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Report of the Eastern and Western Sections of Halton Presbyterial W.M.S.

(Interceded for last week)
Meetings of the Halton Presbyterial W.M.S. were held on Tuesday, May 18th, in Palermo United Church, for the eastern section, presided over by Mrs. Earl Wilson, 1st vice-president, and on Wednesday, May 19th, for the western section, in Strabane United Church, with Mrs. Chas. Readhead, 2nd vice-president, in charge, with over 100 delegates present at each church.

Worship services were conducted by Wesley and Melville and Burlington and Glenwood auxiliaries for the east and west respectively. Miss Ella McKay, Georgetown, and Mrs. W. R. Archer, Lowville, gave the Quiet Half Hour talks.

Over seventy organizations, comprising Auxiliaries, Circles, G. L. P. groups, Mission and Baby Bands presented bright and helpful reports. Presbyterial secretaries spoke a few words relative to their department. Mrs. E. P. Lunn, Oakville, and Mrs. S. Logan, Rock Chapel reported the Conference Branch Meeting at Niagara Falls, to which they were delegates. Mrs. E. Watson, Branch Temperance Secretary, gave a special talk at the western meeting.

Miss Evelyn Mitchell, travelling secretary for the Dominion Board, was the special speaker at both meetings. The evangelistic, medical, temperance and educational work was touched upon, illustrated with stories gathered from her travels across the continent. Service and loyalty to our Heavenly King was the theme of her talk. Miss Mitchell emphasized the work among the children and the necessity of giving more knowledge of missionaries through reading. "Open Forums" were also held by Miss Mitchell, a large number of questions submitted for her advice receiving helpful answers.

Mountain Union Women's Institute

(Crowded out last week)
The May meeting of the Mt. Union W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. R. Stevenson on Wednesday, May 17th, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting opened with singing of the Institute Ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The minutes of the annual meeting of May, 1936, were read, followed by the minutes of the March (1937) meeting. The treasurer's report for the month was then given and showed a substantial balance on hand for the new year just beginning. The correspondence was then read and it was decided to send our yearly donation to the convention area. A letter was read from H. Tom's Agricultural Representative, Mr. Whitehead, in which he asked for our opinion in connection with a three months' short course in Agriculture and Home Economics, to be held in Milton at a later date. This the members agree to support.

It was decided to send a 30 dozen crate of eggs, if possible, to the Victor Home as usual. The co-operative programme was discussed at some length and finally decided in favor of local production. The treasurer's report for the year was read, which was very gratifying and encouraging.

Mrs. H. A. Cartwright gave a very full and complete report of the Musical Festival, which report helps to keep us in close touch with one of our worthy enterprises. It was also decided to subscribe for the Health Magazine for the year 1937-38.

Mrs. H. Agnew, our retiring president, read a poem entitled, "The Builders," after which she thanked the members for their help and co-operation in the work. Mrs. Geo. Agnew, our District President, was then asked to take the chair for the election of officers, when the following were elected for 1937-38: Hon. Pres. Mrs. H. Agnew; President, Mrs. W. Dales; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Geo. Dice; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. Gastle; Sec. Treas., Mrs. R. Coulter; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Gazley; District Director, Mrs. Whitehead; Branch Directors, Mesdames G. Agnew, C. Lash, A. Coulter; Pianists, Miss M. Lash, Mrs. L. Gouliard; Press Reporter, Mrs. R. Ellenton; Auditors, Mrs. H. Cartwright, Mrs. McDowell; Representatives to District Annual, Mesdames Dales, Whitehead, Hadley, Clements and Dice; Representative to Musical Festival, Mrs. H. A. Cartwright; Conveners—Finance, Mrs. R. Stevenson; Flowers, Mrs. A. Colling; Programme, Mrs. Geo. Dice; Educational, Mrs. T. Galbraith; Relief and Community Activities, Mrs. J. Marshall; Home Economics, Miss M. Lash; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Gazley; Peace, Education and International Relationship, Mrs. P. Lamb; Legislation, Mrs. L. Gouliard; Canadianization, Mrs. Whitehead; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. McCreedy; Health and Child Culture, Mrs. R. Ellenton.

