



FARM NEWS

Haltom Angus Grand Champion At Toronto Bull Show and Sale
 Bandler of Malden 13th bred by Dr. Wm. F. James of Malden Farm near Hornby was first in his class and Grand Champion of the Angus classes at the recent beef bull show and sale in Toronto. Fitted and shown by James McKay, Manager at Malden Farm, this young herd sire brought \$1,000 at the sale following the show, being purchased by Harvey Blackburn of Uxbridge. Bandler of Malden is a grandson of Bandler of Maple Grove 13th, a former noted herd sire owned by Lloyd Mack. This great bull sired five grand champion Angus steers at previous Royal's; two of which were champion steers over all breeds. We extend hearty congratulations to both Dr. James and his Manager James McKay on their outstanding achievement.

Amazing Growth By Maple Unit
 The Maple Cattle Breeders' Association organized in 1945 to serve the Halton breeders in York county, at the outset had 83 members. At the close of 1951 its membership had grown to 4257 and provides service for the Counties of Dufferin, Grey, Halton, Ontario, Peel, Peterborough, Simcoe, Victoria and York, in addition to Districts in Northern Ontario. In 1945 its stud of Holstein bulls artificially bred 768 cows—at the close of 1951 there were 36 bulls in the stud—16 being Holsteins; 4 Jerseys, 4 Ayrshires, 3 Guernseys, 4 Herefords and 5 Shorthorns. The total number of cows inseminated during the 12 months ending December 31, 1951, was 36,924. This was the amazing story revealed by G. W. Keffer, Manager of the Maple Unit at the well-attended annual meeting of the Halton ranch, held in the Court House, Milton, last Friday.

During the Halton meeting a fitting and well deserved tribute was paid to Halton's popular inseminator Jack Hamilton. "Jack Hamilton", stated one of the Maple officials, "is the most conscientious inseminator on our staff".

Frank G. Stark and Edwin Harrop Halton representatives on the Maple Unit Board of Directors, were unanimously re-elected.

D.H.L.A. Annual
 The annual meeting of Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Groups was held in conjunction with the above meeting. Dr. H. I. Patterson, Director of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the special speaker in this section. As usual, Dr. Patterson presented a fund of information which any dairyman, whether in D.H.L.A. work or not, could ill afford to miss. Reviewing and interpreting the figures of two of Halton's three groups, Dr. Patterson stated the average production and efficiency in the Halton herds is somewhat higher than the provincial average. G. W. Keffer, Manager of the Maple Unit, also commented as follows on the average quality of the dairy herds in this County is better than in most counties I have visited.

Others who spoke on this excellent program were as follows: Dr. D. C. MacKay, Maple Chief Technician, who dealt with "Sterility"—Dr. Wm. Mitchell of the Halton Health Unit, on Halton's Mastitis Control Program. James Darlington, retiring president of the Maple Unit and A. E. Snider, Secretary-Treasurer at Maple.

Donald Johnson and John W. Picket Top Grain Club Achievement Day
 Halton's two Grain Clubs held their respective Achievement Days in conjunction with the Annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show last week. The awards which are based on all phases of the grain club project are as follows:

First Year Beaver Oat Club
 Donald Johnson, Milton; Robert Cox, Milton; Don Joyce, Milton; Gordon Barnes, Norval; Nelson Lawrence, Sheridan; Clifford Norrish, Moffat.

Second Year Beaver Oat Club
 John W. Picket, Hornby; Earl Wilson, Norval; John C. Willmott, Milton; Frank Wilson, Georgetown; Harold Brain, Norval; Floyd Brindley, Georgetown.

Club Leaders-Council Organized
 Boys and Girls' Club work has always played an important part in the Agricultural Extension Program of Halton County. Plans are now underway to organize three calf clubs, two grain clubs, a tractor maintenance club and a swine club during the next few weeks. Initial plans called for the organization of a Forestry Club but unfortunately the demand for trees this spring from the Forestry Department exceeds the supply and consequently organization of this club will have to be held over for another year.

