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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Farm Economist Explains Reasons For Price Shifts

Fifty per cent. of the world grain crop is still being cut with the sickle, stated Dr. H. L. Patterson, Director of the Farm Economics Branch, Toronto, when addressing a meeting of farm operators in Milton last week.

In discussing the farm outlook for 1956, it was pointed out that price shifts are caused by the following four factors: world prices; demand for our products; wars; cycles of production.

World prices at the present time are on the up-sweep, stated Dr. Patterson. Two years ago, the price of cheese in Great Britain was twenty-eight and a half cents per pound f.o.b. Montreal—today the price is 30 cents. In connection with "demand", it was pointed out that two-thirds of the world's population is underfed, at least by our standards. The per capita consumption in India is about one-half that which we consume in Canada, or on a calorie basis about one-third.

Incapable of Buying
On the other hand, a large part of the world, due to lack of foreign exchange, is incapable of buying our products. In south-eastern Europe, such countries as Bulgaria and Romania, which used to be sources of fed grain for northern Europe, now require their supplies at home to feed their increasing population. Reference was also made to the population increase of two million per year in the United States and 435,000 per year in Canada.

In making more specific reference to the farm outlook, it was pointed out that for all practical purposes, our domestic population now consumes our entire output of cheese and processed milk. While admitting there is a surplus of pork products at the moment, it was suggested that prices should strengthen by June. While there will be some slight variations, stated Dr. Patterson, it will keep us going to produce sufficient pork for our own requirements with little net export of hogs.

Size of Canada's Exports
We were also rather surprised to learn from the speaker that in 1955 Canada imported practically as much agricultural produce as the Province of Ontario produced in that same year. In his prognostication that the next 18 months would see a temporary collapse of the housing industry, Dr. Patterson stated that the estimated value of housing constructed in 1955 was 1,513 million dollars. In contrast with this, the estimated cost of the St. Lawrence Seaway is 300 million dollars.

All in all, it was an outstanding evening's program and as usual, this popular speaker presented a fund of information which, figuratively speaking at least, kept his audience "on their toes."

Tuesday evening of the current week saw the wind-up of what has been a popular and worthwhile series of meetings. Professor Art Robertson, farm management expert at the O.A.C., was the speaker.

Name "Add" Woodley President Of Leaders Council; Plan Year
Wednesday of last week saw an enthusiastic group of 16 4-H Club Leaders laying plans for the year's program. Under the chairmanship of A. T. Woodley, the 1955 program was reviewed and suggestions advanced for the strengthening of the 4-H Agricultural Club program, which will be offered to Halton's 12 to 20 year olds.

According to Art Bennett, popular associate Agricultural Representative, three Calf Clubs (Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey, Beef and Dual Purpose) will be offered. In addition, it is expected there will be a "second" year Grain Club open to the 1955 Grain Club members, a new Grain Club in the Acton district, and a third club open to the remainder of the county to the 4-H Tractor Club in West Halton, and perhaps a Potato Club. Among those present were E. R. Segsworth, Gordon Sinclair, A. R. Coulter and George Polletto of Nelson township; Sandy Buchanan from Nasagaweya; Charles McKeown and Mac Sprowl of the Acton district; J. W. Carney and Ken Ella of Esqueving township; A. T. Woodley, M. C. Beatty, John W. Pickett, W. R. Royle and C. H. Lawrence of Trafalgar.

We understand that plans are already under way to stage a social evening on Thursday evening, March 29, which will be open to the 1955 club members, prospective new members and interested adults.

ELUSIVE BIRD
SOUTH YARMOUTH, Ont. (CP)—Hunters may be puzzled if the "heasant" goes into production. The hybrid pheasant-bantam chicken bred by George and Clifford Rickman is described as long-legged, unfriendly and elusive.

Tax Refunds, Write-Offs Passed In Esqueving Court of Revision
Esqueving township council met as a Court of Revision last week. After the oath was taken, the following members were seated: Walter Linham, George Currie, Spencer Wilson, Campbell Sinclair and Wilfrid Bird.

The following amounts of taxes were to be refunded: William Munson, house burned, \$12; Helen Turner, house burned, \$31; Fred Brunskill, barn burned, \$12.60; Floyd Ward, building wrongly assessed, \$24.25. The taxes on the following properties were written off the roll, as the properties are now exempt from taxation: Upper Canada College, Arthur Clark, \$23.25; Limehouse Women's Institute Hall, \$19.50. The clerk was empowered to make the necessary changes in the roll and initial them.

Council met again at 2 p.m. with Reeve Linham in the chair. Council requested the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to supply an engineering opinion on the erosion problem at Glen Williams cemetery. Douglas R. Wilson, Georgetown engineer, was recommended to make the survey. The treasurer was instructed to pay the following accounts:
Two fires, Muntz and Mullen's, \$150. Esqueving Fire Area 1 and Acton Fire Area 2, charged; town of Acton, printing fire cards, \$20.46; road accounts, \$6,959.60; city of Toronto, relief charge-back, \$16.00; Halton Registry Office, January list and fees, \$3.80; Georgetown Lumber Co. Ltd., lumber for vault, \$6.18; Joseph Standish, repairs to vault, \$4.95; the Municipal World assessor's guide, \$10.; A. W. Benton, stamps and registered letters, \$2.75; town of Oakville, refill Scott Air-Pak, \$3.; A. Scott Motors Ltd., gas, \$2.41, charged to Esqueving Fire Area 1.

