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Wife of Former Local Minister Buried Aurora

Funeral service was held last week in Aurora for Margaret L. Winter Warren, wife of Rev. H. S. Warren, retired United Church minister of Aurora and Stouffville. Born at Schomberg, she was a graduate of Toronto Conservatory of Music and had been a teacher of piano and a soprano soloist. Following her marriage she had accompanied her husband on pastorate in the Methodist and later the United Church at Echo Bay, Woodbridge, Queen St. Church, Toronto; Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Markdale and Woodville. She was a life member of the W.M.S. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Winona, Toronto, and a son, H. Reginald, Hamilton.

COOKIES DO TRICK

Rochester, Mich. — The dogs never snap at Otto Schueller, rural mail carrier. He leaves a cookie in the mail box when he stops at the home of a dog owner. It serves two purposes; the dogs welcome Schueller and their eager barking lets farmers know there's mail for them.

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Milk Producers Maintain Prices Badly Lagging

Certain that their costs of production are not being met by current milk prices, South Ontario County milk producers, members of District 4 of the Toronto Milk Producers Association, met at Brougham Thursday night to air their complaints and attempt to learn what can be done to remedy a complex and difficult situation. President George Todd presided over the annual meeting. He broached the subject of the evening by giving a clear, concise report on the over-all picture of the milk business in Canada.

Then W. H. Hoiles, president of the Toronto Milk Producers Association took the floor to report on recent negotiations on milk prices in the Toronto area. He said that farmers have no reason to be satisfied with present prices since they are considered below cost of production. One course of action the association has taken as a partial solution is its application to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture for the appointment of a permanent Board of Arbitration which, in the course of time would become familiar with the dairy market instead of the present practice of separate appointments of Boards with a judge as a chairman. It is felt that the present Boards of Arbitration are not thoroughly familiar with the problems surrounding the processing, production and distribution of

milk. Sharply rising costs of production which include materials, feed, labor, etc. have aggravated the situation since the middle of 1950. Producers in the Toronto area now receive \$4.20 per hundred for milk testing up to 3.4% butterfat. For each tenth of one percent over the test they receive an additional 3½ cents. Calculating at this rate, the farmer receives only 35¢ a pound for butterfat, a great disparity with the retail price.

Another major grievance of the milk producer is the arbitrary method of determining what constitutes "surplus milk" — that which goes into production of cottage cheese, skim milk, ice cream and is paid for at the rate of only \$2.50 per hundred. It was pointed out that large dairy profits from these manufactured products indicate that the farmer should receive considerably more for his surplus production.

A question asked by Jim McMorrow was: why is not this division of prices abandoned and one price set for all milk shipments since the dairies, in actuality, require all the farmer's production. By way of answer, Mr. Hoiles, felt that the association should work toward this end. F. V. von Pils asked Mr. Hoiles if it were correct that the Toronto Board of Directors had offered a price of \$4.22½ to the dairies and had been prepared to go as low as \$4.20 before arbitration was even started, and if so, in the light of this, should not some of the blame for low prices be laid directly to the Board of Directors of the Toronto Milk Producers Association.

Another question was by John Dowling of Claremont. He wanted to know whether any action has been taken by the Toronto Board of Directors on a resolution passed at the semi-annual meeting, asking the Ontario Government for legislation forcing dairies to install automatic weigh scales.

Answer. This resolution was passed on to the Ontario Whole Milk Producers League but no representations have yet been made to the government.

Next speaker was W. H. Wilmott, secretary-manager of the Toronto Milk Producers Association. He reported on the quota adjustment period for October-November. Questions were fired at Mr. Wilmott concerning the wide divergence in quotas which vary from 67 to 90%. The reply was that no satisfactory solution has yet been found.

Question. How is it possible that in Montreal milk market, producers receive \$4.25 per hundred while milk is retailed there for 18½ a quart. Mr. Wilmott answered that this price was possible because of a strong organization of Montreal Milk Producers and the handling of their milk through a farmer's marketing agency.

At this point it was pressed upon the officers of the Toronto Board of Directors to take some action to come to a similar solution in the Toronto area.

Frank M. Chapman presided for election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Norman Hogg of Claremont; vice-president, George Todd of Cherrywood; secretary-treasurer, Jim McMorrow of Pickering. Delegate director to Toronto Board of Directors, Alan Lishman of Pickering.

At the meeting, I. T. Ormiston of Columbus, past district director, reported on the activities of the year.

Financial statement showed a balance of \$1,150. On motion, the association contributed \$105 each to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and to the Dairy Farmers of Canada, to be used for advertising of dairy products.

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