



Biggs To Address Milk Producers

Everett Biggs, Dairy Commissioner for Ontario, is to address Halton Milk Producers at Stewart-Brown Inn in May, states John M. Bird, Secretary of the Association. In addition to Mr. Biggs we understand from Mr. Bird that Wm. Hoyle, President of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, and also of the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League, as well as Wm. Wilmut, Secretary-Manager of the Toronto association will be on the programme. All in all, energetic Johnnie would appear to have lined up a program which no Halton Milk Producer can afford to miss. **McLaughlin of Kilmoritt Addresses**

Twilight

George R. McLaughlin of Elm-croft Farm Oshawa, delighted his audience with this thought provoking practical address on Friday evening last at the Halton Holstein Breeders' Twilight held in Hays' Sales Arena, near Trafalgar. Despite the fact that seeding was in full swing on the majority of Halton farms a good crowd was out for this popular annual event.

Mr. McLaughlin who was introduced by his fellow national director, Ross Segsworth of Burlington, gave one of the best talks on farm management it has ever been our privilege to hear. Mr. McLaughlin is strong for grassland farming. When he took over the farm a few years ago 58% of their total acreage was in grain or cultivated crops. Today 79% of his acreage is in hay and pasture.

Over One Cow Per Acre

On his 45-acre field which is divided by electric fences into 10 4-acre paddocks, he pastures approximately 50 milk cows from May 20 to September 20. In addition he takes off from 300 to 400 tons of grass legume silage from the same area. According to Mr. McLaughlin, "The amazing results of increased grain yields, lower grain consumption savings in purchase of high-protein supplements, lower labour requirements, and decreased investment in machinery and equipment of highly depreciable nature, are writing a new story in our experience."

Heavy Fertility Programme

According to Mr. McLaughlin their annual fertilizer bill on their 45 acres of pasture runs between \$600 and \$650, which amount is returned in fluid milk sales in slightly less than the first nine days of the pasture season. In order to give his pasture a rest he takes the herd off around September 20th and applies 20% superphosphate at the rate of 500 lbs. per acre and 60% nitrate of potash at 165 lbs. per acre—in addition, he applies 5 tons of manure per acre before freeze-up.

Alfalfa Still There

After three years Mr. McLaughlin states the alfalfa is still equally as thick as it was the first year. He gives credit for this to the rest he gives it in the fall and his fertility programme. His mixture by the way is Alfalfa 6 lbs; Bromo-

5 lbs; Orchard Grass 4 lbs; and Ladino Clover 1 lb.

Discussed Bulk Hauling of Milk
Again he was frank to admit that it means increased investment and which requires more than three or four cans a day to justify the expense. As Mr. McLaughlin sees it, bulk-hauling is on the way in smaller centres but admits it will be difficult for a dairy in the Toronto market. Vice-president Geo. Pelleterio, in extending the appreciation of the gathering, intimated it was one of the finest talks on farm management he had heard in many a day.

Type Demonstration

Geo. Drennan, popular Holstein fieldman, presided over the demonstration on type and judging competition. Here the winners were as follows: Ladies—Miss Marilyn Irwin, Milton R.R. 4; and in the Men's section, youthful Jack Robertson of Milton R.R. 5 was the winner. Both young people are members of Halton's 4-H Holstein Club.

Visitor from New Zealand

New Zealand, the little country which exports more cheese and butter than any other country in the world, was represented by Mr. North, a prominent Holstein breeder and official in that country. Other visitors from outside the county included John Powell of the Holstein-Friesian office in Brantford; and D. S. Dunton and Son, Ralph of Glenview Holstein Farm in Peel County.

While the attendance was below normal, many of those present intimated it was one of the best, if not the best programme of any held to date.

Spring Seeding on "At Last"

The last three days of last week really saw tractors, cultivators, drills, etc. travelling in every direction. Some of the land may not have been too fit but in general, most fields are working up much better than one might expect. A few more days like Thursday and Friday of last week will see most of Halton's cereal grains in the ground.

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SILVER-WOOD

To Make Clothing For Layette, Doll

The Silver-wood Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ern Balkin on May 13 and heard a most interesting report of Mrs. R. Corbett's two days in Guelph at the presidents' conference. Mrs. W. Norton gave a report of the dinner given by the Halton T.B. and Health Association which she and Mrs. George Henderson attended.

Mrs. W. Norton read a most interesting article on the flower of the month—lily of the valley. Mrs. D. Williamson had the current events and Mrs. F. Ruddell gave a clever paper on the motto "There's one handy thing to have around when things go wrong; that's a good disposition."

Plans were made for the program which is to be put on at Ashgrove Institute, when Silver-wood visits them in June. Fannette was distributed to three ladies who will make articles for more layettes for the Children's Aid. Various members will make articles of clothing for the doll which is to be entered into the Canadian National Exhibition competition.

Mrs. Miller conducted two amusing and entertaining contests. Delegates were appointed to the district annual and plans made for members to attend. Ballinad W.I. is invited to attend the next meeting of Silver-wood W.I. which is to be held at the home of Mrs. A. Stull.

Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Marchington were hostesses at a pleasant tea hour.

