

B. Mahon president of Palermo Juniors

The annual meeting of the Palermo Junior Farmers was held on Jan. 16 at the home of Bob Newell. The business from the county board meeting was brought up. It was announced that seven members had placed on the hockey team going to Listowel.

Jim Jenkins conducted the election of officers, and the results are: president, Barry Mahon; vice president, Bill Jackson; secretary, Nancy Mahon; treasurer, Janet Hunter; press reporter, Bill Sinclair.

—Regional government is the current topic of conversation.

Champion Farm Page

Halton 4-H leaders protest elimination of judging class

By Jim Jenkins

Possibly the greatest change in the 4-H program will be the elimination of 4-H Inter-Club competitions at the University of Guelph. These will be replaced by regional 4-H conferences which will take place during the summer involving 4-H members for two or three days. The Halton 4-H Club Leaders Council, however, felt that this was the beginning of a 4-H de-emphasis on judging, and are sending a letter to the O.D.A.F., Head Office in Toronto, to protest this move.

Another change in the program this year will be in the marking system. This year each project will be scored on a

county system. Other changes in the 4-H program will be announced as they become available.

Walter Norrington of R. R. 6, Milton, will head the Halton 4-H Club Leaders for 1969. His first vice-president will be Bertram Stewart of R. R. 1, Hornby; second vice-president is John McKinnon of R. R. 3, Milton. The representative to the Halton Farm Safety Council is Bill Sinclair, Burlington. John McNabb, Georgetown, is the immediate past president.

The annual meeting took place on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Caravan Restaurant, Milton.

Breeder A.H. Clark has Ayrshire record

By H. J. Stanley

A. H. Clark, Georgetown, placed high for Ayrshires on R.O.P. in Canada in 1968. In the mature class Grampion Lady D. produced 20,153 pounds of milk, 774 pounds of butter fat, 3.77 per cent test, for B.C.A.'s of 234 and 217, to win this division.

In the senior four year old class Grampion Winsome Bonnie placed fourth with 17,677 of milk, 637 fat, 3.60 per cent, for B.C.A.'s of 209 and 183.

Another Ayrshire bred at Grampion Farm and now owned by Maurice Weber of Blair, Grampion Mistress Linda was second in the junior two year old class with 14,999 milk, 594 fat, 3.96 per cent, for B.C.A.'s of 224 and 212. This outstanding herd of Mr. Clark was dispersed in 1968.

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HALTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, sponsors of the Milton Fair, held their annual meeting recently and re-elected the 1968 executive to office for 1969. Seated are secretary Mrs. Lillian Readhead, president George E. Readhead, past president Archie McKinnon and vice-president Alfred Ford. Directors shown with

them are Clayton Hadfield, Roy Currie, Lloyd Stokes, Jim Brownridge, Cameron Marshall, Lloyd Chisholm, Emmett McGibbon, Elmer Douglas and Gerald Carton. Other directors this year include Tom Bousfield, Gordon Rayner, F. W. Chisholm, Jack McPhail, Fred Dixon and vice-president Jim McKay.—(Staff Photo)

George Readhead president

Fair board reviews successful year

Reports at the annual meeting of Halton Agricultural Society indicated the 1968 Milton Fall Fair was one of the better fairs on record. The annual meeting reviewed the highly successful fair and began laying plans for the 1969 version of the 116-year-old county show.

President George E. Readhead was returned as president for the second year. Other officers

returned include his wife Lillian as secretary, and vice-presidents Alfred Ford and James McKay. Archie McKinnon remains on the executive as past president.

The meeting also named 18 directors, 40 associate directors and six junior directors. There are also 10 honorary directors. Few changes were made from last year's officers.

Total expenditures of \$35,858

were recorded during 1968, and receipts were \$36,200—leaving a year-end balance of \$342. The Agricultural Society showed an operating profit of \$8,074 in 1968.

Assets total \$154,277 which includes \$5,458 in inventory, \$122,313 in buildings and \$22,483 in grounds.

Gross receipts included \$13,404 in grants from federal, provincial, county and municipal governments and breed associations; \$359 membership fees, \$1,471 entry fees, \$4,849 admissions, \$2,173 from midway concessions, \$5,012 rentals, \$341 interest and \$7,535 miscellaneous.

