

ASHGROVE

MRS. FRED NURSE IS
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

The W.A. meeting of the United Church was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 28th at the home of Mrs. C. B. Dick with fourteen ladies present. Meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Horace Barnes with hymn 539, "Still, still, With Thee." A short devotional based on a writing by Miss Jane Scott was given by Mrs. John Bell-boddy. The minutes of the last W.A. meeting were read by Mrs. Charles Austin. Treasurer Mrs. Thomas Giffen gave a full report which showed a satisfactory year's work had been done. Several items of business were discussed after which Mrs. Dick took the chair for electing new officers, who are: president, Mrs. Horace Barnes; president, Mrs. Fred Nurse, 1st vice president; Mrs. Wilfrid Bird, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Cecil Wilson, Secretary; Mrs. Clayton Wilson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ernie Tindale; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Giffen; assistant treasurer, Mrs. C. Austin; auditors, Mrs. Arthur Rud-dell, Mrs. George Nurse; Flower Committee, Mrs. James Carney, Mrs. Leslie Giffen, Mrs. H. J. Graham Custodians of the kitchen, Mrs. T. J. Brownridge, and Mrs. John Ruddle, Cleaning Supervisors, Mrs. Vern Pickett and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Parsonage Board, Mrs. Murray Bridgen and Mrs. C. B. Dick.

Here's hoping the bear saw his shadow on Tuesday, February 2nd, as we need six more weeks of winter yet. The fields are better for the covering of snow.

Observing Christian Youth week, the Young People took Sunday's service at Ashgrove United Church. The service was opened by the president, Elmer Bird, Marlon Bird led in responsive reading, Bern-ice Wilson read the scripture and Jean Bird led in prayer. Gordon Wingfield gave an address which he titled "So I Send You." The choir sang "Stand Up for Jesus."

Freight tonnage moves ahead in 1952 Canadian railways moved an average of 316 tons per loaded freight car mile against 305 tons in 1951.

FARM NEWS

Hog Quality Decrease
Is a Serious Matter

J. E. W.
A summary of hog marketings and bacon exports for 1953 reveals that not only are marketings down 25.3 per cent, but the serious thing in our opinion is the continued decrease in quality. From the stand-point of Canada as a whole the percentage of A's has dropped from 32.2 per cent in 1950 to 31.3 per cent in 1951; to 28.5 per cent in 1952; and finally to 27.2 per cent in 1953. In Halton County we find a similar trend. In 1950 Halton was tied with Waterloo County for the top position in the province, with 42.3 A's. In 1951 our percentage of A's in Halton had dropped to 41 per cent; in 1952 to 36.7 per cent; and this past year we are down to 34.4 per cent, or a drop of nearly 8 per cent in a period of four years. True we are no longer shipping Wiltshires to Great Britain as we did up until 1950. How-ever, we did export the equivalent of 500,000 head or between 66 and

87 million pounds. Most of this went to United States in the form of back bacon, hams, and other high quality cuts. This represents about 10 per cent of our production. Since our domestic consumption in 1953 was at the rate of 90,000 hogs per week, it means that without that export we would have been obliged to consume 10,000 more hogs per week. Certainly that additional volume of product on the domestic market would have had a depressing effect on the market.

Need Differential Change
In our opinion there is urgent need for a change in our market grades and differentials. It seems obvious that if Canadian hog producers are going to take the extra trouble to get their hogs off to market at 195 to 200 lb. the differential and bonus for A quality hogs must be increased.

Final Pounds Most Costly
Despite all experimental evidence to the contrary, many hog producers still think the final few pounds are the cheapest to put on. True the last few pounds go on more rapidly, but the cost per pound of gain increases from the weaning stage onward, and the highest cost per pound gain are those last few pounds which convert a potential A carcass to a B1 or even B3.

A change in our market differentials by the Dominion Government would in our opinion, halt this downward trend in quality which threatens an already limited export market. However, hog producers should realize without action by government, that it is to their own interest to improve quality. Lard is a comparatively cheap product today, and in putting on surplus fat which has to be trimmed off, to be made into lard, they are depressing hog prices.

