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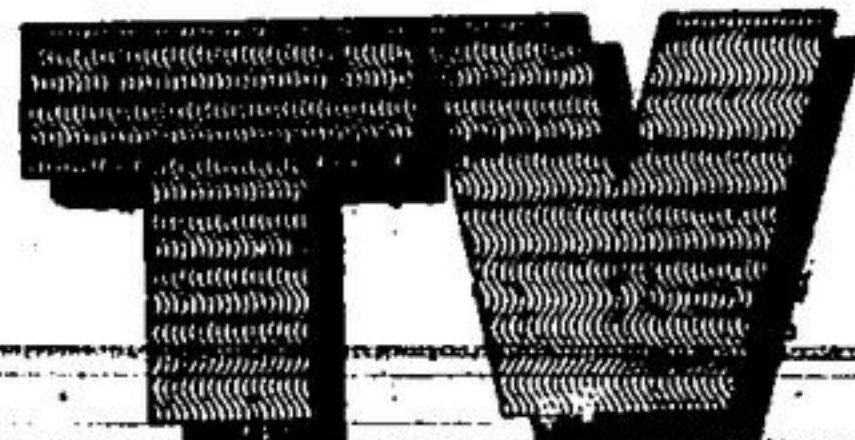
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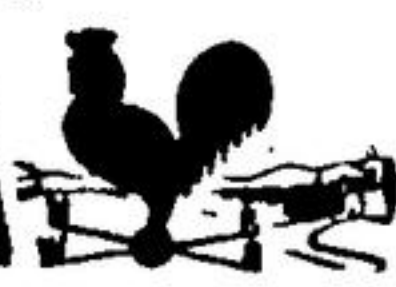
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FARM NEWS



Dr. H. L. Patterson Addresses Halton Dairymen

The annual meeting of Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Groups and the Halton branch of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association was held jointly in the Court House, Milton, on Monday afternoon of last week. Dr. H. L. Patterson, director of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the guest speaker for the D.H.I.A. portion of the meeting.

Halton dairymen always look forward to Dr. Patterson's analysis of the dairy situation. On this occasion he based a considerable portion of his address on 58 Halton herds for the year ending April 30 last.

The average cost of producing milk for the 12 month period indicated was \$3.89 per cwt. while the average price received by the 58 producers during the same period was \$4.21. When all costs for feed, interest on investment, depreciation and other expenses other than labor were deducted it gave a return of 87 cents per hour on the average for labor on the dairy herd.

While this hourly return for labor does not compare favorably with that paid to labor by industry, the picture would not be too bad if all operators of dairy herds received that figure per hour for their labor. Unfortunately the two operators with the low net returns received a minus figure of 9c per hour.

In other words the costs and returns within the 58 herds varied tremendously. While the average cost of producing 100 lbs. of milk as pointed out above was \$3.89, the cost figure for the two herds with high net returns was \$2.75 per cwt. against \$5.40 in the case of the two herds with the low net returns.

It was pointed out by Dr. Patterson that in the case of the two herds with the high net returns, the two operators of these herds stood high on five factors taken into consideration, namely—(1) Production per cow; (2) Feeding efficiency; (3) Labor efficiency; (4) Use of capital; (5) Size of business.

While we cannot hope to present anything like a complete picture in this brief article, it is rather significant to note that the two herds with the high net returns when compared with the average figures for the 58 herds exceeded in production per cow by an average of 1191 lbs.; had 21 milking cows in their respective herds against an average of 16 in the 58 herds—their returns per \$100 worth of feed fed was \$56.00 higher than the average—in labor efficiency they took slightly over one-half an hour less to produce 100 lbs. milk—and in receipts per \$10 investment exceeded the average by \$11.00.

Quality of pasture and consequent length of grazing season is, stated Dr. Patterson, most important from the standpoint of feeding efficiency.

