

# Soil, Crop Improvement Association Elects Officers; M.C. Beaty President

United States Parity Prices and their effect on Canadian Agriculture was the subject of the enlightening address delivered by Dr. H. L. Patterson, Director of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture at the annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, held in Milton on Friday of last week.

Notwithstanding the fact that the United States farm population represents only 17 or 18 per cent of the total, U.S. political parties are very much concerned about the agricultural economy.

As we interpreted Dr. Patterson's comments, it would appear

## Ambulance Service Ends January 31

**GEORGETOWN**—A problem which will face next year's Georgetown council at its first meeting came to council's attention on Monday when the 1956 town fathers held their final session.

A letter from Harold C. McClure notified council that ambulance service, which has been operated by his firm for some years, will terminate on January 31.

Mr. McClure, in his letter, explained that some local funeral directors have decided to drop operation of ambulances from their business for a variety of reasons.

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that the urban dwellers of the U.S. take a keener interest in the welfare of their agriculture than is apparent by their comparable action in Canada. The Parity formula expresses a desire to keep the U.S. economy on an even keel.

Originally, stated Dr. Patterson, 1910 to 1914 was taken as the base period and the parity formula was calculated on the price index of the things farmers buy. While this worked reasonably well on some products, it did not work too well on livestock. For that reason, the parity formula for livestock products is based at the moment on the period 1945 to 1955. The cost of holding or storing their surplus products, it was found, he stated, was much higher in 1955 than in billions of dollars.

In referring to the effect of the United States Parity Program on Canadian Agriculture, he stated, "As long as their surplus products were kept off the market, their price did not make too much difference to Canada. However, with the setting up of a Department of Export Sales, the U.S. has cut Canada out of a number of her markets."

Since the fall of 1954, the U.S. has sold 1,384 million dollars worth of farm products for foreign currency. Brazil, for example, was given a bonus of 100,000 bushels of wheat for a contract which permits Brazil making payment in Brazilian currency and in the final analysis the U.S. has the wheat market for 20 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bennett (Intended for last week)

The Soil Bank program of the United States is likely to take 45 million acres out of production (this is equal to all the farm land we have in Canada). If their plans are carried through to a successful conclusion, stated the speaker, their 1955 production in the United States will only equal their consumption. It was Dr. Patterson's opinion that after the next two or three years, Canada is not likely to be affected by the U.S. Parity Program.

## Economic Production

Another of the many highlights of the outstanding day's program was a panel discussion—its members being J. M. Fraser of Strathville, Dr. N. R. Richards, head of the Soils Department, Ontario Agricultural College, R. C. Alexander, Reford Garthouse and Fred Nurse, all of Exeter, and J. E. Whitelock as moderator.

The discussion hinged around "increased production," "rotations," "depth of plowing and tillage," "fertilization and seed mixtures." The consensus of opinion of the group indicated that despite existing surpluses, the farm operator was justified in increasing production provided costs per unit of production were kept at the minimum point.

All members of the panel were also agreed that normally meadows should not be left down more than three years—in fact, that a meadow should be plowed down while it was still at its peak. J. M. Fraser came out with what was a new idea to many—namely, that livestock be kept under control better if the field was sown with the third crop after plowing down.

The mouldboard plow had plenty of supporters among the panel members. Perhaps the surprising thing which came out of the discussion on plowing was that the practical farm operators favored plowing at greater depths than the conventional six inches—that is, on heavy soils.

We were also impressed with the fact that these successful farm operators all favored a higher percentage of alfalfa in their rotations—on these seed mixtures. When it came to the use of commercial fertilizers, these operators were in agreement that comparative light applications (125 to 175 lbs. per acre) was all that was justified on spring grains. These are but a few of the highlights which came out of the one hour panel discussion, which many in the audience stated was the best panel discussion to which they had ever had the privilege of listening.

## Local Co-Operators

At the morning session which got away sharp at 10:30 o'clock, under the able chairmanship of E. Ross Segsworth, president of the Halton Association, some nine local co-operators presented brief but interesting reports on projects carried on on their respective farms or in their communities. Among those presenting such reports were: A. T. Woodley, Gordon Fisher, Ken Ella, Howard Henry, Johnson Neelands, Brock Harris, W. H. Biggar, W. E. Brockton and Norman Smith.

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## CAMPBELLVILLE Mrs. John Inglis Is Sadly Missed

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Mrs. John Inglis, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Howard of Campbellville, passed away at the home of her son, Charles, after an illness which caused her to be bedridden for 1 1/2 years. Her husband predeceased her 37 years ago.

