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Production Costs Reviewed Patterson Addresses Dairymen

The annual meeting of Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Groups and the Halton branch of the Maple Cattle Breeders Association was held jointly in the Court House, Milton, on -Monday afternoon of last week.

Mr. H. L. Patterson, director of the Farm Economics branch of the Ontario Department of Agricuture, was the guest speaker for DHIA portion of the meeting. Halton dairymen always look forward to Dr. Patterson's analysis of the Wairy situation. On this occasion, he based considerable of his adress on 58 Halton herds for the cost of producing 100 lbs. of milk year ending last April 30th.

milk for the twelve month period indicated was \$3.89 per cwt. while 58 producers during the same per-

than labour were deducted it gave a return of 87 cents per hour on the average for labour on the dalry herd. While this hourly return for labour does not compare too favorably with that paid to labouh in industry, the picture would not be too bad if all operators of dairy herds received that figure per hour for their labour. Unfortunately, the two operators with the low riet. returns received a minus figure of 9c per hour.

In other words the costs and returns with the 58 herds varied tremendously. While the average as pointed out above was \$3.89, the The average cost of producing cost figure for the two herds with the high net was \$2.75 per cwt. against \$5.40 in the case of the two the average price received by the herds with the low net returns. It was pointed out by Dr. Patterson iod was \$4.21. When all costs for that in the case of the two herds feed, interest on investment, depre- with the high net returns, the two ciation and other expenses other operators of these herds stood high on five factors taken into consideration, namely - (1) Production per cow; (2) Feeding efficiency, (3) Labour efficiency; (4) Use of capital; (5) Size of business.

It is rather significant to note that the two herds with the high net returns when compared with the average figures for the 58 herds exceeded in production per cow by an average of 1191 lbs.; had 21 milk- _ Well, hockey seems to be still milk - and in receipts per \$100. of "Young Canada Night." investment exceeded the average by \$11. Quality of pasture and consequent length of grazing season is, stated Dr. Patterson, most important from the standpoint of feeding efficiency.

Maple Continues to Expand

tion, which is Ontario's largest artificial unit, showed further expansion in 1952. The unit now has 5189 members, an increase of 922 in the past twelve months. The number of cows bred in 1952 was 45,405, an increase of 8,481 over 1951. It was revealed by G. W. that it now has a total of 35 bulls. which includes batteries of Holton and Woodstock, is in a posi- pionship team last year. tion to supply semen from Aberdeen Angus and Dual Purpose Shortgrowth and development of the Unit at Maple, the management is now in a position to accept members at the \$5.00 membership fee without the payment of any loan unit. In addition the service fee remains at \$5.00 for all sires irrespective of breed.

Frozen Semen Keeps Indefinitely

Dr. D. McKay, Unit veterinarian and chief technician, in his brief address outlined experimental work which is being carried out at the Ontatrio Veterinary College with respect to the keeping qualities of Results to date, stated Dr. McKay indicate that it is now possible to keep semen in a healthy condition for an indefinite period. This new development will in the near future enable members secure semen from any bull in the Unit at any time.

Healthy Financial Statement

"This is one of the few co-operative organizations of which I have been a member that continues to show a profit," stated Edwin Harrop. Halton director on the Maple board who acted as chairman for meeting of the Maple Unit.

President F. G. Stark of the Maple Unit also spoke briefly, outlining some of the developments which have taken place during the past year. Messrs. Stark and Harrop were re-appointed as Halton's directors on the Maple board.

THE MAIL BAG

Mulder Family Safe Thank Friends for Help

12 Saville St., Walton-on-Naze, Essex, England, March 8th, 1953.

Dear Mr. Biehn:-News has just reached me that many of our friends in Georgetown and district believed us to have been lost in the recent floods.

I am happy to relate that we are safe and well, although we were flooded by excess sewage (the Sewage Disposal Unit) having been broken by the water. Many of our friends and neighbours, however, suffered loss of home and life. It has been a dreadful experience, ne-

ver before known, here. Would you kindly, through the medium of your columns, express the thanks of us all to everyone there. I cannot say how deeply moved I was to know it meant so much to our friends to learn that all was well.

We have also received foodstuff from Canada and thank you all for your help, financial and btherwise, at this time:

We look forward to receiving the Georgetown Herald each week. Kindest regards,

-Ouke, Winifred and Frances Mulder.