Disbursements included \$10,228 in prize money, \$616 convention fees and judges, \$96 miscellaneous, \$135 attractions, \$1,138 races, \$1,963 miscellaneous prize expenses, \$5,308 operating and maintenance, and \$16,372 capital expense.

Capital costs included a \$10,040 cattle barn erected last year, \$4,000 paid off a bank loan and \$2,227 in improvements to grounds and buildings.

Secretary Mrs. Readhead listed the entries in the fair's various classes for the directors. Here is the list, with the prize money paid out shown in brackets:

Horses 308 (\$1,993), cattle 361 (\$5,977), sheep 256 (\$473), swine 17 (\$55), poultry 488 (\$475), grain 26 (\$33), vegetables 110 (\$46), fruit 61 (\$51), flowers 320 (\$173) goats 29 (\$74), food 282 (\$167), clothing 130 (\$166), arts and crafts 205 (\$198), children's 743 (\$210) and Women's Institute displays 11 (\$134).

There were 325 paid-up members in 1968.

"We had a wonderful year last year—we went over the top," president Readhead told the gathering. He congratulated the directors and lady directors on their co-operation and efforts in making the fair a success. The newly-erected cattle barn was filled to capacity, the chain link fencing of the fair grounds was completed, and the halls were "a show window for the fair" he said.

Plans were made to send six delegates to the annual conference of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies in Toronto Feb. 19 and 20, when the theme will be "where do we go from here?" The president, vice-president Alfred Ford, Wilf Crozier and Roy Currie were named delegates for the Society, and Mrs. A. Ford and Mrs. Mary Marshall will represent the lady directors.

Members agreed to again sponsor field crop competitions in oats and ensilage corn, with 10 prizes offered in each class.

A committee of Miss Eva Chisholm, Mrs. E. E. Yates and Alfred Ford was named to select a worthy recipient of this year's Agricultural Service Diploma. Last year's award went to Mrs. Percy Merry for 35 years of association with the fair.

Various directors gave reports on their sections of last year's fair. Wilf Crozier praised the Optimist Club for the "excellent" manner in which they had handled the ticket selling at the gates. Halls were fairly well filled, Elmer Douglas reported. Good turnouts in both heavy and light horses were noted by directors Lloyd Stokes and Roy Currie.

Dairy cattle director C. Marshall reported 23 exhibitors with 106 head in Holsteins, Seven Guernsey breeders with 60 head, and about the same size class in Jerseys. A Jersey owned by Ken Ella of Hornby won the interbreed best udder competition.

A good lineup of beef cattle was noted by Clayton May, and Emmett McGibbon reported a fine entry in sheep although the pens are in poor shape. Alfred Ford said the goat exhibitors were well pleased with their accommodations this year. A big poultry entry and an excellent judge were reported by Clayton Hadfield.

Agricultural representative Henry Stanley said there were 74 calves in the 4-H show in 1968 and there were 23 displays in the agricultural, safety, homemaking, junior farmer and junior institutes hall. He suggested some changes in the layout of the cattle rings so spectators could see more than one breed show at a time.

A good exhibit of vegetables and a large fruit show put up by only two exhibitors were reported on by A. Ford.

Women's section secretary Miss Eva Chisholm reported 126 entries in baking, 90 in fruit, pickles and jams, by new Canadians. Better lighting and background material improved the flower show, she said.

Searching about for weak features of the fair, the directors agreed the sheep and swine pens

are in need of repairs or replacement. It was suggested some group should set up a food booth near the cattle barns as this area was unserved by food vendors last year and it made it difficult for cattle showmen who had little time to walk up to the midway for a sandwich.

Directors also agreed to try and obtain an organization to serve hot meals beneath the grandstand during the fair. Absence of the traditional full course meal was one complaint the directors received from fair-goers last year.

Henry Stanley conducted the election of 1969 officers. Honorary directors are M.P. Rud Whiting, M.P. John Morison, Halton Warden George Currie, Dr. W. F. James, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, A. O. Chambers, M.P.P. George Kerr, M.P.P. James Snow and Dr. C. H. Heslop.

Directors from Oakville are Tom Bousfield, Elmer Douglas, Gordon Rayner, Alfred Ford and Cameron Marshall; Esquesing, Frank Chisholm, Jim McKay, Gerald Carton; Nassagaweya, Lloyd Chisholm, Jack McPhail and Lloyd Stokes; Burlington, Archie McKinnon, Clayton Hadfield, George E. Readhead and Fred Dixon; Milton, Roy Currie, Jim Brownridge, and Emmett McGibbon.

