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FARM NEWS

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Off to a Good Start

The Court Room, Milton, was crowded to capacity on Friday evening of last week, when the organization meeting was held of Halton's three Calf Clubs and two Grain Clubs. Nearly one hundred young people from all parts of Halton were in attendance.

In Calf Club work alone 73 young people between the ages of 12 and 20 years enrolled. This constitutes a record for the County. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock, assisted by A. T. Woodley, chairman of Halton's Club Leaders' Council, were in charge of the meeting, which was a source of inspiration to the many adults in attendance. Incidentally the large enrollment clearly indicated that the Club Leaders' Conference held in Milton a few weeks ago is already paying dividends.

The election of officers for the various Clubs resulted as follows: Holstein Calf Club (44 members): president, Barry Archer; vice president, Christina Marshall; sec. treas., Eileen Hunter.

Jersey-Guernsey Calf Club (55 members): president, Earl Bayers; vice president, Grant Devlin; sec. treasurer, Bob Joyce.

Beef and Dual Purpose Club (14 members): president, Sandy Buchanan; vice president, Grant Devlin; sec. treasurer, John Willmott.

Halton 4H Oat Club (12 members): president, Lynne Coulter; vice president, Robert Marshall; sec. treasurer, Arlene McArthur.

Halton Beaver Oat Club (10 members): president, Don Joyce; vice president, Cliff Norrish; sec. treasurer, Allan Parsons.

Seeding Makes Good Progress

Despite the late start, and the heavy shower which hit some sections of the County on Tuesday evening of last week, Halton farmers are making good progress in getting in the spring crop. On the heavier clay loams the soil is reported to be very hard—in short, it is taking a good deal of power and is hard on machinery in order to secure a satisfactory seed bed.

The present fine weather continuing, a goodly percentage of the seeding will be completed when this appears in print. Despite the reported unemployment in urban centres, farm help of any value would appear to be just about as scarce as "hen's teeth". Needless to add wages being asked are out of line with the prices being received for agricultural produce. In short, farmers are getting a real "squeeze".

As a result of the surplus of all classes of meat, eggs and milk,

prices being received by the producer are much reduced. On the other hand there has been little or no reduction in the cost of concentrated feeds, fertilizers, and other commodities required by the farmer for the operation of his business. In fact, certain commodities are up in price from a year ago.

The embargo imposed as a result of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease is in part responsible for the accumulated surpluses but aside from this, export markets for Canadian agricultural produce are very limited and consequently the volume of supply and demand is having a real impact at the expense of the agricultural producer. It would certainly appear as if 1952 is going to be a tough year for many farm operators—we can only hope that 1953 will find the U.S. embargo removed and in addition other export markets developed.

Halton Juniors Stage Annual "At Home"

The seventh annual "At Home" of the Halton Juniors, held at the Grant Inn, Burlington, on Thursday evening of last week was an outstanding success. Under the leadership of president Mac Sprowl and his various committee chairmen, every detail had received attention, and the event operated with a smoothness which would be the envy of any adult group.

Among those acting as patrons and patronesses were Warden and Mrs. J. M. Wickson; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bennett, Toronto; Reeve and Mrs. Stanley Norrish, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clarke, Thornhill; and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitelock.

Guests were present from the counties of Brant, Wentworth, Waterloo, Peel, York, Lincoln, Hamilton, and Welland. All in all it was a delightful event and a real credit to Halton Juniors.

Halton Junior Highly Honored

At the recent conference of the Junior Farmers of Ontario held at the Ontario Agricultural College, David Polletterio, past president of Halton Junior Farmers was elected President of the provincial organization.

It is indeed a real honor to be selected as president of this live and growing rural youth organization. With the position goes many responsibilities but our readers can rest assured that Dave will measure up. Over the years he has played an active and leading part in the Junior Farmer program in his local group at Acton and in the county organization, and during the past year as Vice-President of the Junior Farmers of Ontario he has made a worth-while contribution to the achievements of Junior Farmers from a provincial aspect.

Halton County may well be proud of Dave and his many youth friends not only in Halton but throughout the province will all wish him well in this important position. For the past one and one-half years Dave has been one of the supervisors in D.H.I.A. work in Halton. Owing to his new responsibilities he has found it necessary to resign from this position.

