

# What Council Did

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Heard a complaint from A. E. Colman that the garbage man had refused to pick up garbage at his home which was claimed to be in an unsuitable container. Mr. Colman said the weight was far under the 60-lb. maximum, that he could easily lift it with one hand, and that he would continue to use it unless everyone was forced to use a standard container. Council said they would look into the matter with Bob Lane, who has the garbage contract.

Proclaimed Tuesday, December 26th as a boxing day holiday after receiving a petition from the merchants requesting this.  
(Moved by MacDonald and Petch)

Set aside the sum of \$82.50 as the town's share in paying for jackets which will be given to members of the Ontario championship juvenile C lacrosse team sponsored by the GRC. Esqueving Township is contributing a similar amount.  
(Moved by Hill and Petch).

Recreational director J. L. Self asked council for this and expressed his thanks for council's cooperation during his term as director. He asked council to support the \$2500 grant individually and collectively in next Monday's vote.

Will write to Engineer Hagey concerning an improper installation of machinery in the sewage disposal plant which the town foreman has found runs backwards. The contractor, engineer and plant designer had been previously informed of this and though the guarantee period has since run out, council felt the onus still lies with the contractor to make the proper adjustments.

Took no action on a request from the Board of Parks Management to appoint Allan Norton to the board to replace P. F. Blackburn whom the board said was resigning. Council felt that the proper procedure was for Mr. Blackburn to tender his resignation to council before any action was taken by them.

Instructed the foreman to take water meters out of four empty houses owned by Provincial Paper Ltd., which are slated to be torn down.

Expressed appreciation to Mayor Cleave for his capable and cooperative handling of meetings and of town business during the year.  
(Moved by Marshall and MacDonald.)

Mr. Cleave said it had been a real pleasure to be mayor this year and thanked council, the town staff and press. As mayor, he felt that he had had little to do because every member had done their fair share of the work and he hoped that all the present members would be able to spend their evenings together next year.

All members spoke briefly. Cr. Lyons said he had been in and out of many councils and he had never seen one where there was more unanimity of opinion. Often in the past there had been crossfire between members who forgot that they were working for the welfare of the town. The reeve and deputy reeve said every meeting had been a pleasure and Mr. MacDonald wished all councillors success in the election and hoped they would be back.  
Cr. Hale said it had been a plea-

sure to sit on this council. He had walked out on one in the past because there were members who had said things they shouldn't say about the people of Georgetown. Cr. McGilvray said that in his four years serving under Mayor Cleave, he was impressed with his fairness and with the time he devoted to the job. Cr. Hill said he was seeking reelection, but there would be no animosity if he wasn't back there next year.

## News and Views For Halton Farmers

### MAPLE ARTIFICIALLY BRED HEIFER MAKES RECORD

Recently 140 members of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association ventured over slippery roads to the farm of Cecil Atkinson and Son, of Schomberg. The occasion was a barn meeting to see the new World's Milk Record artificially bred two year old Holstein heifer, Orchard Vale Laura Texal. This heifer has just completed a record of 22,005 lbs. of milk and 778 lbs. of butterfat in 365 days on twice a day milking. This typey heifer is one of the 279 registered Holstein heifers sired by Lonelm Texal Ideal, the first sire purchased by the Maple Cattle Breeders when the artificial breeding unit was organized in 1945.

John Powell of the Holstein Friesian Association at Brantford pointed out that the herd average from the twelve cows and heifers was 16,111 lbs. of milk. It was also pointed out that one senior yearling and eight two year olds sired by four different bulls of the Maple Cattle Breeders, had an average of 15,252 lbs. of milk, and three of the nine records were for 305 days. Incidentally, one of these heifers in her second lactation has averaged 71 lbs. per day for 79 days.

The guest speaker, W. P. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner, presented some startling figures as revealed by cost data secured in connection with the new Dairy Herd Improvement Associations. Mr. Watson pointed out that grass silage and loafing barns would appear to be two methods of reducing costs for feed and labour.

