

ASHGROVE

Manor Ladies Guests
At Institute Meeting

When April comes the world is wise and old. Will half forget that it is worn and grey, Winter will seem but as a tale long told, Its bitter winds with all its frosts and cold Will be by-gone things of yesterday.

When April comes, Easter Sunday was a beautiful day and a large crowd attended church service. Lovely Easter lilies and pink snapdragons adorned the front table, the choir sang "The Joyful Easter tide, away with sin and sorrow" and the message by the minister, who said Easter time is a desire to live. Jesus stood for "Truth, goodness and love," which is God's way of saying it's our way to live.

Easter visitors among us were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bayers and baby Linda of Ottawa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drake, Ronald and Joey, Mr. Herb Cantelon of Streetsville with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wrigglesworth.

Miss Luie Reed of Toronto with her sister, Mrs. George Wingfield and Gordon. Mrs. George Kennedy, Milton with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dick. Mrs. John Ruddell and son Douglas left last week for Sudbury where she will be an attendant at her sister's wedding on April 3rd.

The Women's Institute held its March meeting down at the Halton

Centennial Manor in Milton with the ladies of the Manor as guests. President Mrs. W. Bird presided for an 11th programme, readings were given by Mrs. Hector Bird and Mrs. Thomas Giffen and solos by Mrs. Francis Thompson. Mrs. Lloyd Davison delighted the audience with piano solos, the motto "Consider the turtle he doesn't make progress until he sticks his neck out" was given by Mrs. Horace Barnes. Roll Call was answered with an interesting fact about a Canadian product and from the answers we realized how varied are our Canada industries. Community singing followed by the Queen, after which a social period was enjoyed.

Businesswomen Hear Talk
Penal Reform for Women

Monday evening, March 26th, the Georgetown Business and Professional Women held their regular monthly dinner meeting in Knox Presbyterian Church. The members of the Main Circle catered to the delicious dinner. The members welcomed their president back who has been ill. There were several guests from town who came to hear the speaker: Miss Phyllis Haslem of the Elizabeth Fry Society who spoke on Penal Reform for Women. Miss Haslem is the kind of speaker who just stands and talks and hold her audience spellbound. To those of us who are fortunate enough to live in a community like

FARM NEWS

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE
AT HALTON SEED FAIR

George town and vicinity her talk was shocking in many respects, it is hard to believe that such conditions exist in that there is little provision made for women in the prisons in Canada. The Elizabeth Fry society are doing a tremendous job and need all the assistance any organization can give them.

The main business dealt with in the business portion of the meeting was the decision to hold a "Games Night." Members were asked to bring a table of any kind of game — bridge, canasta, euchre, Chinese checkers, scrabble, with prizes for every table, along with several free give-away prizes.

Glenna Doherty, accompanied by Sandra Scott sang two lovely solos for the members and guests. Elizabeth McRosty introduced Miss Haslam and she was thanked by Hilda Erwin. The meeting closed with the singing of the emblem benediction.

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J. E. W. Some two hundred farm operators from all parts of Halton were in attendance at the annual Halton Seed Fair, in the Milton town hall, on Saturday, March 24th. As pointed out by the chairman, E. Ross Segsworth, the president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, "the primary purpose of this seed fair is to bring people who have seed for sale, together with those who wish to purchase good quality seed." Judging by the auction of ten bushel lots, conducted by J. A. Elliott, this objective was accomplished. Registered lots of oats sold at an average price of \$1.87, with a top of \$2.05 for Calvin Aitken's first prize lot of Registered No. 1 Laran Oats, Commercial No. 1 Oats sold in ten bushel lots at an average of \$1.58, and the only ten bushel lot of Commercial No. 1 Montcalm Barley at \$2.05.

Dr. Don Huntly, head of the Field Husbandry Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, who was the first speaker on the excellent programme, referred to the disappearance of Halton farm lands for industrial and housing development. "A good farm always looks better than any factory building but I suppose that is progress and we will have to put up with it," he stated. "Farming will never be a cookbook sort of formula, and you farmers will, in the final analysis will have to use your own good judgment to make our land more productive."

The second speaker, Charles McInnis, president of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association, who was introduced by A. R. Service, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of County Council, stated, "We, in the agricultural industry have not been doing what industry is doing. They have established good salesmanship and an excellent marketing program and it is time that we, as farmers, reviewed the situation and considered similar programs."

"There has never been a time," he stated, "when we in agriculture were unable to provide sufficient food and a surplus for our people. That is as it should be but it is equally important that we learn to handle those surpluses without depressing prices."

Stanley Hall, MLA, who extends the thanks of the gathering to Messrs. Huntley and McInnis, also congratulated the officers and members of the Halton association on their Seed Fair and general programme. Congratulations were also extended by Mr. Hall to the Halton Juniors on their educational displays and on their provincial championship debating team.

