

Management Group Hears Speaker's Plan For Workmen's Compensation

D. H. Brawley, of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and L. Morris, of the British American Assurance Company, were the speakers at a meeting sponsored by the Halton Farm Management Association in Milton on Tuesday evening of last week.

To date, stated Mr. Brawley, only 1,360 Ontario farmers have availed themselves of the protection for their employees and themselves in this day and age of mechanized equipment, farming is a hazardous occupation. We were therefore surprised to learn that such a low percentage of our farm operators are protecting themselves against accidents which could easily cost the employer his entire assets.

The speaker cited the case of two farm workers, fortunately both covered by Workmen's Compensation, one of whom cost the board a total of \$27,325.92, and the other \$16,305.75. In the first case, the worker got his arm caught in a baler, as a result of which the arm had to be amputated.

Frankly it is our opinion that no farm operator, whether he hires labor or not, can afford to be without this protection which can be secured at cost. At the same time, the farmer can also protect himself and other members of the family in the operation of the farm business.

The cost varies with the occupation — in the case of agriculture the rate is \$3.00 for each \$100 of the labor bill paid in the year. This provides compensation until the worker can resume his occupation, takes care of medical aid, and where necessary will provide pension for life and further relief to the employer of any financial responsibility.

We would strongly urge Halton farm operators to investigate this source of protection against farm accidents which unfortunately are becoming all too common in short crops. Don't wait until you have an accident. For full information write The Workmen's Compensation Board, Harbour St. Toronto.

Farm Insurance
All types of farm insurance was the subject of the enlightening address of L. Morris. That the group of farm operators were keenly interested was substantiated by lengthy discussion following the addresses of both speakers. In fact the discussion continued long after the meeting adjourned at the end of the two hour session.

We understand that another open meeting is being sponsored by the same group on Tuesday evening, February 12th, when the topic under discussion will be Farm Income Tax and the Basic Herd Policy.

President Urges More Hogs on Open Market

In an effort to strengthen the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Scheme, an attempt is being made by the officials of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, to have at least 50 per cent of Ontario hogs marketed on the Public Stock Yards.

Until recently, approximately 95 per cent of the Ontario hogs were going direct to the processors plants. Since this program was introduced, the percentage going to the Public Stock Yards has increased to around 20 per cent. According to Charles McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, who addressed the meetings in Halton recently, "For the first time in the history of this province, despite heavy marketing we got an increased price for our hogs in mid-December." This he attributed to the processors having to compete for their full requirements with one another on the public market.

It was our privilege to hear Mr. McInnis at two of the four meetings, and it is our opinion that he presented some very logical arguments in support of the idea of marketing a larger percentage of our hogs to the public stock yards. Personally, we fail to see how the idea can lose the producer anything, as we would suggest that every Halton producer try out Mr. McInnis' idea for a year, that is, all Halton hogs to go to the Public Stock Yards.

County Debaters Meet Waterloo

Halton's debating foursome has now moved into the third round of the inter-county Debating Series. Their next opponents will be from the County of Waterloo, and the topic "Resolved that increased credit rather than more agricultural education would more adequately establish young people in farming in Ontario." According to reports, the two debates will likely be held on the evening of February 1st, when Halton's affirmative team of Bertha Watson and Jack Black will journey to Waterloo; and Halton's negative team of Bill Marshall and Howson Ruddell will be in action in the Milton High School.

standing in their respective competitions. Halton's representatives were as follows: ladies' trio, Dorothy Marshall, Lorna Woodley, Marilyn Leslie, mixed quartette, Dorothy Marshall, Audrey Peacock, John Eves, Tom Hunter, male quartette, Tom Hunter, John Eves, Stuart McEadden, Howson Ruddell.

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On Committee On 12th Ballot

It required 12 ballots before Wellington County Council named James Burnett, reeve of Nictaux, as the 1957 chairman of the council in committee of the whole. Deputy reeve Eric White, Peigan, declared abstention in opposition to Burnett.

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Canada again ranks third in the number of telephones in use. At the beginning of 1956, there were 4,146,300 telephones in service in this country, according to figures released by The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada. The United States had 6,243,300 telephones in service and the United Kingdom 6,879,500 at the same date.

In the statistics for the number of telephones per hundred persons, the United States leads the countries of the world with 33.7, Sweden is second with 30.4 and Canada third with 28.2. Nearly 75 per cent of the telephones in Canada are dial operated.

