

FARM-NEWS

Narrow Profit Margin In Milk Production

Final figures for the first year of operation of the two Dairy Herd Improvement Groups in Halton were recently made available by the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. There has been any thought in the minds of a percentage of urban consumers that milk producers of this province are profiteering the following figures should dispel that idea. In the West Halton group of twenty-six producers, the average cost of producing one hundred lbs. of milk was \$3.71 for the twelve-month period ending April 30, 1950. During that same period producers were paid \$4.07 1/2 per cwt. delivered in Toronto for that portion of their shipments used in the whole milk trade. In other words, from that price must be deducted approximately 30c per cwt. to cover cartage and in addition, approximately fifteen per cent of the daily shipments were paid for at a manufacturing price of around \$2.50 per 100 lbs. In the West Halton group the average number of milking cows kept was thirteen, and their average production was 8,453 lbs. of milk and 331 lbs. butterfat. In the East Halton group of twenty-six producers, where the average number of milking cows kept was sixteen, the average production per cow was 8,391 lbs. milk and 316 lbs. butterfat, the cost of producing 100 lbs. was \$3.33. In short, while the average production per cow in the east Halton group was slightly lower than in the West Halton group, there was a greater turnover

or volume of business; higher gross returns per \$100 worth of feed fed; and less man power per cow or per production of 100 lbs. of milk.

As in previous cost surveys the figures reveal a wide spread in the cost of milk production. The figures which we previously quoted were the averages for the respective groups, however, we note that in West Halton the two producers with the highest net returns were producing milk at a cost of \$2.24 per cwt., while on the two farms with the lowest net returns the average cost was \$4.80 per cwt. In the East Halton group there is a somewhat similar picture - \$2.15 per cwt. on the two farms with the highest net returns, and \$5.07 per cwt. on the two farms with the lowest net returns. It is also rather disconcerting to note that the returns per man hour for that portion of the producer's time spent on his cows, ranged from a low of 13c per hour in the case of one group, and 17c per hour in the second group to a high of \$1.12 in the one group and \$2.17 per hour in the other.

These are but a few of the interesting, revealing and astounding figures which are presented. Inasmuch as each member enrolled in DHIA work secures the figures for his own farm business, in addition to the average of the group; the two high farms; and the two low farms; we are willing to gamble that the figures for the twelve month period ending the end of April this year will show a considerable improvement. We base that statement on a recent conversation we had with Frank W. Chisholm, supervisor of the East Halton group. According to Mr. Chisholm there is keen interest among the members of his group

Points Need for New Ministers and Churches

One hundred and fifty new United Churches should be built in the next five years, said Dr. Richards superintendent of missions at a meeting of Halton Presbytery at Freeport last week. He outlined plans for financing such a building project and stated that more young men must be sought to enter the ministry for the new work to be carried out.

Rev. F. F. Meyer presided at the meeting and Rev. W. A. Dempsey of Freeport, Ontario, the morning worship, emphasizing Jesus' redemptive outlook upon all men. That outlook resulted in the building of a church which has grown in power and influence as it has sought to redeem mankind through Christ.

A committee to investigate fine insurance on church property was named; James F. Evans, Georgetown; Norman Gilbert and R. H. McNairn, Waterdown and A. S. Mahon, Milton. A plan of group insurance for ministers was presented and the pensions committee with Rev. Keith Love and Mr. Blair Ross was named to study the plan and report and a good deal of systematic culling of the low producers has already taken place. We realize the figures must have come as a rude jolt to many, but it is to be hoped that they won't become discouraged. Culling out of the boarder cows and stopping of some of the leaks which exist in every business will definitely bring results.

They recommended acceptance by the presbytery and the plan was received favourably.

Rev. E. R. Strangway was nominated to fill the vacancy of associate secretary of the Board of Overseas Missions. Dr. D. J. Wilson of Montreal was nominated by presbytery for the position of editor of Sunday School publications.

Mr. J. S. Torry of Freeport led in devotions at the afternoon session, and also presented the finance committee report assigning to each pastoral charge their presbytery dues. Rev. W. J. R. Dolve, in his M & M report urged every charge to do its utmost to reach or exceed its objective before the books close the middle of this month.

Presbytery commended Rev. Harry Lawson, minister of St. John's Church, Oakville, and his board, on their plans to renovate and remodel the church. The building will be enlarged, a chancel provided and a new heating plant and new organ.

The need for a full time field secretary of Christian Education for Hamilton and London Conferences was told by Rev. W. J. Preston of Hamilton and presbytery concurred in such an appointment. Rev. J. B. Moore reported on the fine rally of Sunday School superintendents held recently in Milton under the leadership of Alex. MacLaren of Georgetown.

A number of coming events announced included a Young Peoples spring camp at Elora, March 25th to April 1st and Boys Conclave on

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BUDGET NEAR \$20,000 LAST YEAR

The St. John's United Church Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Monday evening, January 29th. There was a good attendance and the various reports indicated something of the cooperative effort put forth by the Church and its auxiliary organizations during 1950.

Rev. John Smith led the congregation in a brief period of worship and a time of prayerful silence was observed in grateful remembrance of the faithful members and adherents who during 1950 were called to higher service.

The financial reports were presented by the various organizations for the approval of the congregation. In addition to these a representative of each organization spoke briefly on the work of their group, giving an insight into the highlights of the year's activities. This included mention of voluntary work done in the effort to improve and beautify the Church facilities. Reports showed that a total of \$19,488 was raised by the church and all its organizations for the promotion of Christian work at home and abroad. This included over \$5000 donated for the St. John's building improvements.