Forty-Eight Junior Farmers Saturday morning saw a record turnout of 48 Juniors for the annual seed judging competition. Merle Gunby was the champion judge of the day and won the Strathcona Orchards Trophy. Other trophy winners were George Greenlees who won the Halton Seed Growers' trophy emblematic of the high score in judging of cereal grains; and Sandy Buchanan who had the high score in judging of hay and potatoes and thereby won the Halton Cream and Butter Co. trophy.

Other awards were as follows: Juniors — George Greenlees, George Hume, Don Taylor, Harold Patterson, Philip Shepherd, Bob Merry, Ross Austin, David Hume, Ernest Alexander, Fred Barnes.

Intermediates — Merle Gunby, Lynne Coulter, Bill Robinson, Bill Marshall, Paul Ford, Ross Shortill and Mervyn Colling (tied), Tom Hunter, Peter Scholtz, Doug Starret.

Seniors — Sandy Buchanan, Don Johnson and John W. Pickett, tied; John Willmott, Bill Wilson, Mark Marquardt, tied, David Wilson, Gordon Harris, Norman Bird, Howson Ruddell.

FARM NEWS

J. B. Nelson Talks
To D.H.I.A. Members

J. E. W. J. B. Nelson, associate director of the Farm Economics Branch, was the special speaker at a meeting of Halton's three dairy herd improvement groups, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The group met in the Farmers' Bldg., in Milton, comparing the summaries of the 72 Halton members for the years 1952-53 and 1954-55, it was pointed out by the speaker, that they had in that two year period increased their average production per cow and had increased their size of business and improved their feeding efficiency, but that little or no change had been made on the other two factors. It is the balanced improved programme which counts; no one factor in itself can offset the lack of efficiency in another.

The latter part of the afternoon was spent visiting and looking over the farm business of Sam Harrop. This young operator, in the two year period, has increased his average production per cow by 3203 lbs.; increased the net returns of his herd by \$2218, and reduced the cost of producing milk by \$1.78 per cwt. In commenting on this herd, Mr. Nelson stated: "This is what I mean by balanced improvement — his summary shows that according to our standards he is strong on two of the factors and at least average on the other three. All in all, we think the group thoroughly enjoyed the practical discussion on farm management."