Several of the Halton members of the Maple Unit also have some fine records coming along on heifers sired by bulls in the Maple Unit.

All of which would indicate that the formation of the Halton branch of the Maple Unit and the organization of the three Dairy Herd Improvement groups in Halton mark two of the most important advances ever made by the dairy breeders of Halton County. Certainly under present day agriculture with its high production costs due in the main to the upward spiral in the cost of labour and feed — in fact everything which enters into the cost of producing farm products — the farm operator must cut costs wherever possible if he is to keep out of the "red."

### CLUB WINNERS ENTERTAINED BY KINGSWAY KIWANIS

Eight of Halton's top Club members were entertained by the Kingsway Kiwanis at their weekly luncheon of last week. Each of the eight club members were presented with a cheque for \$12.50, by C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, on behalf of the Kingsway Kiwanis. Mr. Graham was the guest speaker for the occasion and his address pointed out that the young people in connection with their respective projects, learn to make decisions and to substantiate their decision with good reasons for so doing. The young people from Halton so honoured were as follows:

Jean Bird of the Halton Girls' Garden Brigade; Eleanor Stark, of the Halton Jersey & Guernsey Calf Club; John Currie, of the Halton Boys' Swine Club; Fraser McNabb, of the Halton Boys' Grain Club; Don Milton, of the Halton Tractor Maintenance Club; John C. Willmott, of the Halton Baby Beef Club; John W. Pickett, of the Halton Holstein Calf Club; John Marchmont, of the Halton Junior Farmers' Association.

Others who accompanied the young people were A. T. Woodley, and Arnold McDuffe, both of whom gave outstanding service as Club leaders during the past year, and Agriculture Representative J. E. Whitelock.

### WHY CAN'T WE HAVE A NIGHT SCHOOL?

This was one of the queries in the columns of the first issue of the Milton Reformer on November 5th in 1885. Sixty five years have elapsed and the Milton district has its Night School. Whether or not any have been held in the interval we do not know, but if the writer of that inquiry could have accompanied the writer of this article on a tour of the ten class rooms or halls last Tuesday evening, we think he would have been quite impressed. A total of 308 were in

attendance and at each point whether at St. Paul's Church Sunday School Room where we found some sixty ladies working on aprons and dresses; the Farmers' Building where twenty-eight ladies were getting instruction in Tailoring; or at one of the eight classrooms at the High School, we found a veritable beehive of industry.

The Farm Business Course was the only one where we stopped more than a minute or so. Here Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was presenting a wealth of interesting and valuable information. This was in the main based on his Cost studies in connection with one of the new Dairy Herd Improvement groups.

In the particular group under consideration the figures for twenty-two herds were presented. The average cost of producing milk for the two low herds was \$5.30 per cwt. while \$2.59 per cwt. was the average figure for the two high herds, and the average of the entire group was \$3.82. Some twenty-five different factors were presented and while we do not pose as an economist it appeared to us that the three main factors responsible for the wide spread in costs between the high two herds and the low two, were (1) Production per cow, (2) Pounds concentrate fed per cow and (3) man hours per pound butterfat produced. It is too big a story to attempt to deal with in this article, so we booked Dr. Patterson as the guest speaker for the Annual Meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, to be held in the Court House, Milton, on Friday afternoon, January 5th.

In these days of high costs and narrow margins all dairymen would be well advised to make note of the meeting in question.

### HALTON JUNIORS "MET THEIR WATERLOO"

On Friday evening of last week one of the five zone Amateur Entertainment Contests was held in the Junior Farmers' Building at Simcoe. Presentations were made by the Juniors of the counties of Oxford, Norfolk, Wentworth, Waterloo and Halton. All presentations were of a high calibre and it was with some difficulty that the adjudicators made their decision. The award went to the Maple Grove Junior Farmers of Waterloo County, who presented a skit depicting a Social Evening in a Mennonite home. Palermo Juniors representing Halton County presented their musical comedy entitled "S.S. Bermuda." This musical skit written and directed by Geo. S. Atkins of Palermo, had a real audience appeal and the members of the cast, namely "Happy" Gates, Dave Pelletier, Mildred Lucas, John Lillycro, Geo. Smith, Geo. Rogister,

Jean Patterson, Audrey Wickham, Carol Pope, their accompanist, Anna Cowan, and their directors, were indeed to be congratulated on their finished performance. Halton may well be proud of this versatile group even if they did "meet their Waterloo."

