



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

Halton Milk Producer Executive Meets

One of the best attended meetings of District No. 12 which we ever had the privilege of attending was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hunter, Norval, on Wednesday evening of last week. The 20 directors in attendance represented not only all sections of Halton but also the township of Erin and North West-worth. President W. R. Royle and Secretary John M. Bird were in charge of the excellent program which included addresses from Wm. Hoyles, president of both the Toronto Milk Producers' Association and the Ontario Whole Milk Producers' League; and William Wilmut, Secretary-Manager of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association.

Bulk Haulage

Both Messrs. Hoyles and Wilmut dealt at some length on the "Bulk Haulage Plan", which threatens to invade the district. While Bulk Haulage may mark another progressive step in Agriculture, we cannot help but wonder if we are ready for it in this area. From the discussion which ensued it would seem that only shippers who produce six cans or more milk per day could afford to stay in business. According to Wm. Hoyles who has investigated "Bulk Haulage" as it operates in Oshawa and Kitchener in Ontario, as well as in several large centres across the line, "Bulk Haulage" adds to the farmer's cost of production. Irrespective of what type of refrigeration a producer may have at present this, stated Mr. Hoyles, would have to be replaced by a special vat costing in the neighborhood of \$2100. We also understood such vats would require a milk house, at least 12x6 inside. Other factors mentioned, included the thought that the special tank truck would require a lane which would support a 16 ton truck.

Cannot Stay Wheels of Progress

While we should be one of the last to condemn "Progress" in Agriculture, nevertheless we can't help but wonder if this proposed plan is not a bit premature. We can conceive where some producers would welcome "Bulk Haulage." Why? Because it would temporarily at least, result in larger quotas for those who remain as whole milk shippers. The chaps we are concerned about are the younger operators—the veterans of the last war, who due to lack of working capital have not as yet, been able to get better than perhaps a three or four can quota—give them time and a goodly percentage of these young men will eventually land in the 6 to 10 can class.

Perhaps that is a poor argument against what may be termed "Progress". Be that as it may, we would like to be sure that the equipment required will stand up under the rigours of our Ontario climate. The fact that it has proven satisfactory in Maryland, does not necessarily mean that the same type of equipment will operate satisfactorily here under our weather conditions. In any event we would like to see the "Bulk Haulage" idea tried out elsewhere before it is forced on the milk producers in Halton. As we mentioned earlier, it may be just another spoke in the wheel of progress—but as we see it at the moment, it can only increase the difficulty with which young men with limited capital can make a start in operating a farm in this County.

Hog Producers Visit Packer Plant

Sixty Halton producers with president Clayton May in charge, spent a profitable five and a half hours at Canada Packers plant in Toronto on Friday last. The group had the opportunity of discussing classes and groups of live hogs, and later of seeing the same hogs on the rail. They also had the opportunity of following the hogs through the various steps on the killing floor, etc.

Last, but not least, the cutting demonstration of two sides — one from an A carcass, and the other from a B or C carcass—both cut into the four main domestic cuts. Now we realize why the A carcass is worth more to the trade than the over-finished carcass.

In brief, the 70.25 pound side from an A hog yielded 63 lb. of saleable meat, against 59.45 lbs. of saleable meat from the 70.75 pound side from the over finished carcass. The moral of the demonstration as we saw it, is "Why put over finish on our hogs?" — fat which at wholesale prices is only worth from 8 to 11 cents per pound — fat which decreases the quality and resulting value of the domestic cuts over the local butcher shop counter!

Self-Feeding of Pigs Practical

Two beliefs held by some hog breeders were recently dispelled when W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner and Chairman of the Advanced Registry Test Station Board, reported that tests conducted at the Waterloo Pig Testing Station last year showed that self-feeding of pigs did not necessarily result in over-fat carcasses and that feed consumption per pound of gain was, if anything, somewhat lower than by hand feeding.

Marketed Earlier

It was also revealed that not only had tests brought out these two important facts, but in addition, pigs fed by the self-feeder method had been marketed one month earlier than those fed by hand in 1952.

"A ration containing about 16 per cent. protein is fed until the pigs average 100 lbs.—then the ration is changed to one containing about 14% protein," stated Mr. Watson. "Although self feeding has been condemned on the grounds that it

tends to produce pigs carrying too much fat, such criticism is scarcely justified on the basis of the 1953 results at the Pig Testing Station. As a matter of fact 444 or 69.7% of the 638 pigs that completed the test qualified for A grade. During that same period, only 32.2% of Ontario's marketed hogs were classified in a top grade.