Albert Hill, Cecil McNamara, Al Zeravlev and Hector Bird were elected to the Session and will be ordained as elders at a later date. Alan Prouse, Vern McCumber, E. B.

April 6th in Milton. A conference on evangelism is also being planned.

Swackhamer and Frank Whitmee were reelected to the Committee of Stewards. V. T. Cavanagh and F. B. Harrison were reappointed as auditors for 1951, and Mrs. C. J. Buck and Mrs. R. Jones were reappointed to prepare the elements for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

After appreciation had been expressed to individuals and groups for the fine service rendered the meeting was adjourned and the ladies of the W.A. served lunch.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE EIGHTERS PARTY FOR XMAS CARD SALE

Pupils of Grade Eight enjoyed a Snow Party on Friday afternoon on the hills of the Golf course. After skiing and tobogganing they returned to the school for refreshments. This was the reward for the brisk sale of Christmas cards which netted the class \$50.00. Refreshments were provided by the losing team.

On Wednesday afternoon the first formers of GHS met, the senior boys of GPS for their second hockey game of the season. The High School defeated the Public School 1 to 1. Fred Dickenson scored the lone goal for GPS. Perhaps the new goalie, "Bob Webber" influenced the turn of events for the first formers. The games now stand 1-1.

There have been a few cases of measles and pink eye throughout the school. The January attendance has been very satisfactory, however, with Miss N. Wetherhead's Grade V obtaining highest percentage 96.09 and Miss Hume's Grade I in second place with 96.04 percent. The percentage of attendance for the school was 94.21.

The two Dutch boys, Pieter and Johan Jonkman, who came from Niverval, Holland, at the beginning of the year, are apt students and progressing well. Joan Schultz and Ellen Dickenson of Grade Eight are helping them during afternoon recesses.

STEWARTTOWN

MANAGES COMPANY AT PORT PERRY

Robert Lawson, BSA has been appointed manager of the Port Perry branch of Toronto Elevators, Ltd. Since his graduation from the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph in 1949, he has been with the company in Owen Sound. Mr. Lawson who commenced his new duties in Port Perry last week spent the week-end in Stewarttown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawson.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Lydia E. Merryday, Married Woman, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Lydia E. Merryday, late of the Village of Glen Williams, Married Woman, who died on or about the 31st day of December, AD 1950, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of February, A.D. 1951, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

DATED at Georgetown, this 19th day of January, A.D. 1951. Montague Merryday, Executor, of the estate of Lydia E. Merryday, by his Solicitors, Dale and 2-7 Bennett, Georgetown, Ontario.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF Jessie Ann Mackie, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Widow, deceased. The creditors of Jessie Ann Mackie, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, widow, deceased, who died on or about the 16th day of December, 1950, and all others having claims against her estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid, or otherwise to deliver to Messrs. Langdon and Aylsworth, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Jessie Ann Mackie, Widow, deceased, on or before the 1st day of March, 1951, their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them and that immediately after the 1st day of March, 1951, the Executor will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the Executor shall then have notice.

DATED this 12th day of January, 1951. Kenneth Murray Langdon, Executor by Langdon and Aylsworth, his solicitors, Georgetown, Ontario.

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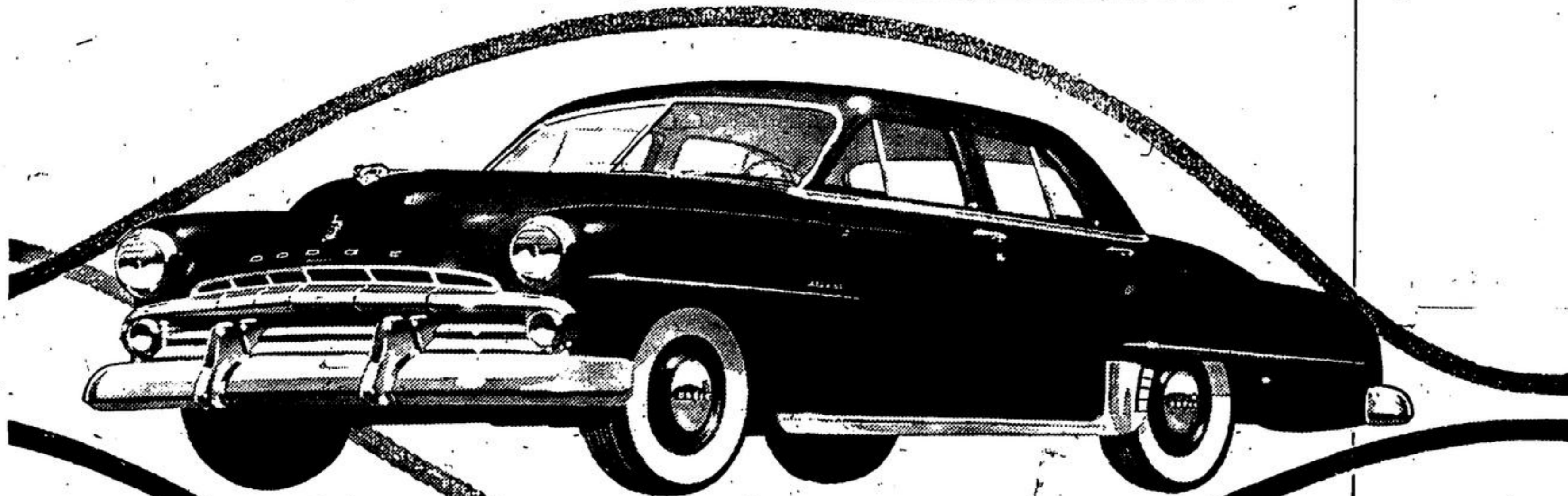
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