In order to stimulate interest in this phase of extension work and also to provide additional leadership, a group of agricultural leaders from all sections of the County met in the Farmers' Building, Milton, on Thursday of last week. R. Gordon Bennett, Associate Director of Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture, who is in charge of Boys and Girls' Club Work in the Toronto office, was in attendance. Some excellent suggestions were received and some of these will be put into effect in the current year's program. It was the recommendation of those present that a permanent committee be organized.

The Committee appointed for 1952 is as follows: Chairman, A. T. Woodley; Vice-Chairman, V. E. McArthur; Sec.-Treas., Ray Everdell. Committee members: Esquering, R. L. Davidson, Kenneth Ella, F. O. Hunter, H. Craig Reid and Mac Sprout, Nassagaweya, T. C. Amos, Robert Laking and Duncan Moffat, Nelson, Ross Segsworth, Arthur Spencer and George Pelletier, Trafalgar, M. C. Beatty, Jack Marchmont, W. R. Towell, Walter Boyle and C. H. Lawrence.

PLASTIC REPLACES PLASTER
 A new plastic to replace plaster of Paris for fracture treatment has been developed. The material is made of glass and cellulose acetate and, unlike plaster, it will not dissolve in water, or crumble.

WHEN DID YOU LAST THINK ABOUT A LOAN FOR FARM IMPROVEMENT?

During the past few years thousands of farmers across Canada have made good use of Farm Improvement Loans. They have increased both the value of their farms and their own incomes. Probably there have been times when you thought about applying for such a loan yourself. But when did you last check on the idea? Conditions and your prospects may have changed since then.

The majority of Farm Improvement Loans have been made to help farmers buy machinery of one-kind or another. But there are many other good purposes for a loan, such as the improvement of farmhouses and outbuildings, or the installation of electricity, drainage and water systems. Again, these

Health Education Progress Described

Mrs. Elwood Johnston was hostess for the March meeting of Greenock Women's Institute when the topic for the program was Home Economics and Health, with Mrs. Fred Johnston and Mrs. Wm. Hill as convenors.

The President, Mrs. Thos. Hemmley, was in charge of the meeting and the Scripture was read by Mrs. Hugh Reid.

The roll call was answered with "Kitchen Don'ts and Parlor Don'ts." A social evening was planned for late in March to be held at Greenock School.

During the business a donation was approved to the Canadian Red Cross Appeal.

The District Service Short Course "What to do till the Doctor Comes" to be held at Hillsburgh with Miss Grace Hamilton, R.N., from the Department as speaker, was discussed.

In April the President and Secretary will attend the Provincial Conference at Guelph as delegates from Greenock.

Mrs. Hugh Reid, District Director, gave a splendid report of the Directors' meeting at Guelph, when all the arrangements were made for the baking, sewing and musical competitions for the District Annual at Mimosa in June.

The program was presented with Mrs. Fred Johnston presiding. A most interesting paper on "Health" by Mrs. Albert McKeown, outlined the advancement in Health Education in Canada during the last century. Mrs. Bill Johnston sang two solos with guitar accompaniment: "It is no Secret" and "Little Eddy."

Mrs. John Reid read the story of the "Institute Ode" by defining each line and explaining its meaning. An Irish contest was conducted by Mrs. Ralph McKeown with Mrs. Elliott Patterson and Mrs. Robert Allan winners.

Farm Ponds For Halton County

Another step in water conservation and fire prevention for the rural parts of Halton is the assistance now available to farmers of this county in the construction of ponds on their farm. Details of this work are given in another column and may be secured from the Agricultural Representative, Mr. White lock.

The primary purposes of such ponds are given as a supply of water for livestock or domestic purposes; provide water for fire protection; provide water for spraying or irrigation and to assist in control of soil erosion. The need for all of these purposes is evident to every farmer. Naturally it is a program that will take some years to accomplish.

