

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Sandy Buchanan Wins Championship Trip
Halton Junior Farmers under the leadership of Art Bennett, Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties, held their annual live stock judging competitions last Friday.

Forty-eight young men judged 10 classes of livestock on the farms of Reford Gardhouse, Gerald Graham, F. O. Hunter, M. T. McNabb and Sons, and Stanley May, Esquimaux Township; also at the farm of J. H. Willmot and Son, Trafalgar township. During the afternoon the contestants gave oral reasons on five of the classes judged in the morning—the official judges being Ed. Starr of the Ontario Livestock Branch, Toronto; Herb Norry, Associate Agricultural Representative for Wellington County; Harold Buck, Associate Agricultural Representative for Westwark County; Garnet Norrish, Canada Department of Agriculture; and J. H. Willmot, of Milton.

Don Mathews, president of Halton Juniors, presided at the announcement of awards and presentations of prizes held in the Milton Town Hall the same evening. Sandy Buchanan, of Moffat, won the Hamilton Spectator award of a Championship Trip to the 4H Club Congress in Chicago. The award is based on the all round ability of the contestants namely leadership participation in 4H club work and Junior Farmer activities as well as judging ability. The runner-up here was Earl Wilson, of Norval, who was awarded the Kingsway Kiwanis Scholarship.

David Pelletterio was the high contestant of the day; with John C. Willmot, in second place. Other awards were as follows:

High points: Harold Patterson, Milton; Duncan Campbell Trophy (big man in beef)—Don Matthews; Donald Robertson Trophy (high man in horses)—David Pelletterio; Rayson Trophy (high man in Dairy)—Norman Burd; Mason Knitting Co. Trophy (high man in sheep)—Barry Archer; Thomas Blacklock Trophy (high man in Swine)—John Willmot; Palermo Juniors Trophy (high coach)—Don Johnson; Norval Juniors Trophy (high aggregate score)—Sandy Buchanan; Dr. R. K. Anderson Trophy (high club)—Norval.

Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy (high township team), Esquimaux; high Junior (16 years and under)—Norman Burd; high Intermediate (17 to 21 years)—Barry Archer; high Senior (21 to 25 years)—David Pelletterio.

Another highlight of the evening's programme was the presentation of awards to Halton's 4H Homemakers. Here Mrs. Borgstrom, Home Economist, was assisted by Mrs. Max

Featherstone, president of Halton District W.I.'s, and Mrs. J. L. Ellery, District W.I. Secretary. The Halton W.I. Championship Trip was awarded to Miss Bernice Wilson, of Ashgrove, who will accompany a group of Ontario Juniors on a bus trip this fall to Ottawa, New York, and Washington. Provincial Honor Pins, emblematic of 12 completed projects, were presented to Marilyn Barnes, Marion Bird, Barbara Cunningham, Bernice Wilson, Kathleen Kirkpatrick; while County Honor Pins emblematic of six completed projects were presented to Freda-mae Stull, Shirley Downs, and Joan McCarron.

The Bank of Toronto Trophy was presented by Mr. M. E. Kerr, manager of the Oakville branch, to the Nelson 4H Club—the team members being Helen Vivian, Glenna Rose, and Ruth Featherstone.

Still another pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by Mr. George E. Elliott, Milton, of two trophies in memory of his father, the late John Robertson Elliott, to the Misses Barbara Cunningham, and Jean Patterson, who represented Halton in the Inter-County Debating Competition this past winter. The concluding feature of the evening's programme was the demonstration in square dancing, by two sets representing North Halton, and Milton Juniors. A composite set selected from these two outstanding groups will represent Halton in the inter-county square dancing competition to be held at Western Ontario Junior Farmers' Field Day, at O.A.C., Guelph, on Saturday, June 19th.

Ontario Dairy Commissioner Addresses Halton Milk Producers

Monday evening of last week saw what was perhaps the most outstanding meeting held by Halton Milk Producers in the past 20 years. The meeting was held in the Stewarttown Hall, with an outstanding battery of speakers, namely Everett Biggs, Dairy Commissioner for Ontario; Wm. Hoiles, president of Toronto Milk Producers' Association; and William Willmot, secretary of the same organization.

The speakers dealt with the new agreement based on "Formula Pricing"—Bill 68—which combines all dairy legislation under one Act: "Bulk Hauling", and the proposed "Surplus Milk Plant". We were interested to learn that, in contrast to 78 distributors who operated in the Toronto Market in 1932, there are today only 24 distributors. Consumption on the other hand has increased from 91 million quarts in 1939, to 130 million quarts in 1953. Under formula pricing, the pro-

ducers' price is based on the following formula:

- Wholesale Index—30%
 - Weekly wages index—20%
 - Commodities and Services used by farmers—30%
 - Price of butterfat index—10%
 - Price of Condensed Products Index—10%
 - Price of Cheese Index—10%
- This sets the price for quota milk testing 34% B.F. at \$4.53 per cwt. against the old price of \$4.60. No change will take place in this price until the combined weighted correction index varies 10 points one way or the other.

Congratulations are extended to President W. R. Hoyle, and Secretary John M. Bird for the excellent leadership which they are giving to the Halton association.

World Jersey Bureau To Visit Halton

The week of July 19th will see the World Jersey Bureau meeting in annual session at the Ontario Agricultural College. The week's programme calls for the group spending the afternoon of July 22nd in Halton, when they will visit four of Halton's outstanding Jersey herds, namely those of Gerald R. Graham, Georgetown; Ken Ella and Sons, Hornby; Featherstone Bros., Oakville; and that of M. C. Beaty, near Milton. The tour is scheduled to conclude with a picnic supper at Lindale Farm, where the party will be guests of the Halton Jersey Club.

Immigrant Parents For Cattle Types

Depth the benefits of modern education and last minute communications media, there are still a lot of urban dwellers who end up at agricultural shows and are unable to tell a beef cow from a dairy animal.

This sort of thing doesn't usually cause too much concern among the farm folks, although sometimes it causes them a little amusement. However, the major shows in Ontario have now started tacking up signs in their show barns so that when junior spreads butter on his bread or drinks his milk he'll have a rough idea of the type of cow it came from.

Most cream and milk producers in this province keep one of four dairy breeds, two of which are large animals, the other two comparatively small.

The Holstein, popular as a heavy producer, is properly known as the Holstein-Friesian, and originated in a section of Europe now shared by Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands. It is a large animal, black and white in color, with fairly long horns.

The Ayrshire, native of Scotland, is another large type, with long horns, except for the few of polled or hornless strain. It is brown and white and a heavy producer.

The Jersey and Guernsey, the other main dairy breeds, are natives of the islands of the same name. They too, have a brown and white coloring, predominately brown, and shading into almost black in some Jerseys. Both have short, curved horns and are producers of highest milk. The Jersey is known for a deer-like face.

Canadian Cattle Sell at U.S. Sale

The annual sale held in connection with the national convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America on June 3 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, brought a total of \$46,625 on 99 head for an average of \$475. Several Canadian Holsteins were among those sold.

Top price of the sale was \$3,000 received by Estate of P. E. Pifer, Kenosha, Wis., from Percy Jones, Denver, Col., for a six-year-old cow. Twenty-three head sold for \$1,500 or more with eight between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Among the bidders were Ed. Don George, former World Champion wrestler, who has established a Holstein herd near Buffalo, and Col. J. C. McLean, chief test pilot for the U.S. Army Air Force.

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