



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Halton Milk Producers Executive Meets

One of the best attended meetings of District No. 12 which we ever had the privilege of attending was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hunter, Norval, on Wednesday evening of last week. The 20 directors in attendance represented not only all sections of Halton but also the township of Erin and North Wentworth. President W. R. Boyle and Secretary John M. Bird were in charge of the excellent program which included addresses from Wm. Hoyles, president of both the Toronto Milk Producers' Association and the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League; and William Wilmut, Secretary-Manager of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association.

Bulk Haulage

Both Messrs. Hoyles and Wilmut dealt at some length on the "Bulk Haulage Plan", which threatens to invade the district. While Bulk Haulage may mark another progressive step in Agriculture, we cannot help but wonder if we are ready for it in this area. From the discussion which ensued it would seem that only shippers who produce six cans or more milk per day could afford to stay in business. According to Wm. Hoyles who has investigated "Bulk Haulage" as it operates in Oshawa and Kitchener in Ontario, as well as in several large centres across the line, "Bulk Haulage" adds to the farmer's cost of production. Representative of what type of refrigeration a producer may have at present this, stated Mr. Hoyles, would have to be replaced by a special vat costing in the neighborhood of \$2100. We also understood such vats would require a milk house, at least 12x6 inside. Other factors mentioned, included the thought that the special tank truck would require a lane, which would support a 16 ton truck.

Cannot Stay Wheels of Progress

While we should be one of the last to condemn "Progress" in Agriculture, nevertheless we can't help but wonder if this proposed plan is not a bit premature. We can conceive where some producers would welcome "Bulk Haulage". Why? Because it would temporarily at least, result in larger quotas for those who remain as whole milk shippers. The changes are contemplated about the younger operators, the veterans of the last war, who due to lack of working capital have not as yet been able to get better than perhaps a three or four can quota give them time and a monthly percentage of these young men will eventually land in the 6 to 10 can class.

Perhaps that is a poor argument against what may be termed "Progress". Be that as it may, we would like to be sure that the equipment required will stand up under the rigours of our Ontario climate. The fact that it has proven satisfactory in Maryland, does not necessarily mean that the same type of equipment will operate satisfactorily here under our weather conditions. In any event we would like to see the "Bulk Haulage" idea tried out elsewhere before it is forced on the milk producers in Halton. As we intimated earlier, it may be just another spoke in the wheel of progress—but as we see it at the moment, it can only increase the difficulty with which young men with limited capital can make a start in operating a farm in this County.

Hog Producers Visit Packing Plant

Sixty Halton producers with president Clayton May in charge, spent a profitable five and a half hours at Canada Packers plant in Toronto on Friday last. The group had the opportunity of discussing classes and groups of live hogs, and later of seeing the same hogs on the rail. They also had the opportunity of following the hogs through, the various steps on the killing floor, etc.

Last, but not least, the cutting demonstration of two sides — one from an A carcass, and the other from a B or C carcass, both cut into the four main domestic cuts. Now we realize why the A carcass is worth more to the trade than the over-finished carcass.

In brief, the 70.25 pound side from an A hog yielded 63 lb of saleable meat against 59.45 lbs of saleable meat from the 70.75 pound side from the over-finished carcass. The moral of the demonstration as we saw it, is "Why put over-finish on our hogs?" — fat which at wholesale prices is only worth from 8 to 11 cents per pound — fat which decreases the quality and resulting value of the domestic cuts over the local butcher shop counter.

Self Feeding of Pigs Practical
Two beliefs held by some hog breeders were recently dispelled

FORUM RALLIES, LEADERSHIP FORUMS, FOLK SCHOOL BOOST EDUCATION

Halton county farm forum committee met on March 31 with S. Turner, chairman, presiding. After the routine business, the provincial annual meeting of farm forums at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on April 7 was announced.

Miss Eleanor Saracene, Waterloo Director of Ontario Folk Schools was introduced and gave a thought provoking address on "Adult Education". She related one of her recent experiences at a county farm forum rally in Simcoe County where people of various nationalities were entertained at supper.

Later all shared in a discussion program, taking as their topic "The privilege of being a good Canadian". In this way each person was given ample opportunity to voice his or her opinion and the exchange of ideas was most impressive. The great need of the times is assuming our share of responsibility in our various organizations, she said.

New Leadership Program

During the past year a new program in leadership forums has been organized. This is accomplished by calling together representatives from the various county organizations to sit at a round table conference discussing the needs of the community and co-ordinating the ideas into a one or two-day program. Last year 10 leadership forums were held around the province, and next year more are expected.