Poet's Corner IT'S FUNNY

It's funny, the habits we mortals acquire.
 It's funny the things that we do.
 For we idly possessons we vanity respect.
 In life, as we journey through
 We toil and we save from a little grave.
 Ex-ting in fear and in doubt,
 Forgetting the fact that what's
 we save,
 We never take anything out.

It's funny, the heights we attempt to attain.
 It's funny the depths of our greed.
 Our efforts are, I you for profit and gain.
 And seeking the things we don't need.
 We plan and we scheme and we hope and we dream,
 And we oftentimes cheat on the route.
 Yet down at the end of life's turbulent stream
 We never take anything out.

And so they appear to be funny and queer.
 The habits of mortals below:
 Though fortunes are won in the struggle down here,
 They're left on the day that we go.
 When the battle is fought we take what we brought,
 And we lose what we win in the bout
 For God never meant in the lessons He taught,
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BOOKS
 IN REVIEW

"GOD'S MEN"
 By Pearl S. Buck

"God's Men" is most certainly a book worth reading. And "worth" is what it has, for glowing through a most interesting story of travel, success and romance is a thesis that will surely touch everyone who reads the book — and even those who disagree, as did the majority of characters in the book.

From Pearl Buck, of course, readers expect a book about China. But this story just starts there, and with the dramatic background of the Boxer rebellion murders moves closer home — to New York.

And who isn't interested in the story of millionaires and how they got that way! But the plot is by no means romantically millionaire-minded as so many fiction books are. As well as very living characters, there are in the book, casually mentioned, other names which bring the plot to reality, thus enhancing the thesis. Sun Yat Sen, F. D. Roosevelt, Chiang Kai Shek, Madame Chiang and Harry Truman bring actuality onto the pages. So too, does the reference to the war in Korea. The book ends; its thesis the focal point, in 1950.

The story without the "idea" would be bald, although, one must admit, interesting enough. But "God's Men" vibrates with more than fiction.

For a book whose plot interest is never subordinated to its message, for a book that will give readers characters as well as an idea to remember, try Nobel Prize winner Pearl Buck's latest—"God's Men."

Chart Price Rise During Seven Years

Average prices received by farmers in Ontario on February 15th, 1952, with comparisons, have just been released by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

While comparison of prices at November 15, 1951, December 15, 1951 and January 15, 1952, which were shown on the chart, can be estimated by farmers in the district, those of seven years ago show distinct changes.

The average price of wheat from 1935 to 1939 was 88.1 cents a bushel, and in February 15, 1952, \$2.16.7.

Following are some of the prices listed: After the commodity is the price at February 15, 1952, and in brackets is the average price between 1935 and 1939.

Oats, per bus., 91.2 (44.6); barley per bus., \$1.31.5 (58.3); Rye, per bus., \$1.65.3 (64.9); Flaxseed, per bus., \$4.23 (81.48); Buckwheat, per bus., \$1.35.9 (55.9); Potatoes, per cwt., \$4.73.2 (98.1); Turnips, per cwt., \$12.1.

Hay and Clover, per ton, loose, \$15.59 (59.09); Alfalfa, per ton loose, \$15.59 (59.09); Honey, per lb., 20.4 (9.8); Horses, per head, \$85.33 (\$12.57); Milk Cows, per head \$267.61 (\$44.37); Beef Cattle, per cwt. live weight, \$26.78 (\$4.63); Calves, per cwt. live weight, \$31.53 (\$7.16); Sheep, per cwt. live weight, \$14.99 (\$3.26); Lambs, per cwt. live weight, \$26.93 (\$7.13); Hogs, per cwt. dressed, \$25.82.

Butterfat, per lb., 68.2 (25.9); Butter, per lb., 65.7 (23.7); Chickens, per lb., live weight, 30.4 (14.6); Chickens, per lb., dressed, 44.5; Turkeys, per lbs. live weight, 44.5; Ducks, per lb. live weight, 35.8; Ducks, per lb. dressed, 47.5; Geese, per lb., live weight, 37.1; Geese, per lb., dressed 47.7; Eggs, per dozen, 34.9 (21.3); Wool, per lb., unwashed, 78.3 (13.1).

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