

Holstein breeders review another successful year

by Henry J. Stanley
Some eighty Holstein breeders from Halton met in the Palermo Hall on January 9 for their annual meeting. The meeting started with everyone viewing the TV show "The Fences are coming Down." Jock Cockburn, Associate Agricultural Representative, stated that 61 of the 63 4-H Holstein members completed their projects in 1967, with a record number of 4-H Holstein first-

year members joining the calf clubs. Ralph Ford, club secretary, reviewed the highlights of the year, which included the Black and White show with 102 animals and \$2,485 in prize money, and the barn meetings at Hays' Sales Arena and at W. J. Bennett's. Fred Bell, club president, complimented Galbraith Bros., Burlington, for having the highest record in D.H.L.A. in Ontario

last year -- over 16,000 lb. milk and 671 lb. fat. He also stated that Halton was most proud of the Halton team of Jeff Nurse, Larry Bennett, and Dan Heath- ington for winning the Royal Winter Fair livestock and dairy judging competition. Dinner was served by the wives of the officers and directors of the club. BCA certificates were presented to: W. J. Mahon, R. R. 2,

Campbellville, for the top R.O.P. herd with over 20 records, his 34 cows produced 15,333 lb. milk, 640 of butter fat, 4.17% test, for BCA's of 139-158; to Sherholme Farms, Burlington -- 18 cows, 16,132 lb. milk, 556 fat -- B.C.A.'s of 158-148.

The various trophies won at the Halton Black and White show were then presented. Hardy Shore, President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, and Directors Abner Martin of Waterloo; Bruce Reid, Wentworth; Howard Laidlaw, Peel; and Albert Hunter of Halton gave reports. A spirited discussion took place on the proposed registration of red and white Holsteins.

Martin Heslop, sales agent, reported 163 head of Holsteins sold by him in Halton, for an average price of \$372. The meeting concluded with Henry Stanley discussing the production of the TV film on dairy cattle and its content.

Officers chosen for 1968 are: Past president, Fred Bell; president, Don Peer; first vice-president, John Kitching; second vice-president, Fred Nurse; secretary, Ralph Ford. Directors are Cliff McDonald, Sam Harrop, Bruce McClure, Earl Wilson, Bill Bennett, Don Brethet, Johnston Neelands, Colin Marshall, Arnold Fish, J. C. Ford, and Harold Biggar.



AMONG THOSE RECEIVING awards at the Halton Holstein Breeders Association's annual dinner in Palermo Community Centre last week were W. J. Mahon of R.R. 2 Campbellville, holder of the top R.O.P. production record for a herd of more than 20; Morley Sherwood of Sherholme Farms, R.R. 1 Bur-

lington, top R.O.P. record in a herd of less than 20; Bill Bennett, premier breeder; and Howard Tarzwell, premier exhibitor at the 1967 Milton fair. Mr. Tarzwell's award was accepted for him by farm manager Arie Schep. (Staff Photo)

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4-H "honor banquet" fetes trip winners

by Geoff Taylor
Stewarttown Hall was the scene of an Honor Banquet, planned and conducted by the 4-H Agricultural Club members of Halton County, on Friday, January 12, in honor of all the 1967 4-H award and trip winners.

The special speaker of the evening, John McGee, a former 4-H member presently enrolled at York University, gave a report on an exchange trip to Israel, sponsored by the Pioneer Women of Canada. John represented all Canadian 4-H'ers. His presentation included slides and a commentary on his visit, which took place immediately after the Arab-Israeli war.

Other 4-H trip reports were given by Lois Hunter, Keith Aitken, and Doug Gardhouse. Lois, winner of the Rural Youth Award, represented Halton County for 10 days in Montreal as guest of the Rural Learning Association; Keith Aitken was Halton's delegate to the Provincial Leadership Week at the University of Guelph; and Doug Gardhouse was one of

the 4-H's selected to travel to Maryland, U.S.A. Murray Brownridge and Carl Middlebrook, the 4-H Inter-Club Field Crop Champions, were presented with sweaters for their achievements.