There were approximately 101 million telephones in the world at the beginning of 1956, or two telephones for every one in existence 10 years previously. A person in Canada could call any of 97 million of the world's telephones located in more than 130 other countries and territories.

Leading city in the world for telephones is New York city, with 3,827,421 in service on January 1, 1956. Second ranking city is Greater London, with 2,020,000 telephones in service.

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More than 24 County Champions were in competition, and what a job they did. We can assure you it was a contest of the first place, each contestant delivered a 10 minute address on a subject of his or her own choice. Then followed a five minute impromptu. For this latter part of the competition, each competitor was supplied with a list of 20 different topics some weeks in advance of the provincial competition in Toronto. As the contestants entered the room to deliver his or her impromptu talk, he or she drew one of the 20 topics, and without further delay, walked up to the front and delivered his or her talk on the subject drawn.

In the finals which were held the same evening in the Crystal Ball Room, the five finalists were given a choice of five entirely different topics for their impromptu—five or 10 minutes to consider their topic and then up they went. Who was Halton's representative? Why, Miss Bertha Watson of the Acton Juniors and Halton may well be proud of her.

In another auditorium in the big hotel, the competitions open to ladies' trio, mixed quartettes, male quartette and choir were also in progress. The Halton entries here were trained by Mrs. George Newell. Unfortunately, we were unable to hear them. However, according to reports, they gave a very creditable performance, and while none of them were declared champions, they were well up in the

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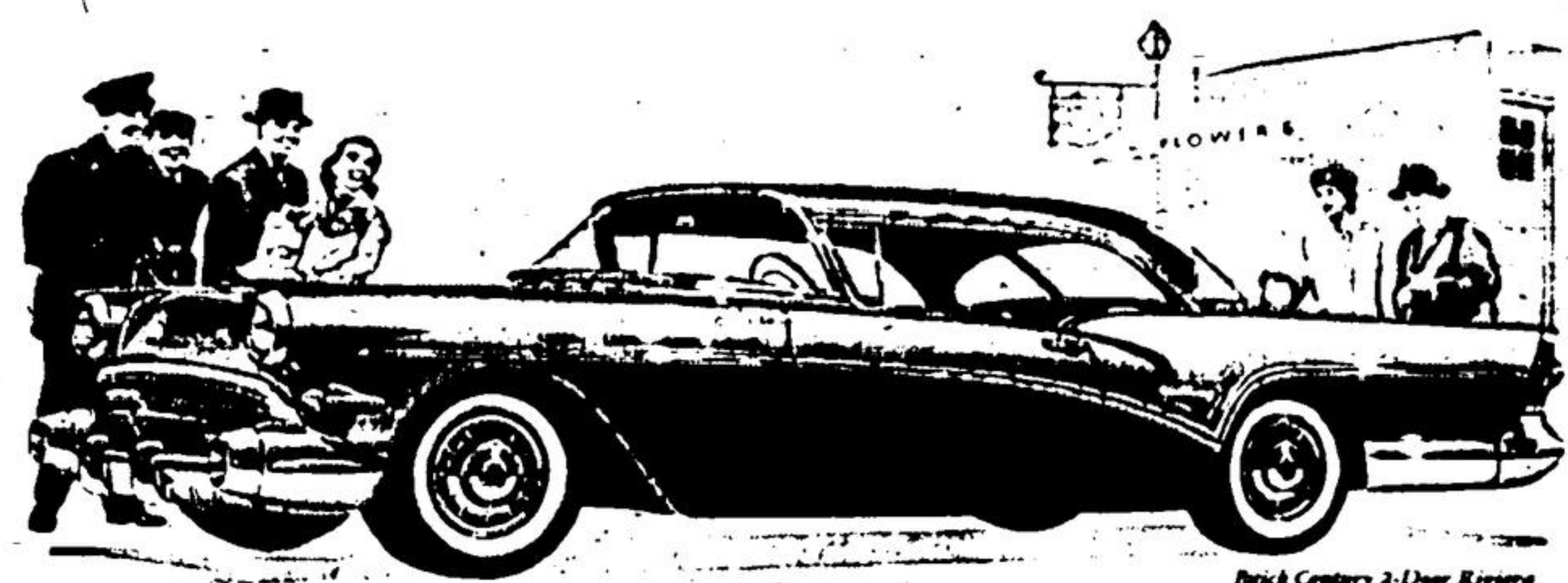
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