Recent Guests

Guests at the homes of Mr. Sandy McKay and also at the home of Mr. Bert Sinclair were relatives and friends from the West—Mr. and Mrs. G. Wittig and their son Mirvyn from Saskatchewan.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Balkin were Mr. and Mrs. D. Pace from Toronto. A guest for a few weeks at present is Mrs. Alf Day of Montreal.

Guests for the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Don, Roydon and Harvey; also Ronald Orlie of Guelph. Frank Miller of Longboro visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Miller.

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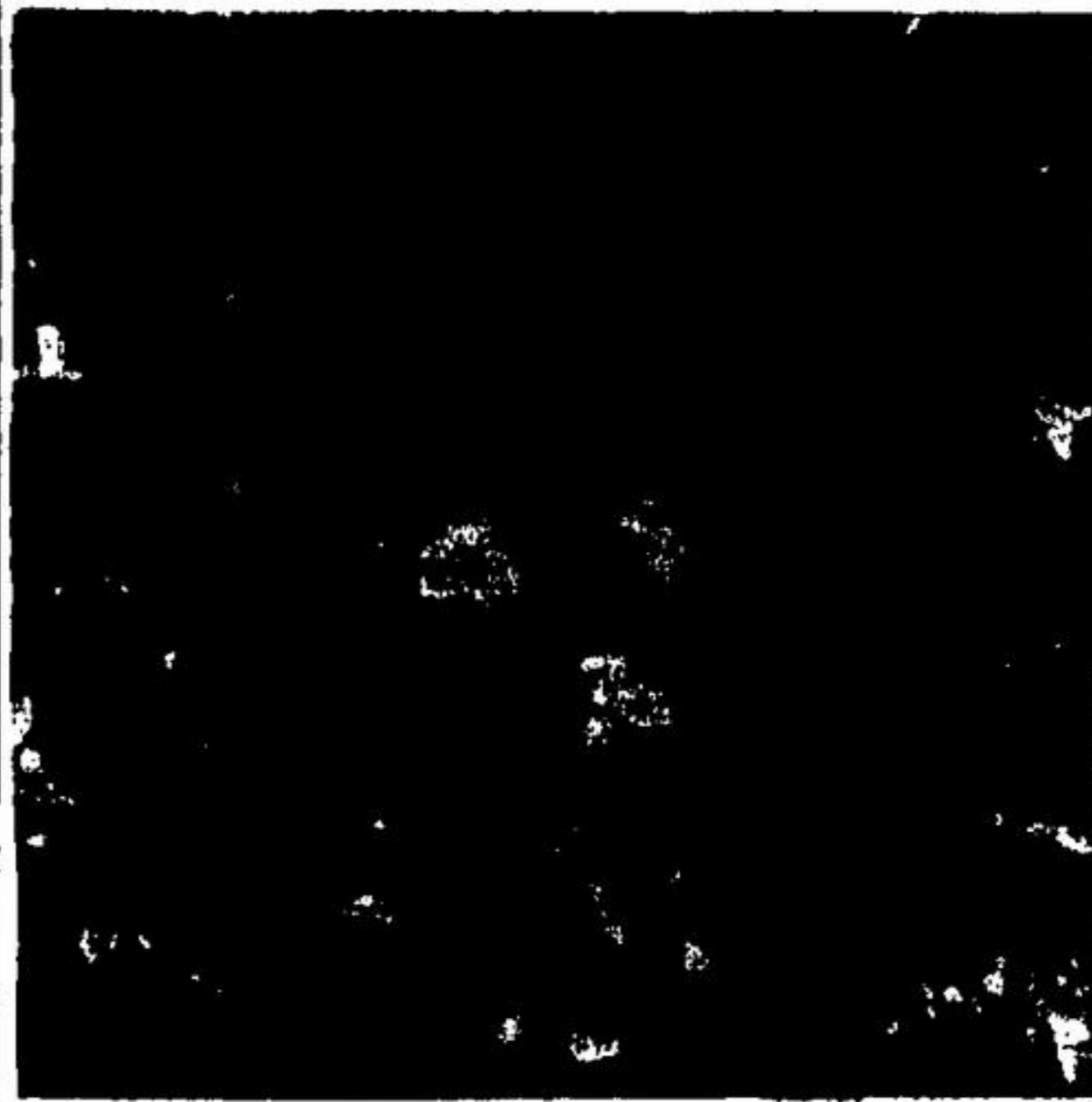
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Frank Holton, director of music for Brantford, who adjudicated the event, praised the work of music teachers in Halton and the work of all contestants, commenting that it compared very favorably with festivals at larger centres.

Festival officials, headed by Miss Ruth Evans, president, agree that this year's festival was the most outstanding. "Music as taught in our schools is developing the children's voices, so they may continue their musical training," Miss Evans commented.

Rural schools began the festival activities on Wednesday morning, continuing through that day, with urban public schools competing on Thursday morning and afternoon and high school classes on Thursday evening.

Included in the Thursday evening program, which was attended by a large crowd, were vocal num-

bers presented by scholarship winners in 1953. Those taking part were Paul Prust, Burlington; Miss Donna McMillan, Acton; Terry Wolfe, Burlington and Miss Glenna Doherty, Georgetown.

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