



Halton Agricultural Society Plans for Expansion

A meeting of officers, directors and members of the Halton Agricultural Society was held in the Court House, Milton, on Thursday afternoon last. The meeting gave approval for the purchase of additional land required to provide parking facilities and with a view to eventually moving the present race track. In this connection the Halton Society has made an offer to purchase between five and six acres of land which adjoins the present property directly to the south. The meeting also expressed approval for the erection of a hall approximately 120 ft. in length. It is anticipated that the hall will be erected in 1951 in time for the annual Milton Fair on September 28 and 29. The hundredth anniversary of the Halton Society is to be celebrated in 1952 and committees are already at work in connection with various features for the event.

Halton D.H.I.A. Groups Meet

"The two Halton groups have the lowest average cost of production for milk of any of the groups on which we have figured," stated Dr. H. L. Patterson, of the Farm Economics Branch, when addressing the members of the Halton D.H.I.A. groups on Tuesday afternoon of last week. This came as a pleasant surprise to many, since the figures for the Halton groups do not, in the opinion of many, leave much margin of profit. It may be recalled that for the year ending April 30, 1950, the average cost of producing milk in the West Halton group was \$3.71 per cwt. and in the East Halton group the average figure was \$3.33. These figures include interest on investment, depreciation, and cost of labour. It was of interest to learn that in the East Halton group the cost of feed represented 48 per cent of the total cost; labour 26 per cent; overhead 13 per cent; and other costs 13 per cent.

Cliff Morrow of the Ontario Live Stock Branch reported 44 associations now organized in the Province, which represents nearly 20,000 cows under test under D.H.I.A. The average production in butter fat for the first year's operation was 282 lbs. butter fat per cow. In the United States for the year 1947, 775,000 cows were under similar work and the average production was 348 lbs. B.F. However, when D.H.I.A. work was initiated in U.S. the average production in butter fat per cow for their first year was 215 lbs. This indicates the possibilities of D.H.I.A. and as pointed out by Edwin Harrop, who extended the appreciation of the meeting to Messrs. Patterson and Morrow, "Five years under D.H.I.A. will result in a tremendous improvement both from the standpoint of production and in the lowering of costs."

1951 Club Program Announced for Halton

Applications for the 1951 Boys' and Girls' Club program in Halton are now rolling into the Agricultural Office in Milton. Projects to be undertaken this year include dairy calf, with separate sections for Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernseys, and Ayrshires; Baby Beeves; Grain; Swine; and Tractor maintenance. In addition a number of Girls' Garden Brigades will be organized in various communities of the County. This program is open to all rural young people 12 to 20 years inclusive.

Further details concerning these projects can be secured from the Agricultural Office in Milton. It is also reported that the Kingsway Kiwanis Club of West Toronto will again be offering a championship prize at a week's Short Course at the O.A.C., in each of the above projects.

Halton Farmer Producing Quality Pigs

It was recently announced that Cedric Harrop, Esquering Township, Halton co-operator in the Cost of Hog Production Project, had an average of 82 per cent Grade A's during the past year. This is an outstanding achievement at any time. It is even more noteworthy when one realizes that Mr. Harrop markets well over 100 market hogs annually. The percentage of "Grade A" hogs marketed by Halton producers in 1950 was 42.3 per cent. Incidentally, Halton was the second high county for grade 'A' hogs in the province last year. The average percentage of grade 'A' hogs for Ontario last year was 37.2, and the average for Canada 32.2 per cent.

It may also be of interest to learn that Canada's bacon exports in 1950 were the lowest for any year in the past decade. 42.5 per cent of the hogs produced in Canada originated in the province of

Ontario and Ontario's production exceeded that of the four Western provinces by 483,730 head.

