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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Young Scottish Delegate on Visit Now with Halton Junior Farmers

David William Oag, of Dalmore Farm, Ainess, Ross-Shire, Scotland, is the guest of Halton Junior Farmers from May 1 to May 10 inclusive. David is one of the four delegates of the Scottish Young Farmers' Club who will be in Ontario for a period of nine or ten weeks. He is dairymen on his father's 300 acre mixed arable farm.

On Dalmore Farm, a herd of 50 dairy cows and followers is carried together with a flock of Cheviot sheep. Some 24 rams are sold annually, and at the Edinburgh Royal Highland Show a ram produced on the farm secured the supreme championship. The family also secured the male, female and supreme championships at the Royal Show, Nottingham.

David Oag was founder chairman of the Mid-Ross Young Farmers' Club in 1955. At the present time, he is vice-president of the Ross-Shire County Association and a representative of the Highland area committee. It is also interesting to note that in earlier years, he was active in the Boy Scouts movement. David served in the Armed Forces from 1948 to 1951, part of this time was spent in Trieste.

During his stay in Halton, David will be the guest in the homes of John W. Pickett and Stuart McFadden.

Farm Credit Talk For Association

Farm credit was the topic of the panel discussion held by the Halton Farm Management Association, in the board room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Milton, on Wednesday evening of last week. The panel, chaired by "Ag. Rep." J. E. Whitehead, consisted of Milton's three popular bank managers, Cecil Dobie of the Bank of Commerce, Harold Willis of the Bank of Nova Scotia and Ben Corless of the Bank of Montreal.

The farm operators present were delighted with the fund of valuable information revealed. At the conclusion of the two-hour session, one of the members of the association was overheard to remark, "I wish I had known all of that information when I first commenced farming—it would have saved me a lot of trouble and embarrassment."

The members of the Halton association, together with their ladies, are planning to join with the members of a number of similar county farm management associations, in a joint field day to be held near Brooklyh in Ontario county in early July.

Juniors Plan Big Program During May

Lowville Park will be the site of Halton Junior Farmers' annual field day on Saturday, May 13. The event is being run off under the leadership of president Jean Peterson and her fellow members of the Halton Junior Farmers' county executive.

The program will commence sharp at 11 a.m. and will include the following events: boys' and girls' softball, tug of war, rifle shooting, square dancing and girls' basketball. The winners will represent Halton at the Western Ontario field day, to be held at the Ontario Agricultural College on June 16.

Annual Church Service
Miss Lucy Tisdale, from Elgin county, who was the 1956 winner in the provincial public speaking competition, will be guest speaker at the annual Halton Juniors' inter-denominational church service. The service this year will be held in Knox Presbyterian church, Milton, on Sunday, May 20 at 8 p.m. Special music will be provided by the Junior Farmer choir. As in former years, a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Saturday, May 26, will see Halton Juniors in friendly competition with their neighbors in Peel county. It is the occasion of the annual livestock judging competition and this year, in contrast to a year ago, all classes will be judged on Peel County farms.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE IN ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

Of 44 head of Hereford Cattle, Hogs, almost new Farm Machinery, Etc.

The undersigned has received instructions from **E. BROWN** To sell by auction at the farm, lot 4, con. 2 Eramosa township, situated on Indian Trail, half mile S. of No. 7 highway, follow signs from Eden Mills Rd. on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1956** Commencing at 1:30 o'clock sharp, the following:

CATTLE—44 head of Hereford heifers, 600 to 800 lbs., guaranteed open.

HOGS—York sow, with 8 pigs, 2 weeks old; York sow, due at sale time; 3 Tam sows, due 1 month; 6 York sows, due 1 month; 2 Tam sows bred 2 months; pure bred York hog, 9 mos. old (Wheeler Bros.).

POULTRY—300 Hybrid pullets, 4 mos. old.

MACHINERY—Ford 860 tractor, new in 1955; Ford disc, new in 1955; Ford plow, 3 furrows, new in 1955; Ford cultivator, new in 1955; Cockshutt corn planter, new in 1955; the above all have 3 point hitch; Cockshutt side rake, nearly new; tractor-hitch; George White spreader, new set of 4-section harrows; rubber tired wagon; rake; steel wheel wagon and box; International team mower; oil bath; Stewart Warner electric brooder and all small articles; Letz grinder, new; Stewart Warner electric clippers; 2-wheel trailer with racks.

TERMS: Cash with clerk on day of sale. No reserve as the farm is sold and owner is giving up farming. Refreshment booth on grounds. **W. M. A. GIBSON, Auctioneer** Phone Guelph 743W. W. J. Hunter, clerk. a-44

Do Your Best "Be Prepared" CUB & SCOUT News

Last Thursday's Cub meeting of "A" Pack found a number of boys active in test passing. Andrew Knox was presented with his First Star.

Another Six competition came to an end with the White Six emerging as winners, edging out the Yellow Six by four points.

Tuesday's "B" Pack meeting was a complete evening set aside for a test passing, with points being awarded to Cubs who passed tests. Announcement was made this week of the six Cubs who will be attending the Cubmaster in Port Colborne on May 26. Those attending will be Wayne Rossell, Brian Barbeau, Jamie Ironside, Robert Foyers, Barry Masales, Ricky Ironside.

