

**FARM NEWS**



**Dairy Herd Improvement Associations Open to More Applicants**

During the past three years 778 Halton herds have been enrolled in Dairy Herd Improvement work. This has been one of the most popular, if not the most popular live stock extension project ever initiated in this County. This type of cow testing was undertaken primarily for dairymen owning grade or mixed herds of pure-breds and grades. As a matter of fact, D.H.I.A. not only provides the of Performance work for pure bred same service rendered by Record herds but also provides cost of production data on each individual herd.

This information, while confidential to the herd owner, does enable him to compare his cost figures with the average of his group, as well as with the two high and two low herds. This information in itself, is of sufficient value to cause some pure bred breeders to give consideration to going out and purchasing one or more grade cows in order that they may become eligible under the policy.

However, the policy was recently revised by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and under the new regulations, herd owners must have at least two grade cows in order to qualify for membership. This has resulted in a number of the present members being unable to qualify and consequently several more herds can be accommodated. Those interested should immediately contact the local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Milton.

**350 Junior Farmers at O.A.C. Church Service**

The Provincial Conference and Annual Meeting of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario attracted seven hundred and fifty young people from every part of Ontario, on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 26, 27, and 28.

With each local Junior Farmer organization eligible to send two delegates the group which assembled Sunday afternoon represented a good cross section of Ontario's farm youth. In addition several visitors attended—Nancy Fleming, Ian Middleton, Ronald Delglish, and Graham Roger, from Scotland; Phyllisann Scott and Ron Pollock, Alberta; Lawrence Loy, Fred Pardee, Louis Burt, Massachusetts, U.S.; Marie St. Martin, Connecticut; Kenneth Gould, New Hampshire; and Dr. Joan Tully Australia.

**Church Service**

Mac Logan, a Junior Farmer from Oxford County, who earlier this year won the Provincial Public Speaking Award, addressed the annual Church Service held in War Memorial Hall, on the opening night of the Conference.

Halton County Junior Farmers' Choir led the singing and initiated much favorable comment for their rendition of two special numbers, "Bless This House" and "Bless the Lord O My Soul". Mr. Thomas Allen, of Waterdown, directed the Choir, and Mrs. George Newell of Milton was the very capable organist.

At the fireside which followed, the Halton Choir sang two additional numbers which, along with community singing led by Norm Lindsay, and four numbers by the O.A.C. Quartette led by Joan Lindley of Burlington, provided added enjoyment for all music lovers.

**Halton Debaters Win Provincial Championship**

Following a welcome to O.A.C. by Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, David Pelletier capably delivered the President's address, a challenging thought provoking speech which also summarized some of the work done by the Provincial organization.

**Dog-fight discourager**



We know one bellicose dog who won't welcome the latest thing in aluminum: an electric dog-prod. Next time Towser rushes into battle, you can nonchalantly prodge this two-foot aluminum rod and apply it to the handiest part of the dog's anatomy. The resulting shock is quite harmless, but they say a few "treatments" cure the pugnacity of even the toughest tyke.

Speaking of electricity, Canadians can take pride that the largest stranded electrical cable ever made for an overhead transmission line has been delivered by Alcan's Shawinigan Falls plant to the West Coast, to carry power to our new smelter now a-building at Kitimat, Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

Dr. Norman High, Director, Diploma Course, O.A.C. addressed the large group using as his topic the Conference theme—Yesterday, Today and To-morrow. Stressing that farming is big business and outlining some of the difficulties and their possible solutions, Dr. High paved the way for an open discussion which followed his talk.

At the afternoon session Jack McPherson, formerly Director of Publicity, Ontario Department of Agriculture, was chairman for a panel discussion on "Understanding One Another." The panel was made up of delegates from Scotland, Alberta, U.S.A. and Ontario. A banquet in the College Dining Hall, with the usual singing, and short, snappy address by C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, occupied the delegates' time until eight p.m., which was the hour all Halton delegates and many other Halton people had awaited with anticipation.

In the fall of 1952 nineteen counties entered Debating teams in the Provincial Junior Farmer Debating Series. The time for the finals had arrived, two teams were left. So it was Lambton vs. Halton. "Resolved that rural depopulation threatens the prosperity and welfare of Ontario." Careful preparation by Eleanor McKeown and Earl Snow, Halton's capable debaters, paid off as they were awarded an unanimous decision by the three judges and declared "Provincial Debating Champions."

