

FARM NEWS

Plans for Annual Seed Fair and Bacon Show Underway

The Annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show is scheduled for the Milton Town Hall on March 14th and 15th. This was the decision at a recent meeting of the joint executives of the Halton Crop Improvement and Halton Hog Producers' Associations. Under the leadership of President Percy Merry and his fellow directors of the Halton Hog Producers, five hogs will be selected in each of the four townships of the County. These hogs will have to be ready for market on March 2nd, 4th or 5th. They will then be processed and one side of each carcass will be brought out for display purposes at the Bacon Show.

Last year Trafalgar Township won the inter-township award Hog producers who expect to have hogs ready for market by the above dates should contact one of their township directors.

In the Seed Fair, in addition to the classes of farmers years, classes are to be provided for (1) a bale of first crop hay, (2) a bushel of first crop chopped hay and (3) ten ears of hybrid corn.

As in former years the Junior Farmers will have their special section with classes for oats, barley and wheat and also a class for inter-club educational displays. We understand an effort is being made to secure one of the top farmers in Western Ontario as the Guest Speaker for the occasion. In short everything points to this annual event being well up to the standard of former years.

Ken Ella New President Halton Jersey Breeders

Everett Biggs, recently appointed Dairy Commissioner for Ontario, was the guest speaker for the annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Club, held at Hornby on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Biggs spoke on the proposed formula method of establishing a price for fluid milk in Ontario markets in the future.

It was pointed out by Mr. Biggs that this formula method, with some modifications, has been in effect in many northern United States markets for some years. Our present method of establishing a price, stated Mr. Biggs, unfortunately is seized on by municipal politicians and the daily press, with the result that many months elapse before a definite decision is arrived at—thus naturally reacts to the detriment of the milk producers.

If the proposed formula method were in effect to-day the price for 34% B.F. milk in Toronto would be \$4.80. The so-called formula method takes into consideration the following points: (1) Wholesale Index; (2) Weekly Wages Index; (3) Purchased Feed Index; (4) Home Grown Feed Index; (5) Hay Index; (6) Farm Labor Index; (7) Price of Butter Index; (8) Producer Price of Milk for vaporation Index; (9) Price of Cheese Index. Mr. Biggs delighted the 80 Jersey enthusiasts who were present with his logical clear-cut presentation.

The Secretary's report revealed an active club year under the leadership of W. H. Devlin, President, during the past twelve months. In addition to sponsoring such activities as a calf club with 11 members, a social evening, a field day and a bus trip, their parish show at the Milton Fair had the largest entry of any held in the past thirteen years.

They also won the Inter-County Herd Class at the Western Ontario Championship Show held at Simcoe in October, with entries from the herds of M. C. Beatty, Featherstone

Bros. and Gerald R. Graham. Four ALL Canadian records were established by animals in the Beatty and Featherstone herds.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon program was the presentation, by James Bremner, Secretary of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, of a Medal of Merit Certificate to Jack Featherstone for their former herd sire, Silver Spring April King.

Following the excellent dinner catered by the ladies of the Hornby Women's Institute, Hayes Woodley of the Ontario Jersey Club, extended greetings. Owing to Mr. Biggs being unable to remain for the afternoon program, Mrs. Biggs pinch hit for her husband in a most capable manner, delivering an illustrated address on their 1950 tour of Italy, Germany and Holland.

The election of officers for 1952 resulted as follows:

- President—Ken Ella.
- 1st Vice-President—W. J. Hatch.
- 2nd Vice-President—Hugh Beatty.
- Directors: Esquosing—Mac Alexander and Stanley Matthews.
- Trafalgar—Hans Kroiss, Wm. Featherstone and W. H. Devlin.
- Nelson—Ernest Davies and Robt. Hayward.
- Nassagaweya—Geo. Hower and Duncan Moffat.
- Erin—Chas. McKeown.

Halton and Peel Juniors Stage Delightful Function

"Resolved that compulsory farm accounting would be advantageous to Canadian Agriculture" was the subject of the inter-county debate between Halton and Peel Junior Farmers, held in the Junior Farmer Building, Brampton, on Friday evening last.

