

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Pelletterio New President Of Halton Milk Producers

The annual meeting of the Halton Milk Producers' Association was held in the Stewarttown Hall on Saturday, November 26. In our opinion, it was not only the best attended but resulted in the most frank and open discussion of any meeting held by the Halton association in the past 21 years.

W. R. Royle, president of the Association for the past two years, who acted as chairman of the day, along with secretary John M. Bird, received many "bouquets" for their initiative and leadership. Wm. Hoiles, president of the Ontario Milk League, brought a brief message from his Association.

Drop Stabilization Plan

Referring to the proposed stabilization fund, he stated, "The stabilization plan was dropped because legislation was not available to make it compulsory." Mr. Hoiles also stated, "We are going to have a test case made on our provincial marketing legislation to see if it will stand up."

Irwin Hartley, president of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, also spoke briefly. "The number of shippers to the Toronto market is down from former years with increased production per shipper," stated Mr. Hartley.

In referring to bulk hauling, he urged caution but also admitted that many condenseries and cheese factory shippers who have been receiving around \$2.30 per cwt. for their milk (\$2.56 per cwt. at present) would gladly go out and borrow the money to put in a bulk cooler—in other words, they are of the opinion they couldn't be worse off than they are at the present time. Mr. Hartley also intimated that at the present time there are no regulations to govern bulk hauling.

Dr. How Speaks

Dr. How of the Department of Agricultural Economics at the Ontario Agricultural College, reported on a survey made recently relative to bulk hauling. In his introductory remarks, Dr. How pointed out there is a gradual increase in the cost of doing work by hand—hence the move by the distributors towards bulk hauling.

As we interpreted Dr. How's remarks, most of the advantages of bulk hauling would appear to be from the milk distributor's standpoint. In any event he stated, "There is no evidence of a higher butter fat test resulting from bulk hauling." According to their survey, the overhead from the standpoint of the eight can shipper is approximately 10 cents per can more—in the case of the three can shipper, the overhead amounts to about 25 cents more per can.

While the bulk tank does offer the possibility of producing a higher quality of product, comments Mr. McCorquodale, check tester with the Toronto Association and others would indicate that the quality of the product produced still depended on the calibre of the shipper rather than on whether he had a bulk tank or shipped by can.

Wm. Wilmut, secretary-manager of the Toronto Association, intimated that while consumption was up six per cent—production had jumped 10 or 12 per cent. He further stated that while the 1955 base totalled around 35 million pounds the last two weeks of August saw 43 million pounds being shipped daily into the Toronto market. The same speaker also intimated that 31 small shippers to the Toronto market had received notice from the distributors, that their product would not be accepted after December 1.

B. S. Beer, a director of the recently established surplus milk plant, reported that shipments re-

ceived at the plant varied from a low of 3,000 pounds per day to a high of 187,000 pounds in eight hours. Such variations make it impossible for us to operate efficiently and show a profit.

It was also reported by Mr. Beer that some of the distributors at least are definitely out to put the surplus milk plant out of business—to this end, in the case of one large distributor at least, 15c more per cwt. is being offered for secondary milk. Amalgamation of the surplus milk plant with the Toronto Milk Producers' Association under one management is the only solution—"United we stand, divided we fall," concluded Mr. Beer.

Elect New Officers

The election of the new directors for the next 12 months resulted as follows: president, Geo. Pelletterio; vice-president, R. C. Alexander; secretary - treasurer, John M. Bird; Toronto director, F. O. Hunter.

Directors—Trafalgar: C. Marshall, E. Ford, F. Peacock, H. Beaty, W. Pickering, E. Pelly, Nelson; B. Harris, C. Reid, C. Bell; Esquesing: K. Bingham, M. Bird, G. Graham, Jim Reid, L. DeVries, Stan Morrison; Nassagaweya: R. Hurren, J. Teasdale, Wm. Mahon; East Wentworth: Fred McCartney, Sid Shanks; Wellington: E. Moore, J. Reid, C. Davis, J. McAlpine, G. Derby; auditor: J. E. Whitlock.

Halton Debaters Defeat Waterloo

Wednesday evening of last week saw Halton Junior Farmers go into action on two debating fronts.

The executive of the provincial Junior Farmer Association is trying out an innovation this year in the debating field. Each county entering the debating competition must have two teams, one to uphold the affirmative side of the question and the other to take the negative.

