



ARCHIE SERVICE RECEIVED well deserved recognition for 15 years of service as secretary-treasurer of the Halton Hog Producers' Association. President of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, Ben Steers presents a gift on behalf of the Association, during the annual meeting Thursday. (Staff Photo)

Tom Broughton again president

Producers review 1967 hog marketing

by H. J. Stanley

The Halton Hog Producers met at the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Thursday, February 15, for their annual meeting, under the chairmanship of Tom Broughton. It was reported that only four farmers had taken advantage of the \$10 bonus provided by the Halton Hog Producers to farmers purchasing approved boards. A special contribution of \$75 was given to Oxfam of Canada during the past year, to enable a farm in Central Swaziland, in Africa, to join their "Producers' Co-operative," and enable him to purchase some seed and fertilizer, and to improve his standard of living.

Ben Steers, president of the Ontario Hog Producers Association, discussed the changes in hog marketing during the past year. He stated that 1,000,000 extra hogs were marketed, with

farmers receiving \$1,000,000 fewer dollars than in the previous year. This amounted to a 19 per cent increase in production. Exports were 60,000, 000 pounds, with 85 per cent of this going to the United States. Imports of 24,000,000 pounds of pork were slightly above the previous year. Mr. Steers stated there is some demand for quotas on hog production in Ontario, but that this must be considered for all of Canada if it were to be effective. Considerable discussion is taking place in co-operation with the Meat Packers' Council of Canada on a new grading system for hogs, taking into consideration the cut-out value, or the amount of lean meat in a carcass.

Archie Service was presented with a gift in recognition of his 15 years' service as secretary of the Halton Hog Producers' Association, from February, 1952 to February, 1967.

District representatives chosen to the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Board for the next three years were Tom Broughton and Tom Foster, Delmar Ford, and Tom Broughton, Delmar Ford, Allan Brownridge, and Tom Broughton.

New officers and directors for 1968 are: President, Tom Broughton, Oakville; vice-president, Thomas Foster, Campbellville; secretary, Allan Brownridge, Georgetown; 2 directors, Ron Davis, Doug Robertson, Frank Wilson, Gerald Carton, John Wilson, Bill Frigg, Percy McGilvray, Bill Harrison, Harold Middlebrook, Stanley Smoys, Dr. W. C. Milligan, Delmar Ford, and Lloyd May.

The representative to the Halton Farm Safety Council for this year is Gerald Carton, and Doug Robertson is the representative to the Halton Federation of Agriculture.



HALTON COUNTY HOG PRODUCERS Association held their annual meeting at the Agricultural Office in Milton Thursday afternoon. Those seated in the front row are secretary-treasurer Allan Brownridge, district representative Ben Steers, president Tom Broughton and vice-president Tom Foster. The directors are from left to right John Wilson, Delmar Ford, Doug Harrison, Frank Wilson, Gerald Carton, Lloyd May. (Staff Photo)

Bulk handling exhibition planned for Trenwith farm

by C. A. Warner

A meeting sponsored by the Burlington Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, featuring bulk handling of fruit and vegetables will be held on Wednesday, February 28, at the farm of Bill Trenwith, R.R. 3 Campbellville. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. and will continue until 3 p.m.

Several types of bulk handling equipment will be on display, and will include such things as tomato and cucumber harvesting aids, tractor-mounted and self-propelled fork lifts, bulk bins, bin dumpers, etc. There will be talks throughout the day on the various aspects of bulk handling and mechanical harvesting.

A chicken dinner will be available for those wishing to stay for lunch, but it is necessary to place your order for dinner by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

The Trenwith farm is on the Campbellville Road, approximately two miles south of Highway 401. Coming from the south, the road is called the Guelph Line, and the farm is located approximately one mile north of the No. 10 Sideroad, on the Guelph Line.