Halton representatives, Stuart McFadden and Dick Course upheld the affirmative and while they made very able presentations, they found the compulsory feature of the subject too much of a handicap to overcome—consequently the judges' decision went to the Peel team of Blanche Wanless and Wilson Bowles.

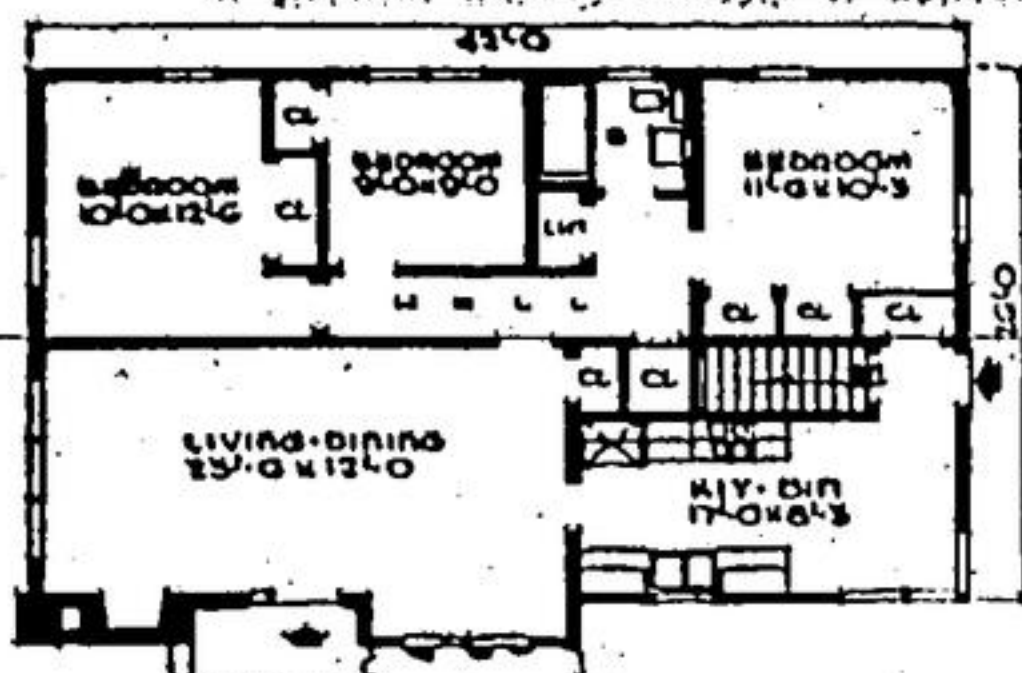
Brookville and Palermo Juniors presented their respective amateur entertainment skits, "Sweet Violets" and "School Days" and won high commendation from the large audience present.

Miss Helen Nesbitt, County Director for Peel, presided over the excellent program, while David Pelletterio, Halton's versatile County President, led in a most enjoyable singsong. The evening's program concluded with a dance. In short, it was a delightful evening's program and both Counties may well be proud of their respective Juniors.

The Junior Farmer News

The Junior Farmer News, official publication of the Junior Farmers of Ontario, has now developed to the point where each issue is eagerly looked forward to by every Junior Farmer household across Ontario. The January issue, of 16 pages is chock full of interest from cover to cover. In an excellent account of the 1951 4H Congress at Chicago last fall, where Ruth Brown of Limehouse, was Halton's representative, we noted the following thought provoking words by one of their banquet speakers:

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help little men by tearing down big men. You cannot further the brotherhood of men by encouraging class hatred. You cannot keep



THE CRANSTON has a first floor plan consisting of a living room, dining, combination kitchen-dining, three bedrooms, bath and eight closets plus full basement. The bedrooms are all at the rear, with the living room and the kitchen across the front.

In the kitchen, the sink is under the front window, the stove and refrigerator against the inside wall. A large dining space is provided in one end of the kitchen with corner windows. A fireplace and

dining bay feature the living room which has a two way view to the front and side.