• Legion Notes •

ing cows in their respective herds in the forefront of the activities of against an average of 16 in the 58 the Branch. The rest of the season herds. Their return per \$100 worth is going to be taken up with the of feed fed was \$56 higher than the finishing of the "small fry" games, average - in labour efficiency with the grand finale'taking place they took slightly over one half an on Saturday night in the local ice hour less to produce 100 lbs. of palace, under the intriguing name

The boys looking after the kids have worked hard on this and deserve a lot of credit. A number of local merchants have chipped in prizes and for the price of admission you also get chances on twenty good prizes. Every parent with a lad playing hockey should be Maple Cattle Breeders Associa- on hand to encourage the lads. After all, they deserve your support, and you'll be surprised at the brand of hockey -played by the

Our local juvenile OMHA entry, the 120 Club, finally met their Waterloo in Dunnville. The team Keffer, manager of the Maple Unit- played an excellent brand of hockey but just couldn't trim the others down to size. Oh well, it steins, Ayrshires, Jerseys, Guernseys, is still pretty nice to have a local Shorthorns, and Herefords. In addi- team that can go through to the tion, as a result of a working agree- 4th round of the Provincial playment with units located at Hamil- offs, And that on top of a cham-

A committee is being set up by horn sires. As a result of the the mayor and council of all organizations in town, for the purpose of organizing a Coronation celebration. The idea being to have all the organizations in town take an active part in this history making event, when the empire crowns a queen, Elizabeth II. It is hoped that all organizations will take an active part. The Legion. naturally will cooperate in every way to make this a real affair.

Dart tournaments have started again, with Dutch McCartney running them, and Gord King tells us he expects to get the card games

Last Saturday saw some 200 young NHL players in the local arena, through the kind cooperation of the arena board. The lads were fed at midday by the Legion, in the auditorium, with Mrs. T. F. Grieve and her W.A. ladies preparing and serving the food.

Plans for the 25th Anniversary are still progressing, but we are runnning into difficulties as far as our book is concerned. We have a number of pictures (good ones) so far but would still like to have a few of the Legion members about the time it started . . . say 1928 to 1931 or 2. Surely someone has saved an old picture, and if so please let the president see it, to see if it is possible to reproduce it. We can prontise that your pictures won't be damaged in the reproduction.

Sam Tennant is still working hard on his Friday night socials, and they are certainly successful. Sam and the boys who help him sure deserve a lot of credit for the way they run the affairs, as does Charlie Parton and his belpers for their weekly stint, of running the Legion bingos each Saturday

McKIBBON TO THOROLD **ED HALL PROMOTED**

Ed Hall has received a promotion to chief stationery engineer at the Provincial Paper coating mill. Mr. Hall has been with the company since April, 1946. He is married to the former Edythe Squires of Georgetown and they have two children, Michael and Mary. They live on Queen Street.

Mr. Hall succeeds Lew McKibbon, who has been transferred to the Provincial mill at Thorold as chief steam engineer.

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FARM NEWS

HALTON JUNIORS HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The third annual banquet of the Halton Juniors was held in the Trafalgar Memorial Hall on Friday evening. Mac Sprowl, past president of the Halton Juniors was the capable toastmaster of the evening. As in former years the various committees in charge had attended to every detail. Both the auditorium and banquet hall had beer tastefully decorated.

The guest speaker was T. R. Hilliard, secretary for the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario and Associate Director of Extension of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, who was introduced by Halton's new president, Harold Tyrrell. Mr. Hilliard paid tribute to Halton's dynamic leader, Dave Pelletterio, the provincial president. "Dave is held in high regard by the Juniors everywhere," stated Mr. Hilliard.

"What the Junior Farmers of Ontario are Trying to Accomplish," was the subject of Mr. Hilliard's address.

The introduction of the head table guest's was handled by -Art Bennett, Halton's assistant agricultural representative.

The Juniors participating in the toast list, namely Wilma Sinclair, Betty Price, Ruth Wilson, Stuart McFadden and Don Matthews, played their respective parts like veterans. Group singing with Marjorie Segsworth at the piano and David Pelletterio as leader, as usual was on a high level.

Other pleasing features of the evening's programme were the presentation to Faye Clements of the medal for public speaking by Mrs. L. Skuce, and the presentation of the past president's pin to Mac Sprowl, by Mr. Skuce. The evening was brought to a fitting conclusion by a dance to music by Lorne Bentley's Orchestra.



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