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Farmers Are Better Off Than Their City Brothers

M. J. Brown
The age old question of which is better off — the city worker or the farmer, was the farm forum subject of discussion, February 21. The reports, received from Halton County forums, showed a great deal of thought had been given to the discussion. So much depends on the individual worker it was difficult to reach any definite conclusion.

However, many comparisons were made. Some groups thought the urban worker enjoyed more conveniences, more recreational facilities, less need of capital investment, a more steady income when times are good but little to fall back on in hard times. On the other hand not all, but some farmers have many home conveniences. They live close to nature in a healthier atmosphere than the city workers and have a better place to raise a family. The farmer is very dependent on nature but is more or less his own boss.

The farmer requires more capital to run a farm of his own but there is never a lay-off from lack of work or strikes. The majority of the groups felt the farmer was better off as he enjoys a certain feeling of security and has pride and satisfaction in his accomplishments.

Many groups considered an interchange of visits for city and country children and elders — a better understanding of problems by attendance at each other's group meetings would lead to a better understanding of each other's viewpoint.

FIRE CLOSES ARENA

Milton Arena had an early closing when fire, damaged the building last week. Juvenile and intermediate hockey games have been shifted to Georgetown as well as rural hockey play-offs. The fire burned two sections of seating, and a centre steel truss was twisted. Damage was estimated as high as \$25,000. The building was sealed off pending investigation by the Fire Marshal's office. The fire occurred a week ago Sunday morning.

PAINTING, MILLINERY, CRAFTS SHOW NIGHT SCHOOL DIVERSITY

The auditorium of the Howard Wrigglesworth School was transformed into a showroom for handicrafts by local people, last Thursday evening, when oil paintings, millinery, aluminum crafts and etching, tailoring, ceramics, and welding done during their recently completed 12-week course were displayed. Lloyd Minshall, Oakville, district director of the programs branch of the Department of Education, which sponsors the night classes in handicrafts was present. He congratulated both pupils and teachers on such a highly gratifying display of work. Keith Barber, chairman of the Halton committee of the programs branch introduced Mr. Minshall to the large number of people who had gathered in the auditorium to view the exhibit.

The display of oil paintings, was

impressive and included work done by the elementary and advanced classes. Miss Dorothy Stone instructed the elementary class. A good many of their paintings were done from colour photographs. In the work displayed by the advanced class, under the instruction of Mr. Frank Black, the majority of paintings were original and included many rural winter scenes inspired by the scenery near Georgetown, while others painted were from sketches done in the summer. There was just one 'impressionistic' painting in the groups.

Every imaginable style of hat was included in the millinery display, ranging from tailored cloches, sailors, and hat and scarf ensembles, to cocktail hats, picture hats and the latest styles for your spring outfit. Hats made of straw, fabrics, feathers, and crocheted braid were seen in the collection. Mrs. Frank Black instructed the ladies in the millinery classes.

Complementing the hat display, and placed right next to it, was the display of tailored suits and dressmaker suits. The ladies attending the classes in tailoring received their instruction from Miss Carter, of Guelph.

Mrs. Jesse Wyatt held classes in pottery making at her home during the course, producing many pretty and original bowls, ash trays, ornamental flowers. They made a colourful display in the exhibit.

One of the largest displays was that of the class in aluminumcraft and etching. Mrs. Charles Austin, R. R. 3, Milton, instructed this group. Many beautiful trays of all shapes, sizes and designs, as well as serviette holders, coasters, and other novel items, were in their exhibit.

There was an effective display of copper foil work, some of which was contributed by an Acton class. These pictures were quite striking when framed.

On display also, were some examples of welding, done by a class under the supervision of Al Zeravsky. The welding class was a new addition to the night class curriculum this year.

In addition to the handicraft classes, there was a large class attending the lectures on Public Speaking, held by Professor Hager of the OAC, Guelph.

The complete night school course comprised 12 lessons. They started the first of November and were held every Tuesday evening. Except for ceramics and welding, the classes were held in the high school, and each course averaged 15 pupils. The Department of Education, working through the North Halton high school board has made this program available. Keith Barber is committee chairman for the county, Don Barrager is local chairman and Mrs. W. C. Reynolds is secretary of the local committee. J. L. Lambert, high school principal, was also principal of the night school classes.

TOP PRICE \$950 AT HOLSTEIN AUCTION

Top price of \$950 at the sale of the purebred Holstein herd of George E. McKay, Schomberg, Ontario, was paid by M. K. Heslop, Burlington, for ABC Shamrock Mary a daughter of the noted ABC Reflection Sovereign Mary is classified as very Good in Selective Registration, as is her dam. The dam also has a yearly record of 25008 lbs. milk, containing 1087 lbs. fat.

