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FARM NEWS

GRADE 70% AS TEST STATION HOGS

During 1954, 954 hogs were marketed from the Ontario Advanced Regis-

try Swine Testing Station. The average age of the pigs when marketed was 183.2 days, and 70.1 per cent made Grade A carcasses. Of the 5,078,715 hogs marketed in Canada in 1954, only 25.05 per cent made Grade A. Here in Ontario, the percentage of A's was down to 29.07 per cent, and in Halton County where there was 41 per cent of A hogs in 1951, the percentage of A hogs has dropped 11 per cent in three years.

All hogs at the test station are "Self-Fed", and on the average they secured 1 pound of gain live weight with 3.6 lbs. of feed. In all 240 groups or litters were tested in Ontario in 1954. It is interesting to note when comparing the 15 highest groups with the 15 lowest groups, that the percentage A's in the 15 highest groups was 98.3 and the average advanced registry score was 87.5 — in the case of the 15 lowest groups the percentage A's was 23.3 per cent and the average advanced registry score was 52.5. As all hogs at the test station are fed the same ration, and furthermore are marketed at the proper weight, it indicates that there is much in breeding

Parents Attend Open Night at Wrigglesworth

Parents of pupils attending Howard Wrigglesworth public school visited classrooms to view their children's work and discuss their progress with teachers last Tuesday. Each teacher was in the classroom as well as a grade mother appointed by the Home & School Association. It was the first opportunity for most parents to see the new school wing which was opened in January. Principal William Kinrade and the teaching staff were served refreshments later in the evening by the Home & School Association.

Cash sales accounted for 68.8 cents of the average Canadian retail consumer dollar in the 1st quarter of '54.

Union Church Building Now Seventy Years Old

Mrs. S. Hardig
Seventy years of history, seventy years of change in Halton County from the memorable Sabbath day of February 22, 1885 when loyal Presbyterians came to the first "diet of worship" in their new church of Union to Sunday, February 20th, 1955, when descendants of these early worshippers arrived at Union Church to commemorate seventy years of service in the church which is, in itself, a monument to the determination and devotion of their forefathers. The teams of horses outside the church, the bonnets of the women and the sideburns of the men, the sleighs with their fresh clean straw—these symbols of another century were no longer in evidence in February 1955 but surely the large number of cars outside Union Church testified to the same spirit of faith and loyalty.

The service itself, conducted by the Rev. G. L. Royal, was an appropriate tribute to the history of the little rural church. Mrs. Francis Thompson, a former member of the choir gave a fitting rendition of "Bless This House" and the congregation joined in the singing of "I Joyed when to the House of God." The Church's One Foundation, and "All hail the power of Jesus' Name." Mr. Royal's theme, "Reasons for Being Glad" was based on his text, the well known verse from Psalm 122: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." Mr. Royal dwelt first upon the special reasons for rejoicing in the House of God on this particular Sunday, upon the privilege enjoyed of being in the presence of God and upon the true perspective which only the act of worship can give. He quoted Oliver Wendell Holmes who said that "there is in the corner of my heart a little plant called reverence which wants to be watered at least once a week." Mr. Royal then passed to the significance of the historical sequence in the life of the church, the passage of St. Paul to Macedonia, the coming of Christianity to this continent and in particular to the dedication of Union Church seventy years ago when the invisible presence of the apostles must have strengthened the faith and vision of the man who then stood in the pulpit, Rev. Joseph Alexander. Mr. Royal also evoked a picture of the men who had been responsible for the building of the church, inspired by reverence and faith. Mr. Royal emphasized the spirit of service which he personally had found in his work, the desire to love his neighbour, the understanding of the needs of more remote communities, the furtherance of Christ's work and the bringing of others to a better knowledge of Christ these were all sources of rejoicing which Mr. Royal had found in God's house but perhaps the greatest satisfaction was the feeling of security that springs from Christian faith. "They shall prosper that love Thee."

An unusual feature of the service was the very valuable contribution made by Mr. Bert Taylor of Cheltenham, a former elder in Union Church. The two speeches of the day could well be interpreted as a fusion of the past and present. If Mr. Royal with his vigorous delivery stood for the present strength of the rural church, then surely Mr. Taylor with his heart-warming memories was the fitting champion of the past. Mr. Taylor's address with its abundance of significant detail evoked the past in a vivid and realistic fashion. He recalled his earliest glimpse of Union Church when as a child of four he travelled from his home on a cold winter night, nestled in the straw at the rear of the cutter and saw the lights of the church as they made their way along 22 Sideroad. He remembered how, as a child in church, he had measured the length of the service by watching the sunlight move across the bonnet of the lady in front of him. He reminded the congregation of names familiar in the church's history—Anderson, Rutledge, Leslie, Frazer, Mullins, Starrett, Thompson, Watkins, McGill, Sloan, McKane, McDonald, Campbell and Hoare, and indicated the pews where they had once listened to the word of God. In these easy days of bulldozers, it is worth remembering the effort involved by the hauling of stone for the church up the Terra Cotta (then Salmonville) hill by double teams of horses. The very stone itself was of Presbyterian origin as it came from the Townsend property. In those days payment by "time" was considered highly unworthy and the slowly built church was opened February, 1885 free of debt — in spite of the architect's exorbitant fee of \$600. This in itself is greatly to the credit of the determined and loyal men and women who were but one generation removed from the pioneers.

After the service an hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the Sunday School hall during which tea was served by the ladies of the congregation. The company then had the pleasure of viewing an interesting historical item, viz. the poster which advertised the original service of 1885 in the language of the times—"Diet of Worship", "Sabbath Day" and "Sajron". Another noteworthy feature was surely the representative nature of the gathering. Along with members of Norval and Union were many prominent families in the community who were able to find within the walls of this

John Joseph Morgan, 79 Holy Cross Pastor's Kin

Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan, pastor of the Georgetown and Acton Roman Catholic churches, suffered a family bereavement last week when his brother, John Joseph Morgan, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton.

