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FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Farm Meetings Well Attended During the past week the annual meetings of the Halton and Peel Guernsey Breeders' Association...

Dr. G. E. Reaman Addresses Guernsey Enthusiasts One hundred enthusiasts of "Golden Guernsey" milk attended the annual meeting in Trafalgar Memorial Hall on Tuesday, January 6th.

The Trail of the Black Walnut This was the intriguing title of Dr. G. E. Reaman's interesting and informative address. As head of the Department of English at the Ontario Agricultural College, at Guelph, the speaker had done a great deal of research on the historical background of the early settlers of the Province of Ontario.

Others who spoke briefly during the day included B. B. Hodgins, Secretary of the Ontario Guernsey Club; Dr. Campbell, secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Association; J. Lloyd Chisholm, president of the Ontario Guernsey Club; Harold Clapp, Manager of the Fraserdale Farm; Adam Calder of Glanford Station; and Agricultural Representative Jim McCullough of Peel County.

Wm. G. Booth Re-elected President Other officers and directors were as follows: Vice-president - Joe Brownridge, Brampton. Directors - J. Lloyd Chisholm, Milton; C. W. Swackhamer, Acton; John Y. McNabb, Georgetown; Finday Joyce, Milton; F. Greenless, Campbellville; Arthur Spence, Palermo; M. S. Alton, Burlington; Gordon King, Trafalgar; Emerson Featherstone, Oakville; J. Brownridge, Brampton; and Jim Armstrong, Inglewood.

Highlights of Danish and British Agriculture This constituted the major portion of the outstanding address delivered by Prof. Geo. E. Rathby, of the Animal Husbandry Department, Ontario Agricultural College, at the Annual Meeting of the Halton Holstein Club held in the Trafalgar Memorial Hall on Wednesday, January 7th.

Some 140 "Black & White" breeders were in attendance for this annual outstanding meeting. "Danish Agriculture," stated Professor Rathby, "plays a role in the Danish economy that is not true in Canada. Every Dane is interested in maintaining a prosperous agriculture. This," stated the speaker, "is largely due to the fact that the Danes have no great natural resources such as we have in Canada. Seventy per cent. of their national wealth comes from the sale of agricultural products."

Prof. Rathby who, as a delegate from Ontario to the International Agricultural Conference this past summer, spent several weeks in Denmark and as a result of this he clearly and ably depicted in the intensity of Danish Agriculture. "Dairy cattle," he stated, "constitute the 'keystone' of Danish Agriculture."

"In Great Britain, there is general feeling they are going to come out alright." He also pointed out that they have a tremendous amount of agricultural research under way. It involves 13 or 14 different institutions and some 39 or 40 farms. Reference was made by the speaker to one British 600 acre farm on which 150 cows were involved in a research experiment on Strain 19 (Control of Bacillus Abortus). Canada, he stated, is not as well mechanized as Great Britain. The speaker also made reference to "Foot and Mouth" disease. "After seeing something of the program being carried on in both Denmark and Great Britain, I am convinced that vaccinating is not the answer - on the surface the present policy of slaughter may look severe but if we are to maintain export markets then we must be prepared to continue the slaughter method whenever outbreaks may occur."

J. F. Trimble, president of the Club was in charge of the day's excellent program. At the banquet table, Geo. W. Henry, president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada brought a message from the parent organization. Others who spoke briefly during the day included the following: D. S. Dunton, Brampton, and E. Ross Segsworth, directors on the National Association; John Powell, Holstein Association, Brantford; Frank G. Stark, president of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association; Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P. and J. M. Wickson. Certificates for outstanding long distance production were presented by Feldman George Drennan to the following Halton breeders:

Red Seal Certificate (100,000 lbs. Milk and 3,400 lbs. Fat) 3 to Morley T. Watson, Burlington; one each to Ross Segsworth, Burlington; J. C. Bell, Burlington, and W. S. Hall, Oakville.

Blue Seal Certificate (126,000 lbs. Milk and 4,250 lbs. Fat) W. W. Thompson, Hornby; Methuen Dearing, Palermo; Johnson Neelands, Hornby; and Ashville Farm Ltd., Milton.

Reference was also made to that great cow of Harold Bingham & Son of Georgetown - namely Katharine Dutechland. In twelve lactations on twice a day milking she has produced a total of 198,590 lbs. of milk and is expected to go well over the 200,000 lbs. mark by the time she finishes her lactation on May 27th.

W. W. Thompson New President Other officers and directors elected were as follows: Sinclair, Burlington. 2nd Vice President - George Pelletier, Milton. Secretary-Treasurer - V. L. Lawrence, Oakville.

Directors: Esqueping Township H. Craig Reid, R. C. Alexander, F. O. Hunter and T. H. McGee. Nassagaweya Township - William Mahon and Don McForsie. Nelson Township - Fred Bell and G. Leslie Peer. Trafalgar Township W. R. Towell, Lloyd Pickard, J. F. Trimble and Walter Royle.

C. D. Graham Addresses-Hall and Crop Annual "Your organization means more to the economic welfare of Ontario than any other single organization," stated C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, when addressing the annual meeting of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association, on Friday of last week.

The Milton Town Hall was well filled for this popular annual meeting, presided over by C. F. Pickett, president of the Association. Ontario's popular Deputy-Minister of Agriculture was introduced by J. H. Willmott, of Milton. In his address Mr. Graham presented a clear cut review of the agricultural picture both nationally and internationally. Reference was made to the 901 million bus. of wheat on hand which includes the 2213 million bus. carryover from a year ago. In feed grain we have 255 million tons in Canada.

Indications are," stated Mr. Graham, "that the United States will require more of our food grain in 1953 than was the case a year ago. Last year, we sold 70 million bushels of barley and an equal amount of oats to the U.S. This year however, their stocks of feed grain are down and they have more animal units to feed."

Mr. Graham intimated his confidence that as soon as the embargo is lifted, the U.S. will want our dairy cattle. Reference was also made by the speaker, that due to the failure of the rice crop in the Far East, Japan and Western Europe would require some of our barley for human consumption.

Figures quoted by Mr. Graham revealed that in 1921 we had in Ontario 77 acres for each member of our population. Thirty years later, due to our increased population along with a decrease in acreage under cultivation, we now have only 4.8 acres per citizen. Despite the fact that our average under cultivation shows a decrease of 7%, our gross production of farm products shows an increase of 26%.

Congratulations were extended by the speaker to the Halton organization on the general excellence of the day's program which included the following reports by local co-operators:

"Mulching vs. Cultivation of the Corn" - Geo. S. Atkins. "Our Experience with the Graham Plow" - Robt. Hurren and Fred Nurse.

"How We Control Our Weeds" - Allan Dixon. "Our Experience in Renovating Rough Pastures" - James McKay and Jack Bennett. "What the Seed Drill Survey Reveals" - Stanley Young. "Panel Discussion" - Various Methods of Handling Hay and Grass" - Messrs. W. E. Breckon, M.

C. Beatty, Ross Segsworth, Fred Nurse, John Riddell, V. E. McArthur, and Brock Harris.

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Directors: Esqueping Township - J. Brownridge, John M. Bird, and C. F. Pickett. Nassagaweya Township - Robert Hurren, J. H. McPhail, and George Robertson. Nelson Township - W. E. Breckon

and V. K. McArthur. Trafalgar Township - George S. Atkins, M. C. Beatty, J. H. Willmott, and Wm. G. Booth. Erin and Erasmus - Gordon Leslie.

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