

Safety Council joins farm accident survey

By Geoff Taylor
The Halton Farm Safety Council held its first directors' meeting of the year in the Board Room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, on the afternoon of February 16, to discuss the program for this year.

Despite the poor attendance of directors from the various farm organizations in the county, those present reviewed some of the highlights of the 1966 program, and outlined several new ideas.

Directors were presented with Ontario Farm Safety Council pins, by the president, Mrs. Tom Alderson.

There are several functions which the Halton Farm Safety Council performs for the farming public, some of which include distribution of free safety literature; and the sale of Slow Moving Vehicle signs, fire extinguishers, and first aid kits at a nominal charge. In addition, the Safety Council sponsors various 4-H events during the year, and is planning three 4-H safety rallies for 1967.

Several years ago, Halton County was requested to participate in a Provincial Farm Accident Survey — and again this year, Halton has been chosen to conduct a similar survey. The Halton Women's

Irrigation experts lecture over 100 growers at Hornby

By Chas. Warner
More than 100 Toronto-Hamilton area growers enjoyed a full day of information on irrigation Wednesday at the Hornby Tower Golf and Country Club.

The program was sponsored by the Burlington and Toronto Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Associations, and may be the first of an annual type of joint winter meetings.

Several speakers covered various subjects relating to irrigation, while equipment dealers were on hand to display their equipment and answer questions; also make sales at the opportunity permitted.

John Wiebe got the day off to a good start by showing why farms need irrigation, and relating irrigation to plant growth. Martin Wrubleski and Vern Spencer combined to cover the complete topic of water sources, and the legality of using water from these sources.

Ross Milne, a former Extension Engineer, led off the subject of system design, leaving all with a few points to consider when buying an irrigation system.

John Kerr, of the Rainbird Sprinkler Company, enlarged on one portion of system design — "solid set". Mr. Kerr talked quite specifically on the many uses of a solid field setting of irrigation equipment.

This type of setup was not merely to be used for irrigation, but also for frost control, lowering of the temperature, fertilization, application of pesticides, etc. Dr. Wiebe finished the program with a "way out" talk on climate control, using water.

Overall, this was a most beneficial day to those in attendance. Persons attending were able to discuss almost any facet of irrigation they wished, with a qualified expert.

Agriculture Minister emphasizes need to plant good seed

Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene today designated March as Good Seed Month.

The Minister said: "It is certainly uneconomical to plant weeds when you want to grow a crop of wheat! Yet seed drill survey samples, analyzed by the Plant Products division of my Department, show that this is what too many farmers have been doing."

"In 1966 we produced over 840,000,000 bushels of wheat; but how much more would our production have been if every acre of wheat has been planted with pedigreed seed of our best varieties?"

