

FARM NEWS

Gordon King President
Guernsey Breeders Club

J. E. W.

"You can never get something for nothing" stated Everett Biggs, dairy commissioner for Ontario, when addressing the Halton and Peel Guernsey Club annual, at Stewarttown on Thursday of last week. Mr. Biggs, who was introduced by J. W. McCullough, agric. rep. for Peel, presented a dynamic message on the dairy industry. In these days of old age pensions, widows' allowances, etc. we are living in a socialistic world. The policy of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture has been to give the necessary legislation to farmers, to enable them to do the job for themselves. Our marketing schemes, agencies, etc., etc. means that when at least two-thirds are in favour, the remainder must go along with them. This means, stated Mr. Biggs, "you give up a little bit of freedom in order to get more security." "The dairyman, despite all his problems, is in better position today than any other branch of agriculture."

Reference was made by the speaker to the cheese industry. In the past we have had to depend on the export market. At one time since the last war, we had a surplus of 15 or 16 million lbs. of cheese and it was necessary to work out a two price structure with a 3 or 4 cent differential in order to move that surplus. In 1955 our surplus, stated Mr. Biggs, was down to 4 million pounds and in part due to the improved dollar position in Great Britain, cheese sold in Great Britain at the same price as in Canada. In referring to the fluid milk trade, Mr. Biggs stated, "Fluid Milk absorbed 32 per cent of the total milk sold in Ontario in 1955." Another interesting statement was "that as a result of 'Formula Pricing' only \$106 was spent in arbitration in 1955."

J. L. Chisholm ably expressed the thanks of the gathering to Mr. Biggs for his most informative address. J. M. Brownridge of Brampton, president of the club, was the chairman of the day's programme, which opened with one of those lovely dinners for which the ladies of the Ashgrove W.I. have gained an enviable reputation. The thanks of the group were ably extended by J. Y. McNabb. Bruce Bogins, secretary of the Canadian Guernsey Association, brought greetings and presented "Long Time Production Certificates" to the following: Lazy Pat Farms 5; M. T. McNabb & Sons 6; Howard King 2; George H. King 2; E. E. Featherstone 3; Wm. G. Booth 3.

was home again before his visitors got there. That's a good idea, not staying any longer than necessary, Dutch. We think maybe the column last week got over its point, from some of the remarks we've had about it. We hasten to add, we were dealing quite impersonally with it, and not matter what is said in this column it is always tried to be kept that way.

The top cow, Graeholm Supreme Alberta, owned by Wm. G. Booth, has an official long distance record of 109947 lbs. milk and 4840 lbs. of fat. In addition to this, "Alberta" has an unofficial record received under the cow testing policy of over 12,000 lbs., which gives around 122,000 lbs. of milk in ten lactations.

Others who spoke briefly included Jim Swartz president of the York-Simcoe Club; Harold Clapp, manager of Fraserdale Farms; Alan Barron, recently appointed fieldman and secretary of the Ontario Guernsey Club, and Bob Wade, chairman of the milk committee for the Ontario Guernsey Club. Incidentally, Mr. Wade reported that in the first eight months of 1955, sales of Guernsey Milk in Ontario had increased by 800,000 quarts.

Another pleasing feature of the day's programme was the presentation of numerous trophies won at the Milton and Brampton Fairs, to Wm. G. Booth; Joyce Bros.; J. M. Brownridge and J. L. Chisholm.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Gordon King, Oakville; vice president, M. S. Alton, Burlington; secretary-treasurer, Don Joyce, Milton.

Directors: J. L. Chisholm, Finlay Joyce, J. Y. McNabb, Wm. G. Booth, E. E. Featherstone, Frank Greenlees, J. M. Brownridge, John Brownridge, W. A. Wright, and C. W. Swackhamer.

North Bay Commander is
Ground Observer Speaker

On Tuesday evening, January 24th, there will be a district meeting held in Clarendon, to which all ground observers in this region are invited.

Squadron Leader K. C. Mason, the officer commanding No. 311 Squadron, North Bay, is to be guest speaker. S. L. Mason will speak

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one of our members had a harrowing escape a couple of weeks ago while out hunting. Seems Pat Chamberlain, Walt Brandford and Henry Shepherd were out hunting and deep in the woods one of the carnivore turned on them and charged poor Henry! Red eyed and jaws agape, it headed right at him! Henry, tho, stood fast, pushed Walt and Pat behind him, took steady aim and shot the wild beast in mid air. The animal? Oh yes, a jack rabbit. Henry's claiming self defence. Better watch that stuff, boy, we might need you for a few parades, next summer. After all, RSM's are pretty hard to come by you know... (and then there's the school of thought which says that there are far too many of them in the world)... Gordie King (Mr. Zero, to you) won a putter that night of his memorable shut-out. Hockey and golf enthusiast Jim Linton made the promise during the intermission between periods, so Gord is in a putter. Jim says its pretty tough finding one for a small left hander, tho... our boy John, did it again, we hear. Gets the tickets for a certain game first, then sells his quota before he distributes them... tsk, tsk... Glad to see Dutch McCartney's stay in hospital was so short. In fact, he

LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

Well, once more a year has sped by and next week will be the annual election of officers and annual meeting. It is to be hoped that every member will see fit to be on hand for this important meeting. As in other years, the business part of the meeting will be on Thursday evening, and the actual election of officers will take place on Sunday afternoon following, Sunday, January 28th. An initiation will be held previous to the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the benefit of any new members, and the election of officers will take place at 2 p.m. sharp. And please, fellows, how about everyone trying to be on hand for this one, it is an important meeting, one that decides whose hands you will put th destinies of the Branch for another year. Let's see every member on hand for it. Oh yes, and of course there will be the annual presentation of the financial report, as compiled by the chartered accountants who audit our books. This should be of interest to everyone. After all you are all partners in one of Georgetown's big businesses, so show your interest by being on hand to hear what the last year has brought forth.

The Imperial Section of Branch 120 Canadian Legion, held their annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday January 15th, 1956 with the following being elected.

President, Arthur Herbert; vice president, James Murphy; secretary, Robert Muir; executive Tom Herbert and Charles Parton; sick committee, Mrs. L. B. Grieve, chairman; Entertainment chairman, Alex Taylor.

The meeting was held at the home of Jim Murphy, and Branch President Harvey Garvin and Jim Yates conducted the election.

Congratulations to the slate of officers and best wishes for 1956.

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