

## Farm Page

# History of district is read to Institute

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson

## Holstein calf club sees milking film

By Grace Bird  
The first meeting of the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was held on April 9, at the Agricultural office, Milton. The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge. Janet Hunter read the minutes of the organization meeting. Twenty-two members answered the roll call. Those who had not been present at the organization meeting received their materials.  
A film was shown about the importance of good milking practices, production of milk and its quality, and how they must be maintained. The leaders told the club members what they expect when they visit the farms to see the calf projects. Bill Sinclair discussed the parts

of dairy and beef cattle. A quiz was then answered on the discussion. Terms in describing beef cattle were read and studied.

The seniors, led by John Dunford, Assistant Agricultural Representative; and Joe Brent, Dairy Commission Fieldman; learned about milk quality and were told how to go about their projects which are to take milk samples from various cows and study them.

This part of the meeting over, the seniors and juniors went back to the joint meeting, and were told to think of suggestions and ideas for the June meeting. The program for this meeting is left up to the club members.

## Continue cost study on Halton farm crops

By H. J. Stanley  
Crop cost studies are to be the feature of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association program for the coming year. Farmers will keep track of the number of hours, machines used, cost of herbicides, insecticides, etc. on the various crops grown on their farm. A record book is being provided to all the co-operators.

Last year there were 24 entries in this section. Results showed the cost of growing Grain Corn to be \$70/acre, Corn Silage \$90/acre, Hay \$60/acre, and Spring Grain to be \$54/acre. High yield competitions are to be held in 1969 for Grain Corn and Spring Grain. The winner in the competition with the highest number of entries will receive a gold watch, compliments of the U.C.O., Halton Branch.

### Speak up

If you have an idea that will improve the safety and efficiency of your farm family—speak up.

If it would help other people in your community—speak up and tell your Farm Safety Council. But if your conversation might startle someone and cause an accident—then be quiet. There is a time to speak and a time for quiet—for safety sake.

Anyone growing Soybeans in Halton is eligible for a grant of \$20 to assist with the purchase of herbicide. A bus trip for all members is planned for later in the summer. Anyone wishing to take part in these projects should apply as soon as possible to the Agricultural office in Milton.

## Merit medal Jersey bull

The Jersey bull, Brampton Sir Bijou Radar, Excellent, a Superior Sire and Gold and Silver Medal bull, has just been designated a Medal of Merit bull on the high production of his daughters, by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. This bull was for several years in artificial insemination service and was used widely throughout Canada.

He was bred by B. H. Bull and Son, Norval, and used in the herd of Maurice C. Beaty, Milton, and finally in the Oxford & District Cattle Breeding association, Woodstock.

His is a son of Brampton Radar, Excellent, a Gold and Silver Medal, and Medal of Merit, Superior and Century Sire, and his dam is Brampton W R Bijou, Excellent, a Silver Medal daughter of Brampton World's Records, with a record at 3 years of age, in 365 days, of 10,400 lbs. milk, 625 lbs. fat, 6.01 per cent.

## Leaver dispersal sale tops \$100,000 mark

The first Holstein sale of the year to top the \$100,000 mark was the dispersal of the Amity Hall Herd of George and L. H. Leaver, Campbellville. The 103 head were sold April 7 at the Hays Sales Arena, Oakville, for a total of \$104,360., with the excellent average of \$1,013 each.

Thirty-nine head were sold for export, largely to the U.S.A. but including sales to South Africa, Japan and Puerto Rico. Thirty-one animals brought at least \$1,000.

Top price paid was \$6,500 for the five-year-old cow Amity Centurion Aleta. She was bought by W. J. Brethet, Tottenham.

Agro Bros., Hamilton, bought a mother and her two daughters for a total of \$14,100. The seven-year-old "Very Good" dam, Ebydale Reflection Karen, sold for \$4,200; her yearling daughter for \$5,200; and her heifer calf for \$4,700.

Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown, paid \$3,000 for a bred heifer sired by Romandale Reflection Marquis and \$2,450 for a "Very Good" daughter of Rosafe Centurion. Lowe and Rowntree, Woodbridge, bought a "Very Good" daughter of Rosafe Centurion for \$3,000, and paid \$1,000 for the "Very Good" Three Star foundation cow, Rosafe Reflection Phoebe, despite her advanced age of 15 years, also Phoebe's heifer calf at \$1,700.

Albert Ten Den, Wainfleet, bought a "Very Good" daughter of A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign at \$2,700.; a "Very Good" daughter of Bond Haven Rag Apple Maple at \$1,300.; and an "Excellent" daughter of Maple at \$1,000.

The biggest buyer was R. Dale Jones who secured 13 head. Seven went to C. M. Bottema, Indianapolis, Ind. and six to Laurence J. Fishler, Central City, Nebraska.