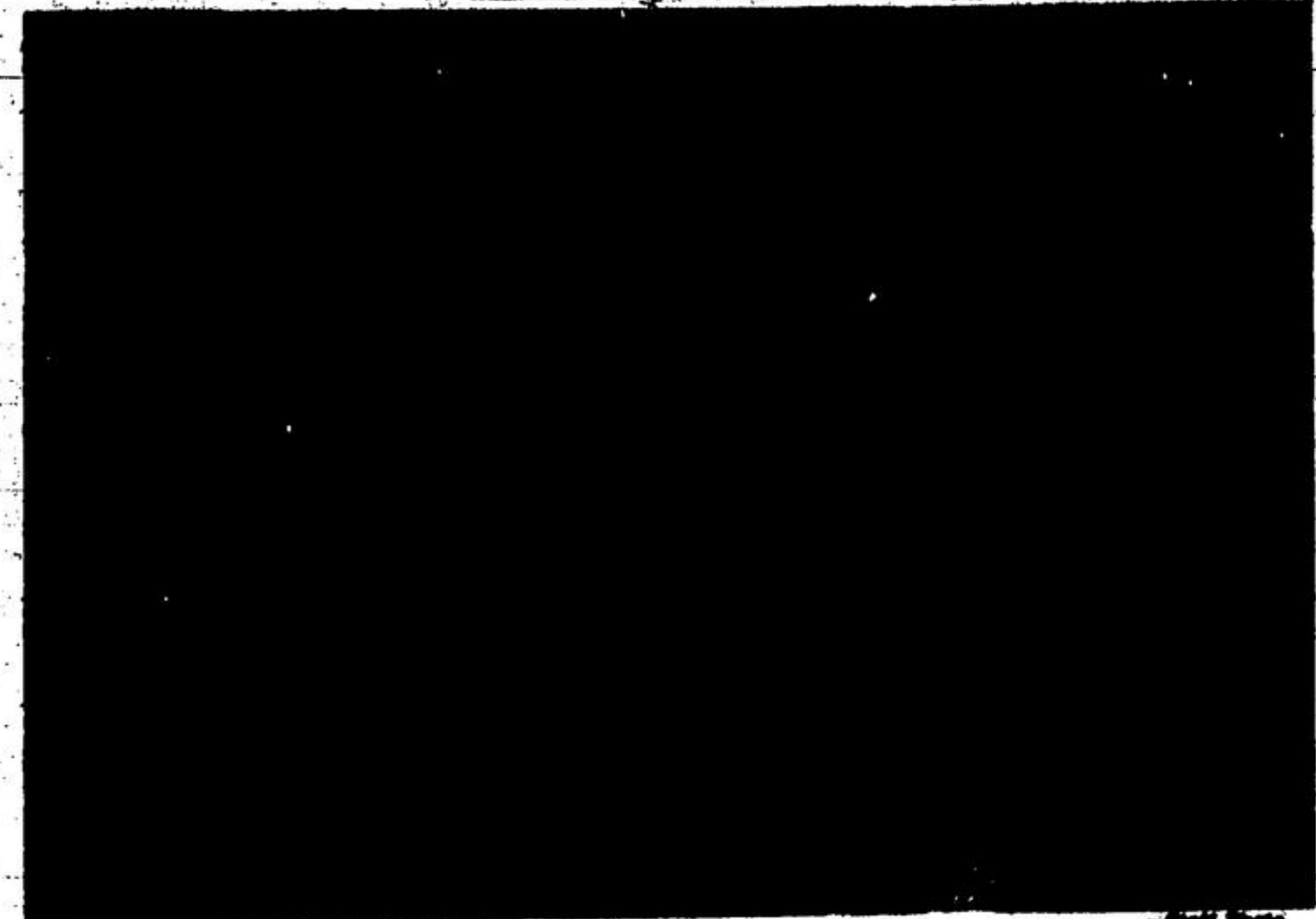
"I cannot over-emphasize the importance of planting pedigreed seed. When a farmer buys this top quality product, he can be sure he is getting the variety claimed because it is produced specifically for seeding purposes by growers conforming to the high standards of the Canadian Seed Growers Association."

"C.S.A. standards require, among other things, that every pedigreed seed crop be inspected in the field by the Canada Department of Agriculture to ensure that there is no contamination from cross pollination, or from being mixed with other varieties."

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Only those seed lots that pass all the requirements can carry one of the Canada Pedigreed grade names. For most crops, farmers should look for seed graded Canada Certified No. 1 or Canada Certified No. 2.

Pedigreed seed is available in sealed bags or other containers carrying an official label. In the case of many cereal



NEW JUNIOR FARMER president Earl Burt took over the reins at the annual dinner and dance at Ballinacree last Friday night. Capacity crowds enjoyed both events. The new president, centre, is flanked by Albert Blom and past president Don Swackhamer on his left and Brian Bessey and Harvey Burt on the right. Archie Kerr, first president of the Junior Farmers, was an honored guest for the centennial year event. Dinner was in Ballinacree United church hall while the dance was held in Ballinacree community centre.

Free Press Farm Page

Tom Broughton president of Halton Hog Producers

By Geoff Taylor
The Halton County Hog Producers held their annual meeting on Wednesday, February 15, in the Board Room of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Milton. Thirteen local producers attended.

Ben Steers, representing the Provincial Hog Producers' Association, gave a brief rundown on the recent activities of the parent club, mentioning the condemnation of hogs sent to market, largely being due to poor management practices.

A program for 4-H members, similar to the Queen's Guineas competition, has been held on three occasions during 1966. This competition was held at Stratford, Belleville, and Owen Sound, and was limited to youngsters between the ages of 10 and 20. The competition was divided into three classes: Yorkshires, Landrace and Lacombe, and Cross-breds. Those showmanship, and the top two hog carcasses were scored, after killing, on an R.O.P. basis,

with a \$30 first prize, and a silver tea service presented to the overall winner. This event proved quite successful, and possibly will be tried in other areas during 1967.

