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## Farming Business or Way of Life Discussed in Economics Article

Last winter the Junior Farmers of Ontario, in their intercounty debating league debated "Resolved that farming today should be considered as a business and not as a way of life."

Undoubtedly much can be said on both sides of the question. However in this brief article we do not intend to uphold the merits of either side of the question—but we were interested to note in a recent issue of "Farm Business" an article entitled "The Use of Capital on Ontario Farms" by P. W. Wright of the Department of Economics at the Ontario Agricultural College.

At the outset, Professor Wright states, "Commercial farming has, for a number of years, been developing into the category of big private business. The reasons for the change are many and include such things as higher land values, improved practices, extensive mechanization and more stringent market requirements."

**Distribution of Capital**

At the beginning of this century, investment in land and buildings represented as much as 80 per cent. of the total capital in the farm business. Of the remaining 20 per cent. live stock investment represented about 15 per cent., and farm machinery the other five per cent. As we study the graph which accompanies the article, we note this pattern in the distribution of the farm capital remained pretty much on this basis until 1941.

In the decade which followed (1941-1951) there is a big change in the picture. The major changes have been in increased numbers and quality of live stock per farm and a

## The Economics Of Irrigation, Its Advantages And Limitations

This was the topic of the discussion at the second of the series of agricultural meetings being held at the Milton public school, each Tuesday evening. Professor Hugh Ayres, of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, at the Ontario Agricultural College, was the discussion leader.

Data was presented showing the results of the investigational work being carried on at both Guelph and Ridgeway, during the past three years. Information presented showed conclusively the possibilities of increased returns from irrigation on pastures. It was pointed out by Prof. Ayres that in an average season, one acre of pasture requires 150,000 to 200,000 gals. of water for irrigation purposes. This would appear to limit irrigation to those farms having the advantage of a good stream. It was however, pointed out by Professor Ayres, that ponds can be utilized as a source of water, providing strong enough springs are available to feed such ponds. The systems described by the speaker entail a capital expenditure of anywhere from two to three thousand dollars.

Lytle DeVries of Equestrian Township was in the audience and gave the group the benefit of his experience in the irrigating of pastures over the past two years. Mr. DeVries stated that his experience tied in very closely with the data presented by Prof. Ayres. On the DeVries farm, the installation is considerably smaller than those described by Prof. Ayres and the initial cost was kept down to around \$1100.

All in all, it was a most enlightening meeting on the subject and was in line with the high standard established at the first meeting by N. J. Thomas.

### HISTORIC SCHOOL

VICTORIA (CP)—A plaque has been placed by the provincial department of trade and industry to mark the site of British Columbia's first common school, built in 1853.

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## CLEARING AUCTION SALE

ERAMOSOSA TOWNSHIP

Of Livestock, Tractor, Truck, Implements, Hay, Grain, Household Goods, Etc.

The undersigned has received instructions from

**GEORGE ORESKY**  
To sell by auction at the farm, lot 12, con. 4, Eramososa township, situated on the fourth line, half mile south of 24 highway at Stone church, on

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1955**  
Commencing at 12 o'clock noon the following:

**COWS**—Reg. Shorthorn cow, 7 years old, with calf at side, pasture bred, to calve in March; grade Shorthorn cow, with calf at side, pasture bred, to calve in March; 8 Hereford cows, with fat calves at side, ready to wean, pasture bred, to calve in spring.

**HEIFERS**—5 Hereford heifers, ready to breed, part Jersey and Shorthorn heifer, ready to breed, 8 fat calves from 500 to 600 lbs., reg. Hereford bull, 19 months old, a choice bull bred by R. J. Hamilton, Rockwood.

**PIGS**—Reg. Yorkshire sow, bred Oct. 3, 2 York sows, bred in Oct.; York sow, bred Oct. 15, 3 Tam sows, bred Oct. 15 to 20, York sow, with litter ready to wean by sale day, 2 young York sows, bred Oct. 30, York piglets, about 100 lbs.; 70 thrifty shoats about 11 weeks old.