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### WHAT'S THE SLEEPIEST ANIMAL?

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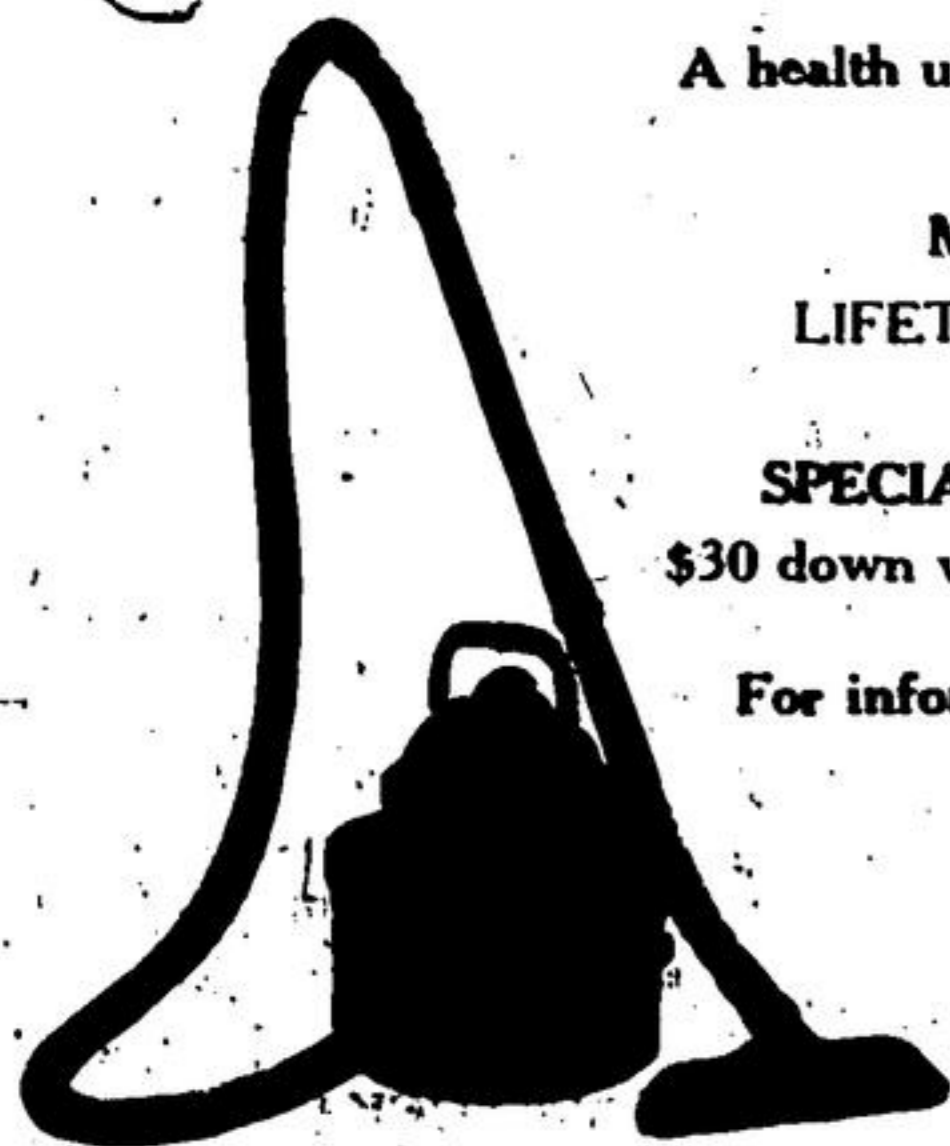
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