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NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

SUMMARY OF HALTON COW TESTING ASSOCIATION FOR 1947

In a recent interview with Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock we learned that during the past year 265 cows were enrolled in the Halton Cow Testing Association. The thirteen Halton herd owners in the Association weigh each cow's milk on three days each month. At the same time representative samples are taken of each

(NOTE: 1st column denotes number of cows, 2nd Average lb. milk, 3rd, Aver. Test, 4th Aver. lbs. Fat, 5th Total value per cow, 6th, difference per cow.)

In arriving at the valuation of the milk, the figures are based on a value of \$3.00 per cwt. for 3.4 per cent B.F. milk, which was the approximate average Toronto price in 1947 less deductions for transportation, surplus milk, etc.

While a goodly number of the pure-bred dairy herds in Halton are entered under the official Record of Performance Work administered by the Federal Department of Agriculture, the above figures would indicate at least two things—first, more of Halton's dairymen would be well advised to avail themselves of one of the two services available, under either of which they are then in a position to pursue a more constructive breeding policy and also weed out some of their boarders; and secondly, that even in an outstanding dairy county like Halton, there are many herds where the owners would be well advised to do some culling and dispose of a few of their boarder cows while the export demand is still keen and prices comparatively high.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING UNIT AT MAPLE MAKES AMAZING GROWTH IN 1947

A most interesting yearly report has just been released by the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association. This artificial breeding unit at the beginning of 1947 had 282 members in the counties of York and Simcoe. During the past year, branches have also been established in the counties of Halton, Peel, and Ontario. Their total membership on Dec. 31, 1947 was 685, of which number 358 are located in York, and 197 in Halton. A total of 6896 cows have been bred in the twelve months period, notwithstanding the fact that the Halton branch did not get under way until April 1st, and the Peel and Ontario branches until sometime in June. In the first ten months operation in Halton, technician Murray Howard of Milton has bred 1024 cows.

The report also reveals that of the 6896 cows inseminated, 48 per cent are grades and 52 per cent pure breeds. In Halton however, approximately two-thirds of the 107 members are pure bred breeders. It is also interesting to note that 575 of the 685 members, or 84 per cent are now without herd sires on their respective premises. In view of the fact that the figure released by the Maple Association a year ago revealed that it cost an average of \$125.00 for feed and bedding alone, for each bull in the stud, it would definitely seem to be good economics to dispose of the privately owned herd sires when satisfactory results can be secured by the artificial method.

At the present time, ten Holstein bulls are owned by the Maple unit. They are all of Lunenburg breeding, their sires being either Lunenburg Texal Payne, or Montvic Rag Apple Bullon 2nd. A new bull barn, capable of providing accommodation for 16 bulls is now nearing completion. Jersey and Ayrshire breeders are requesting that herd sires of these two breeds be added to the stud, and judging by the sign-up to date it seems fairly definite that action in this direction will be taken before mid-summer. Already over 500 Jersey cows have been signed up in York alone, and with Halton, Peel, Simcoe and Ontario counties still to hear from, it would seem as if the minimum objective of 1000 Jersey cows will be secured without difficulty.

We also understand that well over 800 Ayrshires have been signed up, which augurs well for the inclusion of this breed.

A meeting open to all Halton cattle owners with Holsteins, Jerseys, and Ayrshires, is to be held in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m., when further details and reports will be presented by officers of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association.

cow's milk, and at the end of each month a composite sample of each cow's milk is brought to the Milton office for testing for B.F. and the compilation of the monthly production in milk and butterfat.

While the respective herd owners' reports are strictly confidential, the yearly summary just released contains a good deal of interesting information. A few of the more striking figures in the report are listed below.

High Herd	19	14023	152	263.6	227.29	
Low Herd	12	7489	132	226.0	198.31	\$198.31
Difference		6534		36.6	29.08	
High Milk Cow	10840		139	254.2	190.30	
Low Milk Cow	2220		929	177.1	80.59	
Difference	14120			377.1	\$109.71	

R. BRUCE REID RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HALTON HOG PRODUCERS

Wilfred Bishop of Norwich, a director of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, was the chief speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Hog Producers' Ass'n. held in the Court House, Milton, on Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. Bishop dealt at some length with the strike of the Packing House workers in the fall of 1947, which disrupted marketing conditions, and resulted in great financial loss to the hog producers of Ontario. Action taken by the executive of the Ontario association had prevented hog prices dropping to \$17.00 per cwt., stated Mr. Bishop.

Following Mr. Bishop's address there was considerable discussion relative to improvement of marketing conditions. One resolution sent forward to the Ontario association recommended that immediate study be given by the Ontario executive towards the inauguration of a policy making it compulsory for all hogs to be tagged before leaving the producer's premises for market. One Hamilton packing plant enforcing this practice has found that it has reduced to a minimum, damaged and bruised carcasses caused by hogs fighting while in transit or at the Stock Yards.

A further resolution which is being sent forward to Hughes Cleaver, Federal member for Halton, recommends that the special 8c sales tax now being collected on smoked meats be removed in order to reduce the cost to the consumer and thereby increase sales.

Herb McQuigge, of Gormley, also a director of the Ontario association, spoke briefly as did also Cedric Harrop, of Milton, who was selected by the Halton executive to represent Halton hog producers in connection with the Demonstration Hog Production Policy. This policy, which went into effect on July 1st last, necessitates the keeping of cost figures on all phases of hog production. Mr. Harrop presented a most interesting and comprehensive report. On the basis of present day feed prices, he stated, it cost \$7.00 to raise a pig to the weaning age of eight weeks, taking into consideration the maintenance of the sow, etc. From weaning to market weight it takes an additional \$25.00 worth of feed, from Mr. Harrop's experience to date working with 6 sows. Veterinary bills, depreciation on equipment, marketing expenses, and operator's labour at 50 cent per hour takes another \$8.00, bringing the total cost to approximately \$38.00. These figures are based on average of ten pigs per litter, which while perhaps somewhat high for the Province, has been Mr. Harrop's average per litter to date.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President — R. Bruce Reid, Georgetown
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Trafalgar Twp. — Clayton May, Allan Clements, Lorne Galbraith.
Essex Twp. — Arthur Brain and Nelson Stark.
Auditor — J. E. Whitlock
The annual meeting of the Ontario Association is scheduled for the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on March 10 and 11. All hog producers are invited to attend.

Takes New Position At Willowdale

Miss Jessie Oliver, a former superintendent of Cedarvale School for Girls, has recently accepted a new position with her nephew, Dr. Gordon Bell, who has opened Shadow Brook, a private hospital at Willowdale.

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Heinz VEGETARIAN Soup 13c
Heinz "57" Sauce 25c
Heinz Mustard JAR 10c, 19c
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