Named new associate directors are Robert Marshall, Jeff Nurse, Bill Sinclair and Don McCaig. The other associate directors are William G. Booth, J. A. Elliott, Alf Waldie, E. McArthur, Bill Shields, B. Harris, W. M. Scott, H. Armstrong, D. Ford, C. Laundon, W. McDowell, E. Davenport, J. H. Willmott, R. A. Brownridge, W. Rayner, Clayton May, Art Wilson, R. McCuaig, R. Gardhouse, D. G. Wilson, J. E. Ellenton, G. Bridgen, W. G. Crozier, H. Patterson, L. W. Coulson, H. Riebot, George Swann, Robert Lawson, Frank Hall, A. G. Hunter, Craig Reid, John Willmott, G. Thompson, R. Hurren and S. Harrop.

Junior directors this year include Bill Alexander, Larry Bennett, Dan Hetherington, Bryan Marshall, Murray Harris and Barry Mahon.

Warning for leg danglers

By H. J. Stanley

This is the time of year for sleigh or wagon rides. This is excellent fun, especially if the snow banks are deep. However, new regulations state that it is illegal for riders on sleighs or wagons pulled on the roads to have their feet hanging over the edges of the vehicle.

If you are travelling through a farm, this is fine, provided you do not come in contact with a tree, gate post, etc. However, once you travel on the roadway make certain that legs are not dangling over the edges, otherwise this may be a costly ride.

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Owner's responsibility

Dogs kill livestock

By H. J. Stanley

As more and more people move out to rural areas, the dog population is rapidly expanding. These dogs have often not been born and raised in the rural area, and thus think that domestic livestock are for chasing or eating.

As a result of this some farmers are suffering considerable loss or damage to their livestock. This loss is partially covered by dog tax fees collected by the municipalities. With increasing incidents of damage and death losses, more money is often paid out in compensation to the farmers than is received.

This may mean considerable increases in dog tax. Also, a farmer can never be fully compensated for an animal. Once it has died that breeding has gone forever, and once an animal has been badly mauled by dogs it is very excitable and often fails to reproduce.

Under the livestock and Poultry Protection Act any person may kill a dog that is found killing and injuring livestock or poultry, or a dog that is found upon the premises where livestock or poultry are kept.

If dog owners wish to keep their dog tax at the present level, and possibly save their pet from being shot, they should take more care to see that the dog does not bother the farmers. This would tend to greatly improve relations between rural farm and non farm residents.

Spend \$4,250,000 publicizing milk

By H. J. Stanley

Special speaker at the Halton County Milk Committee meeting was Bob Mercer, head of Public Relations for the Ontario Milk Marketing Board. He stated that \$4,250,000 was now being spent on publicizing milk and milk products throughout Ontario. This involves TV, radio, billboards, magazines, and recent full page ads in daily newspapers.

Orval Guy, Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, discussed past and proposed activities of the Board. Francis Redelmeier, the new Zone Director of the O.M.M.B., replacing Maurice Beatty of Milton, spoke briefly.

Ed Duncan, O.M.M.B. Fieldman, stated that he was available to assist producers who are having trouble with their Gel Test, and also suggested that these producers take part in the

Ontario Mastitis Control Program. Joe Brent, Dairy Commission Fieldman for Halton and Peel stated that we must continue to improve the quality of our products.

Sam Harrop was returned as president for 1969, with Mac Alexander as vice-president, V. J. Lawrence as secretary-treasurer. Brock Harris is representative to the Halton Farm Safety Council, and Bruce McClure is representative to the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Directors chosen to a three year term were John Bird, Russell Hurren, V. J. Lawrence, Bruce McClure, James Reid. Directors continuing for two years are Mac Alexander, John Kitching, Ford Wickson, Colin Marshall, Brock Harris. One year directors are Craig Reid, Sam Harrop, Fred Nurse, George Pelletier, and Gordon Sinclair.

—Esqueusing Township is offering a four per cent discount on 1969 taxes prepaid before Feb. 28.

—The week of April 20 to 26 will be observed as Children's Aid Week by the Halton C.A.S. Society member M. Irwin is planning a program.

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