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# FARM NEWS

**4H CALF CLUBS MEET**  
On Monday evening of last week, members of the Halton 4H Beef Calf Club were joined by members of the Caledon 4H Calf Club for a visit to Mr and Mrs S. G. Bennett's Scotsdale Farms on the Seventh Line above Georgetown. The occasion was the regular monthly meeting for both clubs.

Scotsdale, recognized as one of the liveliest farms in Halton County, always provides an excellent meeting place. A visit to two of the pasture fields, where Maurice Baker, general herdman, pointed out the various foundation animals and their offspring, made it easy to understand why Mr Bennett won Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor honors at the 1952 Royal Winter Fair. It might be noted here, that Mr Bennett is the 1953 President of the Royal, an honor seldom bestowed on a resident of Halton County.

Under the leadership of Art Bennett, Assistant Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties, and Club Leaders, Sandy Buchanan and Blythe Meek, a judging class was held with members giving oral reasons for their placings.

Katherine Merry, John Williquitt, George Pinkney and Maurice Baker then demonstrated beef cattle showmanship.

Following the separate business meetings for the two Clubs, John Rayburn, Oakville R.R. No. 6, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Maurice Baker for their hospitality.

**4H DAIRY CLUBS MEET ALSO**  
Members of the Halton-Hastern, Jersey and Guernsey 4H Calf Clubs met at Pelletterio's Ashville Farms on Friday evening of last week.

Good classes of Holsteins for judging practice included some of the cattle which helped this enterprising farm family win the Premier Exhibitors' award at last year's County Show. Art Bennett and David Pelletterio acted as official

Judges: Mary Lou Alexander, George Greenless, Harry Archer and Tommy Hunter demonstrated dairy cattle showmanship for the benefit of younger inexperienced members. A written Quiz and discussion concluded the meeting.

**GOOD FARMS—GOOD LIVESTOCK**

The two farms mentioned above, are indicative of the high caliber of many of Halton's farms. It is a distinct pleasure for those of us who are associated rather closely with the 4H Club Movement, their meetings and activities, to have the privilege of visiting such farms as these, and to do visit a good number in the course of one year's program.

We know it is dangerous to single out certain farms, but would like to think that the many additional successful farm people in Halton County will understand why we point to this type of agricultural country.

**HOW MUCH IS WHEAT WORTH**

Every year the question arises: "Should I sell the wheat now or store it." Reports received from South Western Ontario where harvesting has been in progress for three weeks, indicate that the supply of winter wheat is heavy and that prices are considerably lower than those of one year ago. It seems reasonable to assume that with a better than average crop here in Halton, the same situation may prevail.

We were interested in a statement made by Prof. George Rathby at a meeting in the County this week. "A lot of wheat could be fed advantageously to livestock if wheat prices are low." In other words, perhaps after comparing the cost price of feed grain with the selling price of winter wheat and also comparing the feeding values of the two grains it may pay to feed the wheat.

According to Morrison's Feeds and Feeding, the T.D.N.—Total Digestible Nutrients, of 100 lbs. of Oats is 70.4 lbs. and the T.D.N. of winter wheat is 79.7, giving wheat over 9 pounds extra T.D.N. per 100 lbs. But how satisfactory is winter wheat for livestock? "Fed in properly balanced rations, it is equal to corn for dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep and pigs," states Morrison. If finely ground, it may become pasty consequently Prof. Rathby suggests it should be rolled rather than ground for feeding to cattle.

We would not be so bold as to tell any of our farming friends what to do with their wheat but would suggest that a little figuring on feeding values and prices might show what is most economical.

**HOG PRICE TRENDS**

The swift and practically uninterrupted upward of hog prices from mid-April to mid-June on Canadian markets may have led the casual observer to conclude that the course of hog prices this summer was bound to be more or less similar in pattern to 1951. Two years ago, it may be recalled, hogs attained all-time high levels at various markets, with a record peak of \$41.50 per cwt. for grade A dressed hogs at Montreal the third week in July.

A little serious reflection on various price making factors, now as compared to 1951, indicates important changes in the situation which, at the same time, help to explain recent market readjustments.

Looking first at the supply side it seems probable that hog marketings this summer will be on approximately the same scale as in 1951. But here the similarity ends.

Stocks of frozen pork in Canada at June 1st this year totalled 43.3 million pounds, compared to 27.6 million pounds at the same date in 1951. A similar comparison for beef shows 28.8 million pounds and 6.0 million pounds respectively. Total all of the meat freezer stocks this June 1st were 40 million lbs. larger than in 1951. In addition, there is a very substantial portion of last year's pork surplus still remaining in cans. This product, owned by the Agricultural Prices Support Board, totals over 60 million pounds and is a factor of some importance.

The beef situation has also entirely changed from 1951. Two years ago beef was the price pacesetter and, with limited cattle marketings, prices attained record levels. This year, with cattle slaughterings at high levels and beef prices lower, pork has lost its former price advantage. This is being reflected in a slowing of domestic disappearance of pork, even with employment and earnings remaining at comparatively high levels.

