

FARM NEWS

Mac Alexander Heads Halton Jersey Club

"Beating the Cost Price Squeeze" was the subject of Prof. Ralph Campbell's address at the annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Club held at the Trafalgar Memorial Hall on Tuesday. There are two ways to meet the present situation stated Professor Campbell who is head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the Ont. Agricultural College, namely by better marketing and prices, and secondly by Farm Management. In presenting the "Outlook" with the aid of graphs, he pointed out that practically all commodities have a cycle.

In the case of beef cattle the cycle ranges from 11 to 14 years. In U.S. cattle numbers are at an all time high, namely 94 million head. Hogs on the other hand, normally have about a four year cycle. Hog marketings hit the high point in 1952. In order to preserve the 36 cent floor, it was necessary to can some 98 million pounds of pork in 1952, most of which has been disposed of in export markets. Breedings in December were about 8 per cent higher than a year ago, stated the speaker, who predicted that hog prices should be very good for the first nine months of 1954.

On June 1st last, stated Prof. Campbell, we had 6 per cent more dairy cattle in milk than 12 months previously, and prospects point to a further increase of 4 per cent in 1954. While our population increase is around 2 1/2 per cent per year, the fluid milk consumption on a per capita basis has declined. Butter stocks, he stated, were up 25 per cent on December 1; cheese on the other hand presents a much better picture. Reference was made by the speaker to the sale of ten million pounds of cheese to Great Britain and also that cheese stocks were 20 per cent below a year ago. The picture in U.S. he stated, is very similar to that in Canada, — there they have highest ratio in history of young animals to milk cows.

A second way to beat the Cost Price Squeeze is by taking advantage of the seasonal indexes. In the case of Beef Cattle there are 35 per cent more than normal on the market in October and November — the high price comes in June, when marketings are at their lowest ebb, stated the genial "Prof."

The farm family living cost is about double what it was in 1935, he stated. On the other hand tax and interest rates around 150 per cent of the 1935 level. In contrast to this "equipment and materials" are around 212 or 213 per cent of their 1935 level, and farm wage rates 476 per cent.

Brief reference was also made by Prof. Campbell to a time study made by his department on 42 dairy farms with particular reference to how long it takes to do chores (milking routine). These revealed a wide variance — for example, on two farms both with the same number of cows and with similar barn lay-outs, the one operator walked 4070 feet during his chores per day, while the second operator walked 7200 feet. From a yearly standpoint the first operator walked 281 miles performing his chores and the second operator 497 miles, or in performing his chores during the year, he walked 215 miles further than the first operator.

A check was also made relative to the length of time the milking machine was left on the various cows. This in the case of the first operator varied from 2.1 to 7.5 minutes, or an average of 4.8 minutes. In the case of the second operator it varied from 5.2 to 20.6 minutes, or an average of 8.4 minutes. When computed on a yearly basis it means that the one operator was spending 210 hours more time in milking than his fellow operator handling a similar sized herd under similar conditions.

President Ken Ella, in extending a vote of appreciation moved by Victor Hall, related a personal experience relative to time saving. "We keep around 800 hens and it used to take 3 1/2 to 4 hours per day to do the candling — since purchasing a special candling machine, the length of time has been reduced to 15 minutes.

Others who spoke briefly included M. C. Beatty, vice president of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club; George Silcox, president of the Ontario Jersey Club, and Herb Armstrong, secretary of the latter organization.

The election of officers for 1954 resulted as follows:

- President—Mac Alexander
- 1st Vice Pres.—Wm. Featherstone
- 2nd Vice Pres.—Stanley Matthews
- Sec'y.—Treas.—J. E. Whitelock
- Directors:
 - Esqueping: Gerald Graham, Ken Ella, Fred Nurse
 - Nassagaweya: Duncan Moffat, George Hower
 - Nelson: Ernest Davies, W. E. Breckon
 - Trafalgar: H. L. Beatty, W. H. Devlin
 - St. Albans: Ernest Davies, Fred Nurse

Legion Notes

The end of the year for Branch 120 is rapidly approaching, and to prove it, the last meeting of our year will be held next Thursday, January 28th, with a continuation of the same meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 31st. The election of officers will be held sharp at 8 p.m., but an initiation will be held for the benefit of those not already initiated at 1:30. Let's see a real turnout for both the Thursday night and Sunday afternoon. After all, the affairs of the Legion are many, your officers all try conscientiously to work for the good of the organization to the best of their ability, while every member has a right to pass judgment on their efforts on election day and certainly should do so. The last few years have seen an increasing number attend the Sunday election. Let's this year see every member present.