The Halton Hog Producers' Association has agreed to support the 4-H program in the county, by providing a trophy to the highest standing 4-H Agricultural Club member, with under 12 projects completed.

The Halton producers, at their annual meeting, also came up with a new idea which will make it possible to provide an additional \$10 subsidy per boar, given by the Halton club, to any hog producer in the county who purchases a performance tested bonus boar, either within the county or elsewhere in Ontario. The regulation limits the subsidy to the purchaser, to one boar per year.

The 1967 directors for the Halton Hog Producers' Association are as follows:

Esqueping Township — Allan Brownridge, Ron Davis, Doug Robertson, Frank Wilson, Nassagaweya Township — Gerald Carlton, Jack Wilson, Bill Price, Percy McGillivray, Burlington — Tom Foster, Bill Harrison, Harold Middlebrook, Eric McArthur, Oakville — Dr. William Milligan, Tom Broughton, Delmar Ford, Lloyd May.

From these directors, an executive was elected consisting of the following:

President, Tom Broughton; vice-president, Tom Foster; secretary, Allan Brownridge; representative to Halton Federation of Agriculture, Tom Broughton; representative to Halton Farm Safety Council, Gerald Carlton; auditor, H. J. Stanley, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

The three delegates to attend the annual and semi-annual meeting of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association are Al Brownridge, Delmar Ford, and Tom Broughton.

Nominations date April 7 for Halton West P.C.

The nomination convention for the Halton West Progressive Conservative Association will be held in Burlington on April 7.

A press release this week announced the convention will be held in the Central High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Halton M.P. George Kerr is expected to be the Association's candidate in the new riding, which consists of Burlington, the Township of Nassagaweya, part of Esqueping and Acton.

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crops, Canada Certified seed is also sold in bulk. Selling certified seed in bulk is a relatively new procedure designed to keep pace with modern farm practices.

Mr. Greene concluded: "Farmers aimed at maximum production must start by planting only the best — the best available is pedigreed seed."

CATTLE DIRECTOR
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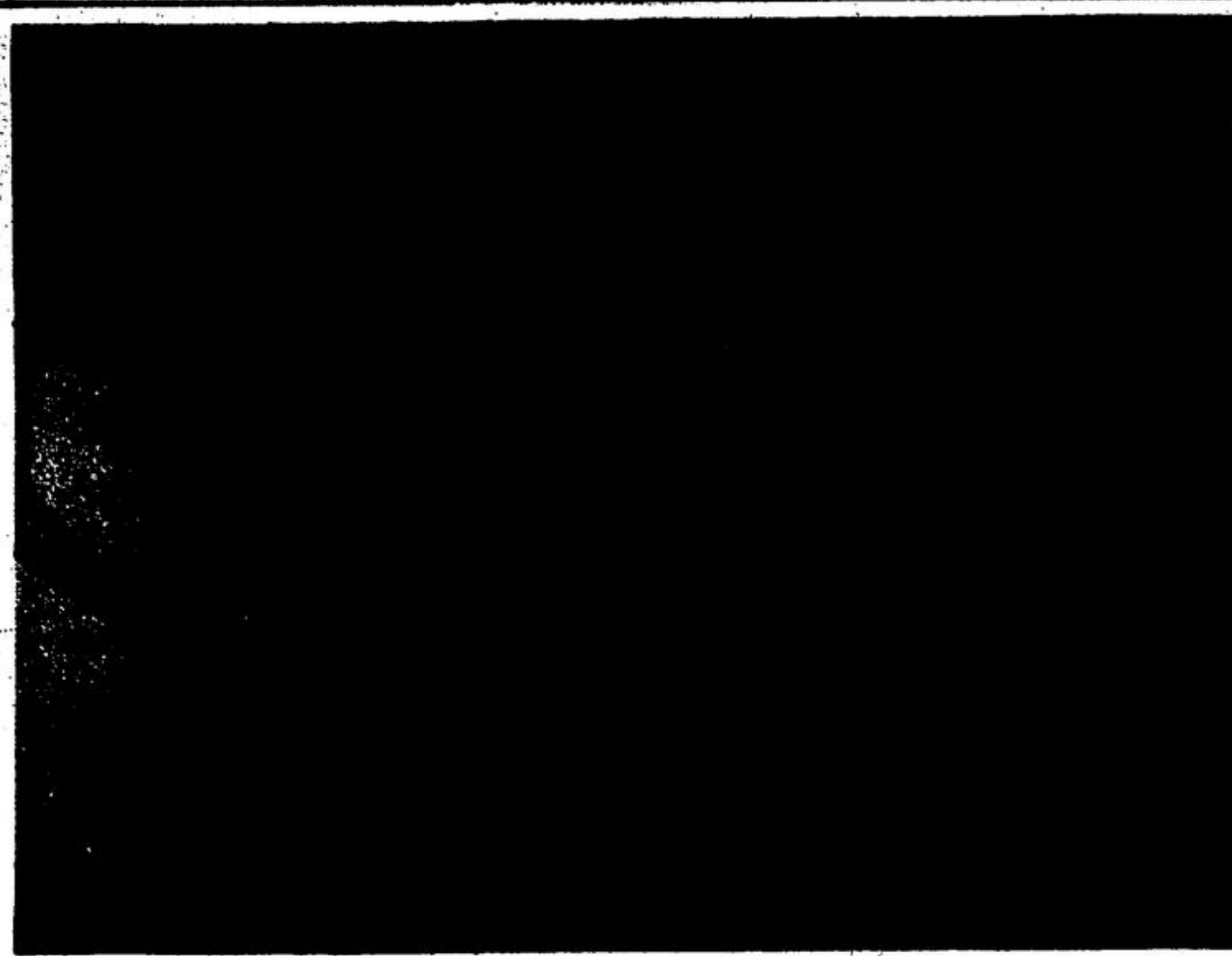
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PAT KERR, AN EXECUTIVE member of the Ontario Junior Farmers was guest speaker at the combined Acton Junior Institute and Junior Farmer dinner and dance in Ballinacree last Friday. She's standing with new Junior Institute president Carol Freeman on her left here.