It was decided that at our June meeting we extend an invitation to Nelson Branch to be our guests at Mrs. G. Gastle's. This brought our meeting to a close and all joined in singing the National Anthem.

ANCIENT BONES UNCOVERED

Human bones were thrown

Lightning Takes Course Like River Shown on Map

The ancient Greeks believed that lightning consisted of heavy spear-like projectiles which had been heated white-hot and cast at offending mortals and objects, with none too accurate aim, by their head god Zeus.

The primitive Germans attributed lightning to bolts thrown by a malicious god named Loki while the dull-witted war god, Thor, pounded on the sky with a hammer to make thunder. In fact, writes Dr. Thomas M. Beck in the Chicago Tribune, almost all primitive peoples believed lightning was a sort of material missile hurled by a vindictive god. This theory died out in Europe with the rise of Christianity, since it was difficult to reconcile the idea of lightning as a manifestation of divine wrath with the observation that it seemed to strike such steeples more often than anything else.

Still we should not smile too much at the mistaken beliefs of the long-dead Greeks and Germans. We are not very well informed on it ourselves. The average man knows that it consists of electricity, that it zigzags in Z-shaped straight lines, and that it never strikes twice in the same place. Armed with this knowledge, he is two-thirds wrong. Lightning is certainly a discharge of static electricity, as Benjamin Franklin showed many years ago.

But there is nothing all straight about a bolt of lightning, although apparently this fact was not known until lightning was actually photographed. Actually it follows a meandering course like that of a river as shown on a map.

This figure is correct in other respects than appearance. For lightning is actually a river of electricity. Just as water flows in the course of least resistance in flowing from a high altitude to a low, so does electricity move from a high to a low voltage.

Citric Acid

Citric acid is a crystalline solid found dissolved in lemon juice, where it is responsible for the sour taste. In addition to a number of lesser technical uses the acid itself is used to flavor prepared foods and beverages, while its calcium salt is extensively used in the cheese industry. It has been known for a long time that varieties of a common mold, *Aspergillus niger*, produce citric acid when they act on sugar solutions, and in recent years this process has been applied to the large-scale production of the acid. A large part of the citric acid of commerce comes from these fungi rather than from lemons.

The Thyroid Gland

Most laymen can claim a speaking acquaintance with the thyroid gland, probably the best known gland of internal secretion. Its enlargement produces the familiar goiter, states a writer in Literary Digest. The thyroid sits astride the neck, above the windpipe, pours a hormone (exciter) into the blood which regulates the body's energy production. Sometimes embedded in the twin maroon lobes of the thyroid, sometimes just behind the thyroid on the windpipe, are the parathyroid glands, four in number, the size of rice grains. Early anatomists overlooked them entirely or assumed them to be part of the mighty thyroid.

Celiba, Cuba's Peace Tree

The celibas do not grow as tall in Cuba as in the Bahamas but they grow more prolifically. They are celibas in every direction, Havana's tree marking the spot where Cuba's first mass was said in a celiba. Its peace tree is a celiba. In Yucatan, the celiba is both loved and feared. One of the pet hobgoblins of the Maya is the x-tabai, which appears in the form of a beautiful young woman in a fine huipil, and with long hair. She induces a young man to follow her into the bush and there chokes him to death. The x-tabai is identified with the celiba tree. It is her home.

Use Inside of Tree as Hall

Natives in Senegambia, French West Africa, use the inside of a large baobab tree as a council house, and statues are carved in the trunk to the entrance.

Hon. Duncan Marshall

Addresses Halton Breeders

At a recent meeting of Halton Short-horn Breeders, held in Milton, the club was re-organized after being dormant for some seven or eight years. The following officers were elected: President, Grant Campbell, Moffat; vice-president, Gordon Breckon, Brockton; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Whitehead, Milton; directors, Equester Nelson Robinson and Mac Alexander; Nassagaweya, T. A. Amos and Lloyd Chisholm; Nelson, Tom Wilson and Chas. Readhead; Trafalgar, W. W. Thompson and Joseph H. Wilmet.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for Ontario, addressed the meeting in his inimitable style. Mr. Marshall stated that Short-horn cattle are increasing faster in Great Britain than any other breed, and furthermore, that the Short-horn breed had done more to help agriculture in Britain and Canada than any other class of livestock. He also announced that