Consequently, while Halton's affirmative team of George Greenlees and Mac Sprowl was debating up near Galt against Waterloo's negative team, down at the Trafalgar Township Hall, Halton's negative team of Roy Ford and Lloyd Vivian debated against Waterloo's affirmative. Here John W. Pickett, president of the Halton Juniors, was the able chairman of the evening. The subject by the way, at both points, was "Resolved that a policy designed to encourage the establishment of larger farms would be in the best interests of Ontario farmers."

At Trafalgar, Waterloo's affirmative team members were Newton Gingerich and Arthur Woods, while up near Galt their negative team members were Bob Steckle and Margaret Brown. Dr. Norman High, Director of the Associate Course at the Ontario Agricultural College, was the neutral judge at Trafalgar, with George E. Elliott, Q.C., of Milton, and Mac Courts of the Grand River Valley Authority, as the two additional judges on the panel. Up near Galt, Glen Warlow of the Public Relations Department at the O.A.C., was the neutral judge and the assisting judges were W. E. Breckon of Appleby and George Murray of Galt.

At both points the Halton debaters got the unanimous vote of the adjudicating panel. It is our understanding that Halton debaters will now meet the Lincoln County debaters who recently defeated Huron county. Incidentally, our readers may be interested to learn that it is reported that Lincoln county had their scouts out at both points

on Wednesday evening last—sizing up their next opponents. Come what may, Halton may well be proud of the effort of the four young men who represented the county on Wednesday evening of last week. The date for the next round has not as yet been set but it will be sometime during the current month.

Dr. Norman High 'Growing Old'

Dr. Norman High, Director of the Associate Course at the Ontario Agricultural College, was the special speaker at the joint meeting of the Palermo and Milton Junior Farmer groups on Wednesday evening of last week in the Trafalgar Township hall.

This well attended meeting was presided over by Bob Marshall, president of Palermo Junior Farmers. Dr. High, who was introduced by Don Johnson of Milton, took as his topic, "Growing Old."

In his very pleasing address, Dr. High stated, "One of the greatest tragedies is when folk, whether young or old, come to a point where they lose their zest and see nothing ahead of them." "Life consists of the fibre of the moment—how you react to the challenge of life—let us take our responsibilities as they face us—think of a team of horses hauling a load up the barn dump—pressing up the grade—steadily moving forward."

All in all Dr. High's address, coupled with some very lovely musical numbers by the Campbell sisters and Sylvia Shepherd, and finally the debate previously referred to, made it a program which those privileged to attend will not forget for many a day.

Norval Heads Juniors League Milton, Acton On Losing End

Acton players rallied too late in the third evening of Junior Farmer hockey, Monday, Nov. 26 in Milton arena. They lost to Palermo 9-4. Palermo had scored four goals before Mackenzie, on a shot from G. Wheeler, put in a word for Acton. Palermo's reply was four more making the score 8-1.

Acton, unco-ordinated at the beginning and playing without their coach, finally became a scoring aggregation and began back checking—but too late. Their late three goals, plus another for Palermo, concluded the match with the score 9-4. Acton's late tallies were credited to Mackenzie from G. Wheeler again, Wheeler from Somerville and Lawson from Mac Sprowl.

Playing for Acton were Lawson, Coon, Footitt, L. Thompson, C. Thompson, Mackenzie, M. Sprowl, C. Sprowl, J. Marshall, Deblauw, Somerville and Overland.

Palermo line-up—Richardson, Price, Greer, Broughton, D. Vivian, H. Vivian, Bill Marshall, Bob Marshall, Dilmen, Lawrence. Almost all of them were in on the team's scoring spree with either goals or assists.

Penalties in the first game were few compared to those in the second. This game also saw a scrap, however, with Somerville and Price each meted a major penalty for fighting. Price received another for boarding, Richardson one for tripping and Mackenzie one for clipping.

Norval now heads the league with three wins. Palermo has two wins, Milton one and Acton none.

A quick goal at 20 seconds in the first period of the second game between Milton and Norval got the game off to a fast start. A slightly rougher second period resulted in Norval scoring four goals by the Cunningham-Richardson line. Milton's lone tally was scored by McDowell.

The third period was trying for

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