Thus, while current slaughter supplies of hogs are likely to continue to decline seasonally to about the same extent as in 1951, substantial changes in the various factors regulating demand must be reckoned with in attempting to forecast the trend of pork consumption and prices.

**SHOOTING LINES**

"I've got a quick-shootin' friend in Wyoming; he's a marvel."  
"Well, I've got a friend in Texas who is so quick he shoots before he even takes the gun out of the holster."  
"Never heard of him. What's his name?"  
"Toole's Hank."

## 75 Given Diplomas At Parents' Night

Diplomas were presented to 75 Acton youngsters at the Parents' Night which concluded the Vacation Bible school, on Friday evening, July 17. The diplomas were presented to the primary pupils by primary division superintendent Dwight Patterson, and to the junior by junior division superintendent Rev. H. H. Armstrong.

The Vacation School, sponsored by the Presbyterian, United and Baptist churches, was held last week in Knox Presbyterian church for children from four to 11 years of age.

A good crowd of parents and friends gathered in the church for parents' night, which began with a hymn, accompanied by Rev. E. A. Curry on the organ. After a prayer, the junior pupils recited the 23rd psalm. They also said the offertory prayer.

Rev. Armstrong welcomed those interested in the school, told of its purposes and mentioned that some of the collection would be held over for a Vacation Bible school next year.

The primary youngsters said their memory verse and sang two songs. The juniors said three memory verses and sang a hymn.

A Hallelujah story about "the gospel in a nutshell" based on John 3:16 was told by Miss Beryl Flynn. The diplomas were presented during this service.

Afterwards a display of handicrafts was shown. The primary section exhibited its coloring and a table scene of shepherds and sheep. Colored pictures were also shown by the juniors, as well as wall

church windows of colored paper.

Those receiving diplomas for having attended the school four of the five days were, primary — Janice Woodburn, Gary McEachern, Keith Dunk, Cheryl Price, Ruth Cole, Billy McKeown, Irene Anderson, Sandra Binnie, John Bilton, David Chapman, Kay Chisholm, Sandra Cripps, Doug Cook, Linda Cook, Judy Doby, Don Ford, Doug Ford, Karen Gervais, Helen Hopkins, Bob Hopkins, John Kirkwood, Donna Landsborough, John McGeachie, Sammy McPhedran, Russell Masales, Barbara McEachern, Lynda Nicol, Jan Riddell, Sandra Sinclair, Barbara Symon, Ann Symon, Donna Sterritt, Gerald Sterritt, Janice Wagner, Bob Watson, David Watson, Karen Perkins, Ruth Ann Elliott, Mary Grischow, Ron Robbins, Merle Harris, Jan Chisholm.

Juniors—Wayne Mason, Les McPhedran, John Palmer, Roy Dunk, Don Price, Paul McGeachie, Douglas Ruddick, Bill Ingles, Jeffrey Morris, Barbara Norton, Janet Bilton, Margaret Brown, Susan Cole, Mary Beth Elliott, Barbara Mercer, Joan McEachern, Donna McNiven, Charlene Marshall, Ruth Landsborough, Brenda Cripps, Faye McEachern, Sharon Gervais, Norma Sinclair, Margaret Armstrong, Beverly Marshall, Judy Morton, Beverly Price, Jim Bellamy, Reg Dunk, Carmen Woodburn, Craig Bellamy, Norman Elliott.

Incorporated companies employ 89 per cent. of Canadian manufacturing workers, partnerships employ 4 per cent., co-operatives 1 per cent., individually owned concerns 6 per cent.

## Seaway is Clear For Canada — Howe

A crowd of 1,000 filled the open air section of the Brant Inn Tuesday of last week to hear Hon C. D. Howe, minister of trade for Canada. He outlined the progress that Canada had made since 1933 under a Liberal government and the position in the nations but he said he did believe the Liberal government had given good leadership.

The trade minister declared Canadians "have looked forward for 25 years" for the new reality within the past week that the way is clear for Canada to go ahead and build the St. Lawrence seaway alone.

"All obstacles are removed and the seaway now may proceed," he declared. "We need no help what ever in building it. It should be built by Canada, and I am happy it is our privilege to build it ourselves."

He scored the Conservative party's "time for a change" slogan by arguing, "It is only time for a change if a government has shown itself unable to cope with the nation's problems and unable to keep Canada prosperous. That is certainly not the case with the Liberals. There are more people employed than ever before, greater prosperity than ever before, and Canada definitely is on the upward path."

In closing his address, Mr. Howe said the Liberal party had only one promise to make and that was to give its every endeavor to the progress of Canada and the betterment of the Canadian people.

Five Liberal candidates were on the platform at this meeting: Murray McPhail, Halton; Tom Ross, who is seeking re-election in Hamilton East; J. P. O'Reilly, Hamilton West; Reg Wheeler, Wentworth and Russ Debnick, who is contesting the new riding of Hamilton South.

"Any hint of marriage yet, dear?"  
"Yes, mother, several—but he always ignores them."

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