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE

The undersigned have received instructions from the executrix of the estate of the **Late WILLIAM CHAPMAN** To sell by public auction at his late home, West Mary St. (at rear of Milton Dept. Store), on **SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1956** At 1:30 o'clock, D.S.T., the following:

Settee and 4 chairs to match; studio couch; walnut dining room table including extension table, 5 ft. buffet, 6 chairs, Queen chairs to match; fancy sideboard with mirror; large roll top secretary; large office armchair; goose-neck desk lamp; 2 platform rockers; high wicker rocker; glass top corner cupboard; several pedestals; steel bed; old dressers and wash stands; fernery; bedlights; curtains; extra large glass top cupboard; several footstools; ball rack; Locomotive washer, 60 cycle; drop leaf kitchen table; Acme cook stove, 8-day or wood; Norge oil heater; Singer sewing machine, drop head.

Sewing baskets; 3 arm chairs; 3 chests of drawers; small size; small desk tables; 2 full size wood bed, springs, mattresses, dressers and wash stands to match; steel bed; old dressers and wash stands; fernery; bedlights; curtains; extra large glass top cupboard; several footstools; ball rack; Locomotive washer, 60 cycle; drop leaf kitchen table; Acme cook stove, 8-day or wood; Norge oil heater; Singer sewing machine, drop head.

TERMS: Cash with clerk on day of sale. No reserve. **HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers** b-50-2

R. Clements, clerk.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

Stock, Implements, Etc.

The undersigned have received instructions from **JOHN KUIPERY** To sell by public auction at his farm, lot 28, situated on the first line of Esqueving, about 1 mile south of No. 7 Highway and 1 mile south-west of Acton, on **SATURDAY, MAY 13** Commencing at 2 o'clock, D.S.T., the following:

COWS—1 Holstein heifer, fresh May 1, bull calf at foot; Holstein, milking, bred April 15; 1 Guernsey heifer, bred Jan. 15; 2 Holstein heifers, ready to breed; 2 yearling Holstein heifers; 1 Holstein heifer, 10 mos. old; 1 Holstein heifer, 7 mos. old; 1 Holstein heifer, 4 mos. old.

HOGS—2 York sows, due near time of sale; 2 sows, bred about April 1; 6 sows with 51 pigs at foot, which will be weaned by sale date; 15 big chunks and feeders. Above pigs are good Yorks and very thrifty.

POULTRY—20 hens, laying well.

IMPLEMENTS—M.H. 15-disc fertilizer; seed drill; set harrows; stuffer; steel land roller; M.H. side delivery rake; Cockshutt mower; M.D. drum hay loader; rubber beam 2,000 lb. scales; about 50 tons barnyard manure, mostly pig manure.

FURNITURE—Large old-fashioned corner glass cupboard.

TERMS: Cash with clerk on day of sale. No chattels to be removed till settled for. No reserve as the farm is sold and the proprietor is going to Nova Scotia. **HINDLEY AND ELLIOTT, Auctioneers.**

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Article Suggests that Farm Land Prices Not as High as May Seem

"Farm land prices may not be as high as we have been led to believe in terms of the pre-war (1935-39) dollar, land prices average only one per cent. higher today than in 1939."

This is one of the statements taken from the Doane Agricultural Digest published in St. Louis, Missouri, and was brought to the attention of the members of the Halton Farm Management Association, by George Hunt, well-known Halton feed dealer and farm economics specialist. Here are a few interesting statements from the same source:

"Farmers and people everywhere are puzzled by the continued boom in farm land prices. We've always assumed that land prices were a reflection of the level of farm prosperity. We thought we knew that farmers bid up the price of land when they had money and let the prices fall when times were hard. Not so any more! The facts are that farm land prices have gone up 47 per cent. since 1947, while the realized net income of farmers has dropped 37 per cent."

"For eight years, land prices have gone up on an average of almost 6 per cent. per year, while realized net farm income has declined an average of 4 1/2 per cent. per year. Governmental policy, both inside and outside of agriculture, has thus become an engine of inflation which combines shrinking markets, new technology, production controls and high tax rates into the same transmission system. That's why farm land prices are going up in the midst of today's farm depression."

Expect Price Decline
"Unless you see an end to the

kind of government policies which have created the present situation, count on still more inflation. Rising land prices will be only one indication of what's going on. Ten years from now, you'll look back to 1956 as we now look at 1947 and say, 'Land was a pretty good buy back then.' Allow for short term land price declines such as those which came in 1949-50 and in 1953-54. Such a decline is to be expected this year or next."

The comments or statements taken from the Doane Agricultural Digest should not be interpreted to apply to farm prices in Halton county, which is in the Golden Horseshoe. Nevertheless, they do provide food for thought and also give an over-all picture for the U.S. and to some extent for the North American continent. No, we are not going to "go out on a limb" on the question of whether or not a farm owner should sell his farm at present prices. In the first place, as we see it, the answer would vary with circumstances—that is, age and health of the operator, financial position, whether or not the farm operator wishes to continue farming, etc.

MANY VISITORS
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A record 30,564 visitors called at the Brunswick museum here last year, the annual meeting was told.

TAKING NO CHANCES
Victoria — Joseph A. Fortin, 70, voluntarily turned in his driving licence when fined \$40 for careless driving. He said he was absent-minded and "it would cost me less to take a taxi."



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