Our readers will also be interested to learn that at the test station under the self feeding method, one pound of gain was produced with 3.5 pounds of feed — this marks the highest rate of feed efficiency obtained in any year since the station was established.

Despite the fact that Ontario's pure bred pigs made a very creditable showing when subjected to the A.R. test, two weaknesses were exposed upon analysis of the carcasses," stated Mr. Watson. The two factors were length and back fat. Since these characteristics are inherited breeders should select additions to their herds from strains that have high scores for length and back fat.

Plan Metalcraft Classes For Guild

Hornby's St. Stephen's Church Guild activities for the month of March have included three regular meetings, the hostesses being Mrs. Howard Bradley, Mrs. William Bradley and Mrs. John Bussell. At each meeting a number of articles for the annual bazaar, have been handed in and materials distributed. A refreshment booth was held at a local sale and proved to be a very successful effort.

The president offered to pass on her knowledge gained in recent metalcraft classes and the members were delighted to accept her offer. Materials have been purchased and a start will be made in April.

The need for kindergarten chairs and a table for the Sunday school was discussed and a committee appointed to look into the cost.

Plans are also being made for a tea and baking sale in the near future when it is expected Miss June Dennis, whose voice is well known on the radio, will be the guest speaker.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

Of Grade Durham Cattle, Hay, Grain, Horses, Farm Implements, and Furniture modern and antique, etc.

The undersigned have received instructions from the Executrix of the Estate of the

LATE STEPHEN HAGYARD

To sell by public auction, his late farm, lot 9, con. 3, Township of Esquesing, 4 miles north of Milton, on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14th

At 12 o'clock, the following:

HORSES—2 Clyde mares, aged, 1 Clyde gelding aged, about 1800 lbs.; 2 sets of heavy double harness; set of single driving harness; odd collars, bridles, halters, bells, blankets, etc.

DURHAM COWS AND YOUNG CATTLE—12 Durham cows, due in June and July; 1 Durham cow, due time of sale; these are well bred second and third calf cows; 4 Durham heifers, 2½ years old, bred in Aug. and Sept.; 8 Durham steers, 8 mos. old; 2 Durham steers, 8 mos. old.

REGISTERED Red Durham bull, 3 yrs. old, Ransom breeding.

HAY, GRAIN, STRAW—15 ton of mixed hay; 5 ton of cut straw; 300 bus. oats; 10 bus. wheat; 2 bus. Timothy seed.

IMPLEMENTS, ETC.—M. H. grain binder, 6 ft.; Int. side rake, 8 ft.; M.H. loader, drop head; F. and W. mower, 5 ft.; rubber tire farm wagon; sloop sleighs; flat hay rack; low truck farm wagon; M.H. 13-disc grain drill with fertilizer attachment; Deering manure spreader; dump rake; Int. land packer, 8 ft.; inthrow disc; 2 sets of harrows; spring tooth cultivator; walking plow; 2 riding plows, 2-furrow; scuffler, steel circular saw and frame; Wood's electric grain grinder; cream separator; ditching plow; root pulper; fence stretcher; rotary power pump; post hole auger and mattress; cutter; buggy; light wagon; fanning mill; scales; bag truck; forks, shovels, chains and other numerous small articles.

FURNITURE—Chesterfield; book case; 2 secretaries; side table; gate-leg table to seat 8; fireplace base; lawn screen; and irons; electric floor and table lamps; large dining room suite, complete; tea wagon; 9 odd dining room chairs; 2 large Axminster rugs; 6 small rugs; odd dining room table; wall mirrors; several easy chairs; odd buffet; serving stand; 2 upholstered arm chairs; stair carpet and scatter rugs to match; linoleum rug; Quebec heater; cook stove; 2 spool beds, springs and mattresses; 2 large wardrobes; night tables; full size mahogany bed, springs and mattress; 5 odd beds, springs and mattresses; odd dressers; odd wash stands; invalid chair; single bed, mattress and springs; antique bed, spring and mattress; rope bed; 2 new spring mattresses; feather pillows; bedspreads; quilts; dresser covers; 2 8-day clocks; fire extinguisher; sugar kettle; lawn chairs and tables; lawn bench; iron stove, pot and Dutch oven; kitchen stool; griddle irons; radio record player unit, attachable to radio with 50 records; pictures; odd table; odd chairs; wastepaper baskets; lawn mowers; fruit jars; jacket heater; quantity of stove wood; quantity of dishes; some glassware; silver knives, forks and spoons; curtains; cooking utensils and numerous other small household effects.

