

FARM NEWS

D.H.I.A. Reveals Facts

The herd averages for the East Halton Dairy Herd Improvement Ass'n which have just been released by the Ontario Live Stock Branch, show the low herd with an average of 216 lbs. butterfat per cow, while the top herd in the group of 26 herds produced an average of 415.3 lbs. B.F. per cow. This is a difference of nearly 200 lbs. B. F. per cow which if valued at even 60 cents per lb. butterfat (creamery price) the difference in revenue is \$120. per cow. Needless to add if this difference were valued at whole milk prices the difference in revenue per cow in the two herds would be even more startling. It is also of interest to compare the average production per cow of the ten high herds with that of the ten low herds in this group of 26 herds. Here we find the ten high herds with an average production of 10,525.6 lbs. of milk and 372.4 lbs. B.F. On the other hand the average production of the ten low herds is 6,552.3 lbs. of milk and 209 lbs. of B.F. It should be remembered, however, that feed was a mighty scarce article in a large percentage of Halton farms a year ago and some of the low herds may do a very much better job under conditions where feed is plentiful. However, we are willing to wager that a large percentage of the 52 Halton dairymen whose herds completed their first year under D.H.I.A. last May, have been doing a lot of culling in the past few months. Certainly with beef at present prices quite a number of these marginal dairy cows are worth more for beef than anything else. The cost figures when available are going to be even more illuminating. In any event, all 52 herd owners and also the 26 additional dairymen whose herds were also entered under D.H.I.A. last August are to be congratulated on their initiative in taking advantage of the policy. Recently we were interested in the reaction of Jack Hamilton, popular Halton instructor of the Maple Artificial Unit. Mr. Hamilton who services a large percentage of the Halton herds entered under D.H.I.A. stated in referring to D.H.I.A. work "That in my opinion is the best piece of work ever started in Halton." Personally I think Jack is about right and if herd owners now under D.H.I.A. stay with it and also make use of the high production bulls available in the Maple Unit, the picture in ten years time will show a tremendous improvement to the financial betterment of all concerned.

Arthur Spencer Re-Elected as Guernsey President

The Hornby Hall was the mecca for all Guernsey enthusiasts of Halton and Peel on Tuesday of last week. Over one hundred attended the midday turkey dinner ably catered by the members of the Hornby W.I. President Art Spencer, secretary treasurer Ken Marshall, and their fellow officers came in for words of commendation from every side. Their programme during the year included two barn meetings, a social evening, a breed-

picnic, a Club sale, and their County or Club Show which according to Bruce Hodgins, of the Ontario Guernsey Club, was the largest club show held in the Province in 1950. Along with all this activity it was most gratifying to note from the financial statement, a balance of nearly \$500. Dr. A. R. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Club, also brought greetings and a message of interest to those in attendance.

Rev. David Gallagher, formerly of Oakville, and now in charge of Overseas Missions for the United Church, was the guest speaker. His topic entitled "Agriculture in Other Lands" took the form of an illustrated address with particular reference to India, China, and Japan, which he had visited two years ago. The programme also included some excellent films in technicolor on Loafing Stables and "No Stripping." The latter film was based on the outstanding work of Dr. Peterson of Minnesota. Both films were shown through the courtesy of the Surge Milkler Co.

The election of officers for 1951 resulted as follows:

President, Arthur Spencer; Vice-President, John McNabb; Secretary, K. G. Marshall; Directors, Halton, J. L. Chisholm, F. Joyce, Wm. G. Booth, Gordon King, M. S. Alton, John Lilycrop; Peel, J. G. Jarvis, John Brownridge, Wm. T. Booth, and J. Armstrong.

A.G. Hunter Elected President Halton Holstein Breeders

C. D. Graham, Deputy-Minister of Agriculture, was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Holstein Club held in the Trafalgar Twp. Hall on Wednesday of last week. President H. Craig Reid presided over the 25th annual meeting of the Halton Club which almost filled the Trafalgar Hall to capacity. Mr. Graham in his constructive address reviewed the agricultural situation in Canada, pointing out that while there had been a tremendous expansion in both agriculture and industry in recent years, production had not kept pace with the increase in population. He further pointed out that while one-third of our production is exported, two-thirds of our exports in 1950 had gone to United States in contrast to one-half in 1940. Ontario, Mr. Graham stated, now has a population of 4,600,000 people and is gaining ten to twelve thousand monthly. The future of the livestock industry he stated is based on a programme of health, nutrition and a breeding programme. Forty percent of the Holsteins registered annually are exported. Ontario farmers must become variety conscious when speaking and considering grasses and legumes.