And last year this corner took a real "ribbing" on the fact that a notice was sent out to all members, including a list of 1953 officers, wrongly captioned 1954! This was quite a boner in the printing, but we promise it won't happen this year! (We won't print it at all just to be sure.)

And we would like to say a word of thanks to the chairmen who do so much each year to keep the Branch a live one. Thanks to you all.

Imperial Section met last Sunday at Bob Muir's, with Com. Bill Broughton presiding. The section's meetings are always the third Sunday in the month.

The Saturday morning hockey is still going great guns and it is actually bringing quite a number of parents out to see their lads. The boys in charge certainly deserve a big vote of thanks for their efforts. And it's our private opinion and we don't mind stating it at all that 99 per cent of the members are all behind it, and feel that the money spent is very worthwhile and a cheap price for the goodwill created in the town as well as giving healthful supervised recreation for the lads of the town. Go to it, hockey committee, we are sure the Branch will give you a vote of confidence on your splendid work any time.

IMPORTANT! All lads who have taken out hockey insurance, turn their birth certificates in as soon as possible to the hockey committee. They must be shown to the insurance company as proof of age.

CHURCH NEWS

St. George's Church
Archdeacon W. G. O. Thompson, Rector
Third Sunday after Epiphany:
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (St. George's Men's Corporate Communion 8 a.m.)
Sunday School 10 a.m.; Matins and Altany, 11.00 a.m.; Evensong 7 p.m.

St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams
Third Sunday after Epiphany:
Matins—9.30 a.m.
Sunday School—10.30 a.m.

Georgetown Baptist Church
Rev. A. J. Barker, B.A., B.D., 10 a.m. — Church School for the family.
11 a.m. — Mr. Earl Clements will conduct the service.
7 p.m. — The Young People will be in charge.

Knox and Limehouse Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Alex. J. Calder, B.A., B.D., Mrs. Edgar-Gowland, A.T.C.M. Organist and Choir Leader
Mr. Joseph Young, Carillonneur
Knox Church
11 a.m. — Dr. J. Stanley Glen, Principal of Knox College will conduct the service, and preach the sermon.
7 p.m. — The Ex Bible Class of Weston, Presbyterian Church will lead the service. Members of the class will take part. The class orchestra will lead in the service of praise and Mr. Gordon Alcott will deliver the message.

Limehouse Church
1:30 p.m. — Church School
8:30 p.m. — Public Worship

Zion Tabernacle
Rev. F. M. Fletcher
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Sunday School — 9:45 p.m.
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Holy Cross E.C. Church
Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan
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8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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BANANAS Golden Ripe Pound **19c**

Narval, Herby, Stewarttown Church of England
Rev. J. E. Maxwell, B.A., L.Th.
St. Stephen's Church, Herby
11.00 a.m. — Morning Service (Except 1st Sunday in the month — 3.00 p.m. evening service.)
St. John's Church, Stewarttown
10 a.m. — Children's service.
3.00 p.m. — Evening Service (Except first Sunday in the month 7.30 p.m. evensong.)
St. Paul's Church, Narval
7.30 p.m. — Evensong (Except 1st Sunday in the month 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.)

Narval and Union Presbyterian Churches
Rev. G. Lockhart Royal, M.A.
Narval
10.00 a.m. — Sabbath School
11.00 a.m. — Praise Service Union
2.00 p.m. — Sabbath School
3.00 p.m. — Praise School
Narval and Glen Williams United Church
C. D. Lemke, Minister
Narval
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
11.00 a.m. Pub'y Worship
Glen Williams
7.30 p.m. Public Worship
Home Church
2.30 p.m. Public Worship.

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ONE DOZEN ROSES
Mrs. J. L. Standish, R. R. 3, will receive a dozen roses this week. Her name, sent in by Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin, Milton, was drawn on the roses from Rose Brand raffle show this morning. Wednesday, announce at 11:00 a.m. the name of the winner.