His successor as a D.H.I.A. supervisor is Jack Teasdale of Burlington R.R. 1. Mr. Teasdale is highly regarded in his home community and we are confident he will be equally as popular with the twenty-six members of the group he is serving as his predecessor.

J. E. Whitelock Heads Executive

Chairman of the Halton Advisory Board for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, elected at a recent meeting in Milton, is J. E. Whitelock of Milton.

Other members of the executive are: first vice-president, Mrs. Harry Ryser; second vice-president, Mrs. Percy Leslie, Georgetown; third vice-president, Alfred Long, Acton; secretary, George E. Elliott, Milton; treasurer, Howard H. Hill; executive members, Mrs. M. Hill, K. Y. Dick, Milton; Mrs. Alfred Long, Acton; Mrs. J. F. Gillis, R. L. Latta, Georgetown; Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. J. A. M. Bell, Oakville; Mrs. W. G. Fraser, Mrs. M. M. Bush, Burlington.

Robert Storey, who was present at the meeting, is the new institute fieldman for the Hamilton district. The former fieldman, Charles Robinson, is leaving for Newfoundland this month.

Plans were made for the annual picnic for Peel and Halton county blind, which will be held in June or July.

Training and employment of blind persons, the maintenance of a touch type library and advice and financial support, will be provided by the funds collected by the Halton County Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, during their current campaign.

Through the Halton County Advisory Board, all the facilities of the National Institute are available without cost for residents of Halton County. The people who give to our cause will indeed be helping to light a lamp for those who are blind," said Mrs. J. A. M. Bell, the campaign chairman.

Housewives protest against so much fat, gristle and bone left on meat. The meat should be trimmed, not they.

ODDLY GARBED Y SECRETARY TELLS OF "TITANIC" PROBLEMS IN INDIA

A country with 235 languages and where the average life expectancy is just about 30 years; where only two of every ten can read and write and where an average family earns about \$50 a year, was pictured to a group of over 60 in the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday evening.

"The problems of India are Titanic," declared M. G. Dhamaraj, who addressed the group, wearing Indian cap, dark high buttoned jacket and tight white trousers.

Dark-skinned Mr. Dhamaraj is secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Madras, India, and is travelling in Canada and the United States to study the operations of Y's here. He was a guest at the Father and Son banquet and then spoke in the gymnasium on four aspects of India—Y work, politics and economy, world service, and the church.

"India is in an interesting state of development," he stated. Partition in 1947 was a "terrible shock" which resulted in riots and many displaced persons. Of India's 400 millions, about 300 million are Hindu and 100 million are Moslems. The country's area is 1,250,000 square miles—Canada is about three times larger. Although India and Pakistan are divided to keep Hindu and Moslem apart, there are 45 million Moslems living among the Hindus in India, as foreigners, Pakistan has half the food producing area, yet India has five times the population. To add to this, food stocks were depleted by war.

Imports and foreign aid are vital. However, Mr. Dhamaraj told Actonians he hopes "India will be self sufficient by 1956."

Mothers throw their children into wells so they will not have to suffer with the rest. There is a nurse for every 60 thousand—a doctor for every 300 thousand—almost starving people.

If a man started to visit one Indian village a day, when Christ was born, he would still have 50

years of visiting ahead of him, before he saw each one!

Two million schools are needed. There are hundreds of creeds, classes, and over 200 Hindu castes with 235 languages.

In the elections, Mr. Dhamaraj was proud to state, 7173 million voted—the best experiment in democracy in the world, he felt.

Politically, the speaker said, "there is a new climate." The Indians now appreciate what the British have been able to do, rather than blame them for everything—floods and droughts included. There were many demonstrations against the British, however. During one of them, a native band which played by ear and had no notion of the words of the songs they had heard, accompanied a group of demonstrators who shouted, "Quit India!" The background music was a soulful rendition of "Will Ye No Come Back Again?"

There is no use, the Indian explained, stressing Y.M.C.A. work in India. The people have no strength to participate. Neither can the Y stress religion, for 90 per cent of the members are non-Christian. Rather, it combats prevalent over-individualism by encouraging group activities; introducing bee keeping; night schools; and improving the breeds of animals. Due to the Y, cows' production has soared from two to 15 pounds of milk a day; the size of eggs rose from one to two ounces each, and from 50 per year to 132!