Halton Calf Clubs Elect Officers

At a largely attended meeting held in Milton on Friday evening last, Halton's calf club program for 1937 was launched. Approximately 50 club members were present to receive instructions on the project, which was explained by J. E. Whitehead of the department of agriculture office in Milton. There are to be two clubs, one confined to Holsteins, and the second to Jerseys, Guernseys, Shorthorns, Herefords and Angus. The latter club will be divided into two sections, namely dairy and beef. Both clubs are being sponsored by the County of Halton Agricultural society, with the Federal and Ontario departments of agriculture, the Halton Holstein Breeders, Halton and Peel Jersey breeders, and the Halton Shorthorn breeders, as well as the Halton Agricultural society contributing to the prize money. Altogether the prize money offered will total upwards of \$175. At the meeting referred to, address on feeding and management of Holstein, Jersey and beef cattle were given by Addison Woodley, Gerald Graham and Lloyd Chisholm, respectively. If the attendance and interest at last Friday evening's meeting is any criterion, Halton Calf club members are going to enjoy the best year in the history of the movement. The election of officers resulted as follows: Milton Holstein Calf Club—President, Craig Reid; vice-president, Jack Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, Archie Gates; club leader, Addison Woodley. Halton Jersey, Guernsey, Beef club—President, Geo. Henderson; vice-president, Geo. Breckon; secretary-treasurer, Lloyd Fisher; club leader, dairy section, Gerald Graham; beef section, Lloyd Chisholm.

Cattle Owners Urged To Get After Warbles

Halton cattle owners are being urged to get after the warble grubs in their cattle. Powder was supplied by the township council and distributed to the keymen over the county the latter part of March. According to J. E. Whitehead, agricultural representative for Halton, it is surprising how many herds there are over the county that have a few grub showing up, particularly in the young cattle. Mr. Whitehead states it is essential that these be looked after, otherwise the good work of the past two years will be more or less wasted. It is hoped, therefore, that all cattle owners will co-operate in completing a good job that has been well started. We would therefore urge our rural readers to check up on their cattle at once. Don't forget, one grub that escapes now may have 300 children next year!

Trees Distributed to Rural Schools

During the past few days approximately 3,500 trees have been distributed to all rural schools in the county by Inspector J. M. Denyes and Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead. With the co-operation of the teachers, each pupil will receive two trees, one of which is a Norway spruce and the other an elm. These will be planted around the homes of the pupils and are being designated as coronation trees. The trees were supplied by the Ontario forestry branch. We understand that in all public schools of the county one or more lessons have been taught on conservation and tree planting, the entire project being sponsored by the conservation committee of the Halton county council.

To Continue Ontario Cost of Milk Survey

The Ontario Cost of Milk Production project is to be carried on for another year. This decision was reached in Toronto recently by the joint cost committee composed of representatives of the organized milk producers of Ontario, the economics branch, Dominion department of agriculture, Ottawa, and the Ontario Agricultural college, Guelph. More than 1600 milk producers are presently registered in the project for the year ending June 30th, 1937. These dairymen are keeping a record of their business and at the end of the year the books will be sent to Ottawa for analysis. Complete reports based on the record will then be prepared and mailed to each co-operator.

This study is the largest of its kind ever conducted in Canada and is being carried out so that dairymen may gain a definite idea of the cost of producing milk. The data will undoubtedly be very helpful to all concerned.

KILBRIDE

(Crowded out last week)

The monthly meeting of the Junior Institute and Junior Farmers was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson. There was a large attendance and several new members were again added to the list. The programs at both meetings were very instructive and interesting. Miss Jean Snyder presided at the girls' meeting and also gave a splendid talk on salt mines and the importance of salt in our every-day life. The roll call was answered by the name of a favorite flower. The topic and discussion on the planting of shrubs and seeds, and outdoor beautification was presented by Thelma Arton. Ruth Robertson was appointed as captain for the softball team to arrange for a game at the July picnic. The vice-president, Arnold Coulson, occupied the chair at the Junior Farmers' meeting. The roll call was answered by naming a Federal or Ontario minister and the portfolio he administers. Lyle Dales spoke on plows and plowing, and Claude Inglis took up the subject of the care and management of the farm poultry flock. Arnold Coulson was

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