

FARM NEWS

World Jersey Breeders Visit Halton Farms

J. E. W.
Last week Jersey Breeders from several countries were in session at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The occasion was the third meeting of the World Jersey Bureau, an organization which sponsors closer co-ordination of Jersey organizations and activities throughout the world. Several Halton Jersey Breeders attended part of the sessions and a goodly number attended a special banquet on Monday evening, July 19th.

On Thursday, July 22nd, Halton Jersey Breeders were highly honored when 60 of the delegates, including people from Jersey Islands, South Africa, England, Ireland, United States, France and several countries in Ontario, visited Halton. Welcomed by President Mac Alexander, at the farm of Gerald Graham, the group first inspected this long established herd, one of the oldest Jersey herds in Halton. Delegates were greatly impressed with the uniformity within the Graham herd, and also with the wonderful stable accommodation. We will not attempt to discuss individual animals, as Gerald and the other owners did so capably throughout the tour, but will stick to generalities, mentioning perhaps one or two main comments which were overheard at each farm.

After guiding this group down Esquimaux's prosperous 7th Line, from the Graham farm, we arrived at Ken Ella's "Big-Little" herd. Here a beautiful display of show winners, production records, trophies, etc caught the visitors' eye even before Ken and Mrs. Ella told the rapid development of their herd over the past six years. One gentleman from Jersey Island was heard to remark, "A wonderful success story", and "what marvellous records of production".

Next stop was Hawthorne Lodge, where afternoon tea was served to the group. "Just like home", according to our English friends. Now back to the 7th Line, and

down into Trafalgar township, for a visit to Featherstone Brothers. Here an excellent herd which was established twenty years ago, was pasturing on exceptionally good aftermath, considering the lack of rain which has predominated in Halton for over a month. Highlights for the visitors were, their famous "Excellent Cow"; 10 calves sired by a son of this cow, which is in service at the Maple unit; some of the mother and daughter combinations in the herd; and the fact that 80 head of cattle are being carried on a relatively small farm.

Final stop before this group returned to Guelph to conclude their conference, was at one of Halton's largest Jersey herds—that of Maurice Beatty. On learning of how "Uncle Jim" and Maurice started ten \$150.00 Jersey cows 18 years ago, and of some of their achievements in the show ring, sale ring, and production records since that time, one visitor remarked "It was fortunate for the Jersey breed, when this man established a Jersey herd". The lovely buildings and spacious grounds certainly impressed the group too.

To conclude a pleasant afternoon, Halton hospitality was extended generously and graciously on the heavily lawn by the Halton Jersey Club, when the entire visiting group sampled the ladies' cooking. The ladies were out in full force, and with the able assistance of the men folk, catered to every visitor's appetite.

Everyone connected with Halton Jersey fraternity deserves special credit, as we feel certain the visit to Halton will long be remembered by members of the World Jersey Bureau.

BILLINGTON FAMILY MOVING TO TEXAS

A couple who have been living here since coming from England, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billington will soon be citizens of Texas.

Mr. Billington has left his position at the A. V. Roe Co. at Malton for a new job in Dallas with Chance Vought Aircraft Inc. He is en route to the west by train this week, while Mrs. Billington and their baby son Stuart flew to England yesterday where they will visit in Derbyshire with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwards and in Lancashire with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Billington. They will be arriving in Dallas in September.

The Billingtons lived at Berwick Hall when they first came to Georgetown, and for the past year have lived at the Clifford Cook farm near town.

New Farm Owners Are Sportsmen Show Heads

New joint owners of the Dean Leslie farm in the Scotch Block are R. W. (Bob) Kelly and his father Loyal N. Kelly, who are both associated with the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show.

Bob is farming the 100 acres located at the corner of the 4th Line and 15 Sideroad. He has purchased some of Mr. Leslie's herd and for the present will specialize in beef cattle. He is a 1951 graduate in Economics from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

Bob is sales manager for the Sportsmen's Show and his father is general manager of the show and of the Toronto Anglers and Hunters' Association which sponsors it each spring.

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WHEAT PRICE SO LOW ADVISE USE FOR FEED

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Many wheat growers are discouraged over the low price offered for wheat at the mills. Wheat, incidentally which is of good weight per bushel, and has low moisture content, direct from the combine this year. We seem to recall writing last year at harvest time of the value of winter wheat as a livestock feed if it is mixed in the proper proportions with other grains and balanced with a higher protein food. Now with an even lower price being offered for wheat, and with commercial feed prices still relatively high, we wonder if any farmer who will have to buy feed of any kind can afford to sell wheat at present prices.

It is reported that one Halton farmer took a ton of last year's wheat to the mill recently and purchased a ton of bran to take home with him. When settlement was made the farmer owed the mill \$6. Figure it out on paper — wheat is selling at \$1.25 per bushel or in other terms \$2.08 per 100 lbs. Bran is now selling at \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Can you afford to sell wheat if you need livestock feed? Roll it for the cattle and poultry, and grind it moderately fine for the pigs. We agree with the Federation of Agriculture it is poor business to sell it.

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