

### News and Views For Halton Farmers

#### HALTON FARMERS VISIT OHIO STATE ON BUS TRIP

Seventy-five farm folk from Halton and Halton counties (51 from Halton and 24 from Halton) returned on Wednesday evening of last week from a four day bus trip to the State of Ohio. It was a trip which will long be remembered. They were privileged to be the guests of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to see the strip mining of coal near Cadiz, to visit the famous Blount and Malabar farms — to see the Mohican State forest — to spend three hours at the Northern Ohio Artificial Unit, at Tiffin. At each point, members of the party were overheard to state "This was worth the trip in itself." It would be impossible for the writer to do justice to the programme in one article — in fact, it would be impossible for the writer to do justice to the various features even in a series of articles. In this week's article we shall try and present a few of the highlights of the trip around the Muskingum District Conservancy, one of the wonders of the world. We were privileged to have as our guides, Walter Begland, Frank Crume, and Jack Curtis, three of the key officials of the big project. Starting out from New Philadelphia, some 375 miles from Mill on, the party visited the Dover Dam, an impressive concrete structure with 18 sluice gates controlling 174 miles of the Tuscarawas River back of the dam. We also were taken to see three or four other dams which range in height from 45 ft. to 113 ft. and these are constructed of earth and rock fill. Over them runs the road or highway. Altogether they have constructed fourteen reservoirs. These artificial lakes vary in size from 420 to 3550 acres with a total water surface of 18,000 acres and 365 miles of shore line. The project originated as a result of the disastrous flood of 1913, in which Ohio suffered a loss of 500 lives, and \$300,000,000 worth of property. But the plan included something else that has become increasingly important. This was a dual purpose use for ten of the fourteen reservoirs. They provide for water conservation; they control and prevent floods; and they also provide some beautiful recreational centres. Previously Ohio was almost devoid of any inland lakes for fishing, boating and bathing. With over 5 million people living within 75 miles driving distance the recreational values of the Muskingum District are high. The Conservancy rent concessions to various individuals some of whom we were informed have gross receipts of fifty thousand dollars during a single season. The lake are so well populated with fish, that there is no close season and no limit on catches. The Conservancy also had some 30,000 acres in farm land which they rent or operate on a share crop basis. This particular part of Ohio is quite hilly and on the land not suited to agriculture an extensive reforestation program is under way. There was some eight of timber stand on 13,000 acres of the land taken over by the Conservancy District. Since the project got under way nearly two million trees have been put in. Their plan calls for 33,000 acres to be ultimately covered with forest.

While the disastrous flood in this section of Ohio was in 1913, it was not until 1933 that the Conservancy District became a reality. It takes in all or parts of eighteen counties — about one fifth of the State of Ohio. In other words, in a period of 17 years they have transformed the area from a potential flood area and also a drought area, to one of great scenic beauty. With this has gone flood control, conservation of water, proper land use, including reforestation, and providing outstanding recreational centres. In short, it is a model for the world and many of the principles utilized on the Muskingum could be utilized to advantage in Ontario.

In next week's column we shall try and present a few of the highlights of our visit to the strip coal mining area near Cadiz — another of the wonders of the world.

#### 1800 HALTON & PEEL FOLK ATTEND FIELD DAY AT O.A.C.

The annual field day sponsored by the Halton and Peel Holstein and Jersey Club was held at the O.A.C. Guelph, last Saturday with one thousand in attendance for this popular event. The group were the guests of the O.A.C. for dinner, following which Dr. W. R. Beck, MBE, president of the O.A.C., extended a welcome. The programme also included tours to the experimental plots; the agricultural engineering department, live stock judging contests, a livestock parade, a meat demonstration for the ladies, and a sports programme for young and old.

The prize winners in the judging contests were as follows:

Men's Section, Ross Segsworth, Freeman; Andrew McClure, Norval; Ladies' Section, Mrs. Clarence Lyons, Cheltenham; Miss Velma Cook, Peel County; Juniors, John W. Pickett, Hornby; Geo. Rogister; Milton.

#### MAPLE BREEDERS STAGE SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY

Five hundred members attended the successful field day held by the Maple Cattle Breeders Association recently. Speakers included Prof. Geo. E. Rathby and C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. During the five years which this artificial unit has been in operation it has made a phenomenal growth. It now has over 2250 members in the eight counties which it serves. Batteries of outstanding sires of five different breeds are now available. That the association is in sound financial position is indicated by the announcement made at the field day that a rebate of \$15.00 per member is to take place immediately and that in future the life membership fee would be \$5.00, plus a loan of \$20.00, or \$25.00 in all. Heretofore the membership fee has been \$40. Those owning three cows or less may secure service by paying the \$5.00 membership fee only.