Marketings Down
In 1953, Halton hog marketings dropped from 28,457 in 1952 to 20,235. It will be also of interest to learn that Western Canada marketed 44.2 per cent of Canada's total hogs in 1953, against 35.7 per cent in 1952.

Status Quo
1953 witnessed a return to the normal relationship between cattle and hog prices. Between the years 1914 to 1941 the average price of cattle was 75.7 per cent of that prevailing for hogs. Between 1948 and 1952 this relationship became completely unbalanced, with cattle prices reaching 150 per cent of the hog price on occasion. With hog prices increasing and cattle prices declining during 1953, the "status quo" was resumed.



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1	BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZED AT OTTAWA, 1904	2 THE HOG PRODUCTION RECORD SET BY WILSHIRE IN HALTON COUNTY, 1953	3 RECORD BEATING MARLBOROUGH 21-5, 1906	4 JOURNEY LOADING OF WINDSOR AND WESTERN SETS BRITISH EMPIRE GAME RECORD 440 YDS. 1931	5 SIX NATIONS SPELL 94,000 ACRES IN WATERLOO COUNTY, 1798	6 BROCKVILLE RAIDED BY AMERICANS, 1813
7 FOR PRIZE OF TORONTO SETS P.E. GAMES RECORD FOR 10-YD FREE STYLE SWIM, 1936	8 CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FOUNDED, 1869	9 FREE LIBRARY OPENED AT GUELPH, 1883	10 CANADA WINS FOUR TITLES IN SINGLE DAY AT B.E. GAMES, 1938	11 CANADA'S LOUIS RUDENSTEIN WINS WORLD'S FANCY SCATING CHAMPIONSHIP AT SALTSTEDT, RUSSIA, 1890	12 TORONTO STAYS FRANCHISE PURCHASER TO FORM THE PRESENT LEAFS, 1927	13 FIRST CANADIAN SHIP CHAMPIONSHIPS, MONTREAL, 1909 (WINNING JUMP 80 FEET)
14 FIRST N.H.L. ALL STAR GAME (ACE BAILEY DEBUT), 1934	15 VARSITY STUDENTS ON STRIKE WITH W.L. MACKENZIE KING A LEADER, 1895	16 CANADA'S CHARLIE GORMAN SETS WORLD SPEED SKATING RECORD FOR 440 YDS., 1928	17 RAILWAY OPENED FROM SMITHS FALLS TO PEKIN, 1859	18 TOM LONGBOAT FAMED INDIAN RUNNER; WALKS FROM BRANTFORD TO TORONTO TO ENLIST, 1916	19 TROTTER SCORES 5; BRANTFORD 3 AS VARSITY GRADE BEAT SWISS FOR OLYMPIC TITLE, 1928	20 TORONTO BASEBALL CLUB MOVES TO HAMILTON'S ISLAND, 1908
21 MARKET PRICES, 1903 NEW LAID EGGS... 24 DOZ. CHOICE POTATOES... 110 BAG	22 GLENARRIGANS CROSS ICE FROM PRESOTT TO CAPTAIN OGDENSBURG, 1813	23 CANADA'S TOMMY BURNS (NORRIS) BEATS MARVIN HART FOR WORLD'S HEAVY TITLE, 1908	24 CANADIAN BILL DUNN SETS RECORD STREAK OF 30-9 MINUTES IN 21 SECS. OF GUIT-OUT-HOCKEY	25 FIRST UNIT OF REAR LANDS IN ENGLAND (NO. 10 ARMY CO-OP SQUADRON), 1940	26 BURNS RECORD STREAK OF 23 UNBEATEN GAMES ENDED 1941	27 CANADIAN TROOPS WIN DISTINCTION AT HARBERSBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 1900
28 WOODBROOK COLLEGE OPENED, 1860	29 NOT THIS YEAR GSTER	ONE OF A SERIES OF CALENDARS DESIGNED TO RECALL FOR CANADIANS TODAY SOME OF THE INTERESTING EVENTS, BOTH GRAVE AND GAY, IN OUR COUNTRY'S COLOURFUL STORY....				

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