

Plowing Match Film Shown at Family Night

Murt Allison, local Massey-Harris Ferguson dealer was well pleased with his Family Night last Tuesday, when some seventy people attended an entertainment at his dealership on Young Street.

A film of the first world plowing championship at Cobourg had great local interest, as it was won by a district resident Jim Eccles, who

has since had a trip to Ireland to compete in the second world match. Another film explained the Ferguson system and how it operates, while another, filmed at the Guelph OAC dealt with grasses.

Three company men assisted, Jack Binning of Guelph, Arnott Neale and Jim Currier of Toronto. Coffee and doughnuts were served to visitors.

**Dr. Charles Best
Croonian Lecturer**



PROF. CHARLES H. BEST, co-

A Georgetown district resident, Dr. Charles H. Best has been chosen Croonian lecturer for 1955 by the Council of the Royal Society, London, the oldest scientific society in the world. Dr. Best is first Canadian to receive the award, one of the highest honours bestowed by the society. He is director of Toronto's Banting and Best Department of Medical Research.

**FARM NEWS
ALL CANADIAN AWARDS TO TWIN ELMS HERD**

In the All-Canadian awards recently released by the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association, the Twin Elms herd of Joyce Bros. Milton, is really in the news. They have two All-Canadian animals plus an Honorable Mention. Their junior heifer calf, Twin Elms Nimble Jessica is All-Canadian calf, and their senior yearling heifer, Twin Elms Mary Helress is the All-Canadian senior yearling heifer. Both animals were sired by their Honorable Mention aged sire, Fraserdale Merry Admiral.

That the Twin Elms herd has production as well as type is substantiated by the fact that the dam of "Mary Helress", their All-Canadian senior yearling heifer, namely Twin Elms Bonnie has several outstanding ROP records, one of which on two times milking in 365 days is 23,713 lbs. of milk and 752 lbs. B.F.

PART-TIME FARMER GETS MERIT CERTIFICATE

Ern Thompson, proprietor of Maple Leaf Dairy tells us that one of his milk shippers, Ed Duncan, has been awarded a certificate from Halton Health Unit for securing 91 per cent satisfactory grades.

Mr. Duncan is a part-time farmer in the Scotch Block, handling his milk business in his spare hours when he is not at his job in Acton.

Variety of Subjects is Covered in Folk School

Mrs. Roy Coulter

FARM NEWS

Visitors Attracted by Quality County Herds

J. E. W.

Recent tours to Halton County by two different breed groups; is indicative of the high standing attained by many Halton herds and also of the high regard in which they are held elsewhere in the province.

The first group to journey to Halton in 1955 was that of the Brant-Norfolk Jersey Club. Their first stop was made at Avonlea Farm, owned and operated by Featherstone Bros. near Trafalgar. Here they were met by president Mac Alexander of the Halton Club, and then with Hill and Jack Featherstone in charge they made a tour of the 70 odd head of Jerseys which won for their owners the Constructive Breeders award. Then on to Lindale Farm, where they inspected some 90 head which also won the Constructive Breeder award for M. C. Healy.

Their third stop was to inspect the herd of Halton's third Constructive Breeder, namely Ken Ella and Sons. Following this, they visited Halton's oldest established herd namely that of Gerald R. Graham, at Ashgrove. No visit of such a group would be complete without a call at the home of Halton's president, Mac Alexander. Here they saw the Jersey herd being built up, the pig hatchery with its 50 brood sows; and a herd of goats which is rapidly winning fame for the Alexander family.

Judging by the comments which were overheard, the visitors were more than delighted by what they saw, not to mention the hospitality extended.

Big Four Guernsey Club

The second group to visit Halton was that of the "Big 4" Guernsey Club from the Ottawa District. Their 1st call on March 3rd was at Callumlea Farms of M. T. McNabb and Sons, Esqueping Township, then on to the Twin Elms herd of Joyce Bros. near Milton.

Here they were particularly interested in inspecting the two animals bred at Twin Elms which recently won All-Canadian Awards. J. L. Chisholm's Arawana herd was the next point of call; and then finally to the Craig Meadow herd of Wm. G. Booth.

These four Halton herds have established quite a record for themselves, both in the show ring and in record of production work. Needless to add, the visiting breeders were impressed at all four points by what they saw and also delighted with the hospitality extended.

FARM NEWS

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE SWINE INDUSTRY

Hog marketings in 1954 were 15 per cent higher than in 1953. Increased marketings were recorded in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia. Ontario marketings in 1954 showed a drop of 3.1 per cent from 1953, and approximately 31 per cent below those of 1952. In Halton last year's marketings showed a drop of 10.9 per cent below those of 1953, and 42.6 per cent below those of 1952. The quality of Canadian and Ontario hogs dropped for the eighth successive year. Ontario's percentage of A's for 1954 was 29.0 per cent. To show the seriousness of this decline in quality we would point out that Waterloo County had the highest percentage of A's with 34.9 per cent. In 1946, twenty-five counties had over 40 per cent A's. This past year Halton stood in 13th place from the standpoint of quality — as a matter of fact only thirteen coun-



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ties in Ontario had over 30 per cent A's. 1954 marked the first year since rail grading became official that Ontario had less than 30 per cent A's.

Exports amounted to the equivalent of between five and six hundred thousand hogs. This represents at least 10 per cent of the total number marketed. On the other hand domestic disappearance amounted to approximately 85,000 hogs per week, which means that domestic consumption is approximately 86,000 hogs per week, which means that domestic consumption is approximately 56 pounds per capita. Getting back to quality the percentage of C hogs (fat hogs) in 1954 was 7.09 per cent as compared with 2.54 per cent C hogs in 1950. "The time for reversing the trend in the quality of Ontario's Hogs is long overdue," recently stated W. P. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner, who is to be the chief speaker at Halton's Seed Fair and Bacon Show, in Milton, on March 28th. The carcass cutting demonstration will be a real eye-opener to many. In this demonstration one side of an "A" hog and one side of a "C" hog will be cut into domestic cuts. Those who think that all pork cuts irrespective of quality sell at the same price at the butcher shop are going to have to find another "excuse" for marketing poor quality hogs when this demonstration is over.

