

HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS climaxed their year's activities with the annual Banquet and Dance in Trafalgar Hall on Friday evening last week. Studying the increasing number of trophies for various activities, backing the head table, are from the left, Past President Don Matthews, President of the Ontario Junior Farmer Association Carol Boynton, Past Secretary Jean Peterson, incoming Secretary Joan Wrigglesworth, and the new President John Pickett.

WARBLE FLY, BRUCellosIS CONTROL ACTS PASSED BY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

By-Laws for the purpose of enforcing the Warble Fly Control Act and the Brucellosis control act as requested in petitions presented to council, were passed by Erin township officials at their regular meeting in Hillsburgh on Monday, March 7.

A committee to supervise the control under the Brucellosis Control Act was appointed consisting of Dr. Worton, provincial veterinarian, W. D. Black, county agricultural representative, George Bryan, township clerk, Morgan Graham and John Awrey.

Tax arrears against part of Lot 22, Con. 7, amounting to \$5.04, were cancelled, having been wrongly assessed.

Daniel Gray was appointed township treasurer for 1955.

A donation of \$25 was made to the Wellington County Seed Fair.

The account of the Grand Valley Conservation authority, levied against Erin township for share of administration costs, amounting to \$120.96 was ordered paid.

Fence viewers called to arbitrate on the line fence between the properties of Fred Miller and J. Sharpe. Lot 29, Con. 1, were paid as follows: George Burt \$7, Chester Burt \$7, and Robert Rowan \$7.

Election expenses for the by-election held in the township were paid as follows: deputy returning officer \$7; poll clerk \$5; polling booth \$4; returning ballot boxes, 10 cents per mile one way: A. E. Currie \$17; Robert Kerr \$17.10; J. Gillespie \$16.70; Morgan Graham \$16.60; Earl Jessop \$16.70; Robert Sloan \$12; George Lacey \$12; Charles McKeown \$17.40; township hall \$16.

Rev. C. C. Cochrane Elected Moderator

Rev. Charles C. Cochrane, minister for the past seven years of Melville Presbyterian church, Westmount, Quebec, and a former minister at Georgetown and Limehouse, was elected moderator of the Montreal Presbytery of the Presbyterian church in Canada.

He was minister in the district for several years prior to accepting the call to Westmount.

A graduate in arts from Queen's University and in theology from Knox College, he succeeds Rev. Dr. R. J. Berlis, minister of the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

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FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS' BANQUET A. R. Coulter Wins Reserve Hay Crown

The fifth annual banquet of the Halton Junior Farmers in the Trafalgar Memorial Hall last Friday evening was well up to the standard of former years. Approximately 130 Juniors were in attendance for the delicious banquet catered by the Bethel W.A. and the excellent program presided over by toastmaster Don Matthews.

This was Don's concluding function as president of Halton Juniors. Under his leadership, Halton Juniors have enjoyed a year filled with activity and achievement. The annual banquet therefore, was a fitting climax to an outstanding year.

The eighth annual provincial hay show held in conjunction with the Oxford County Seed Fair last week, saw a new Ontario Hay King crowned in the person of Mac Hart, of Woodstock, R.R. 6.

As we intimated a year ago, it is unfortunate that circumstances were such that the parents could not be present to see their young people in action—they would have been proud of them and well they might be.

That the audience was in agreement with the sentiments of Helen Vivian, who conveyed the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Boynton, was manifest by the applause which followed the conclusion of her remarks.

For the first time since its inauguration, Halton was represented by an entry of A. R. Coulter of Campbellville. His bale of second cutting alfalfa and brome took the reserve award in this strong show, which attracted entries from some eight or nine counties.

Harold Braun accompanied by Ruth Wilson, started the evening off on a high level with his vocal selection, "The Lord's Prayer". Then followed the toast to "The Queen", and for once, it was in our opinion done properly. Then just to prove that Halton has many young people who are excellent leaders in community singing, Barbara Cunningham assisted by Ruth Wilson at the piano, led in an enjoyable sing-song.

