

41 Halton D.H.I.A. Members Increase Net Returns From Herds

In these days of the "squeeze" in agriculture, it is a source of satisfaction to find that in general, Dairy Herd Improvement Association members in Halton are forging ahead. Data was recently received from the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture which presents the comparative "Costs and Returns" of 41 Halton D.H.I.A. members for the year May 1, 1957 to April 30, 1958, and again for the year May 1, 1956 to April 30, 1957.

This reveals that on the average the 41 D.H.I.A. members have increased the net return from their herds from an average of \$502 to \$1,502 in the five year period. After deducting the cost of feed, overhead and other expenditures in connection with the dairy business, it is encouraging to note that these 41 Halton operators on the average have practically doubled the return per hour for the labor spent on the dairy end of the farm business.

Another feature of the study reveals that these 41 operators have on the average, cut the cost of producing milk by 50 cents per cwt. We were a little disappointed to note, however, that the average production per cow in the five year period instead of showing an increase as we had anticipated, was down 40 lbs. per cow on the year's production.

We can't help but think, however, that this slight reduction was due to the poor quality hay crop taken off in 1956, and along with this, with the exception of those who had Garretts Heavy varieties, the quality of the grain crop was poor too.

The analysis also reveals that the size of herd, in the five year period, had stepped up from an average of 16 cows in the 41 herds, to an average of 22 cows. Along with this, the group of 41 had improved

Make it Legal Is Forum Topic

What happens to your family if you have left no will? Is your agreement with your son of any legal value? Are you aware that present laws may be unfair to your wife and family unless you take legal steps to protect them? Did you realize that contract farming may involve serious legal problems? These and many other questions will be considered by Farm Forums across Canada, February 3rd under the title "Let's Make It Legal".

Donald F. McLaren, a lawyer from Barrie, Ontario, along with members of the Canadian Bar Association from each province will be heard on the National Farm Radio Forum broadcast which will open the discussions at 8:30 Monday.

Toronto Hog Agents Reports Largest Sale

The largest single sale of hogs in the five-year history of the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Agency was made on January 22nd, when 5,000 hogs were sold to one firm at an increase of 50 cents per hundredweight over immediately previous bids. Charles McInnis, President of the Ontario Hog Producers' Co-Operative, announced today.

The 50 cent increase per hundredweight in price is equal to \$2.70 or 70 cents per hog, Mr. McInnis said. "This sale at such a price," Mr. McInnis stated, "would not have been possible without our 14 marketing points across Ontario through which almost 20% of Ontario hogs are moving. Particularly impressive about the performance of these marketing points is that at the Ontario stock yards in Toronto."

Prices for hogs as recorded by the Ontario Hog Producers' Co-operative opened at 21½ cents per pound this week and closed at 29 cents.

Achievement For 4-H Club To Be Held Soon

Saturday, February 1, will see approximately 130 4-H Homemakers holding their Achievement Day at the Milton high school. The project just completed is "Meat in the Menu".

Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, home economist for Halton and Peel counties, assisted by an outstanding group of local leaders, will be in charge of the day's program, which will include demonstrations and exhibits on topics related to selection, care and cooking of meat with emphasis on less expensive cuts.

Also assisting Mrs. Borgstrom will be visiting home economists Ruth Shaver, from the counties of North and South Simcoe, and Mrs. Hara Jones, formerly of the Home Economics Service.

Interested visitors are cordially welcomed to the afternoon program which will commence at 1:30 on Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18, at the Department of Agriculture office, Milton, a Leaders' Training School for the spring project, "Clothes Closets U. to Date" will be held. Prospective leaders or Women's Institutes considering sponsoring a 4-H Homemaking Club are urged to send in their applications to the Home Economist as soon as possible.

Hog Producers Visit Toronto

Wednesday of last week saw some 32 Halton hog producers pay a visit to Ontario Hog Producers' Co-op headquarters on Dundas Street West in Toronto. The group was received by J. R. Kohler, manager of the Ontario Hog Producers' Sales Agency, and Jim Boynton, secretary of the Ontario Hog Producers' Co-operative.