Entertainment was provided by Joy Hayward, Provincial Director of the Junior Farmers of Ontario. Jeff Nurse was presented with an award certificate for winning the Royal Winter Fair Judging Competition. The certificate, the F. K. Morrow Scholarship, assists him to attend a college of agriculture of his choice.

Bill Lasby, member of the Acton 4-H Calf Club, also received a certificate for winning the Queen's Guineas competition at the Royal. Special guests included the newly-elected War-

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Gordon Leslie, Acton spring grain winner

Gordon Leslie, R.R. 3, Acton, receives the gold watch presented by the United Co-Operatives of Ontario for top yield in the Spring Grain Competition. Mr. Leslie's Herta Barley yielded 3,668 lb. or 76.4 bushels per acre.

He was followed by six more members with Herta Barley as follows: Frank Robertson, Milton 5, with 3,656 lb.; Johnston Neelands, Hornby 1, 3,416 lb.; Richard Sovereign, Milton 2, 3,305 lb.; John Willmott, Milton 1, 3,112 lb.; Calvin Aitken, Acton 3, 3,036 lb.; Merle Gunby, Millgrove 1, 3,036 lb.

Next came two members with Mixed Grain -- Fred Nurse, Georgetown 2, with 2,996 lb.; and Earl Wilson, 2,931 lb.

Five members with barley followed, and then the members with mixed grain and oats. It is most interesting to note that the top member with oats, H. C. Reid with a yield of 2,346 lb. or 69 bushels per acre, placed 16th in the competition.

The average yield of barley was 3,034 lb. or 63.2 bushels per acre, mixed grain 2,606 or 65.1 bushels, and oats, 2,102 or 61.8 bushels. When we consider the energy or TDN produced by these three crops, it comes to 2,367 lb. for barley, 1,902 lb. for mixed grain, and 1,429 lb. for oats. On the average, barley is producing half a ton more energy per acre than oats. Surely this

Mastitis workshop illustrates control

by H. J. Stanley
A special workshop is being planned for all Halton County dairy farmers on Tuesday, January 23, in the Masonic Hall, Milton. Dr. H. J. Neely and F. C. Nelson, Veterinary Services Branch, Guelph, will be present to conduct this workshop. A similar workshop held in the spring of 1966 was most successful.

It has been estimated that mastitis costs the average dairy farmer \$1,600 per year. This is for the cost of drugs to treat the disease and in loss of production. The purpose of the workshop is to illustrate the step-by-step procedures that are practical and effective in controlling mastitis.

The Halton County Milk Committee is co-operating with the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture and Food in putting on this workshop.

Traction

Many of the accidents to farm people occur on the highway and country roads. This time of year the roads are more hazardous, because of the snow-packed or slippery conditions. So don't take chances with those middle-aged tires that are going bald. Winter roads demand a good tread on your tires to ensure positive starting and stopping. Don't gamble on "smoothies."

Ward Brownridge becomes auctioneer

Ward Brownridge, R.R. 2, Georgetown, is the district's newest auctioneer. A farmer on the Seventh Line Brownridge homestead all his life, Mr. Brownridge said he hopes to specialize in farm sales but is available for all types of sale work throughout the district. His years of farming and active participation in many Halton farm groups -- among them the Soil and Crop Improvement Association and Halton Holstein Breeders Association -- have given him a good background in dealing with farm people and farm equipment.

Coaching him will be a veteran auctioneer, Frank Patch, of Georgetown, who retired at the end of last year after 53 years in the auction sale business. Mr. Brownridge has already booked three farm sales for the spring.

He plans to keep operating his own farm on the Seventh Line, devoting whatever time is necessary to the auctioning business. The Brownridge farm was bought from the Crown by his ancestors in 1819, and except for a three-year period in the 1920's has remained in the family ever since.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Helen Dewar, 92 active in Red Cross

Milton lost a faithful and devoted friend last week, when Mrs. Helen Dewar passed away at Milton District Hospital in her 93rd year.

A founding member of the local branch and a tireless worker for the Red Cross for 50 years, and Halton's court stenographer for a record 38 years, Mrs. Dewar was one of those rare ladies who devoted practically every minute of her spare time in service to others. Her death, following a brief illness, ended a full and exciting life she obviously enjoyed sharing with others.

