



**V. E. McArthur Re-elected President of Halton Plowmen**

Alex McKinney Jr., prominent Chinguacousy Township farmer, was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association on Thursday evening of last week. A goodly crowd of interested plowing enthusiasts greeted Mr. McKinney in the Farmers' Bldg., Milton, to hear some of the highlights of his trip earlier in the year to Great Britain, Holland, Denmark, and Germany. Mr. McKinney was appointed by the Ontario Plowmen's Association to accompany Jim Eccles, of Brampton, the 1949 Ezzo Champion Tractor Plowman, and Ron Marquis of Ontario County, the 1949 Salada Tea Champion on their trip overseas. President Vern McArthur presided over the excellent programme, the highlight of which was Mr. McKinney's most interesting illustrated address.

Mr. McKinney who was introduced by Stanley L. Hall, M.P.P., a fellow director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, paid tribute to the Halton association for conducting one of the top County Matches in the Province.

The election of the directorate for 1951 resulted as follows: president, V. E. McArthur; 1st vice pres., Harold Pickett; 2nd vice pres., J. Spencer Wilson; sec. treas., J. E. Whitlock.

Directors—Esquing, Roy Currie, J. C. Cunningham, Clebert McDowell, Lloyd Fisher, Trafalgar, Jack Marchmont, J. C. Marshall, Leonard Lister, Frank Hall Nelson, J. H. Taylor, Geo. Readhead, Roy Ellenton, Ross Segsworth, Nassagaweya J. E. Ellenton, Jack McPhain Hugh Warmington.

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Halton Delighted with Milton Night School  
It is most gratifying to chairman

A. T. Woodley and the members of his committee responsible for the organization of the Night School at Milton, to find that in general, the 300 in attendance are highly delighted with the instruction to date. During the past week wherever we encountered men or women attending some one of the ten courses, they have gone out of their way to tell us how much they are enjoying their respective courses. Quite a number of them intimated that they feel they already have had the value of their enrolment fee.

The Night School closed for the holiday season on Tuesday evening last. All courses will re-open on Tuesday, January 9th.

**Dairy Breeders Make Plans for Annual Meetings**

Recently the directorates of the Halton Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey Breeders met to complete plans for their respective breed annual meetings. First in line comes the Guernsey breeders who on January 9th will hold a dinner meeting in the Orange Hall at Hornby, when their speaker will be the Rev. Rolles of Hamilton. The Black and White enthusiasts meet the following day, at the Trafalgar Township Hall, when C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is to be the guest speaker. Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, recently appointed president of the Ontario Agricultural College, will be the guest speaker for the Jersey Breeders when they meet on Friday, January 19th. In all cases the breed organizations will entertain their respective calf club members.

**Dr. H. L. Patterson to address Halton Crop and Soils Men**

The annual meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, with few exceptions, always attracts a record crowd. As announced elsewhere in these columns the Crop and Soils men meet this year on Friday, January 5th, in the Court House, Milton, when Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture in Toronto, will be the guest speaker. His subject, namely "Importance of Cropping Practices in Dairy Herd Improvement" will be of particular interest to all Halton dairymen. Others who will contribute brief reports to the afternoon programme include the following: Messrs. Edwin Harrop and

L. L. Skuce, on their impressions of the Blubaugh and Malabar Farms and the Muskingum Conservancy District in Ohio State, and Ross Segsworth, Brock Harris, V. E. McArthur, and Geo. Currie.

**West Halton Herd Averages Released**

In May of 1948, fifty-two dairymen in Halton owning grade herds or mixed herds of grades and pure bred entered their herds under Dairy Herd Improvement Work. Under this plan a supervisor visits each herd once a month at which time the milk of each cow is weighed for two milkings and a composite sample of each cow's milk is tested for butterfat. The herd averages for the West Halton Group, supervised by Geo. R. McCormack, of Freeman, were recently released. The average of all herds in this group for the twelve month period was 8452.7 lbs. of milk and 331.3 lbs. butterfat. The top milk herd had an average of 11,374 lbs. milk with four other herds averaging over 10,000 lbs. milk. However, taking into consideration butterfat production, the average of the two high herds was 8950.7 lbs. milk and 421.8 lbs. of butterfat. In contrast to this the average of the two lowest herds was 6475.3 lbs. of milk and 251.5 lbs. butterfat, or a difference in average production of 2475.4 lbs. of milk and 1703 lbs. of butterfat. The cost data for the various herds in this group has not yet been released but as in the case of groups in other counties, will be of real value and interest.

**British Fashions For Canadian Men**

United Kingdom cloth designers are giving a lead to greater brightness in men's suitings. One of the latest ideas is to weave highly coloured threads in with the quieter tones, so that they peep through and give a bloom of colour to the whole fabric without dominating it. According to the style of weave, these colours may come out as flecked effects, or the minutest of checks or as a coloured eye in a birdseye-pattern.

Often, in the finest worsteds, it is impossible to pick out the colour threads with the naked eye. But they are there and they leaven the whole. Multi-coloured fleck effects are also being promoted in fine cheviot twist sports trouserings. These take a lead from the colourful Donegal tweed but are very much lighter in weight and more closely woven than that sporting homespun.

