

FARM NEWS

DHIA Members are Pleased With Service

J. E. W.
The 72 Halton herd owners who are enrolled in Halton's three Dairy Herd Improvement Associations or Groups, this past week received their cost analyses figures for the year ending

April 30th, 1955. This in our opinion is one of the most valuable and appreciated pieces of extension work being conducted by the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. In any event during the past few days, several of the DHIA members have brought in their individual reports, and to state they were well pleased with the service is putting it very mildly. At this office we get a summary for each of the three groups. The breakdown for each group reveals the following:

1. Production per cow; 2. Feeding Efficiency; 3. Labour; Efficiency; 4. Capital Use; 5. Size of Business.

Under each of the five factors, is presented the average for the 24 herds in each group; the average figure of the two herds with the Highest Returns and the average of the 2 herds with the Low Net Returns. In addition, each herd owner receives the figure for his own herd with a rating: 'Weak,' 'Average,' or 'Strong.'

We were interested to note that the average production per cow in the 72 herds is approximately 8735 lbs. in the 305 day lactation. For the previous year the average production figure for the same 72 herds was 8,150 lbs.

Cost Milk Production Varies Materially

We also note that the cost of producing milk in the 72 herds in Halton in the year ending on April 30th last varies all the way from \$2.50 to \$5.20 per cwt. The average figure for the entire 72 herds was \$3.66 cwt. This figure covers the cost of Feed, Labour, Overhead, Veterinary, Breeding, Fees, Milker Supplies, Marketing Fees, Milk haulage plus the dairy share of the farm taxes, hydro and insurance. In the case of butter fat the cost of production varies from 76 cents to \$1.53 per pound, with the average figure of \$1.03. These figures therefore will be a bit startling to those who are inclined to bemoan over the present price of butter or criticize the Federal Government for a floor price of 58 cents per lb. High production per cow is always an important factor in the cost of production — nevertheless this study and all other similar farm management studies reveal that it is only when the operator is above average on all five factors previously listed, that he gets his cost figure for producing 100 lbs. of milk down between the \$2.50 and \$3.00 mark. In short, it is possible for an operator to be strong on four of the five factors listed and if much below average on the fifth factor, still end up with a losing proposition.

Or to present it in a different way, it would seem that obtaining average efficiency in all five factors leads to lower costs than was obtained by any group of herds which were the best in any one factor but which may have been low in other factors.

Dairy Herd Improvement Work is a policy only for grade or mixed herds of grades and purebreds. It is organized in Halton under the Milton office of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture. The Ont. Livestock Branch is responsible for the supervision on production, etc., with the Farm Economics Branch providing the cost analysis, etc. Halton is one of the few counties in Ontario with three Associations — the local supervisors being F. Chisholm for Halton East; George R. McCormack for Halton West; and Howard King for Halton Centre.

Mrs. William Hayward Scout Auxiliary Head

Mrs. William Hayward was elected president of the Scout and Cub Mothers' Auxiliary when the ladies held their annual meeting in St. John's United Church on January 16th.

Other officers are Mrs. Dave Wood, vice president; Mrs. Henry Hale, secretary; Mrs. Watson Winfield, treasurer.

Mrs. Albert Livingstone is social convener, Mrs. Sam Reid, telephone convener, and Mrs. Roy Ward, sunshine convener.



THE "CANADIAN" CHOICE: Exotic foods — caviar, pate de foie gras, hors d'oeuvres... are gaining in popularity with the traveling public, and succulent steaks and vintage wines are sharing favour with the traditional roast beef and lamb chops on Canadian Pacific Railway dining cars. One of the most popular delicacies aboard the "Canadian" CPR's new, crack transcontinental, is lobster, and both Chef G. DeCarle and Waiter Gordon Jacobs agree that it is one of the most savoury of seafoods.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES CONVENE AT GUELPH

Guelph, last week-end played host to a three day circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses. This is the final convention in a series of five, embracing the greater Toronto area. So great has been the growth of Jehovah's Witnesses during the past few years that these divisions have been necessary to find auditoriums large enough to accommodate the people being attracted to these meetings.

