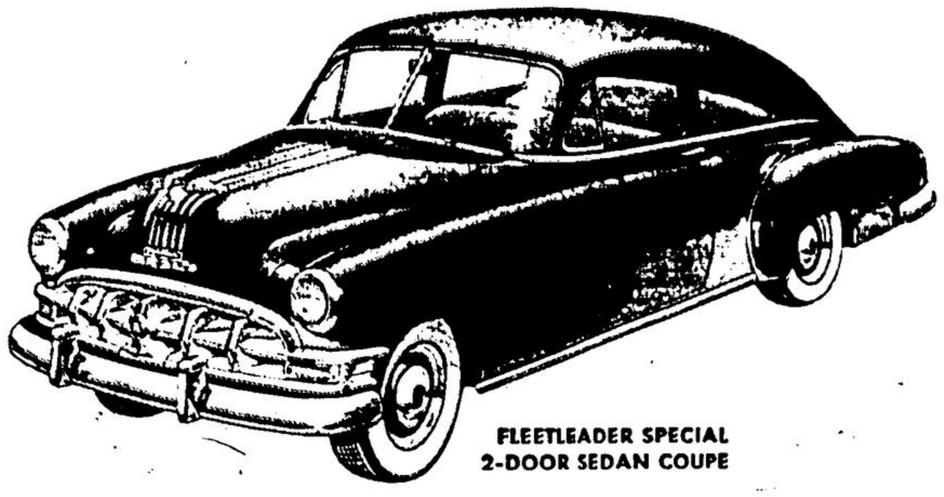

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