Maple Continues to Expand

Maple Cattle Breeders' Association, which is Ontario's largest artificial unit, showed further expansion in 1952. The unit now has 5189 members, an increase of 922 in the past 12 months. The number of cows bred in 1952 was 45,405, an increase of 8,481 over 1951.

It was revealed by C. W. Keffer, Manager of the Maple Unit that it now has a total of 35 bulls, which include batteries of Holsteins, Ayrshires, Jerseys, Guernseys, Short-horns and Herefords. In addition, as a result of a working agreement with units located at Hamilton and Woodstock, it is in a position to supply semen from Aberdeen Angus and Dual Purpose Shorthorn sires.

As a result of the growth and development of the unit at Maple, the management is now in a position to accept members at the \$5.00 membership fee without the payment of any loan unit. In addition, the service fee remains at \$5.00 for all sires irrespective of breed.

Frozen Semen Keeps Indefinitely

Dr. D. C. MacKay, Unit Veterinarian and Chief Technician in his brief address outlined experimental work which is being carried on at the Ontario Veterinary College with respect to the keeping qualities of semen. Results to date, stated Dr. MacKay indicate that it is now possible to keep semen in a healthy condition for an indefinite period. This new development will in the near future enable members to secure semen from any bull in the Unit at any time.

Healthy Financial Statement

"This is one of the few co-operative organizations of which I have been a member that continues to show a profit," stated Edwin Harrop, Halton director on the Maple Board who acted as chairman for the meeting of the Maple Unit.

President F. G. Stark of the Maple Unit also spoke briefly, outlining some of the developments which have taken place during the past year. Messrs. Stark and Harrop were re-appointed as Halton directors on the Maple Board.

Jersey Breeders Visit Valleyanna

On Thursday of last week 44 of Halton's Jersey enthusiasts chartered a bus and paid a visit to the noted Valleyanna herd of Joe and Jim Crothers, near Agincourt. Here they were received by Bert McGrath, popular manager at Valleyanna.

This herd is made up almost entirely of animals selected and imported direct from Jersey Island. Following an enjoyable and interesting tour at Valleyanna the group travelled on to Toronto, where, following dinner as guests of the Massey-Harris Co. Ltd., they were taken on a conducted tour of a portion of the huge plant on King St. West.

Here among other points of interest they were privileged to follow the assembly line which turns out Combines at a tremendous rate. The party was received by T. G. McAleese, District Manager, Toronto Branch; and Messrs. Allison and Boyd, dealers at Georgetown and Milton respectively assisted in guiding the visiting groups and explaining the many points of interest encountered.

Enroute home, the consensus of opinion among the group seemed to be that while they rather envied the factory workers their short hours and high rate of hourly pay, that when all was said and done, they would still prefer to milk cows for a living.

Halton Wins Debate

Halton's Junior Farmer debating team of Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow, journeyed to Bond Head on Wednesday evening last week where they met the South Simcoe team of Earl Gilroy, Cookstown, and Jim Henry, of Thornton.

Resolved that a reduction in the number of farm organizations in Ontario would be in the best interests of the Ontario farmer" was the subject under discussion, with the Halton debaters upholding the affirmative.

The judges were Norm Garriock, C.B.L. farm commentator; C. Nicholas of the Alliston high school staff; and W. E. Breckon, well-known Halton farmer. Their decision went to the Halton debaters, who will now meet Hastings County in the semi-finals for the provincial championship.

Our congratulations are extended to Eleanor and Earl on their outstanding achievement.

CARPET TAX

The sexton had been laying the new carpet on the pulpit platform and had left a number of tacks scattered on the floor. "See here, James," said the parson, "what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of those tacks right in the middle of a sermon?"

"Well, sir," replied the sexton, "I reckon there'd be one point you wouldn't linger on."

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HORSES and HARNESS—Black Percheron Mare, 10 yrs. old, good in all harness; Grey Mare, aged, a good worker; Iron Grey Gelding, a good worker; Set of Backband Team Harness; Single Harness; Collars.

