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**FARM NEWS**

**Reports are Wrong  
No Hog Cholera Here**

City newspapers to the contrary, there has not been as yet an outbreak of hog cholera in Halton. This statement was confirmed early last week by Dr. Morgan of the Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture. The outbreak attributed to this county was stated to be in the Campbellville area. Investigation reveals that while the farm in question is on a Campbellville rural route, it is located some two or three miles within the county of Wentworth.

At the end of last week, additional outbreaks were reported in three or four more counties. This can only be interpreted to mean that the disease is not yet under control. Local swine men would therefore be well advised to take every precaution where they visit and whom they invite into their respective hog pens.

Present restrictions do not prevent the marketing of live hogs or breeding stock anywhere in Ontario west of the Hastings County boundary. As a matter of fact, it is our understanding that under permit from the Health of Animals Branch breeding stock may be shipped to United States.

**Announces New Calftlood  
Vaccination Policy**

Speaking at the annual Field Day of the Hamilton District Cattle Breeding Association held June 10, at Hannon, W. P. Watson, Livestock Commissioner for Ontario, announced that his Department is preparing to put into effect a policy under which calftlood vaccination for Brucellosis may be made compulsory in any Ontario township, where two thirds of the cattlemen ask for it. Legislation covering this policy has been passed and only a few details remain to be worked out before it will become effective.

The new policy provides that a township council must appoint a committee to administer a compulsory program of calftlood vaccination if two thirds of the cattlemen in the county petition for it. Inspectors to see that vaccinations are carried out must be appointed by the council. The Ontario government is prepared to bear the major share of the cost of this program although details of the plan for reimbursing the township councils have not yet been worked out.

According to Mr. Watson, calftlood vaccination as a means of preventing losses from brucellosis (also variously known as contagious abortion and Bang's disease) has steadily grown in favour with cattlemen throughout the province, until last year 177,000 or 33 percent of all the female calves born in the province were vaccinated. In many localities, this practice has been followed almost 100 percent. Mr. Watson was of the opinion that the new policy would greatly reduce the annual loss of income to Ontario cattlemen caused by brucellosis.

Mr. Watson also announced that under the terms of a co-operative agreement reached between his Department and the Record Performance Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, purebred herds would no longer be tested for production under the DHIA plan operated by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The testing of these purebred herds would be made under the supervision of the Record of Performance Branch, which is the official method of testing cattle in Canada.

Some 500 of the 2300 members of the association and their families were on hand for the field day. Manager G. J. Rourke stated that 85 new members had been enrolled this year and during the first five months of 1953, there had been a thirteen percent increase in the number of animals inseminated as compared to 1952.

E. Blake Shier, Selkirk, first vice president, presided due to the indisposition of the president, Harold Augustime, Wainfleet. John Reesor, Hamilton, spoke on early Canadian History and our lack of a national consciousness of our truly unique historical background.

**UNITED CHURCH BACKS  
POSTAL WORKERS**

A strong resolution at the Friday session of the Hamilton Conference last week supported requests by postal workers for a 'fairer' wage remuneration.

Speaking in the motion the Rev. Arthur Organ, chairman of the Department of Evangelism and Social Service, pointed out that postal workers are barred from Collective bargaining and have an association but no union. They are asking for a 40-hour week and for time-and-a-half for overtime and double time on Sundays. They are heavily overworked in the Christmas and Easter rushes and the Prime Minister has said that they can have the 40-hour week if it costs the government nothing. Under present conditions it is hard to maintain the efficiency of the postal department. To pay which a letter carrier may receive is only \$2,850 and many are getting just over \$35 a week. Their original plea made two years and one month ago has still not yet been answered, whilst the cost of living has risen very considerably during that period. The motion received vigorous support.

**LIMEHOUSE**

**Attend Uncle's Funeral  
In Kitchener**

The Karns attended the funeral of their uncle, the late Henry Ott of Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gordon and family visited at Teeswater recently.

Mrs. Kathleen Sutherland of London visited the A. W. Bentons one day a week ago.

The Charles Jones visited her brother at Everett recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills attended the baptism service of their grandchildren Susan Ann and Wm. Ainsley, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mills at Streetsville on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eccles and children of Burlington visited at the Charles Jones recently.

Mr. Alex Currie visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Watchorn at West Hill, last week-end.

The F. T. C. Browns' visited at Meaford last Sunday.

Mr. S. Gaby and Mr. George Martin visited the Howard Martins at Stayner on Sunday.



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