

FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands QUALITY OF HALTON COUNTY HERDS ATTRACTS TOURS BREEDER GROUPS Some Facts About The Swine Industry

Recent tours to Halton County by two different breed groups is indicative of the high standing attained by many Halton herds and also of the high regard in which they are held elsewhere in the province.

The first group to journey to Halton in 1955 was that of the Brant-Norfolk Jersey Club. Their first stop was made at Avonlea Farm, owned and operated by Featherstone Bros., near Trafalgar. Here they were met by president Mac Alexander, of the Halton Club, and then with Bill and Jack Featherstone in charge they made a tour of the 70 odd head of Jerseys which won for their owners the Constructive Breeders award.

Then on to Lindale Farm, where they inspected some 90 head which also won the Constructive Breeder award for M. C. Beatty.

Their third stop was to inspect the herd of Halton's third Constructive Breeder, namely Ken Ella and Sons.

Following this, they visited Halton's oldest established herd, namely that of Gerald R. Graham, at Ashgrove. No visit of such a group would be complete without a call at the home of Halton's genial president, Mac Alexander. Here they saw the Jersey herd being built up; the pig hatchery with its 50 brood sows; and herd of goats which is rapidly winning fame for the Alexander family.

Judging by the comments which were overheard, the visitors were more than delighted by what they saw, not to mention the hospitality extended.

Guernsey Clubs' Visit
The second group of the year to visit Halton was that of the "Big 4" Guernsey Club from the Oshawa District. Their first call on March 3 was at Callumlea Farms of M. T. McNabb & Sons, Esquering Township—then on to the Twin Elms herd of Joyce Bros. near Milton.

Here they were particularly interested in inspecting the two animals bred at Twin Elms which recently won All-Canadian Awards. J. L. Chisholm's Arawanaherd was their next point of call; and then finally, to the Craig Meadow herd of Wm. G. Booth. These four Halton herds have established quite a record for themselves, both in the show ring and in record of production work. Needless to add, the visiting breeders were impressed at all four points by what they saw and also delighted with the hospitality extended.

Canadian Awards To Twin Elms Herd

In the All-Canadian awards recently released by the Canadian Guernsey Breeders' Association, the Twin Elms herd of Joyce Bros., Milton, is really in the news.

In short, they have two All-Canadian animals plus an Honorable Mention. Their junior heifer calf, Twin Elms Nimble Jessica is All-Canadian calf, and their senior yearling heifer, Twin Elms Mary Heiress, is the All-Canadian senior yearling heifer. Both animals were sired by their Honourable Mention aged sire, Fraserdale Merry Admiral.

That the Twin Elms herd has production as well as type is substantial by the fact that the dam of "Mary Heiress", their All-Canadian senior yearling heifer, namely Twin Elms Bonnie has several outstanding R.O.P. records, one of which on two times milking in 365 days is 13,713 lbs. of milk and 752 lbs. of B.F.

We extend heartiest congratulations to all members of the Twin Elms establishment on these outstanding achievements.

Halton Group Hears Dr. H. L. Patterson

"Better Farm Business Management" offers much to the individual farm operator who is desirous of improving his farm income, stated Dr. H. L. Patterson, head of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, when addressing the fifth and final meeting of the series on Farm Business Management sponsored by the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association.

Previously meetings had been held in Milton, Stewarttown, Brookville, and Nelson, where Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock had demonstrated how to detect the weak and strong features of a farm enterprise with the aid of the "Farm Business Analysis" (Short Form).

Following a visit to the farm, the business of which had been used for demonstration purposes at the preliminary meetings, Dr. Patterson on March 7 led a discussion on adjusting the farm business in order to improve the farm income.

Certainly those who attended these meetings found the subject a most interesting one and judging by the comments heard to date, a goodly percentage of those who attended are considering ways and means of adjusting their own respective farm businesses in order to meet the "Cost Price Squeeze".

AUCTION SALE

OF FARM MACHINERY AND CATTLE

The undersigned have received instructions from

DONALD E. ORR

To sell by public auction at his farm, lot 24, 3 S.D.S., Township of Trafalgar, 2 miles east of Bronte, 3 miles west of Oakville, on Radial Rd. between Highway No. 2 and Queen Elizabeth Way, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Commencing at 1:30 o'clock the following:

CATTLE—1 reg. Guernsey cow (Brooklea Provost Betty), fresh, 5 yrs. old; 1 grade Guernsey cow, due April 12, 7 yrs. old; 1 grade Guernsey cow, due May 25, 4 yrs. old; 1 grade Jersey cow, in full flow, 4 yrs. old.