Flanking them on the left are Lois Kirkwood and past president Judy Britton. On her right are Marilyn Kirkwood and Linda Fester, new officers. Barbara Britton, another executive member, was missing.

New 4-H Homemaking Club begun in Acton district

On Saturday, February 18, fascinating smells filled the kitchen of Mrs. J. Lynch, R.R. 4, Acton, as the newly-formed Acton 4-H Homemaking group tested and tasted recipes of French-Canadian origin, for their project "A world of food in Canada".

French style onion soup with croissants was served first, followed by tourtiere, a pork pie dating back to 1666. The meal was topped with "Grandperes", a sweet dumpling simmered in maple syrup.

At their first meeting, Feb. 11, at the home of leader Mrs. Gordon Thompson, R.R. 1, Acton, Josh Gibbons was elected president, Shirley Sayers vice-president, and Mary-Ann Freuler, secretary. The lunch consisted mostly of food the pioneer Canadians were likely to serve. Succotash, or as the Iroquois called it "Sukquashash", accompanied a Belgian sausage and tomato bake, with baked Indian pudding for dessert, and then the group had

their first taste of a Raspberry vinegar similar to that served at quilting bees in confederation days.

Recipes from the British Isles will be tried at the third meeting, the girls making Welsh Rarebit, the leaders demonstrating how to make apple dumplings, Finnan-haddie with egg sauce, Irish soda bread, and English triple will also be on the menu.

Halton's Home Economist, Mrs. Pat Squire, has planned to attend this meeting, to meet many of the girls in this new group for the first time, and answer any questions they might have.

The following weekly meetings will touch on European, Italian, and Oriental cookery, with their influence on Canadian food as it is today.

If you want to know what makes a man tick, get to know his wife. She's usually the works.

Jersey production records reported

High performance reported to the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club during January included the record of Amalea Sixth Line Della 6S, a senior four-year-old bred and owned by William Alexander, Norval. This cow in 305 days produced 14,310 lbs. milk, 690 lbs. fat, 4.82 per cent, and is the winner of both Gold and Silver Medal certificates.

A junior two-year-old, Starcrest Milestone Marie, bred and owned by A. Nielson Stark of Georgetown had the second highest record in her class — 10,294 lbs. milk, 528 lbs. fat, average test 5.13 per cent for a Silver Medal record.

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