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## NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

### HALTON HOLSTEIN BREEDERS WIN TOP HONOURS AT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The sixth annual "Black & White" Championship Show was held at Brantford on October 14th with approximately 160 head in competition from the ten counties of central Western Ontario. The highlight from a Halton standpoint was first, the showing of Glenafon R. A. Monogram for Harold Bingham and Son of Georgetown. This animal won first in the class for three year old bulls, and later was declared senior and grand champion bull of the show, by Prof. Geo. E. Rathby who incidentally received high commendation for the able manner in which he made his decisions. E. J. Meagher, of Oakville, was also in the limelight winning first on Graymar Anna Champion, his senior heifer calf, in a strong class which brought out 41 entries. She was later declared Junior Female Champion of the show. Anna is a daughter of Graymar Bessie Pathfinder, Mr. Meagher's first famous daughter of Armac Sylvanus Pathfinder. In her latest lactation as a 5 year old, Bessie rolled out 27,542 lbs. milk and 1175 lbs. B.F. on three times milking. In her first three lactations Bessie has produced 77,175 lbs. of milk and well over 2900 lbs. butterfat. This is definitely a Canadian record and thought to be a world's record for all breeds.

But to return to the Show, R. C. Given and Son, of Georgetown, won first in the two year old bulls on Raymondale Salsax. Gordon Sinclair of Freeman, got sixth on his junior yearling bull in a strong class, while F. Pelletier and Sons of Milton, and E. F. Ford of Hornby were well up in the bull calf class. Hays Ltd. of Oakville, and John Pickett and Son of Hornby were fifth and sixth respectively in the mature cow class which brought out nineteen entries. Spruceleigh Annabelle, the grand champion female at Milton, was second in the four year old class for Ross Segsworth of Freeman. The same breeder was second in the senior yearling heifer class, and second on his progeny of Poplar Row Chieftain Maid. Hays Ltd., Oakville, were in second in the two year old heifer class on Robros Dixie Piebe bred by W. H. Robinson of Hornby. This latter breeder also bred the third prize junior yearling heifer, owned and exhibited by J. F. Trimble of Trafalgar Township. P. Pelletier and Sons also won second in the Junior Get-of-Sire class on their get of Oakville R. A. Dandy. The grand champion female of the show was Glenvue Noelle Inka for Hays Ltd. from their Peel County farm—she's a great cow and will take a lot of beating at the Royal.

As usual the keenest rivalry of the day was manifest in the inter-county

by herd class which brought out entries from all ten counties. Peel County managed to retain their laurels by winning first place but the Halton entry made up of six animals from the herds of Harold Bingham, Hays Limited, Ross Segsworth, E. J. Meagher, and P. Pelletier, gave them a real scare by being a strong second. The placing of the remaining counties was as follows: 3rd Waterloo; 4th Wellington; 5th Brant; 6th Welland; 7th Haldimand; 8th Wentworth; 9th Lincoln, and Grey in 10th.

### HALTON CLUB MEMBERS MAKE EXCELLENT SHOWING AT ERIN FAIR

Alex. (Sandy) Buchanan of Mofat who had the winning calf in the Halton Baby Beef Club at Milton, had a real field day at Erin Fair on Thanksgiving Day. In the inter-county baby beef club, he again won first on his steer, and first for showmanship. He was also on top in the Open class for Shorthorn steers, and second in the class for steers under 1000 lbs. open to all breeds.

Three Halton Swine Club members, namely Gordon McCready of Milton, and Geo. Burkholder and Harold Tyrrell of Freeman, competed in the provincial inter-swine club competition at Erin. As a group they placed second to Middlesex County, with Peel in third. Nine county clubs were in competition.

### THIS AND THAT

Halton's fall or winter wheat acreage is up considerably over that of 1946. With the demand for wheat both for food and feed this would seem to be a definite step in the right direction. While some of the acreage was sown late and without adequate moisture, the crop in general looks good. Halton farmers have experienced ideal weather conditions for sowing corn, harvesting buckwheat and roots, and picking apples. Corn for silage, buckwheat, and mangels, have been taken care of but moisture is needed for the wheat and to make it possible to get along with the fall plowing. One of the biggest headaches for Halton farmers, aside from the difficulty in securing farm help, which is any help, is the uncertainty first of a market for their hogs and livestock due to the packing strike, second the feed grain being available and rumours of the ceiling being removed on coarse grains. In this connection it would seem that farm leaders and farmers generally are justified in requesting an immediate clarification of the whole situation by our Ottawa authorities. Another point which Ottawa might well clarify is the egg contract with the British Food Ministry. The present contract terminates in January 1949. Egg and poultry pro-

duction cannot be stepped up or decreased by turning a tap and hence an early announcement regarding future contracts would be welcomed at once in order that poultrymen may plan accordingly.

