

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Price Squeeze Creates New Problems

Since 1951, the index of farm product prices in Canada has fallen down from 268 to 209 and several of commodity and services used by the farmer has risen from 230 to 242. Needless to point out, the prices of two products which we are most concerned with in Ontario, namely, beef and processed milk, have fallen much more than indicated by the above index.

This price squeeze is going to create many farm problems not encountered for several years. The traditional way of meeting such price squeezes in the past, was to retire as far as possible to self-sufficiency on the farm and clamp down on expenditure.

This was possible to a large degree in the days when a farmer raised his own fuel (logs and hay) and had no taxes, no hydro and several other cash expenses which are the normal part of farm living now. It is our opinion that many are going to try that method again. It is again our opinion, that after trying it out for a year or two, farm operators too, will find it does not work any more.

Look For Other Economies

Many of the farmer's expenses are of a nature which will not shrink with farm prices as grain did formerly. Consequently, the farm operator is going to have to look for economies in the combination of farm enterprises and farm practice.

Mainly the Result of Business Organization

Farm Management studies reveal that the difference in net returns between farms lies in the following factors: (1) Yield per acre; (2) Yield per animal unit (per cow, per sow, per hen, etc.); (3) Output per man; (4) Output per dollar invested; (5) Size of operation; (6) Combination of enterprises.

The first two are old familiar farm practices. The last four are mainly the result of business organization. Further, the first two have and always will be important factors. Nevertheless as we look at conditions as they are now, it would seem to us that in the future we must give more attention to the latter four. In them, as we see it, the managing ability of the farm operator is going to play an increasingly important part.

Farmers' Week at O.A.C. Announced

With weather so backward and little seeding done to date, it may seem a bit premature to make any announcement relative to Farmers' Week at the Ontario Agricultural College. However, there are always a large number of family picnics and reunions planned for the month of June, hence it may be in order to advise that the dates set for Farmers' Week at the Ontario Agricultural College have been designated as June 8th to 11th inclusive.

Back in the days when we used to travel by train to the "Experimental Farm" at Guelph, there used to be a special day set aside for the farm folk of Halton, and surrounding counties. This is now a thing of the past—Halton folk are welcome in any of the days mentioned above.

Special Day for Halton and Peel

The nearest approach we have for a special day for Haltonites, is the special Field Day sponsored by the Holstein, Jersey, and Guernsey groups of Halton and Peel, who will be holding their annual get-together at Guelph, on Saturday, June 5th.

George McLaughlin to Address Holstein Twilight

The annual Twilight Meeting sponsored by the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club is again to be held at Hays Sales Arena, near Trafalgar.

A highlight will be an address by George R. McLaughlin, of Elmercroft Farm, near Oshawa. Ever since Art Bennett, Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties took the Halton Junior Farmer Herdsmen down to Elmercroft, we have heard a great deal about the Elmercroft pastures.

Mr. McLaughlin has and is trying out a lot of new ideas, and they seem to be paying off—consequently we are personally looking forward to hearing the story at first hand.

Halton Juniors' Annual "At Home"

The Brant Inn, Burlington, on Thursday evening last was the scene of the Halton Juniors' Annual "At Home". Again the Juniors are to be congratulated on the high standard of their party. As usual the young ladies in their party dresses and corsages were beautiful to behold. The young men in their best "tux and tucker" were a clean-cut looking

bunch, and a real credit to Halton Agriculture.

It was certainly a nice contrast to a great many previous days' social events. President Don Matthews and his committee members had done an excellent job of planning, and are to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

Among the guests we noted Warden and Mrs. J. J. Stewart of Acton; President W. R. Hume and Mrs. Hume of the Halton Federation of Agriculture; Chairman A. T. Woodley of the Halton 4-H club Leaders' Council and Mrs. Woodley; as well as many prominent Juniors from the counties of York, Peel, Wellington, Waterloo, Wentworth, Lincoln and Haldimand.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Hear Acton Woman At W.M.S. Meeting

(Intended for last week)

The Women's Missionary Society held its Easter meeting at the home of Mrs. C. A. Eley last week. The president, Miss Simpson, opened the meeting with the call to worship, in honor to the Queen whose birthday was the day before, the National Anthem was sung, followed by repeating the Creed in unison.

Mrs. Menzies and Mrs. Halstead were in charge of the devotional period. The secretary and treasurer each gave their reports which were followed by the reports from the departmental secretaries. The president reported a small parcel of cards sent to India. This will probably be followed up with other parcels.

The roll call was answered with an Easter verse. The offering was received and dedicated by the president.

Mrs. W. Greenless introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Mainprize, Acton. Mrs. Mainprize gave an interesting report of the synodical meeting in Barrie. The theme of this meeting was the Royal Command, Go ye into all the lands and preach the gospel to all people.