Born Helen Mary Quinn at Gananoc on November 3, 1875, she launched one facet of her interesting life at the age of eight when she discovered she loved poetry and could compose her own poems. The talent stayed with her until death, and a cherished memento was a booklet of her own poems gathered up in recent years by a daughter, mimeographed and distributed to relatives.

When she was 17 she taught herself shorthand--a system she devised herself. She described it as "one per cent Pitman, and 99 per cent Quinn". She left home at the age of 18 and went to New York City to work as a private secretary.

Returning to Canada in 1898 she became assistant society editor for the Toronto Mail and Empire, a post she held for a few years before returning to New York to form a stenographic pool.

She was asked one day to substitute for a court reporter, and enjoyed the work so much she founded a freelance court stenography service. When she married and had four daughters she "retired" but not long after her husband Fred came to work in Milton she was back in court work again, this time covering all the county courts for Halton. She held this position for 38

years, retiring at the age of 81 in 1956.

Meanwhile she took great pains to tend one of the prettiest gardens in town. She was active in the Liberal party and one year was vice-president of the Ontario Liberal Association. Later the Association made her an honorary president for life.

And she helped found the Milton Red Cross branch in 1915, where her outstanding work earned her an honorary life membership. For years she was the driving force behind the organization that supplied knitted materials and money for the boys at the front. She alone is credited with finishing 1,536 pairs of socks during world war two, plus an untold number of sweaters, wool helmets and other articles. She also travelled around the province promoting the work of the Red Cross at various meetings, always accompanied by her knitting needles which went to work in every spare minute.

At one point she organized a Junior Red Cross for Milton, and for several years two rooms of her home were converted into a Red Cross workroom. At her prodding, the ladies ran everything from sales to a tearoom in a local hotel to raise funds, and in 1942 they sponsored Milton's first blood donor clinic. She also spearheaded a drive to gain some recognition for the women who worked so hard in the Red Cross, and her "points system" and honor roll were soon adopted by the Ontario Red Cross.

Although the local branch died out in the 1950's she continued knitting baby sets and other materials and sending them along to the Red Cross. She finally gave it up, a month prior to her 90th birthday, when her eyesight began to fail.

Following her retirement from court work in 1956 Mrs. Dewar travelled extensively (including



HELEN DEWAR

Cemetery, Hamilton. Pallbearers were John D. (Ted) Tufford, W. A. Reeve and Rick Reeve of Milton, Bruce Allen of Burlington, Frank Dunningan of Leaside and Ron North of Oakville. Rev. Father J. J. Murphy of Holy Rosary conducted the service, assisted at the graveside by Rev. Father Dan Ford of Dundas, formerly of Milton. Survivors include her four daughters, Mrs. A. Tufford, (Mary) of Milton, Mrs. F. Dunningan (Edith) of Toronto, Mrs. J. Allen (Helen) of Burlington and Mrs. W. Burrow (Kathryn) of Southampton, also three brothers, Thomas, Christopher and James of Los Angeles. One brother, William, predeceased her.

five trips to California). Since 1964 she had lived with her daughter Mrs. A. Tufford on Mill St. Mrs. Dewar fell and broke her hip a few days after Christmas and was hospitalized at Milton District Hospital, where she suffered a stroke and died on Tuesday, January 9. Requiem Mass was held in Holy Rosary Church on Friday, with interment in Holy Sepulchre

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One claim in 1967 Old Halton "posse" still does business

Just one claim was paid in 1967 from the coffers of the Halton County Protective Association, but the group is staying in business in case cattle-rustling comes back into vogue.

Secretary Henry Peacock reports the H.C.P.A. paid out \$60 to one farmer for a steer that either strayed or was stolen. There are just 25 members so the total income last year was \$25 (\$1 a head) but the Association still has money in the bank from previous years when membership was higher.

In its earlier days (just after the turn of the century) the Association's members would form a posse and go searching for horse-thieves or cattle rustlers who victimized members. But today's modern police protection has taken over the old-style posse gathering.

The group pays members two-thirds of a fixed value for straying or stolen animals.

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