COWS—Brindle Cow, due March 26; Red Cow, due April 7; Guernsey Cow, fresh Oct. 24, milking well, bred Feb. 11; Part Jersey and Shortorn Cow, fresh Oct. 28, milking well, bred January 9; Red Cow, fresh Dec. 15, with 2 calves at side; Jersey Cow, fresh Feb. 8, with calf at side; Red Cow, with calf at side, bred Oct. 11; Red Cow, bred Oct. 20; Roan Heifer, bred Oct. 3; Red Cow, bred Dec. 18; Red Heifer, bred Dec. 22.

YOUNG CATTLE — Fat Calf, about 650 lbs.; Yearling Steer, about 700 lbs.; 2 Pair Fed Calves; 2 Young Calves.

PIGS—York Sow, with 9 young pigs ready to wean by sale day, mother of the carcass that won top prize at the 1952 bacon show. 2 Young York Sows, bred Jan. 12-17.

GRAIN and FEED — 34 bus. of Alaska Oats; 200 bus. of Alaska Oats and Galore Barley mixed; fit for seed; 3 tons of heavy Mixed Grain; 125 bus. of Wheat; 3 tons of cobbled Corn in crib; 40 lbs. of Red Clover Seed; 50 lbs. of Red Clover, not cleaned; 50 lbs. mixed Grass Seed.

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MELLOR-HERRINGTON WEDDING MARCH 9

In St. George's Church of England, Georgetown, on Friday evening, March 6, Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson officiated at the wedding of Marjorie Estelle (Marnie) Harrington and Jack Mellor of Acton. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Harrington of Stewartrtown and the groom, a member of the Mellor Construction firm in Acton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Mellor, Acton.

Flowers were on the altar and standards of pink anemones and white chrysanthemums decorated the church. Mrs. W. F. Bradley played the wedding music and soloist was Mrs. Donald Hancock, who sang My World and O Perfect Love during the signing of the register.

Mr. Harrington gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a long white satin gown with lace edged train which caught up in front with ruyton net yoke and long sleeves. A crown of seed pearls held a finger tip veil with lace edging. The bridal bouquet was of red roses and bouvardia.

The bride's four sisters were her attendants. Matron of honor was Mrs. A. Robinson, Acton and bridesmaids Mrs. Stanley McClean, Stewartrtown; Miss Doris Harrington, Georgetown; and Mrs. Jack McMullen, Acton. Mrs. Robinson was in mauve and the bridesmaids in yellow, green and mauve taffeta, all styled on princess lines with tucked bodices, matching buttoning boleros, hats and gloves. They carried nosegays of yellow roses and mums.

Fred Mellor was his brother's groomsmen and ushers were Corey Harrington, Jr. and George Harrington, brothers of the bride, and George Lee, brother-in-law of the groom.

At a reception in Esqueping Community Hall, Stewartrtown, the bride's mother received wearing a navy dress and accessories and a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a navy suit, navy and white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Following the reception there was a dance for the guests.

Leaving on a honeymoon trip through the States to Maryland, the bride wore a blue printed silk dress, brown velvet hat and shoes, a winter white coat with velvet trim, red gloves and a red rose corsage. Mr. and Mrs. Mellor will make their home in Acton.

Guests attended the wedding from Wingham, Acton, Limehouse, and Georgetown.

Fire Demonstration In Milton in June

Fifty firemen of Halton's eight fire brigades met in Oakville fire hall on March 8, and heard a lecture by Inspector George Alexander of the fire marshal's office on hydraulics and the proper way to operate a number of pumps simultaneously.

It has been decided that the eight brigades will join forces for a demonstration in Milton on June 8 when the Humbercrest Firemen's Association will convene as well.