Six animals went to Quebec buyers: Hilaire Michon, La Presentation, paid \$2,000. for a four-year-old heifer; A. E. Dowbiggin, Austin, \$1,700. for a four-year-old heifer and \$450 for a heifer calf; and Normand Fontaine, St. Marc Mercheres, \$1,500. for a bred heifer and \$750. and \$600. for two milking females.

D. Beal Preston, Waqu, South Africa, bought a four-year-old heifer at \$1,400.; and Shigeru Matsuura, Hokkaido, Japan, a bred heifer at \$1,600. Anibal Gonzalez, Puerto Rico bought a bull calf at \$850.

Sixty-six milking females averaged \$1,059. each; 12 bred heifers \$794.; 12 heifer calves, \$1,001.; 10 open heifers \$885.; and three bulls \$525.

## Set salary for board clerical employees

Policies and a salary schedule for clerical employees of the county Board of Education were approved Thursday, governing salaries ranging from \$270 monthly to \$520.

The schedule called for the monthly salary of a mail and file clerk, or general junior clerk to range from \$270 to \$325. The top bracket was for senior staff supervisors and staff assistants at \$410 and \$520 monthly.

The policies allow 10 statutory holidays and provide for two weeks holidays after two years, three weeks after five years and four weeks after 15 years.

Mrs. Frank Weller was hostess to the members of Drumquin Women's Institute on Tuesday April 8 at 2 p.m. Mrs. R. Featherston, president, welcomed the ladies and conducted the meeting. Eleven members answered the roll call with "childhood memories".

Final plans were made for the euchre party to be held in the Percy Merry School on Thursday evening April 24. Last year it was very successful and the group is arranging for an even larger attendance this year. A beautiful wool rug made and donated by Mrs. J. Pickett Sr. is again the special prize in the draw and there are scores of other worthwhile articles to be drawn for and gift for every person attending.

A year book of Halton County Institute highlights for the past year is to be made and ready for the Institute convention in the latter part of May. Orders were taken and every member subscribed for a copy.

Mrs. F. Tuck, historical convener, read an interesting article written by Rob Roy and printed in the local paper on March 26, 1913 and was the old time history of Hornby and district.

The story is of five men and their families who left the old land in 1818, and arrived at Muddy York in June of that year. The men John Dempsey and J. Fisher of England, A. Nielson of Scotland and Tom Joyce and John Wilson of Ireland came by stage from York to Munn's and walked up the Sixth Line to the corner of Trafalgar and Esqueving townships. That night they slept under two elm trees. These brave men strived for a new life in this district, bringing their families to settle in the area. It was a promised land with a huge stand of timber and lots of deer and they told of backing their wagons to the bank of the Sixteen Mile Creek and forking out salmon fish by the score.

In a few years Hornby was really booming with churches, general store and hotel. An ashery owned by a Mr. Brooks to make potash, a pottery, a tailor shop and a blacksmith all conducted business in the area.

A sawmill was soon started and thousands of cords of white oak staves were made in the winter and piled in the bank of the Sixteen Mile Creek, and floated to Oakville in the spring. From this trade Oakville got its name.

In 1850 a plank road from Oakville to Ballinafad was laid, and a stage coach service ran daily from Oakville to Georgetown. Today in this district we have a wonderful stretch of country with homes of elegance and luxury, but do not let us forget that these brave men and women toiled in danger and loneliness and laid the foundations for all the blessings we now enjoy.

All officers were reinstalled for another year with the name of Mrs. T. Alderson added as director. The meeting closed with Institute grace and lunch was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Henry Nowak is convalescing at her home, Derry Road, after a stay and surgery in Burlington Hospital.

Mrs. Helene Mischede of Phorzheim, Germany, is a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nowak of Hornby Greenhouses, Derry Road.

A most successful Science Fair and Open House was held at Percy W. Merry School on Thursday evening, April 10. Six rooms were opened to parents and friends. In Mrs. Clayton's room there was folk dancing. Mr. Shier's room had demonstrations and science exhibits. In the library recordings on tape from every class in the school were played. Boys and girls put on a fine display of gymnastics in Mrs. Fisher's room, and the auditorium had been set up with art, language and creative work and interesting hobbies from every class. It was most impressive and teachers and students should be complimented on their endeavors.

The regular meeting of the Percy W. Merry Home and School Association will be held in the school on Thursday evening, April 17 at 8.15 a.m. Guest speaker will be Douglas Wood of this area. Mr. Wood has been elected President of the Provincial Trustee Board. The slate of officers for 1969-70 will

be presented, also other business with refreshments and social half hour. The membership is now listed as 54 families.

May 10 has been named as the date for the Fun Day at Percy Merry School. A film will be shown in the auditorium and a tea room, refreshment stand, bake table, green thumb and other sales booths will be open for business. The hours will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is a new venture as usually this event has been held on the Friday evening before May 24.