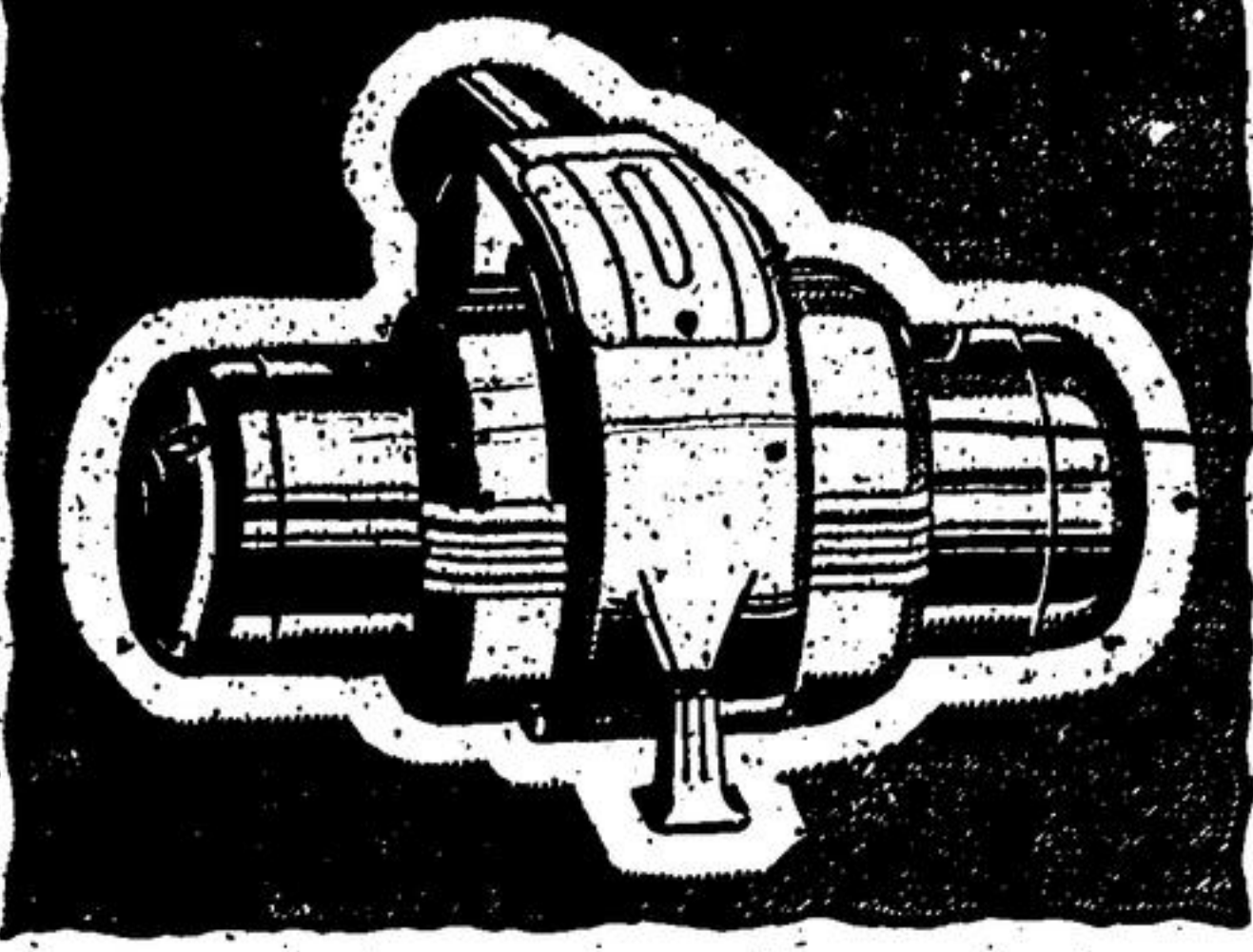
#### NORVAL THREE SPEAKERS AT JUNIOR FARM MEETING

Dr. Charles Sayers, Georgetown veterinarian spoke on "Breeding Problems in Dairy Cattle" at the boys' meeting when Norval Junior Farmers and Junior Institute met last Wednesday at the home of John and Fraser McNabb. The girls had Miss Lucille Barber, Halton's home economist as speaker. Her topic was "Fun with Flowers" and she suggested trying some regular dishes such as salad bowls and pyrex pans for flower containers.