This program should be of interest to anyone growing fruit and vegetables, regardless of whether or not he intends to go to bulk handling in the near future. There will be both large and small equipment, and labour saving ideas of many types will be discussed by the speakers throughout the day.

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Special meeting
Assessment, taxation topics

A meeting jointly sponsored by the Halton Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food to discuss Assessment and Taxation will be held March 6 at the Masonic Hall near Milton. The meeting, which should be of particular interest to farm people, will be split into a morning session and an afternoon session.

Harold Middlebrook representing the Halton Federation of Agriculture will chair the morning program. Roy Coulter, First Vice-President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture will chair

a panel discussion. Panelists include George Korr, M.P.P. for Halton West; Robert Bosch, Halton County Assessor; and Rao Cunningham, Director of Properties, Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative will chair the afternoon session. Mr. Cunningham will speak on the Carter and Smith Reports on taxation. Mr. Stanley urges all people to attend as the topics to be discussed may have a great influence on the future of agriculture in this area. Questions from the floor will be answered following each session.

Ministrants rank in advancement equal with the steamboat. As Robert Fulton put it, "We no longer have to wait for the wind to blow."

Winter walk
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Breeders' annual

The Halton Branch of the Central Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting in the Ligny School, commencing with a banquet at 6:45 p.m., on Thursday, February 29. The guest speaker is Morgan Reid, vice-president of Simpson-Sears Limited.

His topic, "Purchasing and Merchandising of Products" should be of interest to farm people. It will provide an insight into the problems and business methods used by industry. A business meeting will also be held, covering the past year and the future activities of the unit.

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Free Press Farm Page

Present Rockwood Holstein breeder with the Master Breeder shield

Ernest H. Benham, Rockwood, Ontario, was presented with a Master Breeder Shield at the Annual Meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada held February 14th at Toronto. This is the highest honor that the Association can bestow on one of its members. Making the actual presentation was Prof. N. R. Richards, Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph.

It is interesting to note that although no females have been added to the Benham herd since 1951, Mr. Benham, with the advent of frozen semen in 1954, started to use one outstanding A.L. bull across the herd and has followed that practice up to the present time. Following this system of breeding, he bred in the period from 1955 to 1961 enough outstanding animals to meet the Master Breeder requirement. A.L. sires that have been used in the herd were: Spring Farm Fond Hope; Ottawa Dixie Duke; Rosalee Conductor; Glenvue Radar; and Salling Rockman.

Many animals in the present herd trace to two foundation cows purchased in 1951, one from A. Curtis, of Guelph, and the other from Eldon Hunsberger of Baden.

Associated with his father in the operation of the Benham herd at present is Ernest Benham's son John. The present farm was bought by Ernest Benham's father in 1903 and the Holstein herd commenced in 1934. The farm consists of 180 acres. In addition to his outstanding work as a Holstein breeder, Ernest Benham has been a good citizen serving for 21 years on municipal council and several years on the Grand Valley Conservation Authority.

Some of the outstanding individuals bred in the Benham herd include: Benholme Fond Fanny, Excellent 30,000 lb. producer, owned by R. R. Dennis, Oak Ridge, Ontario, for whom she has been nominated as All-Canadian Aged Cow, Grand Champion and best uddered female at York County Black & White Day and 1st Aged Cow in milk at Peterboro Championship Show; Benholme Fond Flora, Honour List and Superior Producer with her production of 27,213 lbs. of milk testing 3.76%; Benholme Ethel DeKol, a Gold Seal pro-

ducer, with over 175,000 lbs. in ten lactations. It is notable that 10 of the animals that have qualified Mr. Benham as Master Breeder are still in the herd. To qualify as a Master Breeder, Mr. Benham has bred three Excellent cows, ten Very Good cows and four Star Brood cows, two of the latter One Star Brood Cows and two of them Two Star Brood Cows. Based on a point score for these qualifying animals, a total of 150 points was achieved as against a requirement of 120 points for a herd average under 12 registrations per year.

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