Birthday greetings to Geoffrey Drewbrook Jr., Rodney Gooding, Dianne Soliba, Lynne Stewart, Jacqueline Wilkinson and James Hilson.

The North Trafalgar Slimettes held their meeting on Monday March 31 in Percy Merry School with 26 members attending for exercises and fitness program. Mrs. Ida Plant was the winner of the prize for best weight loser of the week, and Mrs. Eva Crooks of Milton was winner of the monthly. Mrs. Crooks has made fine progress in the slimming program as has Mrs. Susan Zilio of Milton. Congratulations to both ladies.

Cancer is found throughout the plant and animal kingdoms. Fossils from the dinosaur age indicate that cancer has probably existed almost from the beginning of life. Help to put an end to this most stubborn of all man's enemies by a generous contribution to the April campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society.

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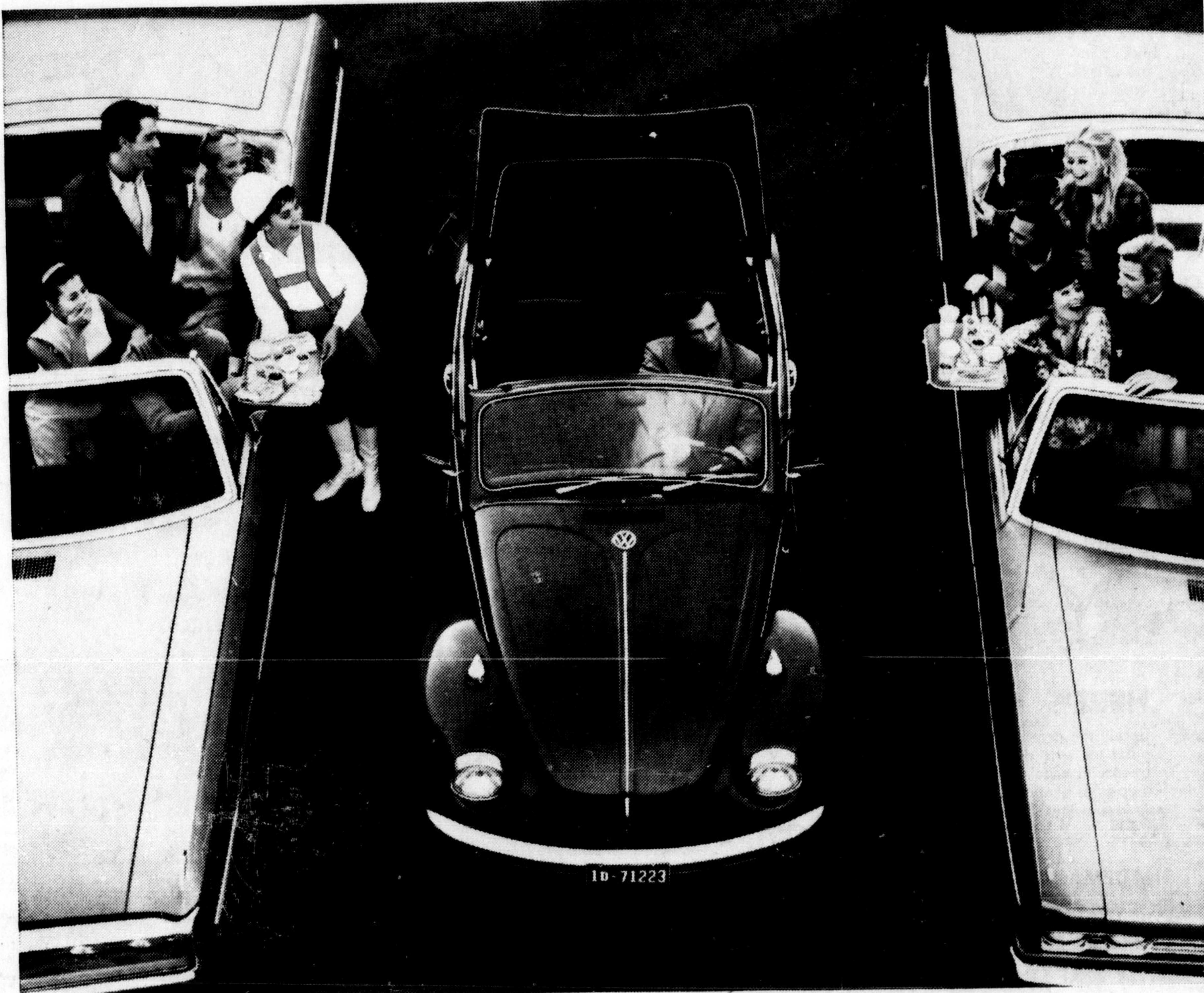
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