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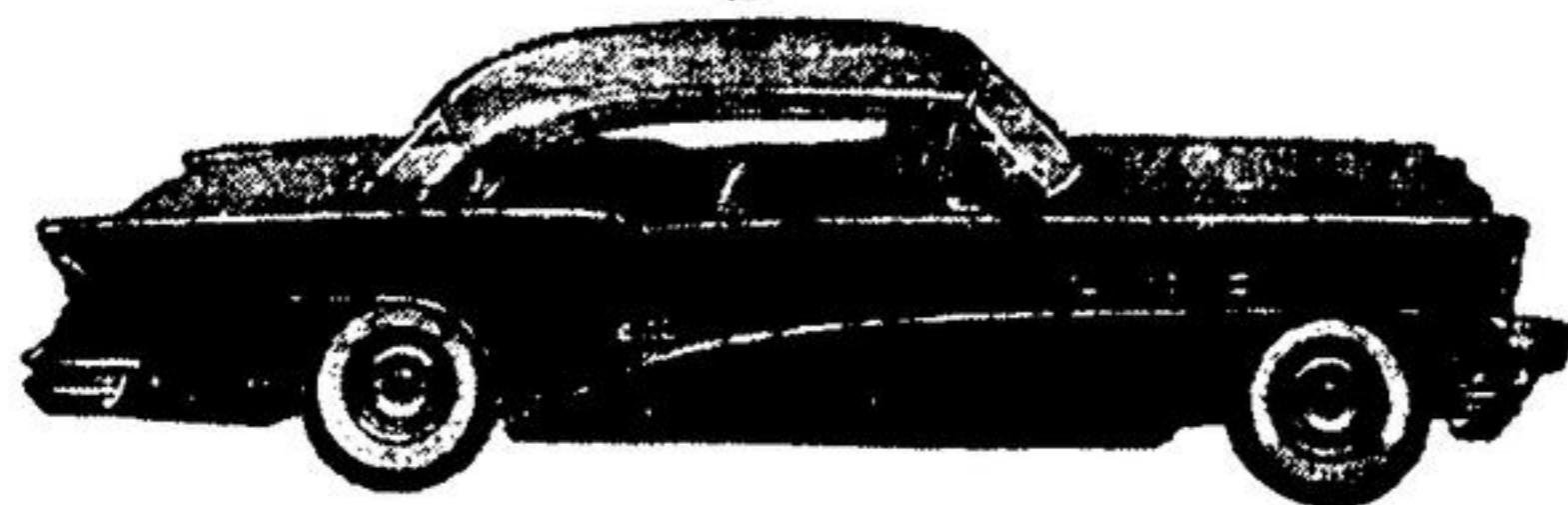
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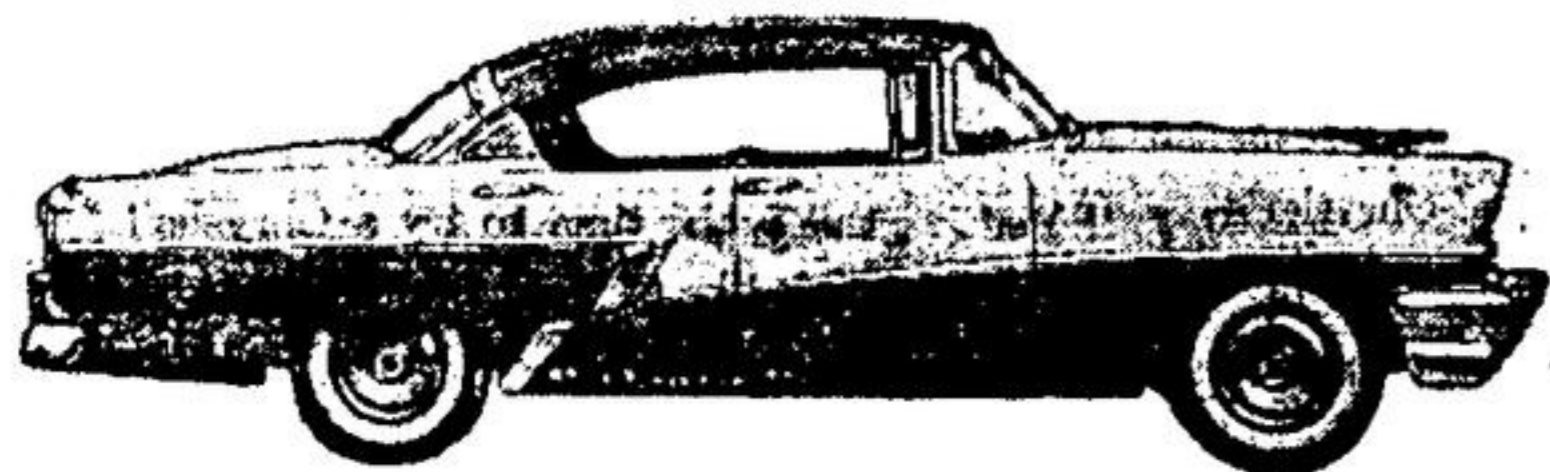
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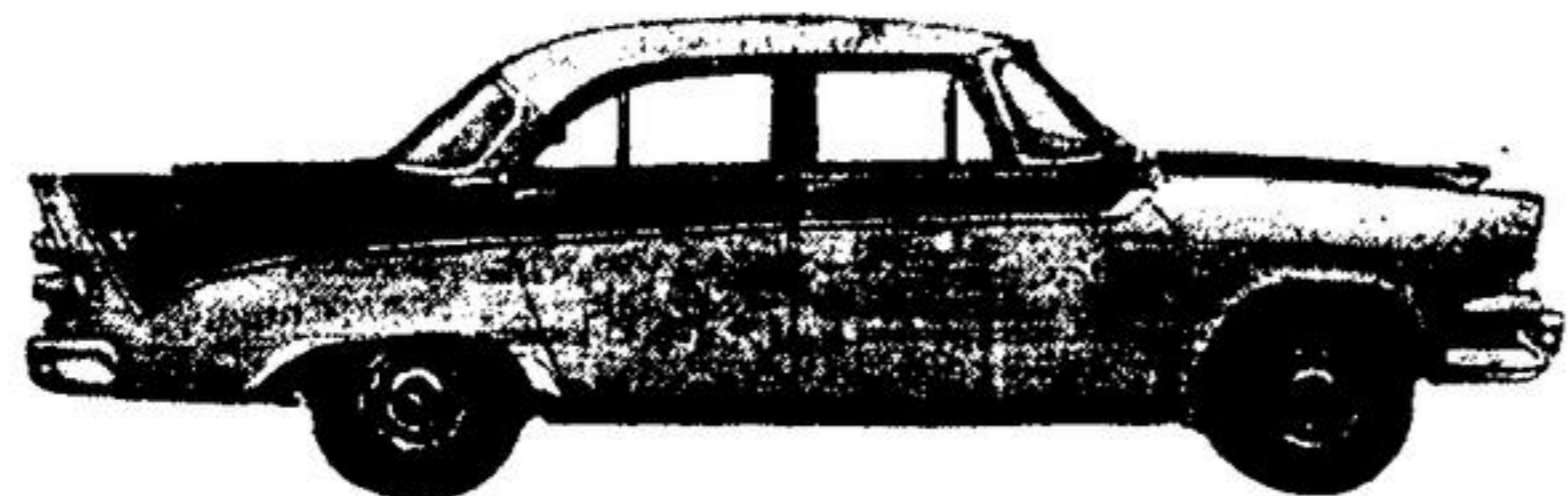
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