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FARM NEWS

Hornby Holstein Grand Champ at Iowa Show

Woodygen Queen Maizie, a seven year old cow bred by W. W. Thompson, of Hornby, was declared Grand Champion female at the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress, Waterloo, Iowa. This show is designated by the Holstein Friesian Association of America and brought together the top show animals of the USA.
Maizie is a daughter of that great "Excellent" cow Woodygen, Queen Nig that is still in the Thompson herd. Nig has a life-time record prior to the present lactation of 130,342 lbs. milk; 4938 lbs. B.F., with an average test of 3.70 per cent. Maizie's sire is a Texal bred bull or in other words is of the same breeding as the majority of the sires in the Holstein stud at the Maple Artificial Unit. In short, Maizie has a lot of good blood on both sides of her pedigree. Her achievement at Waterloo is another feather in the cap of Holton Holsteins and in particular for Wilfred Thompson, 1st vice president of the Halton Holstein Club.

Legion Notes

This Saturday will see the annual Poppy Day collection and sale of poppies in Georgetown. Once again, Mrs. T. F. Grievie has done a wonderful job of arranging this, (and with very little help, too), and we know that it will be as successful as other years. We have been asked once again this year by the convener, to explain that this does not raise funds for the Branch Welfare, but is an independently administered fund, for the relief of all ex-servicemen, their dependents and widows who are in dire need. Naturally, the Legion in Canada has taken the lead in sponsoring this worthy cause, and as the largest organization of veterans in Canada, that is only proper. The work of the committee, and the cases administered, are very properly kept secret, with only the convener and committee knowing the details. It is no secret, however, that locally this year, there has been a larger number of cases than in many years and the drain on the fund has been heavy. The Legion itself is a heavy donor, the industries and merchants, contribute, and you, as individuals can do your part by buying a poppy on Saturday.

Guelph Professor Speaks To Halton Anglican Men

The Halton Deanery Laymen's Association annual fall rally and dinner was held on Wednesday, October 29th in the new parish hall of St. Alban's Anglican Church, Acton. Seventy three members from all parts of the county attended. The guest speaker was Dr. H. Branton of the OAC, Guelph, where he is head of the Nutrition Department. He gave a thought provoking talk on the church and its laymen to an attentive and appreciative audience.
The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Leslie Daby, Acton, vice president, W. Hooton, Oakville, secretary, treasurer W. H. Denny, Acton.
Mr. Frank Thompson of Milton, retiring president, thanked the association for its support and cooperation during his term of service and offered his help to the new executive.
Mr. Richard Course on behalf of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, invited the association to his parish for the spring 1953 rally.
The Women's Auxiliary of St. Alban's, under the convener, Mrs. Thomas G. Jones, catered for the dinner.

FIRE BRIGADE BUSY THREE CALLS IN WEEK

Three times in the past week, Georgetown Fire Brigade has been called when fire threatened. In all cases no property damage is reported.
Last Tuesday at the supper hour, a pile of discarded railway ties which had been burned by CNR employees earlier in the day flared up and neighbours feared some damage so the firemen were called. Thursday noon, sparks from the incinerator at the Valleyview Apartments set leaves on fire. Early Friday evening, a grass fire on the 7th Line farm of Charles Grigg threatened a valuable bush and the town brigade was asked to quell the blaze.
Ancient pastime: Dice playing has been traced back almost to the beginning of history and there were sharples even in that era because loaded dice have been unearthed in the ruins of Pompeii.

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FARM NEWS

Attention Drawn to Excellent Farm Story

"From Stockyards to Sirloln" is the title of an excellent article by Grant MacEwan in the October 23rd issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It is an article which we would recommend to both producers and consumers. In our opinion it is very timely.
In these days of high living costs the popular diversion for at least a percentage of our city friends is to blame the farmer and suggest he is a Shylock making big money at the expense of the poor consumer. It is too bad that some of those self appointed economists could not have seen the cheque which one of our farmer friends showed us just yesterday. It was the proceeds from a sale of six steers which he had purchased a little over a year ago. For his feed, labour, interest and investment and depreciation he received a total of \$1500 more than the steers cost him. True, he had their company, but that isn't very much compensation when it comes time to pay taxes and other items too numerous to mention. However, that is a story in itself and has nothing to do with the article in question. We would judge by the report of a recent meeting of our own county council, that they had endorsed a resolution passed by some other county council asking for an investigation of the packing industry. When the livestock producer doesn't make money it is only natural that he should look around for someone to blame and the packer is always popular game. Other people like to point to the terrific spread between the wholesale and the retailer and so we might go on. The article is based on a test initiated by the Council of Canadian Beef Producers (Western Section). It was suggested by some widespread misunderstandings about the price of beef. Misunderstandings are bad enough under any circumstances but as the author points out, this is no time for them when Canadian cattle are prevented from entering U.S. markets and domestic beef consumption is lower than it should be. In the test a 1030 lb. steer was followed through the stock yards, the packing plant and to the counter of the retail store. It is too long a story for us to even attempt to summarize here. If you haven't read the article in question, beg, borrow or steal a copy of the issue of October 23rd of the Family Herald. Then read and reread "From Stockyard to Sirloln." In our opinion, Grant or "Shorty" MacEwan, formerly Dean of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba, has done an excellent job. His story should help materially to clarify and yes, to eliminate a lot of the misunderstanding which exists between and among the various branches of our economy.

TOP OF \$5100 AT HOLSTEIN SALE

Fourteen head brought at least \$1,000 at the Annual All-Canadian Holstein Sale held October 27th at Toronto. Sixty-eight head brought \$57,135 to average \$840. The top bull brought \$5100, the top cow \$3000, the top bred heifer \$2650 and the top heifer calf \$1500. This is the top annual dairy cattle sale of the Dominion.
U.S. buyers took 19 head although it will not be possible to secure delivery until after the foot and mouth disease embargo is lifted. One heifer went to Argentina.
The \$5100 bull was bought by Massey-Harris Farms, Milliken, and was sold by S. B. Roman, King, R. D. Graham, Erin, sold the \$3,000 cow to G. E. D. Greene, Agincourt, while the \$1500 heifer calf was bought by Merle H. Greene, Elsie, Mich., from J. E. Hough, Brampton, J. M. Fraser, Streetsville, sold the \$2650 bred heifer to Massey-Harris Farms.
Highest price received from a consignment from Halton County was \$1300 that went to Mrs. E. J. Mcagher, of Graymar Farm, Oakville, for a thirteen months old heifer calf. The purchaser was Thos. Nagle, Rochester, N.Y. Mr. Nagle also bought a bred heifer from Graymar Farms at \$700.
Ashville Farms, Milton, sold a bred heifer to Fred Baer, Fort Plain, N.Y., at \$600 while Dr. Paul Beer, Georgetown, received \$475 from Wm. T. Johnson & Son, Pakenham, for a bred heifer.
Hays Ltd., Oakville, bought three bred heifers, one from W. L. McCaugherly, Streetsville, at \$500, another from Gordon W. Innes, of Woodstock at \$500 and a third from R. M. Good, Blair at \$300.

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