He touched upon the division of Christians among themselves, and how that hindered missionary work. "You Canadians—God has blessed you very much," said Mr. Dhamaraj.

"There is one answer—Christ." Introduced by Cliff Sutton and Dick Bean, he was thanked by Rev. E. A. Currey.

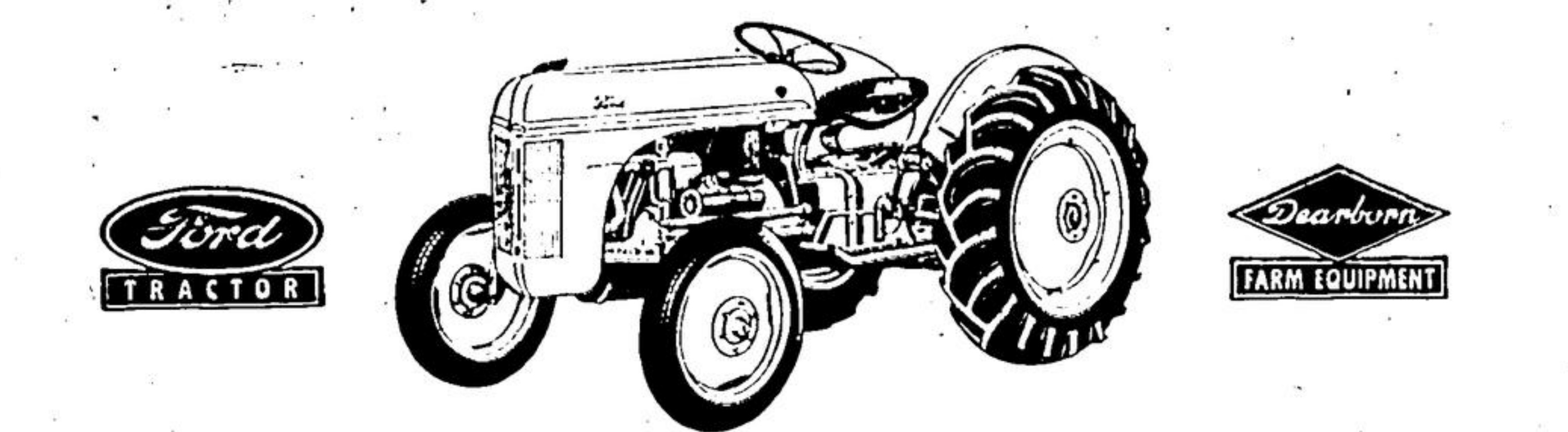
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We are happy to be able to tell you that the lawsuit brought more than four years ago against Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich., and Dearborn Motors Corporation, Birmingham, Mich., by Harry Ferguson and Harry Ferguson, Inc. has been settled by agreement of the parties.

There are three points connected with this settlement which, as a present or possible future owner of a Ford Tractor, we want to make clear to you. Regardless of what you may hear to the contrary, these are the FACTS.

3 POINTS OF INTEREST To Our Present and Future Customers

- 1 Ford Motor Company will continue production of the present Ford Tractor without interruption, and Dearborn Motors Corporation will continue to market them nationally as in the past. (In Canada, Ford Tractors and Dearborn Farm Equipment are marketed by Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, through its 750 Ford-Monarch Dealers.) By the end of 1952, Ford Motor Company has agreed to make two simple changes, and only two changes, in the means of operation and control of a pump used in the hydraulic system, in the Ford Tractor. After these simple changes have been made, there is nothing in the settlement of the suit to prevent Ford Motor Company from continuing the manufacture of the present Ford Tractor for as long as it may choose.
- 2 Ford Motor Company will continue to produce and Dearborn Motors Corporation will continue to supply, through its distributors and dealers, all repair parts for all past, present and future Ford Tractors.
- 3 Ford Tractors will continue to offer all the advantages of the present system of hydraulic control, the present method of attaching and operating implements, and all other features responsible for their wide popularity. Dearborn Motors will continue to offer its same complete line of implements.

A STATEMENT

By Mr. Henry Ford II

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