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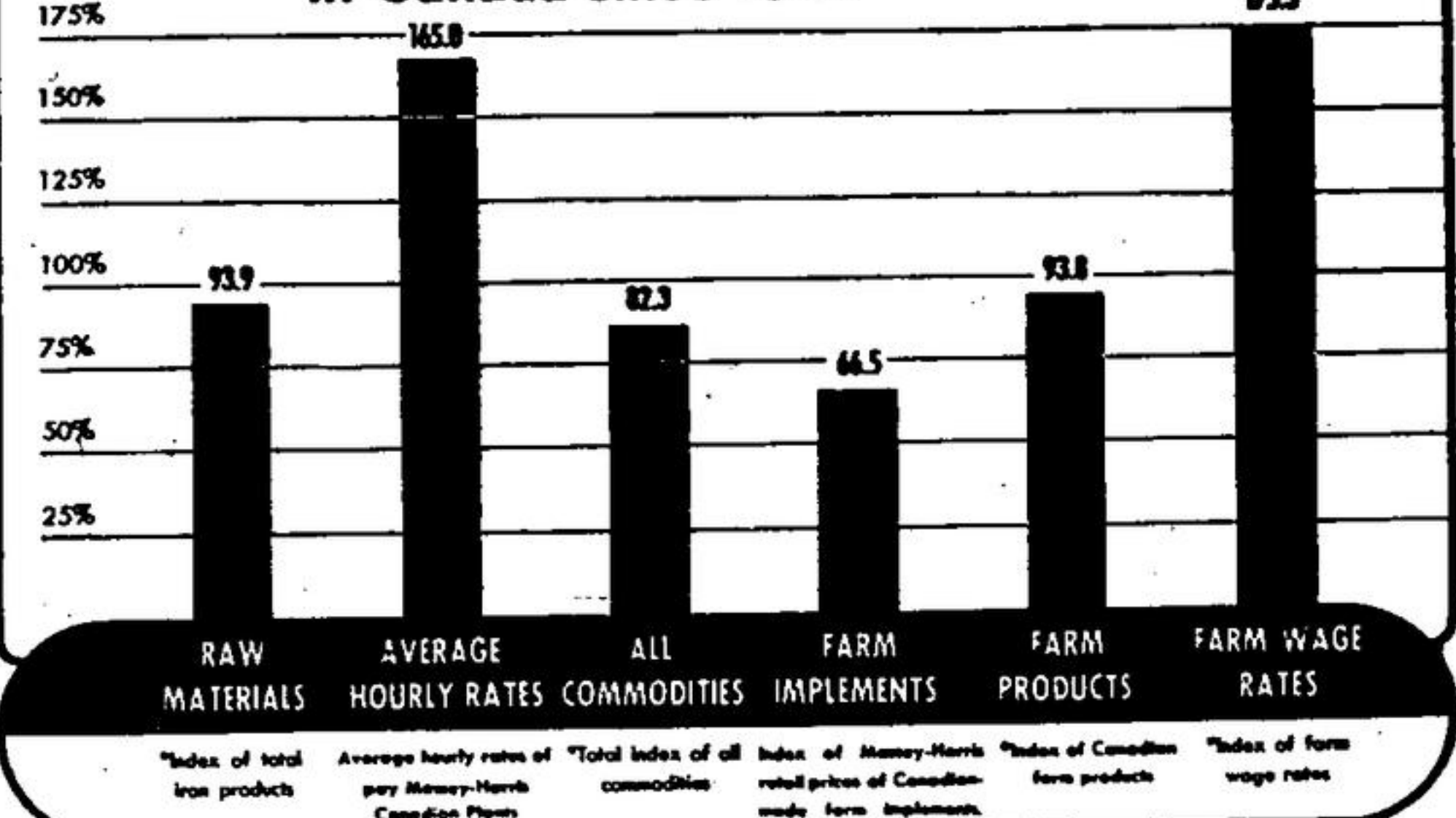
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Also, the indexes show that while farm implements have only increased 66.5% there has been an increase in the price of farm products of 93.8% and the scarcity of farm labour has caused farm wage rates to climb to 175.3%. The partial absorption of the increased costs of materials and labour has been made possible by the continued great world demand for farm mechanization giving a volume that permits a low ratio of selling expenses and high operating efficiency in manufacturing.

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