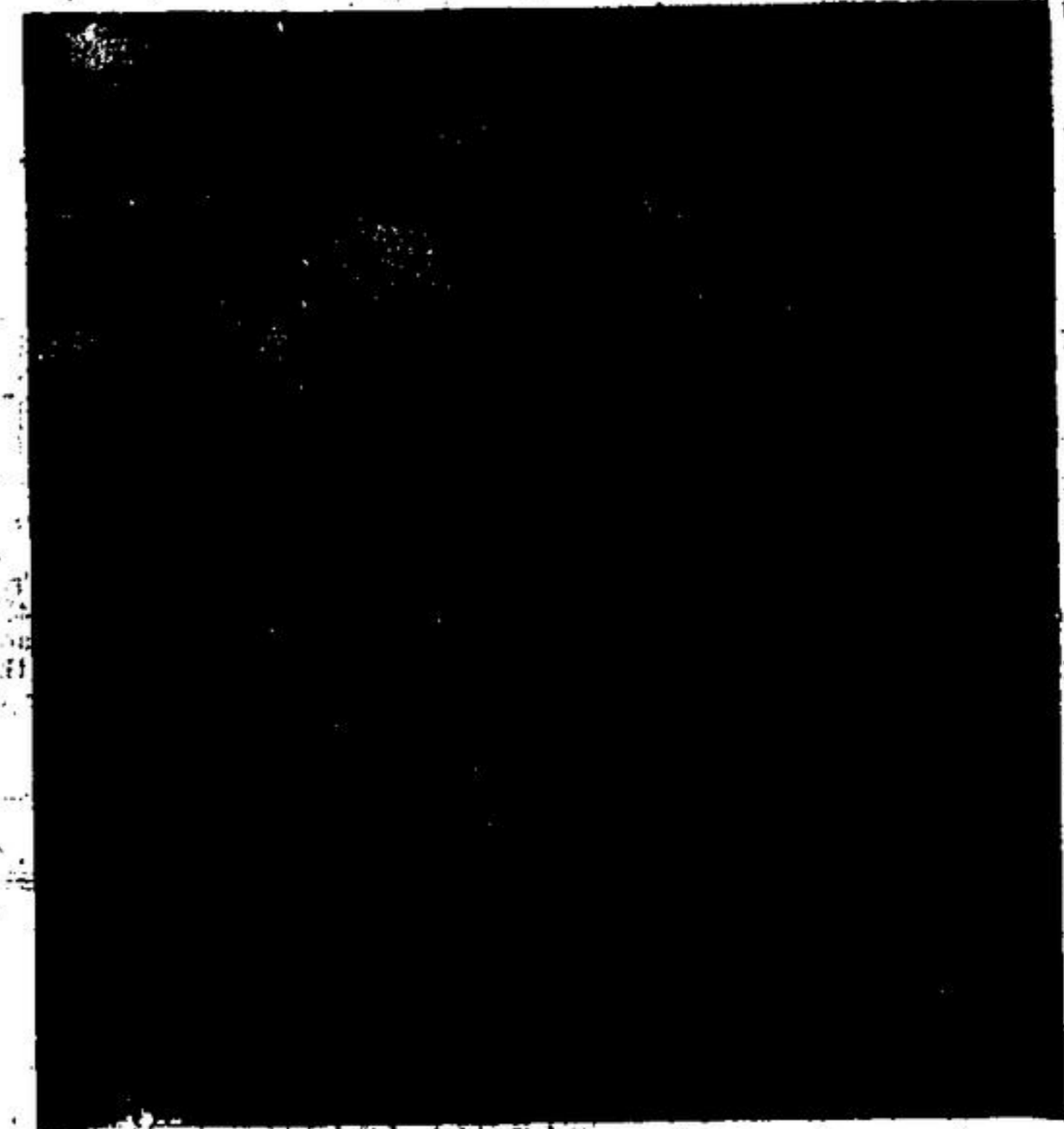
Referring back to the labour situation, we do not feel it wise to make any comment on the packing house strike—no doubt much might be said on both sides of the question—but it does seem clear that as long as meat ceilings prevail, it is going to be the livestock producer who will pay any wage increases which may be granted. If one reads history one can't help but realize that labour unions have down through the years corrected many abuses. At the same time we can't help but feel that labour leaders would do well to remember that Great Britain, United States, and Canada, became great nations because they worked on a policy that increased effort brought increased reward. Today the policy would seem to be "shorter hours, less work, with more pay". Is it any wonder farmers have difficulty securing satisfactory help—efficient farms are not operated on such a basis.

### ST. GEORGE'S CLUB

The opening meeting of St. George's Club, for the current season was held in the clubrooms last Tuesday evening. The principal item of business was the drawing up of a schedule of programs for the balance of this year. The next meeting will take the form of a tour through the Lower Provincial Paper Mill. Later programs will include a Scavenger Hunt, a euchre and crokinole party, and a Christmas jamboree party.

Mrs. Harold Bickle was in charge of last Tuesday's program, which consisted of some very interesting contests. Lunch was served when the games concluded.

### Congratulations



Hubert Wallace, managing director of Yarrow shipyard, Esquimalt, B.C., is shown above, left, as he received the congratulations of R. C. Vaughan, C.M.G., chairman and president, Canadian National Railways, on the successful launching of the T.S.S. "Prince George". The largest passenger vessel ever built on the Pacific Coast, the "Prince George" was designed for service by the Canadian National Steamships between Vancouver, Prince Rupert, and Alaska. The launching ceremonies which took place recently, were highlighted by the presence of Mrs. Lionel Chevrier, wife of the Dominion Minister of Transport, who christened the new ship.

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