Nine long time Production Certificates were presented to H. Bingham, Sr.; F. Pelletterio & Sons; Johnson Neelands, Ross Segsworth, and E. F. Ford. The meeting went on record in favour of the proposed regulations which after December 13, 1951 will permit the registration of bulls only from dams qualified under R.O.P. or some other recognized

Form of cow testing and in addition the dam must grade good plus or better under Selective Registration.

The newly elected officers for 1951 are as follows:

President, Albert G. Hunter, of Freeman; 1st Vice-President, J. F. Trimble, Streetsville; 2nd Vice-President, Wm. Mahon, Campbellville; Secretary-treasurer, V. J. Lawrence, Oakville.

Good U.S. Demand For Canadian Seed

Demanded for Canadian certified seed potatoes in the southern and mid-eastern sections of the United States should continue or be increased, provided that the present quality is maintained and more care is taken in the grade to avoid over-size tubers, said J. W. Scannell, Assistant Chief of the Division of Plant Protection in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, on his return from attending the Annual Meeting of the Potato Association of America held recently in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Scannell reported that the potato growers, dealers and various officials he visited in the interests of the Canadian certified seed potato producers, all showed preference for northern seed and they had little criticism to offer concerning the general quality of the Canadian seed. They all definitely stated, however, that they preferred clean, bright seed not more than nine ounces in weight, with a good percentage ranging about four ounces. Particularly did this apply to such varieties as Katahdin, Chippewa and Sebago. Mr. Scannell said, where the eyes are not evenly distributed causing waste in cutting and consequently higher planting costs.

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN TOUR

H.R.H. Princess Margaret will accompany the King and Queen on their visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1952. The voyage from the U.K. will be made in either the "Corinthia" or "Ceramic".

WHO WILL PAY?

If, as seems almost certain, income taxes are to be moved higher this coming year, there should be no misconception as to who will contribute the largest share, warns 'The Financial Post'.

It won't be just "the rich", for the simple reason that there are not enough rich left in this country to shoulder the load. The bulk of any extra taxes levied will have to come from the rank and file of citizens. B. C. Alexander, H. Craig Reid, F. O. Hunter and C. F. Pickett, The Halton committee to the Dominion Board of the Holstein Association is Ross Segsworth, of Freeman.

At present almost 60 per cent of the total income taxes collected by Ottawa come from the 1.6 million citizens with annual incomes from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Those below the \$2,000 mark (there are about 1.2 millions of them) contribute less than 14 per cent and 32,000 who enjoy incomes of over \$30,000 about 25 per cent of the total.