At the joint meeting Erie Roger, assistant agricultural representative for Halton and Peel was the speaker. His subject was "Your Development", and he stressed the four aspects, physical, mental, social and religious.

Ward Brownridge as auctioneer kept things lively in a candy auction. High bid was by John McClure and Company, \$2.25. A total of ten dollars was made from the sale and this was added to the proceeds of a dance to make a total of \$40 which will go to the Ontario Junior Farmers Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

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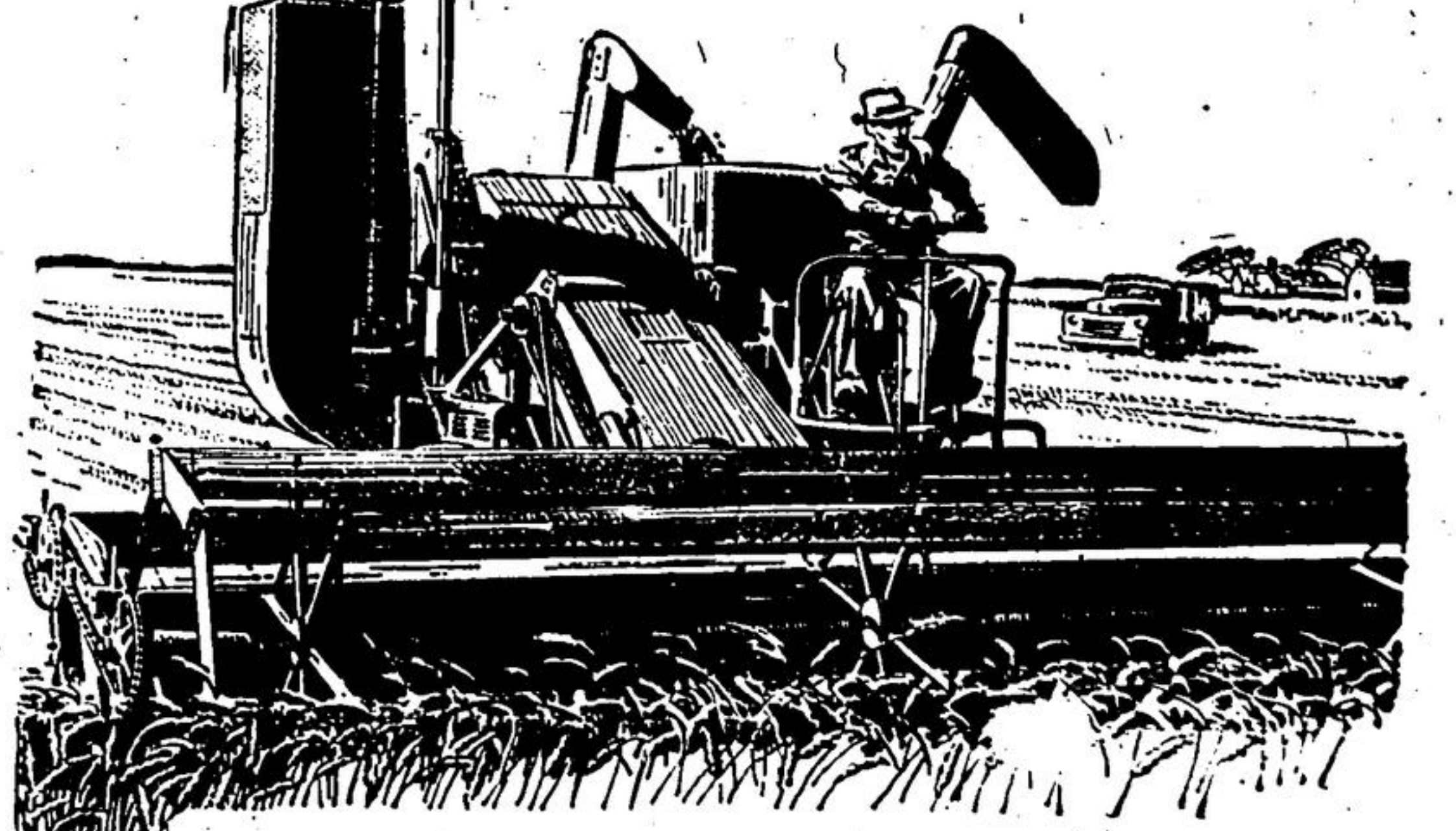
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