When W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner and Chairman of the Advanced Registry Test Station Board, reported that tests conducted at the Waterloo Pig Testing Station last year showed that self-feeding of pigs did not necessarily result in over-fat carcasses and that feed consumption per pound of gain was, if anything, somewhat lower than by hand feeding.

Marketed Earlier

It was also revealed that not only had tests brought out these two important facts, but in addition, pigs fed by the self-feeder method had been marketed one month earlier than those fed by hand in 1952.

"A ration containing about 16 per cent protein is fed until the pigs average 100 lbs. Then the ration is changed to one containing about 14 per cent," stated Mr. Watson. "Although self-feeding has been condemned on the grounds that it tends to produce pigs carrying too much fat, such criticism is scarcely justified on the basis of the 1953 results at the Pig Testing Station. As a matter of fact 44 or 68 per cent of the 636 pigs that completed the test qualified for A grade. During that same period only 32 per cent of Ontario's marketed hogs were classified in the top grade. Our readers will also be interested to learn that at the test station under the self-feeding method, one pound of gain was produced with 3.5 pounds of feed — this marks the highest rate of feed efficiency obtained in any year since the station was established.

Despite the fact that Ontario's pure bred pigs made a very creditable showing when subjected to the A.R. test, two weaknesses were exposed upon analysis of the carcasses," stated Mr. Watson. The two factors were length and back fat. Since these characteristics are inherited breeders should select additions to their herds from strains that have high scores for length and back fat.

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20 PER CENT. EARNED PREMIUMS CREDITED MEMBERS MEDICAL CO-OP

The seventh annual meeting of the Halton Co-operative Medical Services was held in the Court House, Milton, on March 23 with a good attendance. Paul Necham, secretary, field manager of the Co-operative Medical Services Federation acted as chairman.

Sam McFarlane, manager of the Wentworth Co-operative Medical Services, was guest speaker and explained the method of service rendered by co-operative medical service groups for surgical benefits and their own on a sound basis. The number of members at the end of the fiscal year, November 30, 1953 was 1029 with a total coverage of 2547. The financial statement showed that total assets have climbed \$25,000 as compared to \$18,169 in 1952. Earned premium income reached \$24,747, which, after administrative costs and claims were deducted, netted a 22 per cent saving of \$5,405.

In the address by the president, Ross Segsworth, R.R. 2, Burlington, a recommendation from the Board of Directors was presented where-in it was suggested that 20 per cent of the earned premiums in the past fiscal year be credited to members as patronage loans. This recommendation was voted on by the members and carried.

Four directors were elected to serve a three year term: Robert I. Davidson, R.R. 2, Acton; Mrs. J. Wickson, R.R. 1, Bronte; Albert Hunter, R.R. 1, Norval and Mrs. R. E. Ellerton, R.R. 6, Milton.

Thirty ships seasonal record-exceeded Churchill, Man for grain cargoes in 1953.

LIMEHOUSE

Recent Visitors, W.A. News Topics

(Interred for last week)
The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Southworth on Tuesday evening.

Recent Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Greig and daughter of Brantford with Mrs. Newton and Miss Ivens.

Mr. Alex and Miss Shirley Wright home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cameron and family and Miss Evelyn Brown of Newmarket with the F. T. C. Brown's Mrs. Brown remaining for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Greygoose and family have taken up residence with the Cyril Clarke's until the completion of their new home in Erin township.

Mrs. F. T. C. Brown is spending a few days in Hamilton.