The introduction of the head table was nicely handled by Joan Wrigglesworth, with Earl Wilson doing an equally good job in extending thanks to the ladies of Bethel W.A. Then came the toast to the "Junior Institute", and the "Junior Farmers", ably handled by Roy Farn, Wilma Sweeney, Jean Peterson and Mac Sprout.

Earlier in the week, we had attended a meeting of the directors of Halton Milk Producers and there we heard Irwin Hartley, of Oxford County, newly elected president of the Toronto Milk Producers, and others comment on "bulk coolers" and tank trucks, etc. From their comments, it definitely looks that whether we like it or not, bulk hauling is on the way.

When we visited the farm of Harvey Nurse at Ashgrove this past week, we couldn't help but wonder, "What would my Dad and others of his generation think if they could come back and see what has taken place in Agriculture in the past 25 or 30 years?"

They were of the generation who in their youth had swung the cradle—who later had followed the reaper, and then came the unbelievable day of the self-binder. They started out in the days when the flail was the medium of threshing out the grain; then came the threshing unit powered by horses.

Even we can remember the old steam engine which, in our youth seemed to require "an awful lot of water" to be pumped from the creek, and the piles of rails for fuel—and the separator with its feeding table, where two men used to stand, one to cut bands and the other to feed—and the carriers which conveyed the straw out to the men on the stack.

Well really nothing that we had not seen elsewhere, but here it was in Halton County, and on the farm of a "dirt" farmer. Here is a farm of 200 acres, carrying between 35 and 40 milking cows. The old wooden stable was totally inadequate to cope with an enterprise of this scope, so rather than rip out the old stable and put in steel, which would cost plenty in these days, Harvey has erected a loafing barn 40 x 70 with laminated rafters—in one end is a milking parlor which will handle four cows at a clip and the milk will go directly through glass piping to one of those much maligned bulk coolers.

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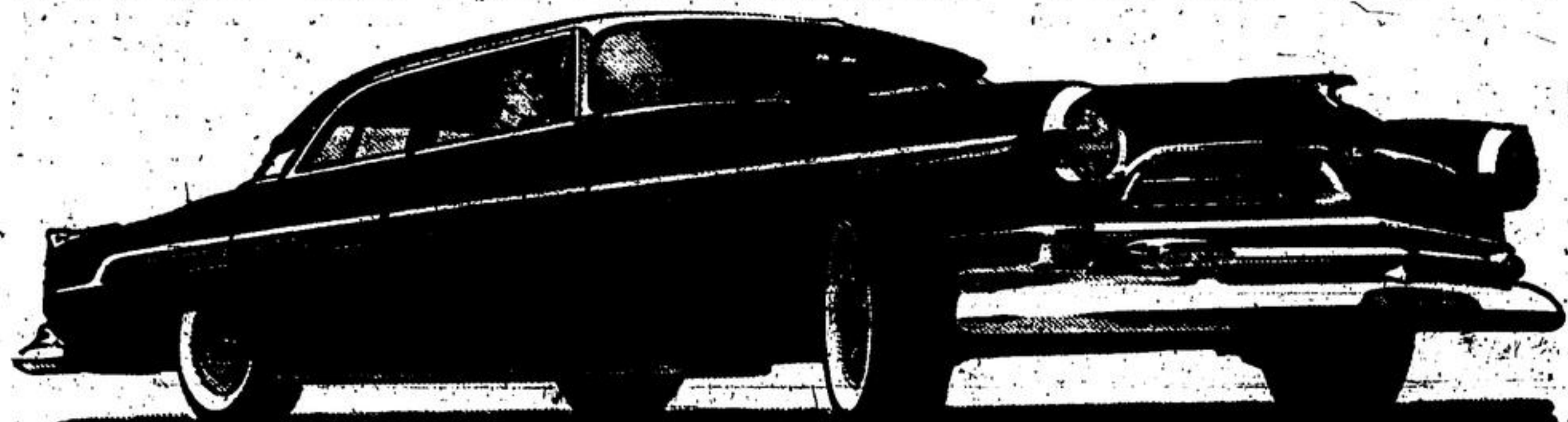
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