**HAY AND GRAIN**—30 tons of choice mixed baled hay, 200 bus. of wheat, 700 bus. of choice mixed grain, 19 ft. of silage in a 12 ft. silo, 200 lbs. of truck mineral, pig mineral.

**TRACTOR TRUCK IMPLEMENTS**—McCormick Deering Farmall H tractor, in perfect condition, McCormick Deering 3-furrow tractor plow, Fleury Bassett tractor disc, John Deere tractor cultivator, good as new, McCormick Deering 15-disc fertilizer and grain tractor power lift seed drill, new this year, McCormick Deering tractor mower, 7 cut, Massey Harris binder, power take-off, 7 cut, like new, Cockshutt drop head hay loader, New Idea 4-bar side delivery rake, new, dump rake, Cockshutt no. 4 manure spreader, 6-section harrows, Otaco rubber tired farm wagon, flat hay rack BX16, bunch sleigh, heavy tractor trailer with dual wheels, fanning mill, 2000 lb. scales, turnip pulper, turnip sower, scuffer, stone boat, Hanson tractor sprayer, 50' spray, quantity of wood, lumber, fence posts, steel troughs, steel self-feeders, large steel tank, chimney tiles, electric fences, International three-quarter ton pickup truck with

## Henhouse Requires Ample Ventilation

Saskatoon (CP)—Installation of a ventilation system in the henhouse is essential in good poultry management, says A. R. Wood of Laverne, Minn.

Mr. Laverne told the annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Hatchery Associations, western section, that a good ventilation system results in increased egg production and less diseases in the flock. The system involves more than a fan placed in the wall.

One thousand laying birds give off 55 gallons of water daily. A ventilation system capable of removing 432 pounds of moisture a day must be installed in a hen house.

A continuous-duty, two-speed motor, enclosed and equipped with ball-bearings, is basic for a good ventilation system, he said. New air should be distributed slowly and evenly but it is no problem in a well-planned system to remove 18 pounds of moisture an hour from a hen house.

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**—Gurney cooking range like new, kitchen table, kitchen chairs, kitchen cabinet, 4 bedsteads, springs and mattresses, chest-of-drawers, mirror, front wardrobe, like new, solid oak child's crib like new, 10 gals. of red barn paint.

**TERMS**—Cash with clerk on day of sale.

No reserve as the farm is sold.

All articles must be moved by Nov. 30.

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WM A GIBSON, Auctioneer, Phone Guelph 7434w Albert Gray, Wm J. Hunter, clerks b-19

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IN TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

Of 31 Holstein Cattle, Brood Sows, Young Pigs, Hay, Grain, Etc.

The undersigned has received instructions from

**PETER TIMMERMAN**  
To sell by auction at the farm, lot 17, con. 3, Erin Twp., situated on 17 Sideroad, 1 1/2 miles north of Sideroad, 1 mile west of 24 highway, on

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1955**  
Commencing at 2 o'clock sharp, the following:

**HOLSTEIN CATTLE**—The herd consists of 17 mature cows, all young, Holstein cow, due time of sale, 2 Holstein cows, fresh with calf at foot, cow due in Jan., 2 cows, due in early winter, 11 cows, in full flow, bred in July, Aug and Sept. This is a good herd of cows.

**YOUNG CATTLE**—4 Holstein heifers, ready to breed, 5 yearling heifers, 4 yearling steers, 3 young calves.

**BROOD SOWS**—York sow, with 12 pigs at side, York sow, with 11 pigs at side, York sow, with 8 pigs at side, York sow, due before sale day, 3 young York sows, ready to breed, 4 thrifty chunks, York boar, 14 mos old.

**HAY AND GRAIN**—600 bus. of heavy mixed grain, 45 tons of choice mixed hay.

**TERMS**—Cash with clerk on day of sale.

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