Award Ton Of Gold Certificate Locally

The Jersey cow Brampton W R Finn Girl 18248, has been awarded a Ton of Gold certificate. In three lactations (1323 days) she produced 2,274 lbs. of fat. Girl is a daughter of the Superior Sire Brampton World's Records. Her classification is Excellent and she won a Gold Medal and Medal of Merit at five years of age, with an outstanding record of 13,770 lbs. of milk and 787 lbs. of fat. The same medals she got at six years of age with 13,507 lbs. of milk and 793 lbs. of fat. Girl is bred and owned by B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Ont.

To qualify for this award a cow must at least produce 2,000 lbs. of fat in four consecutive years.

Erin Twp. to Pay Out \$50,000 for Roads in 1956

Erin township council, at a regular meeting last week in Hillsburg, voted a total expenditure of \$50,000 for township roads in 1956 and passed a by-law to petition for government subsidy on that amount.

The total is made up of an estimated \$20,000 for construction of roads and bridges and \$30,000 for maintenance of roads and bridges.

Council also passed a by-law requiring police villages and school area boards in the township to have their requisitions in to council before March 1 of any year.

A donation of \$25 was voted to the Salvation Army (Hamilton branch) and a grant of \$200 awarded to the Wellington County Federation of Agriculture.

Council expressed regret that Deputy-reeve George Wallace is still in Guelph General hospital and wished for a speedy recovery.

Wellington county was ordered paid \$1,100.65 for indigent patient accounts for 1955 and other accounts were passed as follows: general \$462.25; sheep \$23.; relief \$134.90; roads \$4,696.38.

Energetic At 72, Builds Own Home
KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. (CP)—Fred Churchill, a young fellow of 72, wanted a home on a site of his own choosing, and he wanted to design and build it himself. That was a year ago.

Now Fred lives in his self-built wooden cabin, complete with trim garden. Fred, who in his time has been a blacksmith, a farmer, locomotive engineer, carpenter and undertaker, cleared a rocky hilltop, dug the foundations and this year finished the job.

Mr. Churchill isn't particularly surprised that a man of 72 should build his own home. "As an Englishman with a name like Churchill," he said, "I have to do something."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1956

Father-Son Farm Partnerships Need Legal Agreement—Forums

Written legal agreements are necessary to ensure satisfactory father-son partnerships according to reports received from 391 Forums, who discussed this last week. This topic was a natural follow-up to the previous week, when the Forums discussed the family farm.

CAMPBELLVILLE

Receive Letter From Formosa

Mrs. Lloyd Crawford was hostess to the Ladies Aid of St. David's church on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Crawford, the president, opened the meeting with a poem, The Faithful Few, and a hymn was sung. Mrs. Evans read the 23rd psalm and the president offered prayer.

Mrs. Greenlees, the treasurer, gave the financial report. A letter received from Rev. James Sutherland in Formosa was read, thanking the members of the Ladies Aid for a parcel sent to him—a short time ago. Mr. Sutherland gave an interesting word picture of the beauty of the mountains and also sent a sample of their money.

The president thanked Mrs. Greenlees for typing the yearly program. Mrs. Greenlees has done this work for several years. Plans were made for the St. Patrick's supper and committees appointed. The minutes were read and other affairs discussed. Mrs. Crawford reported having sent out 71 cards in connection with a special missionary cause in which the ladies of the congregation are asked to help. The offering was received and dedicated with the Doxology.

The birthday song was sung for one of the members. A hymn was sung and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. A pleasant half hour was enjoyed by all.

Prayer Service
The prayer service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliot on Wednesday evening. Rev. Baulch had prepared a list of Bible questions for four different groups. Each group discussed their list and afterwards the questions were discussed by all present. Mr. Baulch also showed several beautiful pictures of Bible characters. Short prayers were given by most of the members present.

This prayer service is held every two weeks and all are welcome.

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In considering the most important points when drawing up a father-son partnership, two-thirds of the Forums felt that there should be definite written legal agreements. Many groups like Maple Valley Forum in Simcoe said there should be separate living quarters and enough land to guarantee a decent standard of living for father and son.

About one quarter of the Forums thought that property should be transferred during the life time of the owner, but as Quigley's of Stormont said: "Deed the property to the son while the father is still living but have a legal document drawn up to provide a living for the father in his late years."

Roseville in Waterloo spoke for many other Forums when they said: "Each case should be considered on its own merit and the entire family must be considered."

Other points brought out in this discussion were: adequate book-keeping systems for all farms; sons should be given some responsibility at an early age; both parties concerned should have a will and be entirely satisfied with the father-son agreement.

Out of the number of reports received 570 Forum members already have father-son arrangements of some type.

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