Less restricted to the subtle approach are designers styling cloths for the sunshine markets. Bright saxe blue, Burgundy red, golden maize and a burnt straw tone are in one new range of gabardines, woven to give a diagonal cord effect and finished with a decided shine or lustre on the surface which the makers call "iridescent." Fancy cord-weave worsteds, with the up-and-down rib like riding cloths, are also being promoted for leisure wear.

**Christmas Dinner For Newspapermen**

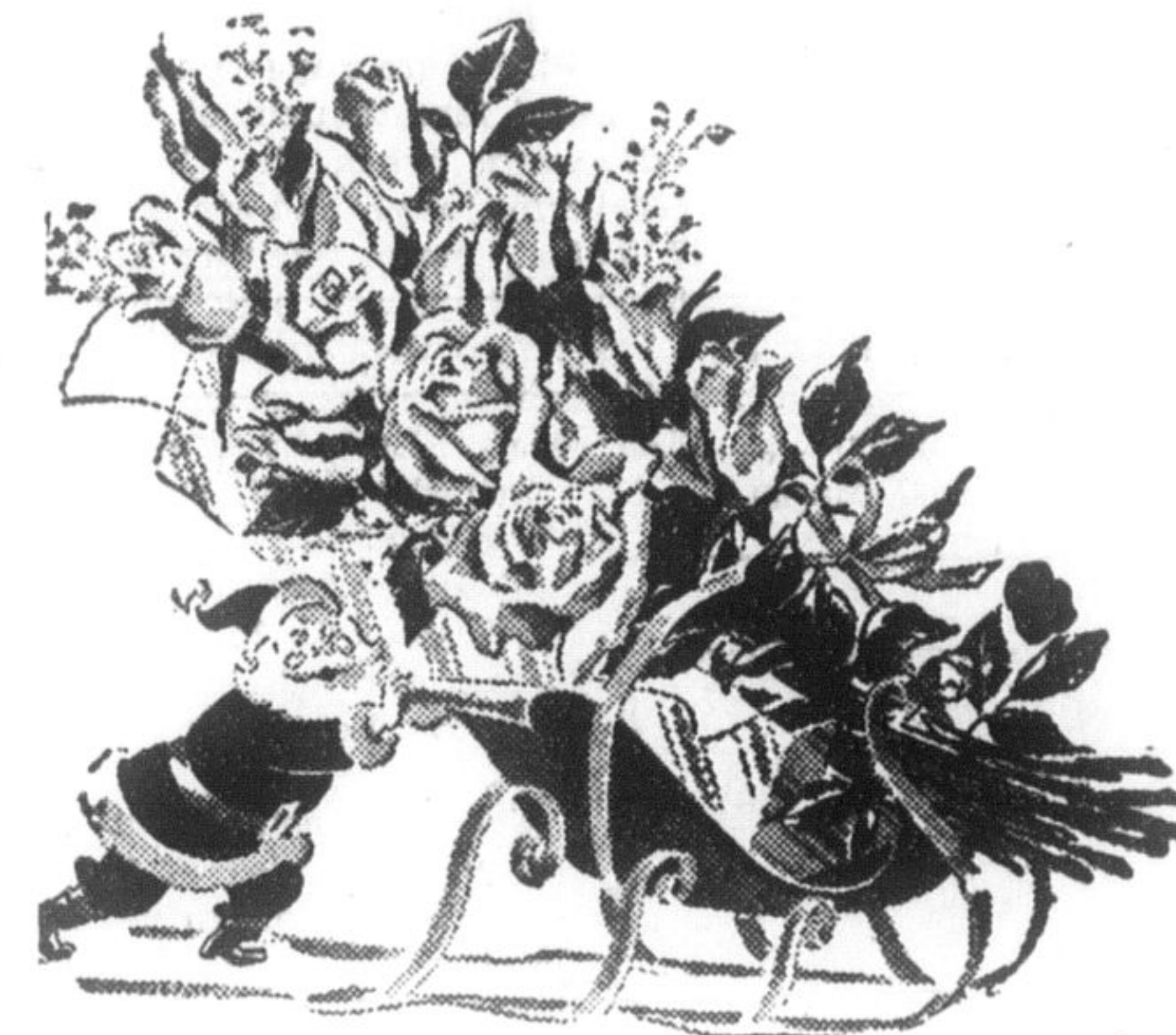
A Christmas story that is a favourite with newspapermen is this one. It deals with the editor who found himself working on the edition for the following morning. Summoning one of his reporters he said:

"Evans, get me a good story on how people spend Christmas. A real sentimental story on what the less fortunate are having for Christmas dinner. Go down to the mission and see what the poor old men are getting to eat. Then drop around to

the orphanage and ask if the little tykes are getting any turkey. "After that try the YMCA hostel. I'll bet they don't get turkey and cranberry sauce. Yeah, you might look in at the Old People's Home and do a bit on their dinner too. "That's all, but make it good. Make our readers glad they are fortunate enough to have Christmas turkey at home. And Evans, on your way back drop in at Mike's and get me a ham sandwich and a pot of black coffee."—The Printed Word.

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