Mr. Morgan, whose home was at 64 Kinrade Ave. was 79. He has two other brothers in Hamilton, Francis and Joseph.

A Hamilton resident 45 years, he moved there from Collingwood where he had come as a child with his parents from Ireland. Retired ten years, he had worked with F. W. Ferguson and John Duff and Sons meat packing company, and Frost Steel & Wire Co. He belonged to St. Anne's Roman Catholic parish and was the oldest member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society and the League of the Sacred Heart.

There was a requiem mass for the deceased on Monday morning in St. Mary's Church, Collingwood, followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery there. His brother officiated, with a nephew, Rev. Francis Morgan, of Kitchener as deacon and Fr. Ellard, Collingwood, pastor, sub-deacon.

FARM NEWS

OFFER SPECIALS FOR BACON SHOW

At the bacon show to be held in Milton on March 26th, we understand from Clayton May, president of the Halton Hog Producers' Association, that his association this year will offer specials of \$2.00 each for all hogs of first and second quality in the winning township entry, specials of \$1 each will also be awarded to similar quality hogs in the second prize township group.

These specials are of course in addition to those offered by the Canada Dept. of Agriculture. These include: \$5.00 each on all carcasses making first quality, \$4.00 on all carcasses of second quality, \$2.00 each on carcasses of third quality, and \$1 each on those of fourth quality. This year all hogs must be ready for market by March 21st. Those who expect to have pigs ready for market at this time should contact one of the officers of the Halton association.

sturdy stone building some significant link with the past. In conclusion, let us say that of the 22nd of February 1885 was a memorable day, then surely Sunday, February 20, 1955 will be remembered just as warmly by the members of this historic congregation of Halton County.

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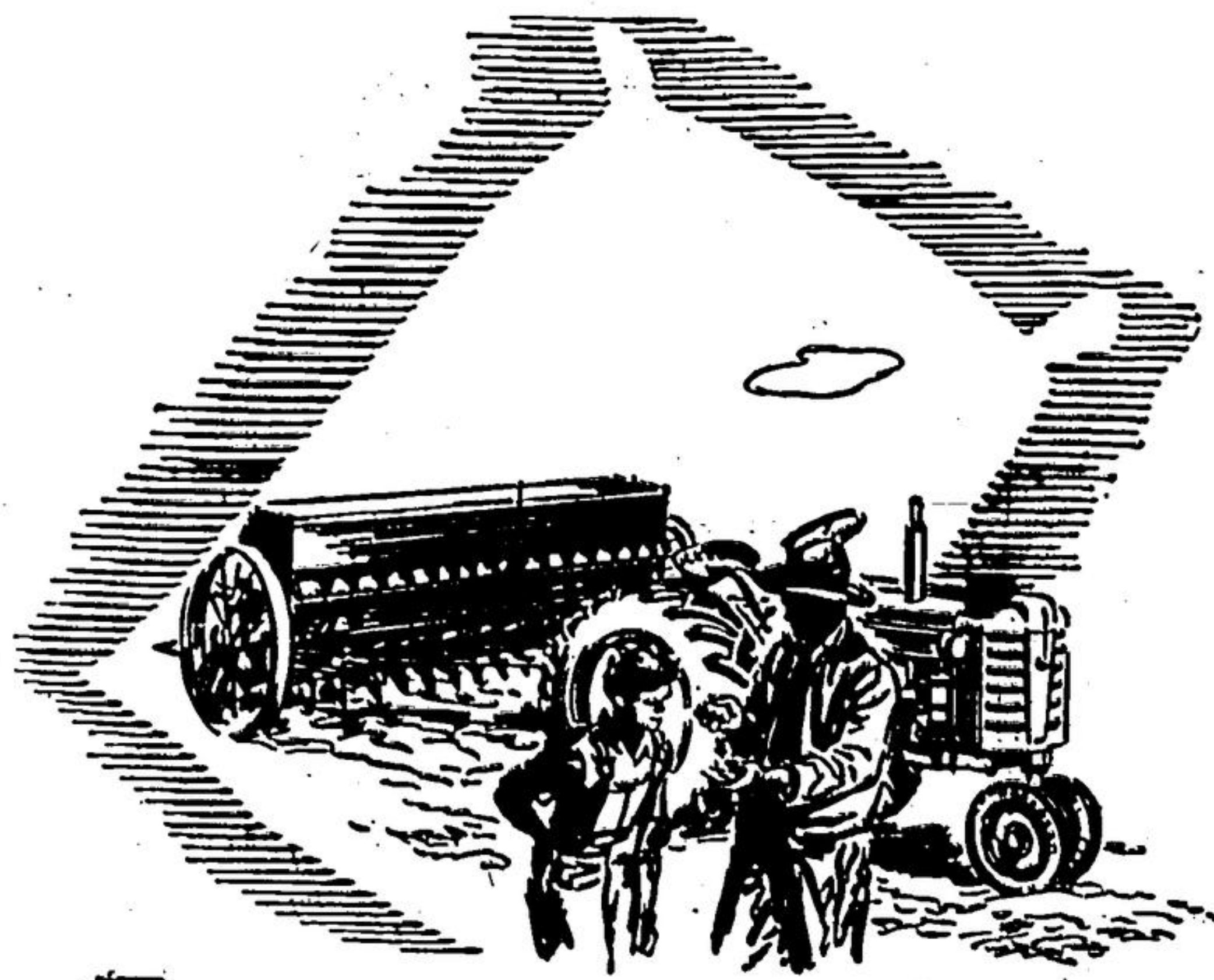
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