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A GEM OF A COTTAGE—Newly built and improved in recent years, was featured in city newspapers as a new idea, five rooms with conveniences on nice residential street. Designed for easy living.

FORMERLY A DOCTOR'S RESIDENCE — Well-built, seven-roomed house on an exclusive residential street, convenient to business and industrial centres. New furnace, sun porch, hardwood floors, bathroom downstairs, also bedroom downstairs, and three upstairs. Large hall, could be used as an office, nice sitting room, and dining room, well equipped modern kitchen. Hot and cold water. Good garden. Double garage, also a stable. Always kept in good state of repair.

IN LOW PRICE FIELD — Semi-detached cottage, four rooms, water and electricity in, sewerage available. Close to store. Good garden. Fine for retired couple, or anyone desirous of light housekeeping.

DOUBLE DWELLING on quiet residential street, 6 rooms each side. Immediate possession one side. Other side well tenanted, will eventually pay for whole building. Reasonable down payment. Owner leaving town.

DOUBLE SEMI-DETACHED BRICK DWELLINGS—One side consisting of 5 rooms and bath, other part consists of 7 rooms and bath. Ideally located in good residential district, close to both highways. Good view and well landscaped.

DWELLING consisting of nine rooms on front street, just about the centre of the town. Close to churches and business sections. Room for two families. Screened-in cut stone porch, some hardwood floors, semi-detached garage. Reasonable price, only half cash needed, balance easy terms.

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Recent Showers Pop Up Crops

The showers of last week were gratefully received in all sections of Halton. Despite the current prices of agricultural products every rural face wore a smile after last Thursday morning's shower. True, the county as a whole will need frequent showers like that of last week if we are to harvest a bumper crop. Frosts have stunted the timothy in some areas but without exception crop prospects in the mixed farming areas of the county are a lot more promising than they were when we were writing our column a week ago.

Speaking of agricultural prices, there isn't too much wrong with them when one looks back even four or five years—in our opinion, there would be little or no kiel from agricultural producers if the cost of feed, fertilizers, farm machinery, farm labour, in fact, practically everything which the farm operator has to buy, would act accordingly. In relation to world prices our prices in Canada are still high, which adds to the difficulty in securing markets for our surplus. However, as conditions exist, with feeds, fertilizers, and other purchased commodities at last year's figures, and in some cases higher, Canadian farmers are certainly caught in the squeeze. That this is already reacting on their buying power is indicated by the drop in sales by local merchants.

While we do not pose as an economist, we can't help but feel that another 12 months may present an entirely different picture. After all one can get out of hogs and poultry very rapidly, and judging by reports there are a lot of swine going to market, which under normal conditions would have been kept for breeding purposes. It does not take very much of a surplus to get us into difficulties, and on the other hand neither does it take much of a shortage to turn the scale in the other direction.

While it may be wishful thinking, some of our authorities still feel there are possibilities of the U. S. embargo being lifted sometime this fall. If it does materialize, the picture could change rather rapidly. Certainly the eastern end of our dairy cattle — the U.S. could utilize quite a quantity of our beef. In the meantime, it would appear to us that Halton farmers would be well advised to carry on a balanced program. In other words, this is no time to get "panicky"—neither is it time to be unduly optimistic.

Cull Boarders

Last week we suggested that this should be a good time to replace some of our boarder dairy cattle with some well bred type in calf heifers. That we have some "boarders" even in Halton is substantiated by some figures which came to our attention today. In our three Dairy Herd Improvement Groups in Halton there are 78 heifers enrolled. These represent better than average herds in Halton. Yet we find even in these herds that 32% failed to qualify. The standards set for qualification in our opinion are low—here they are for the 305-day milking period:

2 year olds—200 lbs. butter fat.
3 year olds—250 lbs. butter fat.
4 year olds—300 lbs. butter fat.
mature—350 lbs. butter fat.
Halton D.H.I.A. groups rate high in Ontario, and yet 32% failed to qualify—what must the picture be over Ontario. More than ever we feel that it would be good business to send some of those "Boarders" to the stock yards and replace with good fall freshening heifers. Such heifers, of top blood lines can now be purchased for \$100 per head less than a few months ago.

Kingsway Kiwanis Keenly Interested in Halton Boys' and Girls' Clubs

The Kingsway Kiwanis Club of Toronto has been taking a keen interest in the Junior agricultural extension program in Halton for the past four years. Each year they have donated a scholarship of a week's Short Course at the Ontario Agricultural College to the winner in each of the club projects conducted in Halton.

This year, Art Vivian, chairman of the Committee on Agricultural and Conservation for the Kingsway Kiwanis, advised Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock of their willingness to contribute a total of ten such scholarships, or a total of \$125,000. This in our opinion is a fine piece of work for a group with only 60 members, particularly so when one realizes the many other community projects which they are also supporting.

Two of these scholarships will be awarded in connection with Girls' Garden Club work, three for Calf Club work; two for the Grain Club winners; one for the top man in the Acton Tractor Maintenance Club; one to the winner in the Norval Junior Farmers' Farm Machinery Club; and the final one to the runner up for the Championship Trip in the Halton Junior Farmers' Livestock Judging competition.

Halton Women's Institutes and Hamilton Spectator Sponsor Championship Trips

For many years the Halton District W.I.'s have sponsored the Championship Trip for Halton Junior Homemakers. Last year's winner, Miss Ruth Brown, of Limehouse, attended the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago at the time of the

International Live Stock Show. This year's winner at the Achievement Day to be held on Saturday, June 7 will, thanks to the Halton W.I.'s, accompany the Lincoln County bus trip through the Eastern United States.

For the second year in succession the Hamilton Spectator special of \$50 will be used to help defray the expenses of the Junior Farmer winner. Mac Sprowl of Acton, who was the winner in 1951 accompanied the Lincoln County bus trip, while this year the winner, who incidentally will be selected in conjunction with the Junior Farmer Annual Live Stock Judging competition on May 31, will go to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Wins Scholarship

Halton Folk School enthusiasts will be delighted to learn that Clifford Waite has been awarded a \$600 scholarship at Harvard University. This will enable him to further his studies towards a doctor's degree in Adult Education.

Cliff was leader of the Halton Folk School this year and was very popular with all who met him. According to those who attended, Mr. Waite made each one feel that he or she had something to contribute to the success of the task at hand. The wealth of information which he left with the students will enable them to take their place as better citizens in their respective communities.

Halton Folk School leaders and students in extending heartfelt congratulations on his achievement, also expressing the hope that they may be fortunate enough to have his help again in the future program of Halton Folk Schools.

CANADA'S SCOUT PRESIDENT

The Hon. Ray Lawson, Oakville, Ontario, was elected president of the Canadian General Council of Boys Scouts Association, on the nomination of Canada's Chief Scout The Hon. Vincent Massey, at the annual meeting in Ottawa recently.

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REACH NEW RECORD

Canada's Boy Scout membership reached a new high record of 134,215 at the end of March, 1952, an increase of 5,455 since December 31, 1951, when there were 128,760 members. At the end of 1945, census figures showed a total of 94,677 Scouts in Canada.

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