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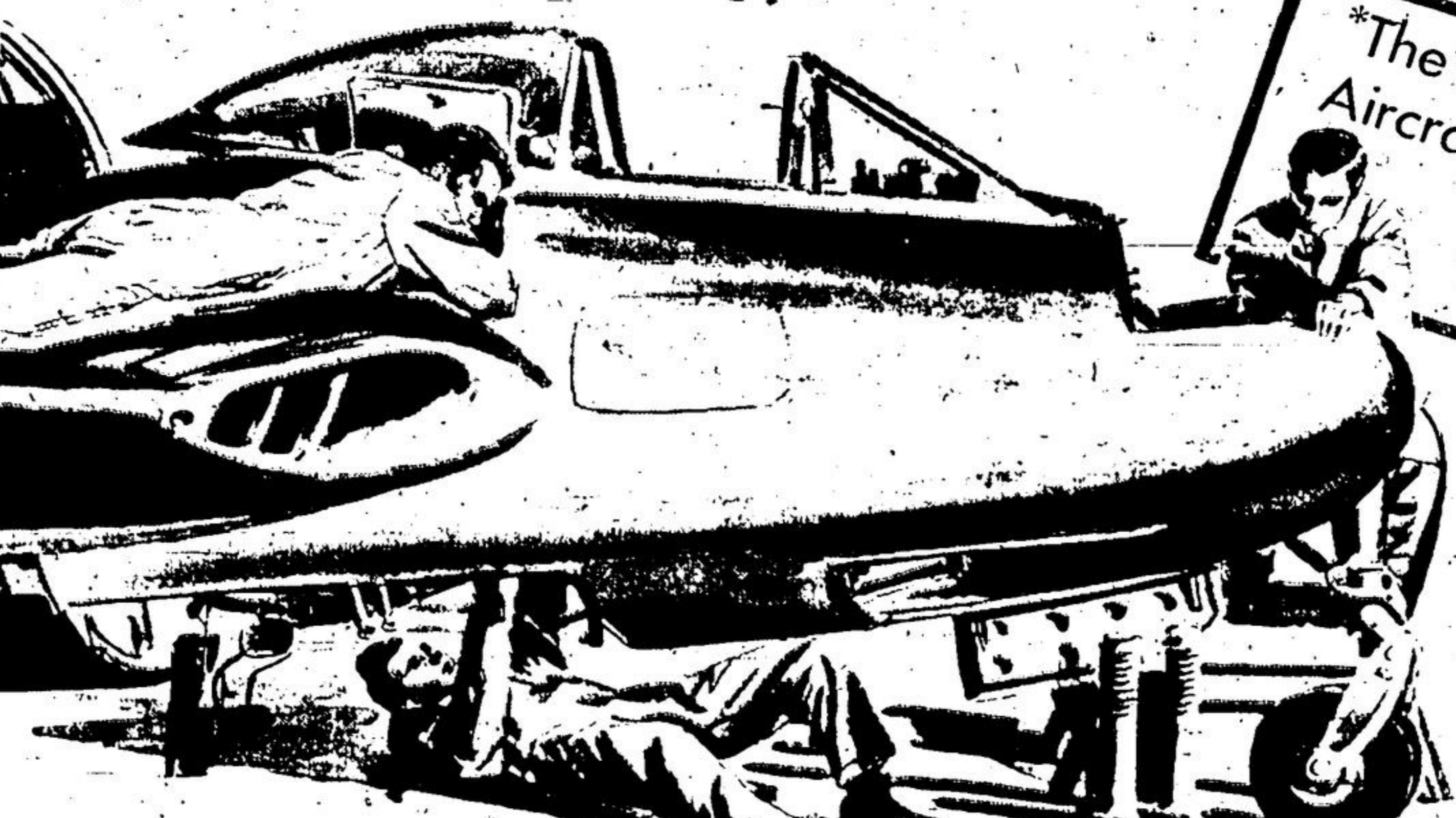
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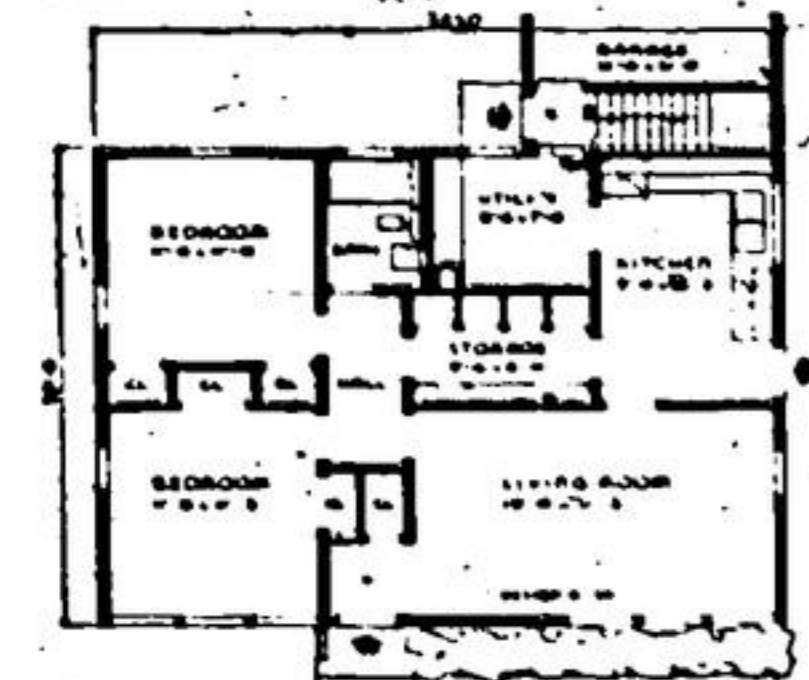
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THE BRETTON has a plan which can readily be converted into a basementless house without rearrangement of the rooms. The space used for stairs in The Bretton would become storage space and the heating unit would be placed in the utility room. The Bretton also has two convenient service entries. The rear entry opens to the rear yard and garage, while a side entry is convenient for kitchen deliveries. The central hall of The Bretton is wide enough to provide for a storage cabinet on one wall and another storage cabinet on the other wall, divided into linen, coal closet and storage space for bulky household items. A coat closet in the vestibule and twin closets in each bedroom complete the ample storage facilities in The Bretton. High bedroom windows increase wall space for furniture.

The exterior of The Bretton is of frame with siding. The roof is dead level with pitch and gravel roofing on one inch thick, rigid insulation.

The Bretton's overall size is 37 feet, 6 inches by 26 ft. with a floor space of 977 square feet and 16,202 cubic feet. Without the basement, there are 9,525 cubic feet.