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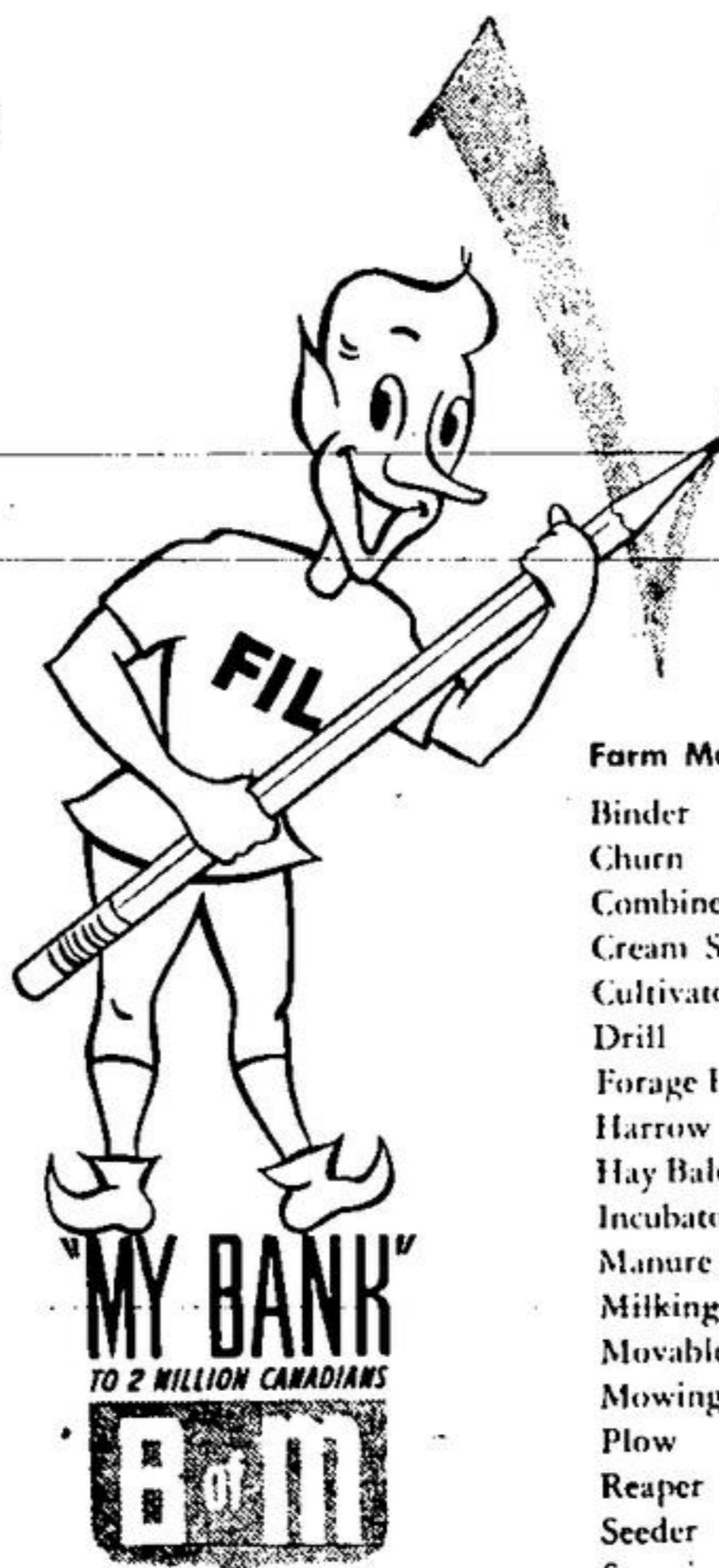


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Check-list for the Go-Ahead Farmer

Farm Machines:-

- Binder
- Churn
- Combine
- Cream Separator
- Cultivator
- Drill
- Forage Harvester
- Harrow
- Hay Baler
- Incubator
- Manure Spreader
- Milking Machine
- Movable Granary
- Mowing Machine
- Plow
- Reaper
- Seeder
- Spraying Apparatus
- Swather
- Thresher
- Tractor
- Truck

Equipment:-

- Farm Tools
- Generators
- Pasteurization Plant
- Pumps
- Refrigeration

Buildings:-

- Barn
- Dwelling
- Garage
- Greenhouse
- Granary
- House for Farm Help
- Ice-house
- Kiln
- Machine Shed
- Milk House

Repair and Renovation

- of Farm Buildings
- Poultry House
- Silo
- Tourist Cabins

Land Improvement:-

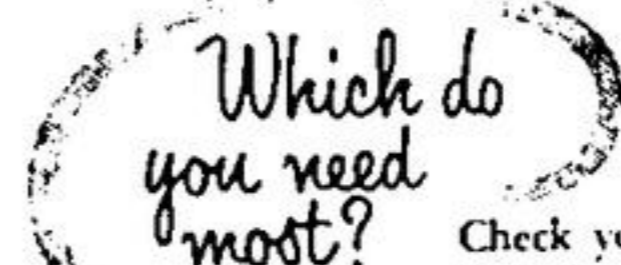
- Clearing
- Ditching
- Drainage
- Farm Pond
- Irrigation
- Pumping and Diking Installations
- Purchase and Planting of Fruit Trees
- Reclamation and Soil Conservation
- Sewage Disposal System
- Tiling
- Well-sinking

Home Appliances:-

- Deep-freeze Unit
- Refrigerator
- Sewing Machine
- Stove
- Washing Machine

Light, Heat and Water Systems:-

- Boiler
- Built-in Sinks or Tubs
- Furnace
- Installation of Lighting, Heating or Water
- Oil Burner
- Piping
- Repair or Modernization of Present System
- Water Heater



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