

## NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HALTON FARMERS

### NEW DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT POLICY ANNOUNCED BY ONTARIO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

Ontario dairymen for many decades have lagged behind the dairymen of other sections of Canada and other parts of the world in the adoption of dairy herd improvement work. True, most progressive pure-bred breeders of dairy cattle have their herds enrolled under Record of Performance. However, the great bulk of the milk producers of Ontario, keep grade cattle and only a very, very small percentage engage in any system of cow testing work. Consequently, the dairymen are forced to resort to guesswork when choosing between those animals that should be retained and the ones that should be weeded out. That guesswork is not good enough is indicated when we compare the average production of our dairy cattle with those of such countries as Denmark, Holland and New Zealand, where cow testing work is a general policy among dairymen. The recent investigation in connection with cost of milk production also reveals the urgent need of Ontario producers weeding out some of the low producers. Figures submitted by individual producers revealed that cost of producing milk varied from less than \$3. per cwt. to \$6.00 per cwt.

True, the Ontario Department of Agriculture has had a policy of cow testing which necessitated the producer taking his own samples and bringing them to the Agricultural Office at Milton. While some 300 to 400 cows have been tested annually in Halton under this policy, it has not apparently met the situation. The new policy is patterned after that of Record of Performance

Work. In other words, a supervisor will be assigned to each 30 to 36 members and pay regular inspection visits every six weeks, or eight visits per year. On these visits the supervisor will weigh the milk from each individual cow for two milkings, test it for butter fat, and complete data pertaining to cost of producing milk. This latter phase of the work will be conducted in close co-operation with the newly organized Cost Studies branch of the Department. Consequently, at the end of the year each producer member will receive not only data revealing the production of each cow in his herd, but also a statement of the value of feed required to produce 100 lbs. of milk. Those eligible to enroll in the new Dairy Herd Improvement Policy are dairymen who have grade cattle or a herd of mixed pure breeds and grades.

The new policy has many attractive features, not the least being that it will enable Halton members of the Maple Artificial Unit to compare the production of the daughters of the bulls at the Artificial Insemination Unit with their own. We understand that one or more units will be organized in Halton and will likely commence operations around Nov. 1st. From our brief perusal of the new policy, it would definitely seem that this new service will prove invaluable to any milk producer interested in reducing his costs of producing milk. Further details of the policy can be secured upon request from the Agricultural Office, in Milton.

The trouble with people who drink like a fish is that they don't know what the fish do.

### OPENING OF TWO YEAR COURSE AT O.A.C. DELAYED UNTIL OCTOBER 12

It has just been announced by President W. R. Reek, M.B.E., that the opening date for the two year diploma course at the Ont. Agric. College will be October 12th, instead of September 27th, as originally announced. By delaying two weeks, these young men will have the opportunity of giving more assistance with full work on the home farm.

This two year course at the O.A.C. has been completely revised in the past two years. It has now no connection with the Degree Course, and is designed for Ontario farmers who propose to return to Ontario farms.

### DR. CAMPBELL TO ADDRESS GUERNSEY BREEDERS

A combined breeder and calf club meeting has been announced for the farm of M. T. McNabb and Sons, Lot 6, 8th line of Equestrian, on the evening of Thursday, August 19th. Dr. A. R. Campbell, Secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders, is to be the guest speaker. The meeting is open to all, with a special invitation extended to all Halton Guernsey breeders. Incidentally, the prize list for the County Show being staged by the newly organized Halton Guernsey Club at Milton on September 25th, has just been issued. This reveals that the directorate of this new Halton Club has been really active. Forty-five members have been signed up, a Guernsey Calf Club organized, and an excellent prize list prepared. In short, it looks as if the Holstein and Jersey Clubs in Halton will have to look to their laurels if they are not to be overshadowed by this new thriving organization.

### REGRETS

One cannot be a winding stream, When you've once been battered on each bank.

As a man grows older, his last day of life, Is the day he has to live.

"In the end, I'm sure, for myself, You could not improve, me in four-

A smart man, if he's not a fool, Will never let himself be fooled.

And then, a man who is so certain, That he's right, will never be wrong.

A man who's got a lot of pride, Will never let himself be lied to.

"I'm disappointed in you, but I can't work better than I'm doing."

"You can't be sure that I should know."

Low pay has been my constant neighbor.

The world pays high, when skill you show.

But argue when you sell your labour.

"You've joined the band," he said to me.

Who is a fore down and work past dark.

If I could only make you see, But well I know you won't be here.

But don't let me be cautious, me, Be truthful, honest, upright, square, In all you do, where'er you be, That kind of wealth is the company.

Somewhere a famous writer said, Energy the head a crown that wears.

He might have added, or said instead, The sweat, the toil, and shovel tears.

In different hands, adown the years, I've toiled, remembering, how true, The words of that fine man, His fees.

For I'd to cross the fields he knew, His last advice I've tried to keep, Of that I'm glad, my only gain, Over his first I've ceased to weep, Maybe not all his hopes were vain.

Why did promotion pass me by? They always feared the works I'd muffle.

You see I lacked the learning, I Was just the lad who pushed the shovel.

That was his story, and today, For what it's worth I pass it on, Unlearned like him, I could not say, How much he's right, how far he's wrong.

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**More D.P.'s to Ease Ontario Farm Labour Shortage**  
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