POWER MACHINERY, ETC.—M.D. tractor, model W30, heavy duty, tires loaded; Bissell 8 ft. disc; Cockshutt grain grinder; Int. heavy duty 8 ft. disc, almost new; Int. steel threshing machine, 22X 38; with Ebersol shredder, seed cleaner, 14 ft. elevator, extension blower pipe and bagger, very good condition; 100 ft. 7 in. belt; M. H. hay loader; Cockshutt power grain binder, 10 ft.; M.H. grain binder, 6 ft.; Int. single plow; M. H. corn binder; 40 ft. pipey corn binder; 2 wheeled; Int. corn binder; Int. cutting box, 12 in.; M.H. 2-horse corn scuffer; 2 M.H. 1-horse corn scuffers; M.H. steel land roller; 40 ft. ladder; Ferguson side delivery rake; 2 M.H. dump rakes; Ferguson weeder; Int. stiff tooth cultivator, 10 ft. wide; 14 ft. flat wagon, rubber tires, very low, like new; seed cleaner; 14 ft. trailer wagon, very low, rubber tires; Ford 7 ft. power mower, nearly new; heavy duty snow plow; electric fence; 3 section seed harrows; 2 24 ft. ladders; 3 section spring tooth cultivator; M.H. seed drill, 13 discs; Graham 6 in. chisel plow, nearly new; M.H. circular saw and frame; set of weigh scales, 2,000 lbs.; 2 Buckeye 1,000 chick coal brooders; Stewart Clipmaster clippers; quantity of single wire; saws, shovels, chains, small tools, etc.; hay fork, rope, full slings; baled hay, straw; steel wheel wagon; quantity of Cartier oats.

TERMS: Cash with clerk on day of sale.

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Hog marketings in 1954 were 1.5% higher than in 1953. Increased marketings were recorded in all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia. Ontario marketings in 1954 showed a drop of 3.1% from 1953, and approximately 31% below those of 1952.

In Halton last year's marketings showed a drop of 10.9% below those of 1953, and 42.6% below those of 1952. The quality of Canadian and Ontario hogs dropped for the eighth successive year. Ontario's percentage of A's for 1954 was 29.9%.

To show the seriousness of this decline in quality we would point out that Waterloo County had the highest percentage of A's with 34.9%. In 1946, 25 counties had over 40% A's. This past year Halton stood in 13th place from the standpoint of quality—as a matter of fact only thirteen counties in Ontario had over 30% A's. 1954 marked the first year since rail grading became official, that Ontario had less than 30% A's.

Livestock Commissioner

Exports amounted to the equivalent of between five and six hundred thousand hogs. This represents at least 10% of the total number marketed. On the other hand domestic disappearance amounted to approximately 56 pounds per capita.

Getting back to quality the percentage of C hogs (fat hogs) in 1954 was 7.09% as compared with 2.54% C hogs in 1950. "The time for reversing the trend in the quality of Ontario's hogs is long overdue," recently stated W. P. Watson, Ontario Live Stock Commissioner, who is to be the chief speaker at Halton's Seed Fair and Bacon Show, in Milton, this month.

The carcass cutting demonstration will be a real eye-opener to many. In this demonstration one side of an 'A' hog and one side of a 'C' hog will be cut into domestic cuts. Those who think that all pork cuts irrespective of quality sell at the same price at the butcher shop are going to have to find another "excuse" for marketing poor quality hogs when this demonstration is over.

DRUMQUIN

Community Club To Make Dressings

The Community Club met Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Louise O'Connor with 26 ladies present. After the business period, Mrs. Dunn showed the making of cancer dressings which the club is going to make. It is hoped a unit can be set up where those needing such dressings will be able to get them. Further plans on this will be announced later.

Final arrangements were made for the euchre and bridge in Trafalgar hall. The meeting was brought to a close and lunch was served by the hostess.

Successful Euchre

A very successful euchre and bridge was held in Trafalgar hall. There were 37 tables of euchre and eight tables of bridge.

Prayer Service

Bethel church Women's Association and Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. George Brownridge. Mrs. Brownridge presided for the W.M.S. Plans were made for the annual Blossom Tea. The World Day of Prayer service was led by Mrs. E. Ford.

Mrs. Carlyle Featherston presided for the W.A., opening with a hymn. Plans were made for the Presbytery dinner in the church and for a banquet in Trafalgar hall. The meeting was closed and a social half hour was enjoyed.

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- Aunt Sally's with Pectin 24 oz. Jar **RASPBERRY JAM 35c**
- Clark's Fancy 20 oz. tin **2 for 29c**
- TOMATO JUICE 48 oz. tin 29c**
- Yellow Quik Margarine 1 lb. pkg. **BLUE BONNET 39c**

- AUNT SALLY'S ORANGE MARMALADE 24 OZ. JAR 29c**
- CLOVERLEAF SOCKEYE SALMON 1/2 LB. TIN 37c**

- Woodbury's 4 Bar Deal **FACIAL SOAP - 29c**
- White or Brown 24 oz. loaf **RICHMELLO BREAD - 15c**
- Aylmer Choice 15 oz. tin **PEAS & CARROTS - 2 for 35c**

- Rind On BREAKFAST 1 lb. Cello **BACON 47c**
- Flavorite SKINLESS 1 lb. Cello **WIENERS 29c**

- JUICY CALIFORNIA SUNKIST Size 288's **ORANGES 33c doz.**
- FLORIDA No. 1 MARSH SEEDLESS Size 96's **GRAPEFRUIT 10 for 49c**
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