While we were unable to accompany the party, all reports would indicate that the members of the party were impressed with the efficiency and thoroughness with which the Sales Agency is operating the business.

Teletype keeps the office constantly in touch with all markets in Canada as well as some of the more important U.S. markets. A huge blackboard on which is listed all hog buyers, names, their respective daily and weekly purchases, the price paid, etc., was on display.

"I returned home," stated A. R. Seyber, secretary of the Halton Hog Producers, "impressed by the fact that there was an efficient business set up in a democratic manner by the producers themselves."

Association Plans Annual Seed Display

The annual Seed Display Day of the Halton Seed and Crop Improvement Association is scheduled for the Milton Fair Grounds on Saturday, March 22, states Maurice C. Beatty, president of the Association.

This will provide an opportunity for those with seed for sale to bring it before the buying public, added Mr. Beatty. As in former years, only seed which is backed by government grade for purity and germination will be eligible for display purposes.

The program on Saturday morning will feature the Junior Farmers' Judging Competition in cereal grains, small seeds, potatoes, weeds, etc., where there will be separate prize lists for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

A new feature of these Judging Competitions will be a special award to the coach of the high team. Plans are also under way to line up two of the top agricultural speakers in the province for the afternoon program.

Special Recognition Halton Bureau Entry

The Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau was among 588 Canadian communities entering last year's Canada - U.S. Municipal Fire Prevention Contest. It was the only entry to receive special recognition for outstanding county sponsored fire prevention programs.

More details will be available when the complete results are submitted to the local committee from the fire marshalls office.

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40 Farm Operators Attend Rotary Club

It was Rural - Urban Relations Night at the Milton Rotary Club on Tuesday evening of last week. Some 40 farm operators, most of them members of Halton's D.H.I.A. Associations, were guests of the Rotarians, at a dinner meeting held in the Legion Hall.

The highlight of the program, presided over by president Norman Gould, was the presentation made by Rotarian Ken Marshall, chairman of the Rural Urban Relations Committee, of an award tray to Clarence Ford and Son of Onagh, in recognition of their achievement in making or showing the greatest improvement as measured by D.H.I.A. during the past year.

The selection of the top Halton D.H.I.A. member of the year was made by the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and was based on the farm management study which is one of the outstanding features of Ontario's Dairy Herd Improvement Association policy.

In our opinion, it was a nice gesture on the part of the Milton Rotarians and certainly those responsible are to be congratulated on their selection of such a worthwhile project.

Wellington Farmers Hold Annual Banquet

Wellington County Junior Farmers held their annual banquet and meeting in Stone United Church on January 20. Several special guests were present including Don Black, Agricultural Representative of Wellington County, Keith Clay, Assistant to Mr. Black, Miss H. Bentler, County Home Economist, Mr. and Mrs. James Leybourne and the Rev. G. A. H. Moore, minister of Stone Church.

Following the banquet, David Barric of Galt showed very beautiful colored slides of his trip last year to Lebanon.

Mr. Barric travelled all the way from Canada by plane and visited Paris and several places in Holland. He went to Lebanon to attend the "World Assembly of Youth".

He had many pictures of other delegates attending this conference that showed great contrast in clothing styles.

Mr. Barric mentioned that "Canada is at the top of the list as a place where people would like to go." "It is a country respected the world over," he said.

John Benham thanked Mr. Barric for his interesting descriptions of the many wonderful places he had seen.

Mr. Benham also reminded all that the County directorships were not used enough. They are a link between us and the Provincial.

He reminded everyone that if they completed in any field day events, they must carry their birth certificate. He suggested that all clubs put on a device to see that all members had their birth certificates.

Newly elected officers for 1958 are: James Connell, president; James Nellis, vice-president; Shirley Dyer, secretary-treasurer; George Leslie, County Director; Louis Talbot and Bev Gaudie were appointed press reporters and Art Taylor was re-elected to the Federation of Agriculture.