This was the fifth straight win for Eleanor and Earl, and thanks goes to them and their many supporters for the honor which they have brought to Halton County. The Championship prize of \$50. was presented by David Pelletier, Provincial President.

Round and Square Dancing concluded Monday's program.

**Separate Sessions and Annual Meeting**

On Tuesday morning the boys and girls had separate sessions. For the girls there were discussions on "Know Your Fabrics" and "Cultural Interests" — for the boys a visit to the Agricultural Engineering, Soils, Crops and Animal Husbandry departments of the O.A.C.

After the C.B.C. Farm Broadcast which took place from Memorial Hall and featured Norm Garriock, The Craig's, and Special Interviews the delegates held their annual meeting.

Don Middleton, Middlesex County, was elected President, to succeed David Pelletier and Carl Boyton, York County, moves up to 1st Vice President.

A successful Conference is the result of careful planning. The 1953 Conference had most certainly been well planned.

**4H Clubs Organize**

Four Halton 4 H Clubs were formed in the Milton Court House, on Friday evening May 1st. Mr. J. E. Whitlock, Agricultural Representative, welcomed back several of last year's members and expressed pleasure that there were many new members present.

After an explanation of policies, regulations and record books, by Art Bennett, Assistant Agricultural Representative, officers were elected for the four Clubs:

**Holstein 4 H Calf Club**  
President, Norman Bird,  
Vice-President, Ralph Cunningham.

**Secretary, Don Cleave.**

**4 H Forage Club**  
President, Jamie Cunningham,  
Vice-President, Barry Archer,  
Sec. Treasurer, Lynne Coulter.

**Jersey-Guernsey 4 H Calf Club**  
President, Grant Devlin,  
Vice-President, Mary Lou Alexander.

**Secretary, Eleanor Joyce.**

**Beef 4 H Calf Club**  
President, Cliff Norrish,  
Vice-President, Katherine Merry,  
Secretary, John Willmott.

Several of the local Club Leaders were present. The 1952 members who finished their projects each received a 4H pin or crest.

Highlight of the evening was a short address by Dave Pelletier, a former Calf Club member. Commenting on his experiences in Club work and in Junior Farmer activities, Dave urged all members to take advantage of any opportunity to gain practical experience and education. The large group was then privileged to see colored slides of a trip to England and Scotland which Dave participated in while representing Ontario at the Overseas Judging Team.

Barry Archer thanked Dave on behalf of the entire group.

**SMILES**

A smile costs nothing, but creates much. It happens in a flash, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, but it is of no earthly good to anyone until it is given away. So, if in your hurry, you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours, for no one needs a smile quite so much as he who has none to give.

**SUBVERSIVE ?**

A truck driver was taking a civil examination. He was asked this question:

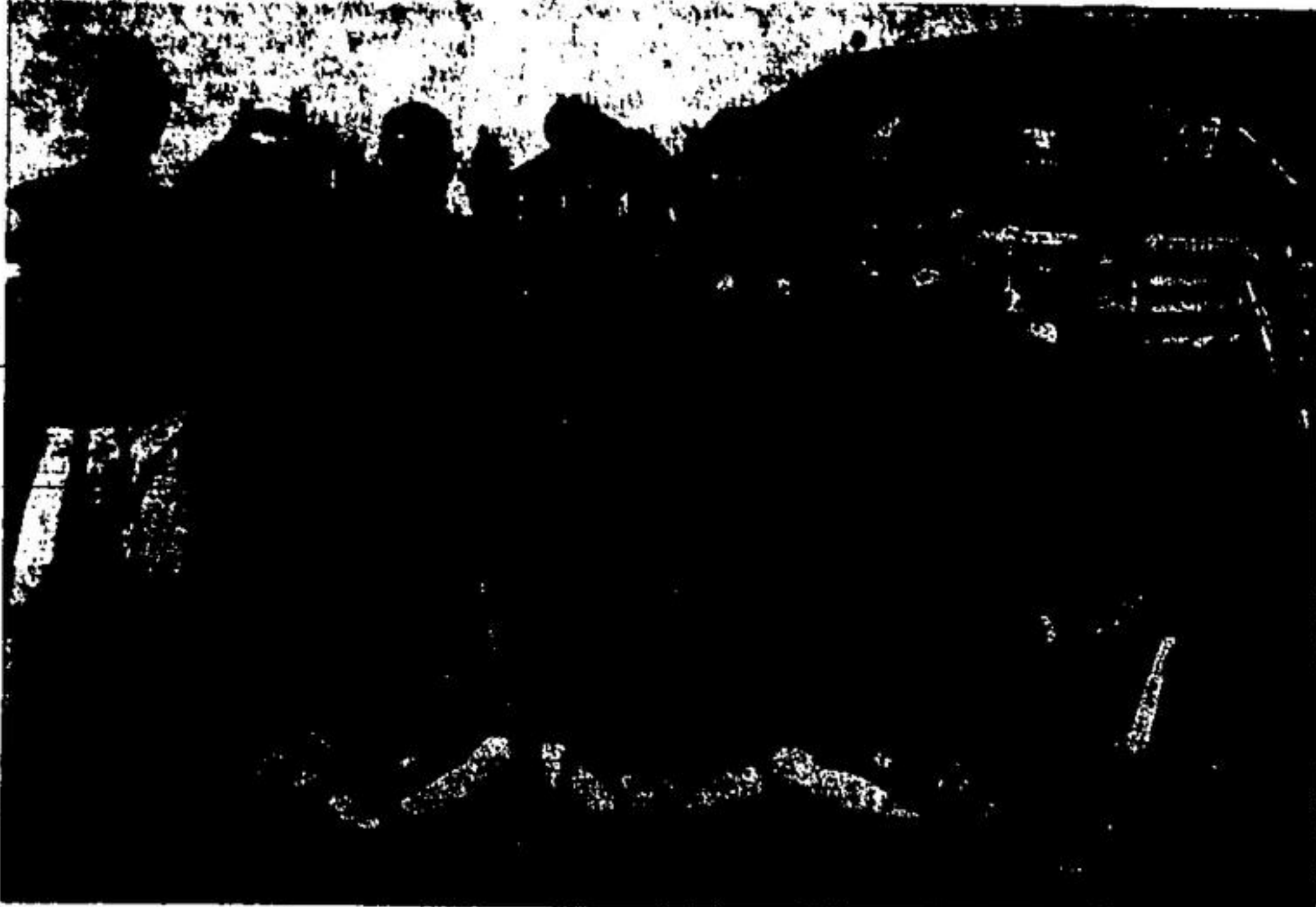
Examiner: "Did you ever belong to an organization that is trying to overthrow the government in Ottawa?"

Applicant (to the surprise of the examiner): "Yes."

Examiner: "You did! What is that organization?"

Applicant: "The Tory Party!"

**TALES ON TINTYPES**



THE LACROSSE THAT came back to Acton wasn't the same type of game that was played by the above team at the turn of the century. These young Acton men played field lacrosse and the space used was a field which took in about half the centre section of the park. You will notice the longer lacrosse sticks in those days. The passes were long and the checking hard.

Front row is Billy Gurney, W. Swackhamer, Frank McIntosh, Bud-Williams, Darby Statham.

Back row from left to right, Bob Scott, Anson Smith, Carl Williams, Eddie Ryder, Bill Statham, Jim Barry. — Murphy and Fred Ryder.

The grandstand in the park was on the lot now owned by Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie and the other building in the background was a barn which belonged to the house adjoining this lot. The maple trees which are such the big trees now were just newly started.

The two residences seen in the background belonged at that time to George Dills, Sr. and John Chisholm and were adjoining the park before the Knox Avenue section was opened for building. The only entrance to the park was then by way of Park Avenue.

We recall many hot games of the old lacrosse days in the park. Players weren't weighed down with much padding and checking was rough and slashing part of the game. Excitement ran high and an "in-more-than-one" occasion the visiting players were hurried off the field after the game in the "bus" and Doc Lawson, the constable, mounted the back step to see that fans did not molest the players.

It was a rugged game in which the players went through the whole session without substitutes. A player had to be pretty well laid out before a substitute took his place. Perhaps some of you older folk will remember how the Statham boys used to call

out "Over to Darby and across to Bill," as the play went down the field.

Looks as if A. T. Brown took this picture before one of the games. The boys have their hair well combed, and the parts in the hair of the players haven't been creased by a stick.

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