Milton Juniors Elect New Officers

Milton Junior Farmers held their annual meeting at the home of Geo. and Vi Clements, on Wednesday evening last. The writer was privileged to be present and was more than impressed by the fine group of young men and women in attendance and also by the general efficiency with which they conducted their respective meetings. Evelyn Course, who was president of the Junior Institute, and president Jack Marchmont, of the Junior Farmers, are to be congratulated on the healthy state of their respective organizations and the number of activities participated in during the past year. Mrs. M. J. Brown, president of the Halton District W.I., spoke briefly to the Junior Institute and also took charge of the election of officers. The girls' program also included an excellent demonstration on Rug Making by Marjorie and Margaret McCready Agric Representative J. E. Whitlock addressed the joint meeting, giving some of the highlights of the Bus Trip to Ohio by fifty-one Halton farmers last June.

The election of officers for 1951 resulted as follows:
Junior Institute — Pres. Inez Chapman; Vice Pres. Hazel Finnie; Sec. Treas. Christina Marshall; District Director. Vera May; Pianist, Wilma Sinclair.

Junior Farmers—President, Wm. Brain; Vice Pres. Colin Marshall; Sec. Treas. Dick Course; Directors, John Stark, John Pickett, Bruce Bawden, and Stuart McFadden.

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Gala Opening

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Calm Weatherman

Ern Batkin, who writes a weather report to the Georgetown Herald each week, is having a varied season to say the least. Although one might expect to find the confusion in our minds caused by the complete instability of recent weather reflected in his column, he is quite calm in the face of rain, snow, sleet, wind and all. In fact, he said last week that the temperatures of the week before are almost the same as he recorded for 1950 with the exception of one day. "Anything can happen yet," he writes stoically, "as it is a month until the first day of spring."

Pay Boosts

The Georgetown Herald reported last week that pay raises for all town employees were authorized at a special meeting of council. To quote the Herald, "The four town men who work a 48-hour week received an increase of 8c an hour and will now be paid at the rate of \$1.03 an hour. All salaried employees received a 7 per cent increase. The town clerk and foreman will now be paid \$2,808 yearly, the assessor \$2,471 and office clerk \$1,391."

DEHYDRATION RESEARCH

Britain estimates that she imports three million tons of water with her foodstuffs every year. Scientists claim that dehydration could reduce the gross weight by 80 per cent, and urge continued research into dehydration techniques in the United Kingdom.

British scientists are now designing engines for ships that will be driven by atomic energy. World journalists were recently shown at Britain's Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell near Oxford, models and diagrams that indicate the lines on which they are working. Director Sir John Cockcroft said that it may be possible to drive ships and submarines by nuclear power within less than 10 years.

NEW NEON SIGNS

A new British invention — the "Neogram"—makes neon signs interchangeable. It consists of a metal display case enclosing a ferromagnetic plate to which individual letters and characters can be attached in any desired position, by means of small magnets. The sign is self-contained and has only to be plugged in.

Wolf Hunt

One Saturday last month Eddie McLean and his son Ronnie of Georgetown, when hunting with their dog between Georgetown and Norval, got one wolf and practice shots at another. The father got the wolf with one single shot which hit the spine. But before the wolf was killed, young hunter Ronnie, who was a little behind his father, had seen the same animal turn to face their dog, snarling. Young Ronnie shot too, and scared off the wolf. Now his ambition is to be old enough to have a license and a heavy gun. All Ronnie had when he shot at the wolf was a bee gun.

In Its "Grippe"

Getting the best of the county this week is an army of sneaky little flu bugs. They have just staged a most successful invasion from Great Britain and are overrunning the whole country simultaneously despite preventative efforts. Civil defense organizations prove not much help to children, housewives and workers who take a chance each time they breathe of having one of these minute little atom bombs explode in their heads with accompanying chills and fever. The old-fashioned "grippe" has attained such predominance in conversation that it ranks equal with the weather and the condition of the roads these days.

Main St. Suckers

Still chuckling, the editor of the Erin Advocate retells the story in the last issue of a joke played on the reeve there one other year when there were big puddles on the Main street. "Some of the lads, a few of whom were fathers, caught a painful of chubs and suckers, and turned them loose in the water-holes, then proceeded to fish them out with hook and line. In the meantime an urgent call was put in to summon the reeve John Wilson to exercise his authority in a matter which needed immediate attention." He wasn't too pleased evidently.