VICTORIA (CP)—In the first 10 months last year 6,131 drivers' licenses were suspended in British Columbia compared with 1,220 in the same period of 1956.



ADMIRING A CERTIFICATE received from the Senior Division of the Knox W.M.S. is Mrs. S. Cordiner, Church Street, Acton, who was made a life member by the ladies when they visited her home recently. Mrs. I. J. Hayward presented the certificate and Miss M. Somerville the pin. Mrs. Cordiner is pictured seated while rear, left, is her daughter Dorothy (Mrs. O. Stapleton) and Miss Somerville.

Farm Radio Forums Consider Marketing

Farm Forums throughout Ontario met on Monday, January 20th to consider the third topic in the marketing series, Product Marketing. They consider whether or not marketing boards can stabilize and increase prices for their products, and if a marketing board should have complete control of the product it handles. Next they considered whether or not co-operatives can play a part in raising and stabilizing prices and if the Forums had any other suggestions as to how prices could be stabilized or improved.

The Forums were almost unanimous in their opinion that a marketing board can stabilize and increase prices of their products. They felt that the marketing board would help to keep the price at the same level during the entire year and in this way they would benefit the producer.

Hold Shower

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. G. Harriette on Saturday, Jan. 20th, for Miss Lourene Harriette whose marriage to Mr. Jack Scaper of Toronto takes place this Saturday, Feb. 1st.

The bride-to-be opened her many gifts and thanked those present. A contest was held which was much enjoyed by all and a lunch was served at the end of the evening.

It was agreed it would be necessary for marketing boards to have control of the product in order to benefit the producer.

Population 7,100 Seek Delivery

GEORGETOWN "It is reasonable to assume that Georgetown will get mail delivery this year," said Mayor Armstrong as he advised council that an immediate survey be made to see what street signs are necessary and to investigate cost of such signs.

The postal department requires town to have signs on all streets before mail delivery comes, he said. He mentioned that he had heard a complete survey of town might be taken soon by the post office department, and possibly the department might consider including Glen Williams in a delivery area.

Council will ask the town engineering department to furnish quantity statistics on the number of signs needed.

C. Fred Harrison said that he had completed arrangements with the highway department to revise the population figure, which appears on the signs at town boundaries. The latest figure, 7,100 will be used.

"TOWN GUY" MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Wife of Mrs. M. Rutherford, retired as licensee operator for a Moose Jaw post office, which included tending the city's parking meters. At a dinner in his honor, she was presented with a gift of \$100 pennies.

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Mrs. A. Neelon Hostess to W.A.

Mrs. Neelon was hostess for the January meeting of the W.A. The president, Mrs. Edmunds presided. The meeting opened with the theme song, Creed and Lord Prayer in unison. The scripture was given by Mrs. Shortill, the theme being "We are building day by day, not for time but for eternity."

Mrs. Perryman read the minutes and items of business were dealt with. It was decided to send donations to Care and for cancer research. Mrs. McLaren reported receipts and visits made. Several thank you notes were read for the gifts sent at Christmas. The roll call was presided by 12 members paying fees.

Mrs. Perryman had charge of the program which included contest and a reading by Mrs. Shortill. Church members, which was quite

humorous but also had much food for thought. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Robert McKerns and Mrs. Frank Smith.

The annual meeting of the Halton United Church was held last week with a very good attendance. Reports from all the different societies were given. All were very encouraging. New windows and a new oil furnace were installed this week.

We were sorry to learn Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mack have been quite ill but hope for a quick recovery.

A meeting was held on Thursday night for the purpose of electing trustees for the new community hall. It was decided to tear down the old one and start from the ground. Trustees elected were: Mrs. M. Perryman, Arthur, Earl and Don Brown.

The W.I. held a card at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean on Monday night. High scores were Mrs. George Edmunds, Mrs. Robert McKerns, Gertrude Wright and Robert McKerns.

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