Sale of furniture at 2 o'clock. TERMS: Cash settlement with clerk day of sale. No reserve. Scotch Block W. I. refreshment booth.

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Editor Groups Communities

Bignall Jones, editor of The Warren Record, Warrenton, N.C., in a recent editorial typed the people of his community in relation to how they stand on community improvement and progress. Editor Jones' editorial was remarkable in that his classifications can be applied to so many home towns. Here is what he had to say:

"There are people living in Warrenton who love the neighborliness and the friendliness of the small town and are reluctant to see any changes that might destroy the atmosphere of a delightful place in which to live. These people actually do not want to see the town grow. They like it as it is. While we can not say that we sympathize with these people, we do have an appreciative understanding of their point of view.

"There are other people here who would like to see the town grow provided it does not cost them anything. Their first reaction to anything that tends to develop the town is to consider the immediate effect on their pocketbook . . .

"There is still another group, here, a growing group, that has pride in the town and realizes that it cannot stand still, that it will either go forward or backward. Among this group are citizens who have a pride in their businesses, who want to see them grow, and realize that they can only grow through the growth of their town . . .

"And finally, there is another group, a very small one, which is like the shipwrecked Irishman who was washed up in an unconscious condition on the shore of an island. Regaining consciousness, he peered into the faces of the natives who had gathered around and asked, "Do you have a government?" Told they did, he said, "Well, I am agin it!"

FORUM RALLIES, LEADERSHIP FORUMS, FOLK SCHOOL BOOST EDUCATION

Halton county farm forum committee met in the Farmers' Building, March 31, with S. Turner, chairman, presiding. After the routine business, the provincial annual meeting of farm forums in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on April 7 was announced.

Miss Eleanor Saracuse, Waterford, Director of Ontario Folk Schools was introduced and gave a thought provoking address on "Adult Education". She related one of her recent experiences at a county farm forum rally in Simcoe County where people of various nationalities were entertained at supper.

Later all shared in a discussion program, taking as their topic, "The privilege of being a good Canadian". In this way each person was given ample opportunity to voice his or her opinion, and the exchange of ideas was most impressive. The great need of responsibility in our various organizations, she said.

New Leadership Program

During the past year a new program in leadership forums has been organized. This is accomplished by calling together representatives from the various county organizations to sit at a round table conference discussing the needs of the community and co-ordinating

the ideas into a one or two-day program. Last year 10 leadership forums were held across the province, and next year more are expected.

She spoke of the successful folk school held recently in Halton County at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Alexander, where she and seven students spent a profitable four days. The cheerful atmosphere of the home, the co-operation of students in assisting with the household duties, where many important problems were solved over the kitchen sink, all added to the success of the school, Miss Saracuse declared.

The program on the chosen theme, "Know Halton", involved local leaders leading discussion, and students as well as visitors joining. She commended the local forums for the financial assistance they had so generously rendered, and the hospitality at Norval Hall for their community night. The co-operation of groups all adds to the success of adult education, she stated.

There are also farm forums, leadership forums and folk schools which play an important part in adult education, which is essential to enriched living.

Folk School Report

Mrs. R. Coulter, in reporting for folk school development in Halton County, voiced her appreciation for the co-operation contributed by the forums in this work. She spoke of the recent Folk School Council meeting at Cherry Hill Farm which met with the farm forum officers in an effort to plan some means of co-ordination of ideas between the two groups along the lines of education.

A very informative panel discussion group, chaired by Rev. Douglas Brydon, Ripley, gave much food for thought.

A brief secretary's report on the season's forum activities in the county included bright hopes for the future. A vote of appreciation exercised by the past Federation of Agriculture Secretary, R. S. Heatherington, in the organization and promotion of Farm Forums in Halton County, was voiced. The secretary was asked to convey these words to him by letter.

Plans for summer activities on a county basis was discussed and various ideas were expressed. The planning details were left with the executive of the county committee. The county secretary, after five years' service, expressed a wish to be replaced before the fall season of farm forum re-opens.

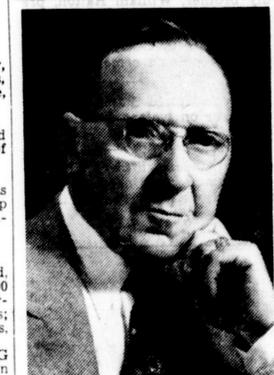
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