This local growth of the organization is reflected in the world growth of Jehovah's Witnesses, as the figures in 1955 reveal that a peak of 642,929 ministers engaging in preaching activity was reached during that year. Bible study aids were distributed to persons of goodwill as a result of this energetic ministerial work to the extent of 85 and a half million copies of The Watchtower and Awake! magazines, as well as 46 and a half million Bibles, books, and booklets.

From June 22nd to August 28th, 1955, twelve World Assemblies were held by Jehovah's Witnesses, five in North America and seven in Europe. A combined total of 403,682 persons attended the public Bible discourse which was the climax of each of these conventions. Further indicating the phenomenal growth of this movement, over 13,000 were baptized at the baptismal services conducted at these gatherings.

Friday evening's meeting included a Theocratic Ministry School, featuring various delegates giving instructive discourses. Eleven year old David Henderson of Guelph participated in the program by public Bible reading and was offered constructive counsel by J. H. Nathan, district supervisor. Convention attendance reached 306 at this session.

Saturday's activities featured an immersion or baptismal service. There were 10 delegates, who took this opportunity to signify their dedication to God and their desire to preach the truth of His word, the Bible, wherever possible. The evening sessions had as their theme 'Right Kind of Ministers.' A well planned demonstration illustrated efficient preparation of sermons for use in house-to-house ministry. Further demonstrations and discourse emphasized the need for and recommended procedure in following up good will interest. Attendance rose to 497 Saturday evening.

The main talk of the Assembly, "Overcoming the Fears of This Generation," was given on Sunday by J. H. Nathan. He introduced his discourse by enumerating many fears that beset this generation. The speaker then proved Scripturally from Hebrews 2:14,15 that mankind suffers these fears because of the influence of Satan, the god of this world. This situation is most perplexing because people are ignorant of Satan's ambitions as corroborated at 2 Corinthians 4:4. Mr. Nathan emphasized the point that the fears of this generation are among the signs given in the Scriptures at Matthew 24 pointing to the end of this system of things. After recounting the conditions of perplexity and uncertainty that we know only too well to exist throughout the world today, the speaker next set forth concrete Scriptural counsel toward overcoming these fears. The first point offered was Psalm 19:9, which admonishes one to fear Jehovah, which fear leads to life. Secondly, fear must be overcome with knowledge — 2 Corinthians 10:4,5.

J. H. Nathan ever reminded his listeners that by understanding the world's woes we can be happy in the hope that the Scriptures offer mankind. The speaker impressed his listeners with the fact that faith and its conquering power is the weapon used to fight fear. Citing examples of patriarchs of Bible Days and also quoting John 5:4, Mr. Nathan then outlined the step by step Scriptural procedure for using faith's conquering power. True Christian love must accompany faith, and Mr. Nathan cited the examples left by Jesus. The practical application of love today is demonstrated by neighbour love. Jehovah's Witnesses, the New World Society, are the only people on earth today who practice unitedly neighbour love in their daily living.

The speaker then concluded this discourse by extending an invitation to all in attendance to associate with the society, overcome the fears of a fear-ridden world, and enhance their possibilities of living forever in Jehovah's new world.

One of the last meetings Sunday afternoon that prompted much interest was the delegates' participation in a discussion of experiences at the European conventions. Different delegates spontaneously reminisced their experiences at the World Assemblies in Europe in 1955. Conventions such as those at London, Rome, Germany and Sweden were discussed; personal experiences, some humorous, were related, but all experiences had the undertone of appreciation for the warm Christian love that was extended to them by their brothers overseas.

The attendance reached a peak of 765 at the Sunday public talk.

During the assembly a total of 1150 meals were served the delegates, as well as many sandwiches, hot dogs, etc., from the snack bar.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
ESQUESING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
will be held in the
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