Mrs. Mainprize said that in India three quilts are used for one bed, one probably for a pillow. These quilts are replaced by new ones every year. The old ones are given to the reserves.

Mrs. Wallace King thanked Mrs. Mainprize, Mrs. A. T. Moore and Mrs. G. Inglis sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

The president led in prayer and closed the meeting with the benediction. Grace was sung. Miss Marilyn Moore was pianist for the meeting. A social time followed.

Blair Evening Auxiliary Meet

The Easter meeting of the Blair Evening Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Elliot last week. The president, Mrs. Robertson, opened the meeting with the call to worship. The devotions were in charge of the president and Mrs. J. Wallace. Mrs. Andrews gave a reading "Easter Morning." Mrs. Garnet Cramp sang a solo, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mrs. Wm. Mahon introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. J. McDougall, who with her husband and family had spent three years in Ethiopia. Mrs. McDougall gave a vivid description of Ethiopia and the customs of the people.

The roll call was answered by using the word Victory. Mrs. Menzies thanked the speaker, the soloist and the hostess. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. W. Mahon. A social period followed when 29 ladies enjoyed a pleasant half hour.

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The largest number of boys ever to attend a meeting since April 15 were present at the third meeting of the 1st Acton Wolf Cub Pack last Thursday night at the Scout Hall. Of this number, 12 were former Cubs, the other 32 "New Recruits".

A "Grand Howl" and a review of the story of Cubbing got the meeting under way. A game, instruction period on the Law and Promise and a campfire which consisted of a sing-song and a story completed the programme.

During the past week the Cubmaster (Akela) called on the parents of all boys who had attended Cubs since April 15th in an attempt to cut the Pack membership to 24.

Until next October the Pack will carry on with only 24 boys most of whom will be former Cubs. The balance will be placed on a wait-list and taken into the Pack in order of application provided the boys' ages are between eight and 11 years.

At tonight's meeting the Pack will be divided into Sixes and will receive instruction on the use of the "Totem Pole". Games and a campfire programme will be included.

Murray Seayne, Akela

OBITUARY

Mrs. Robert Darby Resident Since '26

Mrs. Robert Darby, the former Caroline Fletcher, a well-known resident of Acton for many years, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph on April 28. She had been in failing health for some time.

She was the eldest daughter of the late John and Lizabeth Fletcher and was born in Easthop Township on May 17, 1887. She was married to Robert L. Darby in 1912, moving to Acton in 1926.

Rev. Robert L. Armstrong conducted the funeral service at the Victor B. Rumley and Son Funeral Home on Friday, April 30. Pallbearers were Elmer McEachern,

OBITUARY

Nassagaweya Born Man Passes in B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carton received the sad message by telegram of the passing of Mrs. Carton's oldest brother, Wm. McGibbon, of Grassy Plains, B.C. on April 20. He was in his 79th year.

The late Mr. McGibbon was the oldest son of the late Archie McGibbon, one time governor of Milton. His mother, before her marriage, was the former Isabella Alton.

The deceased was born on his father's farm, lot 6, con. 6, township of Nassagaweya, in 1876. As a boy he went to S.S. 6 and went with his parents and the rest of the family to Boston Presbyterian church.

He moved west over 40 years ago where he farmed. There he married the former Ila Noble. They had two sons, Blake and Archie. After farming there for some time, he sold out and moved to Moose Jaw, later to New Westminster, then to Grassy Plains, where they and their two sons took up farming again.

He leaves to mourn, his wife and two sons, Archie and Blake; two granddaughters, Rosie and Shirley; also two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Carton, Milton and Mrs. Bert Hutcheon, Ayr; a brother, Archie, Winnipeg, predeceased him in May, 1953.



The Season Portrayed

OBITUARY

Douglas McEachern, George Smith, Rudolph Spivey, Robert O'Hara and Robert Scurluck, Honorary pallbearers were James Dawe, Keith Sordella, Robert Hunter, Herbert Jordan, John Nap, Paul Groux, Earl Marshall, Warren Reid.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband Robert L., and five children, William of Hamilton, Elizabeth (Mrs. Clarence Dadds), R.R. No. 2, Rockwood, Irene (Mrs. Harry McCullough) of Hamilton, Orval at home and Maribel (Mrs. Telford Reid); 14 grandchildren, five brothers, Edward of Hamilton, Herbert of Bolton, Henry of Campbellville, Rupert of Rockwood and George of Guelph and three sisters, Mrs. Susan Mitcheson of Guelph, Mrs. Susan Sordella of Dundas and Mrs. Delaine Dawe of Guelph.

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