A member of St. David's Presbyterian Church of Campbellville, her cheery smile, love of friends and admiration of others, will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters: Mrs. Frank Small (Margaret), Moffat; Mrs. Charles Fatt (Charlotte), R.R. 1, Campbellville; Mrs. Rosa Allison (Clara), Quilich.

The December meeting of St. John's Women's Association was held in the Sunday school room, Mrs. H. Carbert presiding, opening with prayer and the Litany from the Living Message. Mrs. Anna Mathies gave the secretary's report and Mrs. E. Blacklock gave the treasurer's report.

The cheer and correspondence was read and a social half hour followed the close of the meeting. The Christmas pageant will be held in St. John's church tonight, after which Sunday school awards, gifts and candy will be distributed in the Sunday school room.

Prize winners at the last progressive euchre party until after the holidays at St. John's Assembly Room, were Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. G. Thompson, Mrs. J. Bobb, Waj-lace King, Henry Davenport and Mrs. Frank Hadley.

During the meeting, it was announced that Art Bennett, who has been the popular Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel Counties since June 1, 1952, had been promoted to Head Office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture in Toronto. Mr. Bennett's appointment as Assistant Director of the Extension Branch, took effect on January 1.

In his new work, the genial Art will, for the time being, at least, be heading up the Junior Farmer program throughout Ontario. While Art's legion of friends among the Juniors and Seniors alike in Halton will be saddened at Halton's loss, they nevertheless will rejoice in his well merited promotion and wish him well in his new field.

In losing Art Bennett, Halton also loses Mrs. Bennett (the former Jean Patterson of Bronte) who is one of the many young people in Halton who in recent years has contributed much to making Halton's Junior Farmer program become recognized as one of the tops across Ontario.

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## St. Alban's Rectory Administrators Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered by the rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church, the Rev. E. H. Jones, on Saturday, December 29, to Bonnie Maureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ross and Bristol, Godparents were Claude Alvin Noddle and Brian Irpe Noddle of Toronto and Beatrice Anderson of Acton.

Mr. Jones also administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 30 to Thomas Robert, son of Robert Matthew and Anne Tyler, Godparents for the Christening were Phyllis Tyler of Acton, D. Lloyd Convey of Guelph, and James C. Buck of Georgetown.

on Christmas and was presented with a cup and saucer by Mrs. Walter Hamblly, in appreciation for her six years of service. Mrs. Hamblly gave instructions on how to choose a Christmas tree.

Lois Greenleas and Sandra Black led in prayer.

Mrs. A. Moore conducted the election of officers for 1957: president, Gloria Purdy, vice-president, Beverly Roberts, secretary, Lois Inglis, assistant secretary, Betty Jeffrey, treasurer, Anita Smith; pianist, Sandra Black, assistant pianist, Margaret McPhail, leader, Mrs. W. Hamblly, Mrs. H. Ramshaw, Mrs. M. McPhail.

Lois Inglis and Lois Greenleas conducted Christmas games and a social half hour followed.

The Campbellville correspondent wishes each and every one of its readers a Happy New Year.

## Norval Edges Acton's Juniors 2-1; Palermo Ousts Milton 4-3

Two close games in the Halton Junior Farmer hockey league were seen by a small crowd of fans at Milton Arena last week, as Norval edged Acton 2-1 in the first game and Palermo squeezed out Milton 4-3.

F. Baras notched Norval's first goal, assisted by D. Robinson. Their second goal was scored with only a few minutes remaining in the game and was not matched by Acton even when Acton pulled goalie Jack Marshall out of the net for a last-minute stand.

Acton's marksmen earlier in the game was B. Coon, assisted by John Cunningham, Wilbert Peavoy picked up three penalties, John Cunningham got one, and G. McArthur received another for the losers.

The winners also picked up five penalties, by Ken Richardson, Duane Robinson, Pete Pomeroy, Fred Harris and Ross Cunningham.

In the second event of the night, Max Laing and Bill Price notched two goals and an assist for the winners. Bob Marshall was given an assist. Scoring for the losers were Ron Tasker, John Willmott and Graham Gillies, with assists credited to C. McCann, Graham Gillies and Murray Tasker.

Price picked up the only Palermo penalty, for tripping C. McCann and Charlie Gillies sat out waitresses for the losers.

Referees were Bill Boyd and Bruce Hood. Line-ups were as follows:

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