The sale took place February 3rd at the Oakville Sales Arena.

Second highest price of the day was \$525 paid by Sheffield Farms, St. George, for a Very Good daughter of the xxx bull Paul Texal Rag Apple.

The big buyer of the day was Cecil Atkinson, Schomberg, who secured five head for a total of \$1,980. These included milking females at \$400, \$450, \$300, and \$300. In addition, Mr. Atkinson paid \$410 for a bred heifer, this being the highest price in this category.

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APPLES	Fancy Macintosh	3 lb. bag 33c

Twenty-nine milking females averaged \$310; three cows with calves at foot \$283; four bred heifers \$282; nine open heifers \$157, and six heifer calves \$111. The fifty-one head sold realized \$13,095 for a general average of \$256.

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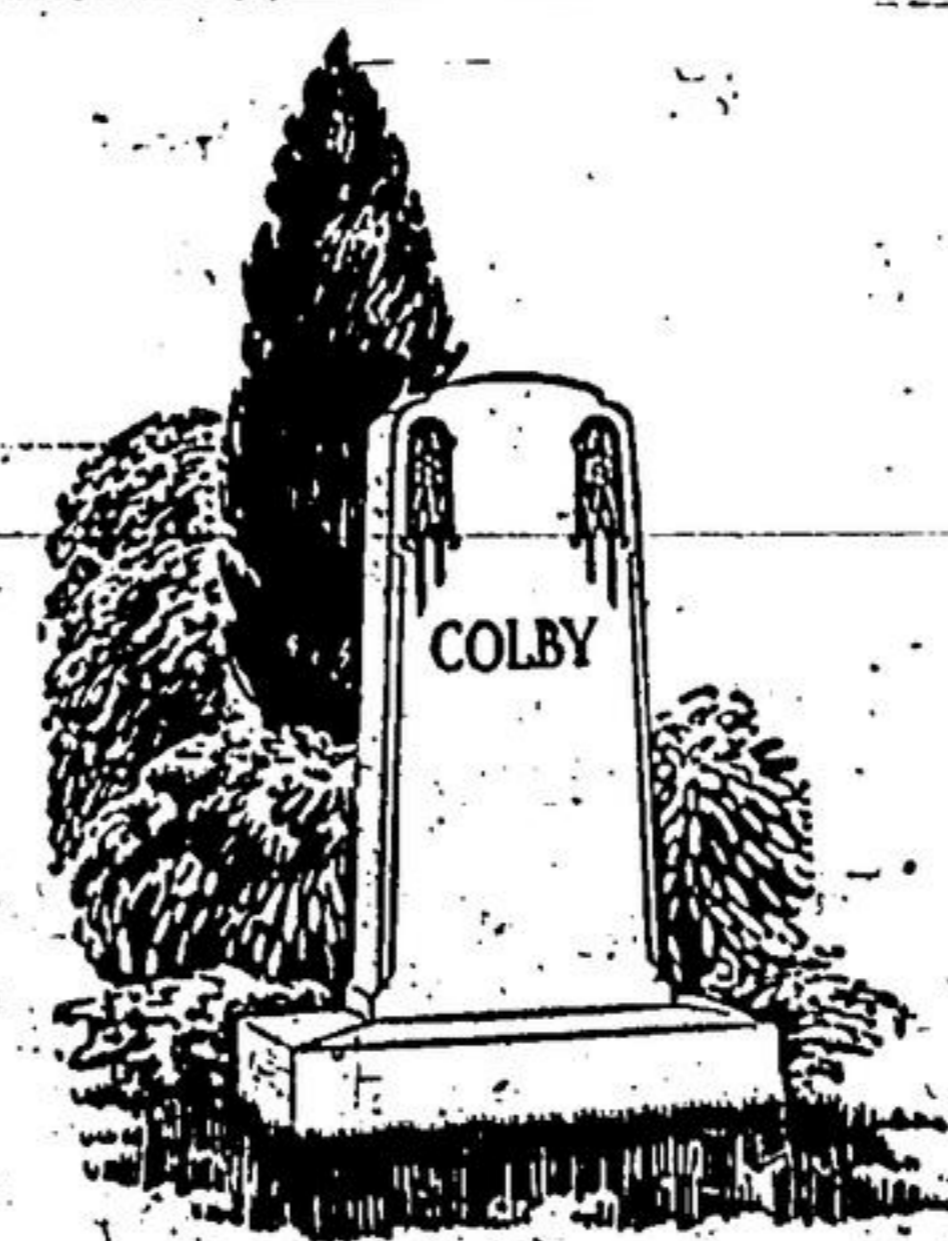
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