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DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT
POLICY PROVES POPULAR

Last spring two associations with 26 members were organized in Halton under the Dairy Herd Improvement Policy sponsored by the Ontario Live Stock Branch. Under this policy a supervisor is assigned to each group of 26 members and subsequently visits each member one day each month. On each visit the supervisor weighs the milk of each producing cow for two milkings, takes the necessary samples, and tests for butterfat. In other words, no weighing or sampling on the part of the herd owner is required. Monthly production for both milk and fat is computed on the one day's weighings. The policy also provides for official certificates of production, and also data on the cost of production for each herd owner. A number of the herd owners were contacted recently by the writer, and all are delighted with the service being rendered. One herd owner stated, "I wasn't too enthusiastic about the Policy when it was first announced, but now I'd hate to be

without it." Plans are now under way to organize a third group of 26 dairymen, and already half the required number of applications has been secured. According to J. E. Whitlock, of the Agricultural Office at Milton, this is likely to be the final group organized in Halton, so if any of our readers are interested we would suggest that they get their application in immediately to the Milton office while there is still an opportunity.

Incidentally, the policy only applies to herd owners with grade cattle or a mixed herd containing both grades and pure breeds — and the fee — \$10.00 per year for a service which in the U.S. costs the producer many times this figure. It may also be of interest to our readers to learn the computed production based on one day's weighing per month was recently checked against daily weighing. On a herd of 12 cows in Nelson Township there was a difference of only 48 lbs. The computed average test of the herd was 3.59 per cent Butterfat — the dairy paid on a 3.6 per cent test. Did you say "What Dairy?"

LONELM BREEDING BELLS
AT HIGH PRICES

One of the Halton members of the Maple Cattle Breeders recently paid us a call. To say the least he

was in high spirits and more than ever convinced he is on the right track. He had just returned from attending Porter Bros. Dispersal Sale, near Thornhill. During the time he was at the sale 33 of the 36 head were sold. The 33 head was made up of 14 females, 3 yrs. or over; 7 two year olds; 4 yearlings; and 8 heifer calves born in 1949. The average price of the 33 head was \$390, which speaks well for the Holstein breed lines being used at the Maple Unit. Porter Bros. have been members of the Maple Unit since its inception and one of the brothers was a former president of Maple Cattle Breeders' Assn. It should however, be pointed out that Porter Bros. have been utilizing herd sires of Lonelm breeding for many years previous to the formation of the Maple Unit. It was in this herd that Donerest Peg Top Burke was bred. She is still the World Champion for yearly production of milk on 2X, and former Word Champion for fat with 31,791 lbs. milk and 1108 lbs. fat.

Halton members of the Maple Unit who now total over 240 strong, will be delighted to learn that Jack Hamilton who along with Robert Neilson, are the popular local inseminators, has finally got his family established in Milton and can be contacted at Milton 472. Another announcement by the Maple Unit which will be popular with the members not located in the Milton Central is to the effect that on and after December 1st, all long distance calls for service will be absorbed by the Maple Unit. This Unit which now has a membership of approximately 1800 and which now owns batteries of Ayrshire, Holstein, Jersey, and Guernsey bulls, is contemplating the addition of a battery of beef

HOLSTEIN & JERSEY
BREEDERS MAKE PLANS
FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS

At recent executive meetings of the Halton Holstein and Jersey Breeders plans were made for their respective annual meetings. The Holstein breeders plan to meet in the new Trafalgar Township Hall, where W. R. Watson, Live Stock Commissioner for Ontario, is to be guest speaker. The date selected is Thursday, January 12th, while on the following Tuesday, namely January 17th, the Jersey Breeders of Halton will meet in the Orange Hall at Hornby, where it is expected W. D. Tolton, Director of Public Relations, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, will be the guest speaker. As in former years both organizations are making plans for dinner meetings.

TWO FIRE CALLS
LAST SATURDAY

The fire brigade were called a week ago Saturday to the home of Ray Harlow on the Glen Road when a stove threatened to cause a fire. No damage was done. A second call was received from Norval Station in the afternoon to which the brigade responded, but their services were not needed.

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Farm Forum in Halton

More than two hundred Farm Forum members representing nineteen of Halton's twenty-six townships attended the County Rally held in the town hall, Milton, on November 21st. In the absence of the county chairman, R. S. Heathcrist, the chair was filled by Bob Howard, vice-chairman. The county secretary, Mrs. R. E. Ellenton, read the minutes of the fall meeting.

Mr. Howard, in his opening remarks, frankly criticised the average farmer for his indifference toward his farm organizations. "Farm organization should be as much a part of the farmer's business as his fall plowing," Mr. Howard stated. He also regretted the lack of attendance at meetings, and the lack of constructive suggestions and criticisms from the floor. He thought Halton should take the lead in soil conservation work, and should concentrate on leadership training and co-operative enterprise. Bob Howard, who was a Wing-Commander in the R.C.A.F. and who is now farming in Halton in partnership with two brothers who were also R.C.A.F. Wing-Commanders, stated he has a growing admiration for the Ontario farmer, but he would like to see him giving better support to his farm organizations.

The first speaker, Prof. Tolton, of the O.A.C., Guelph, was introduced by J. E. Whitlock. Prof. Tolton, who took as his topic "Social Engineering", stated Farm Forums are a necessity to rural people. "There must be a co-operative discussing of problems in agriculture if we are to maintain our country as a nation socially and economically," he said. Social science must keep in balance with physical science if we are to avert disaster. The speaker recommended cooperation as being the way in which the farmer may obtain his just portion from his produce. The farmer, he declared, should control his produce practically to the consumer's table. Prof. Tolton also regretted that there is more erosion going on than that of the soil. Discussing the development of personality, he said the basis of all delightful personality is self-discipline. "He lives best who serves most," the speaker concluded. Prof. Tolton was tendered a vote of thanks by Mrs. Denzil Lawrence.

The second speaker, introduced by Bob Howard, was John Madsen of Cherry Hill Farm and Folk School. Mr. Madsen, who is a native of Denmark, explained the folk school as it originated in his country, and as it is being developed in Ontario. He stated that Denmark's great advancement in legislation for the good of the people could be largely credited to the folk school. "You cannot tabulate the spirit of man," stated the speaker, "and in the folk school men work for their fellowmen." People learn there to blend the elements of economics and living in ordinary life. They learn simple Christianity. At the Cherry Hill School there is, in addition to adult education on practical and cultural topics, a training in crafts and recreation, and in good will. "What can I do for my community?" is the idea that student takes away with him. Mr. Madsen gave a practical demonstration of folk-dancing when he had the crowd participate in several of such dances. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Gordon Gray.

Mr. Jack Bennett, in his own inimitable way, led in some rousing singing. His accompanist was Mrs. Gorter. For the folk-dancing, Mrs. Jean Moore, of Agincourt, played the accompaniment. The cut flowers on the platform were donated by Mr. Gorter, of Kilbride Farm. Lunch was supervised by the Mt. Nemo Forum members. An hour of visiting was enjoyed by all. Overheard here and there was the remark that Forum members are going to make more effort this year to attend their respective township Federation of Agriculture meetings. Bob Howard's challenge is not going unanswered.

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