



# FARM NEWS

**V. E. McArthur Re-elected President of Halton Plowmen**

Alex. McKinnis, Jr., prominent Chicagoan, Township Farmer, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association on Thursday evening of last week. A goodly crowd of interested plowing enthusiasts greeted Mr. McKinnis in the Farmers Bldg. Milton to hear some of the highlights of his trip earlier in the year to Great Britain, Holland, Denmark, and Germany. Mr. McKinnis was appointed by the Ontario Plowmen's Association to accompany the 1949 Essex Champion Tractor Plowman and Hon. Marquis of Ontario County the 1949 Sabala Tea Champion on their trip overseas. President V. E. McArthur presided over the excellent programme, the highlights of which was Mr. McKinnis' report on his trip abroad.

John Richardson, Irwin Garby, Max Featherstone, Trafalgar Lloyd May, Theo. Howden, Geo. Hall, Auditor Frank McNiven.

**Halton Delighted with Milton Night School**

It is most gratifying to chairman A. T. Woodley and the members of his committee responsible for the organization of the Night School at Milton to find that in general the 100 in attendance are highly delighted with the instruction to date. During the past week wherever we encountered men or women attending some one of the ten courses they have come out of their way to tell us how much the atmosphere of the respective courses. Quite a number of them intimated that they feel they already have had the value of their enrolment fee.

The Night School closed for the holidays on Tuesday evening last. All courses will resume on Tuesday, January 9th.

**West Halton Herd Assesses Release**

In May of 1948, 115 two-year-old men in Halton owning grade herd or mixed herds of grade and pure bred entered their herds under Dairy Herd Improvement Work. Under this plan a representative of each herd once a month, each time the milk of each cow is weighed for two milkings and a composite sample of each cow's milk is tested for butterfat. The herd averages for the West Halton Group reported by the H. H. C.

Curmuck of Freedom was recent release. The average of all herds in this group for the twelve month period was 40.27 lbs. of milk and 3.11% the fat content. The top milk herd had an average of 41.74 lbs. milk with 3.4% fat. However, taking into account cream butterfat, the average of the two high herds was 49.07 lbs. milk and 4.18% fat butterfat. In contrast to this, the average of the two low herds was 34.253 lbs. of milk and 2.5% fat. The difference in average production of 247.4 lbs. of milk and 1.70% of butterfat. The cost data for the various herds is listed but as in the case of groups in other counties will be of local value and interest.

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Mr. McKinnis who was introduced by Stanley E. Hall, M.P.P., fellow director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, paid tribute to the Halton Association for conducting one of the best County Meetings in the Province.

The election of the directors for 1951 resulted as follows: president, V. E. McArthur, 1st vice pres, Harold Parker, 2nd vice pres, J. Spencer Wilson, secretary, J. E. Whitlock.

Directors: Espousing: Roy Corrie, J. C. Cunningham, Clibert Meadows, Elbert Fisher, Trafalgar Jack Marchmont, J. C. Marshall, Leonard Lister, Frank Hall, Nelson, J. H. Taylor, Geo. Routhard, Roy Ellen, Ross Segsworth, Nassagaweya, J. F. Elliott, Jack McPherson, Hugh Warrington.

Honorary Directors: Stanley E. Hall, M.P.P., Hugh Cleaver, M.P., W. J. Robertson, Victor Hall, J. A. Elliott, W. F. H. Jones, J. A. Dixon, M. T. McNabb, Arthur Diamond, W. H. Robinson, W. A. Robinson, C. F. Pickett.

Associate Directors: Espousing: Cliff Wigglesworth, Fred Ruddle, Harvey Nurse, Nassagaweya, Ross Gordon, Tom Patterson, Elm Blacklock, Nelson, Glen Campbell.

**Dairy Breeders Make Plans for Annual Meetings**

Recently the directors of the Halton, Haldimand, Jersey and Guernsey Breeders met to complete plans for their respective breed annual meetings. First in line comes the Guernsey Breeders who on January 9th will hold a dinner meeting in the Orange Hall at Hornby, when their speaker will be the Rev. Robert of Hamilton. The Black and White enthusiasts meet the following day at the Trafalgar Township Hall when C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is to be the guest speaker. Dr. D. MacLellan, recently appointed president of the Ontario Agricultural College, will be the guest speaker for the Jersey Breeders when they meet on Friday, January 19th. In all cases the breed organizations will entertain their respective club members.

Dr. H. E. Patterson to address Halton Crop and Soils Men

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association with few exceptions always at

tracts a record crowd. As announced elsewhere in these columns, the Crop and Soils men meet this year on Friday, January 5th, in the Court House, Milton, when Dr. H. E. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture in Toronto will be the guest speaker. His subject namely "Importance of Cropping Practices in Dairy Herd Improvement" will be of particular interest to all Halton dairymen. Others who will contribute brief reports to the afternoon programme include the following: Messrs. Edwin Harrop and I. L. Skuce on their impressions of the Blenheim and Malabar Farms and the Muskogum Conservation District in Ohio State, and Ross Segsworth, Brock House, V. E. McArthur and Geo. Corrie.

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