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**Mrs. W. Masales
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The regular meeting of Knox Church Women's Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Wesley Masales on Thursday afternoon with the president, Mrs. H. Mainprize, presiding.
Mrs. Allan Smith read the Scripture, followed by prayer by the president.
Mrs. H. L. Bonnie and Mrs. Robert O'Hara gave an informal quiz on an international topic. "Here and there with our Presbyterians." It proved not only interesting but most informative, and a wider knowledge of W.M.S. work was acquired by all.
Miss Nellie Anderson spoke briefly on her recent trip to the Peace River district.
After the closing prayer, Mrs. Masales and her committee served a cup of tea and a social half hour was enjoyed by all.



Ontario Poultry and Live Stock Conference

The annual Ontario Poultry and Live Stock Conference was held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, July 7 to 10 inclusive. Judging by what we saw and heard on the one afternoon we were in attendance more of our Halton producers should have been present.
Included in the program were not only leading authorities from many parts of Canada but also from various points in U.S.A. The whole program would appear to have been so outstanding that from our viewpoint it is most unfortunate that it should have been held at so busy a season.

No doubt there are very good reasons why the Conference is held at this time of year. In the final analysis, it means most of us will have to get the highlights from the farm press.

On the Wednesday afternoon we were present. The poultry people were in session in Massey Hall and the addresses centred around the turkey situation; turkey nutrition and new developments in turkey production and marketing. All of which no doubt was very much worthwhile but we attended the session in Memorial Hall, which incidentally was filled almost to capacity, for the address of Dr. W. G. Kammlade, of the University of Illinois, who spoke on some aspects of Grassland Animal Agriculture.

His address centred around some of the experiences and experiments in the development of so-called marginal or sub marginal lands in the southern part of Illinois. It is in this area that the Dixon Springs Experimental Station is located.

This station contains approximately 5400 acres, varying in topography from level to slopes of more than 15 per cent.

According to the speaker no effort is made to crop slopes that are steeper than 9 per cent, which means a nine foot rise in one hundred feet. Slopes over 9 per cent are in their opinion best suited for forest use. We were interested in the speaker's statement: "There are no marginal or sub marginal lands; if they are put to the use for which they are best adapted."

Erosion Control
The studies of soil and water losses have shown that the best land use for erosion control relates to some type of grassland agriculture. Under their conditions of topography and rainfall in Southern Illinois, the speaker stated, "a plow layer of soil would be lost in from 20 to 25 years under the usual tillage methods—under grassland type of agriculture it would take from three to eight thousand years to lose that same amount of soil."

Importance of Crop Residues
According to Dr. Kammlade, when crop residues were removed on a 5 per cent slope soil losses were 4.6 tons per acre with corn and 9.7 tons per acre with winter wheat. Where the residues were returned the soil losses were 1.6 and 4.1 tons respectively. These are but a few of what to us were most interesting comments in this outstanding two hour address.

The Livestock Situation
We had rather looked forward to hearing an old friend in the person of L. W. Pearsall, chief of the Marketing Service for the Canada Department of Agriculture. However, important matters elsewhere prevented Mr. Pearsall being in attendance, however, his paper was very ably handled by S. C. Barry, his associate.

In introducing the subject, it was pointed out that for the first time in Canada's history, we have no export outlet for our beef and pork. Until the past few years the great bulk of our livestock products went to Great Britain—since 1950, sixty-five per cent of our exports have gone to U.S. and only 10% to Great Britain.

Most of us have been under the impression that the loss of the British market was due to a shortage of dollars with which to buy our products. In part that may be true but we personally were surprised to learn that during the past five years Britain has been spending 650 million dollars a year in Canada, in contrast to 350 million dollars a year during the five year period prior to 1950.

One important factor responsible for the loss of the British market is the high price of Canadian agricultural products in relation to the price of the same products in other parts of the world. The real crux of the situation is that Britain must have raw products for her rearmament program.

Large Surpluses of Pork and Beef
Our hog marketings to the end of June are one-third higher than a year ago. Some 37 million pounds of pork have been canned and to date is in storage, not sold. In addition some 15 million pounds of pork is being held in storage in the form of Wilshire.

As a result of the four way agreement recently made between Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand and U.S. a market was arranged for 60 million pounds of beef. Of this amount nearly 40 million pounds would be on the way to Britain by the end of last week. With heavy runs of both hogs and beef anticipated this fall, it would seem that we are far from being "out of the woods."

Foot and Mouth Outbreak
The outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in Saskatchewan last February involved only 20 premises

and some 1200 head of stock. That in itself doesn't amount to very much, but the consequent loss of the U.S. market is the serious factor coming as it does at a time when we have little other export market.

Crop Association To Stage Twilight Meeting

The Halton Crop Improvement Association under the leadership of President C. F. Pickett is staging a twilight meeting at the farm of Robt. A. Hurren & Sons on the Guelph Line, one mile south of Campbellville on Tuesday, July 22. On this farm are located replicated tests with some 8 varieties of Oats and a similar number of varieties of Barley.
Prof. Jas. Laughtland of the Dept. of Field Husbandry at the O.A.C. has promised to be in attendance to lead in the discussion of these varieties. In addition, Dr. Robt. Weir, in charge of forage crops at the same institution will address the meeting, which will get under way at 7.30 p.m.

Fall Wheat Harvest In Progress

Binders have been in action in all sections of Halton during this week. As a matter of fact in the lower end of the County some fields of wheat were in stook the end of last week. The average in fall wheat in this County is only about 60% of that in 1951, and in our opinion this year's crop from a yield standpoint will not be more than 80% of normal. There is some Hessian Fly—in fact some of the earlier sown fields are crinkled down rather badly but in general the Hessian Fly damage is not nearly as bad as a year ago.

Ferguson Claims Top Output Role

Ferguson tractors have come off U. S. and British assembly lines at a rate of better than one a minute, eight hours a day, every working day since the first of the year, according to Horace D'Angelo, executive vice-president Harry Ferguson, Inc.

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EDUCATION

Prominent people queried by The Financial Post stress the fundamental fact that education, like charity, begins at home. They might well have added, says The Financial Post, that it should also continue in the home.

Critics of any school system in any country often tend to consider the school the be-all and end-all of education, forgetting that schools mainly instruct, while it is the parents' duty to educate.

Poet's Corner

Far be it from me a "Poet's Corner" to scorn
When rhyming is part of my dreaming.
A wee bit of space for lines that are born
Would leave this poor author's
beaming!

HOLIDAY MEMORY

I know a place among the hills
Where laughter echoes all day long,
Where the cascading water spills
Into the lake with rippled song.

I know a place where tangled flowers
Are subject to the vagrant bee,
Where gentle dreaming and the hours
Are lost together endlessly.

I know a place where beauty dwells
In the last, seed-sweet profusion,
And bird-music in volume swells
"Till it fades in sweet conclusion.

I know a place where God is near
In the quiet of a woodland path
Where the stars peer through and
winds veer,
And peace and fun are alliquot.
—Mary Nielsen

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