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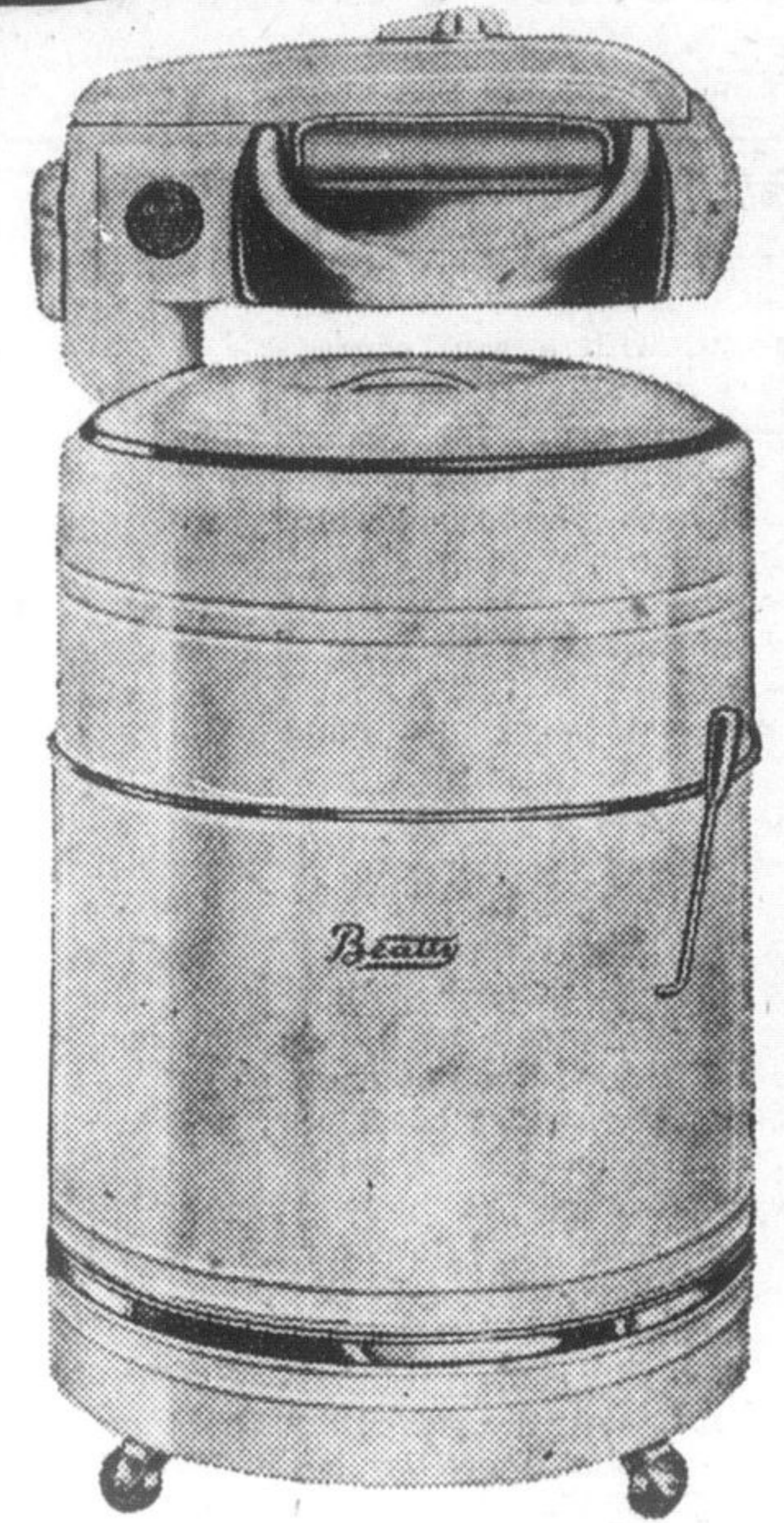
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