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FARM NEWS

HALTON ANGUS GRAND CHAMP AT TORONTO

Bandoller of Malden 13th bred by Dr. Wm. F. James of Malden Farm near Hornby was first in his class and Grand Champion of the Angus classes at the recent beef bull show and sale in Toronto. Fkited and shown by James McKay, manager of Malden Farm, this young herd sire brought \$1,000 at the sale following the show, being purchased by Harvey Blackburn of Uzbridge. Bandoller of Malden is a grandson of Bandoller of Maple Grove 13th, a former noted herd sire owned by Lloyd Mack. This 7th bull sired five grand champion Angus steers at previous shows, two of which were champion steers over all breeds. We extend heartfelt congratulations to both Dr. James and his manager James McKay on their outstanding achievement.

FARM NEWS

Amazing Growth Of Maple Breeding Unit

The Maple Cattle Breeders' Association organized in 1945 to serve the Holstein breeders in York County, at the outset had 63 members. At the close of 1951 its membership had grown to 4267 and provides service for the counties of Dufferin, Grey, Halton, Ontario, Peel, Peterborough, Simcoe, Victoria and York. In addition to Districts in Northern Ontario. In 1945 its stud of Holstein bulls artificially bred 768 cows — at the close of 1951 there were 36 bulls in the stud — 16 being Holsteins, 4 Jerseys, 4 Ayrshires, 3 Gurnseys, 4 Herefords and 5 Shorthorns. The total number of cows inseminated during the twelve months ending December 31st 1951 was 36,024. This was the amazing story revealed by G. W. Keffer, manager of the Maple Unit at the well attended annual meeting of the Halton Branch, held in the Court House, Milton, last Friday. Despite the inflationary trend in the past seven years, the service fee still remains at \$5.00 per cow, which even in 1945 was considered a low figure. This has only been made possible by increased volume of business, coupled with efficient management. The Halton branch was organized in 1947 and here the membership has grown from 103 to 324. In Halton 3068 cows were inseminated in 1951, an increase of 13 per cent over 1950.

The Maple Unit is now Canada's largest artificial unit. That it has made a tremendous contribution to the improvement of the live stock in the herds of its members is amply substantiated by the enthusiasm of the members. In practically every herd artificially bred heifers are now in production and with few exceptions are producing more milk and fat than their dams. During the Halton meeting a fitting and well deserved tribute was

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Toronto and Kingston and who know of Georgetown.

Incidentally, we might add a little note here to say the Ceylon stamps are unusually attractive. We were going to attempt to describe them to you, but happened to read Saturday night's stamp column, in the Tely, where they had a very good description of the two stamps on the airmail letter from Mrs. Nixon. They are the newest stamps issued in Ceylon, and both are unusual in treatment design and printing.

Using photogravure the effect is very smooth and pleasing particularly on the 35c Star Orchid stamp in green and orange. The star-shaped flower, native to Ceylon, is posed against the Hakgalle Mountain Rock, the only place in Ceylon, where this beautiful species still survives.

The larger stamp, 5c green and light green commemorates Ceylon's progress in many spheres. Agriculture is indicated by methods of cultivation and the Gal-Oya Dam, major irrigation scheme now approaching completion. Education is honored with one of the buildings of the new university at Peradeniya. And commerce, by work in progress on the Colombo Harbour Development Scheme.

Had a phone call from a lady last Monday afternoon, who wanted to know how she could pass a little "bouquet" along — a little bit of a "thank you" which wouldn't quite fit in to the Card of Thanks category. Well, passing along a bouquet is always a pleasant act, and we assured her we would be only too glad to mention it in our column. Seems that last Sunday morning, the 9 o'clock Mass was cancelled in Holy Cross Church due to the very bad driving conditions which prevented Fr. V. J. Morgan from driving from Acton. This necessitated a lot of phone calls in a very short space of time to every Catholic home in Georgetown. The lady who called told us the lone operator on duty was most helpful and cooperative. And it is to this operator she would like to pass along her little "bouquet."



Farley Granger and Ruth Roman appear menaced by Robert Walker in "Strangers On A Train," the suspense drama directed by Alfred Hitchcock for Warner Bros. Leo G. Carroll and Patricia Hitchcock are featured in the film, due Monday at the Roxy Theatre.

paid to Halton's popular inseminator, Jack Hamilton. "Jack Hamilton" stated one of the Maple officials, "is the most conscientious inseminator on our staff."

Frank G. Stark and Edwin Harrop, Halton representatives on the Maple Unit Board of Directors, were unanimously re-elected.

D.H.I.A. Annual

The annual meeting of Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Groups was held in conjunction with the above meeting. Dr. H. L. Patterson, director of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the special speaker in this section. As usual Dr. Patterson presented a fund of information which any dairyman, whether in D.H.I.A. work or not, could ill afford to miss. In

reviewing and interpreting the figures of two of Halton's three groups, Dr. Patterson stated the average production and efficiency in the Halton herds is somewhat higher than the Provincial average. G. W. Keffer, manager of the Maple Unit, also commented as follows on the quality of Halton herds — "The average quality of the dairy herds in this county is better than in most counties I have visited."

Others who spoke on this excellent program were as follows: Dr. D. C. MacKay, Maple Chief Technician, who dealt with "Sterility" — Dr. Wm. Mitchell of the Halton Health Unit, on Halton's Mastitis Control Programme, James Darlington, retiring president of the Maple Unit and A. E. Snider, secretary-treasurer at Maple.

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A maximum of twenty applications will be approved in 1952. Such applications will be filed in the order received.

For further details contact the Milton Office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

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