The exterior finish is wide siding with stone chimney and entrance hall. The roof is dead level using pitch and gravel roofing and a two foot overhang. Other features are the open cornice at the chimney, the covered front entrance, plant area and flower box. A plan with a gable roof is also obtainable.

The dimensions are 42 feet by 28 feet, and area 1,176 square feet and cubage 10,460.

out of trouble by spending more than you can earn. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money. You cannot build character and courage by destroying man's initiative and independence, and you cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Holstein All Canadian Awards

The 1951 All Canadian Awards for Holsteins have just been announced. Halton Holstein enthusiasts will be delighted to learn that Brownview Futurity Burke, owned by A. M. Brain and Sons of Norval won the Reserve All-Canadian Senior Yearling Bull title.

A panel of 17 of the top Canadian and American judges made the awards. It will be recalled that the Brain herd sire had the following show record for 1951—Second and Reserve Junior Champion at the C.N.E.; Junior and Reserve Grand Champion at Halton B. & W. Day; second at the Royal Winter Fair.

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the Brain family and in particular to son Bill, who was largely responsible for the fitting and showing of the animal.

Freezer Humidity Dessicates Food

Improperly packaged food products, especially meat, poultry, and fish, are subject to serious desiccation (drying-out) in the freezer. This lessens the food value and "fresh" appearance of the product. In extreme cases freezerburn results, and the product becomes brown in colour and woody in texture. In meat-and poultry products the fat underneath the dried out areas becomes oxidized and rancid. The protein becomes permanently dehydrated and the tissue, tough and dry.

The underlying cause of desiccation is the humidity of the air in the freezer room, says A. W. Moyle of the Fruit and Vegetable Products Laboratory, Summerland, B.C. Air has a normal moisture holding capacity; that of warm air being greater than that of cold. The frozen product and the air in close proximity to it, is relatively warmer than the air in surface contact with the freezing coils. Thus, the circulating air absorbs moisture from the frozen product and deposits it on the coils or plates, in the form of frost. This continuous cycle, over a period of months, can result in considerable moisture loss.

Proper packing can do much to lessen desiccation. A poorly packaged product may lose weight in excess of three per cent over a 12-month storage period at zero. A heavy wax coating on the outer and inner surfaces of the container, or coated cellophane will control moisture loss to one per cent or less.

Desiccation has a more marked effect on some foods than on others. In frozen fruits, especially syrup packs, it is negligible and does not seriously affect quality. Experiments conducted at the Summerland Experimental Station indicate, however, that it is important to pack vegetables in moisture-vapour-proof containers and fill the containers completely full. This practice reduces moisture loss to a minimum, thus conserving quality and palatability.

Engineers Scarcer Even Than Steel

The shortage of engineers, said the president of a large Canadian firm of project engineers last week is worse than the shortage of steel.

The facts, as reported in the Financial Post: Right now 1,000 engineering jobs are going begging in Canada; industry needs 1,000 professional engineers a year for normal replacement and growth. By next year demand will hit 2,000 according to Labor Minister Gregg.

Graduation of engineers by our universities is declining fast, when 3,680 graduated in 1950 only 1,700 graduates can be expected in 1952 and the total will dwindle to little more than 1,000 by 1954. But the demand, spurred by the continuing boom in new capital investment and greatly accelerated by defense needs, continues sharply on the up-grade.

We're losing young engineering brains to the U.S. at an alarming and ever-increasing rate.

The end of the war provided a flow of engineers out of uniform and students into engineering schools. In 1946, Canada's engineering population was around 25,000. Industry was reconverting to peacetime production. The demand for engineers was "normal."

By January, 1951, the engineering population had increased to an estimated 30,000—a net increase of about 5,000. But this increase was nowhere enough to keep pace with the industrial boom.

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BROWVIEW FUTURITY BURKE owned by A. M. Brain and Sons, Norval, has been named All-Canadian Senior Yearling Holstein bull. He was Junior and Reserve Grand Champion at the Halton County Black and White Day held in connection with Milton Fair was second and Reserve Junior Champion at the C.N.E. and stood second to the All-Canadian winner at the Royal Winter Fair.

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