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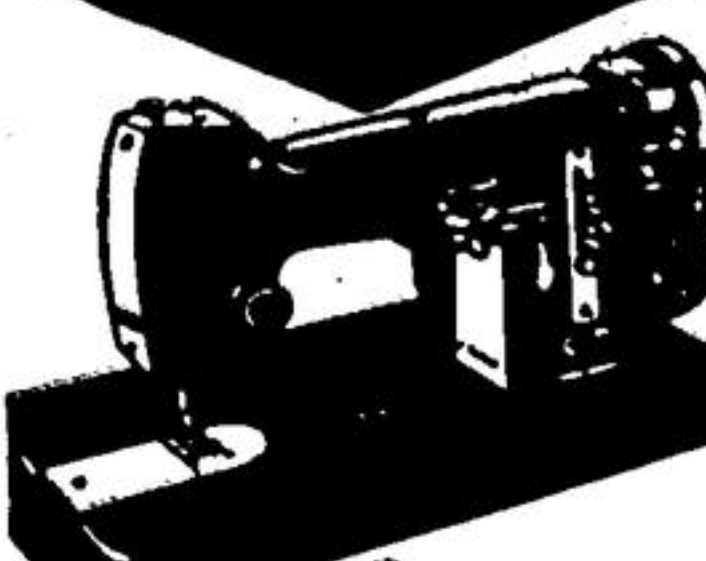
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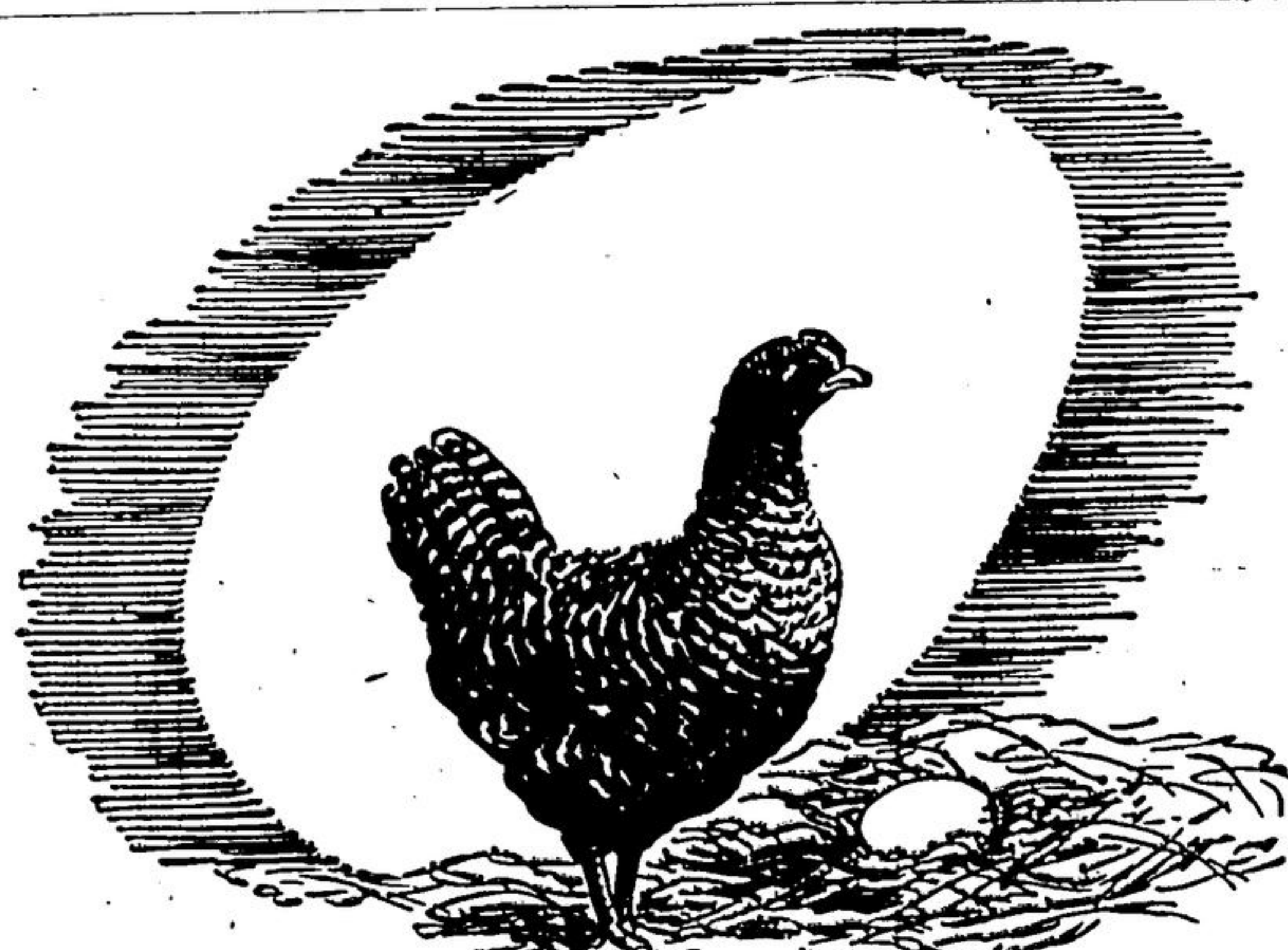
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