

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Assist me, raise thy hand to sing the morn. On which the Savior of mankind was born. But oh! what numbers to the theme can rise? Unless King Angels aid me from the skies! Methinks I see the tuneful host descend, And with officious joy the scene attend! Hark, by their hymns directed on the road, The glad some shepherds find the nascent God! And view the Infant, conscious of His birth, Smiling, bespeak salvation to the earth! For when the important Era first drew near, In which the great Messiah should appear, And to accomplish His redeeming love, He signs while His glorious throne above, Beneath our form should every wee sustain, And by triumphant suffering fix His reign! Should for lost man in tortures yield His breath, Dying to save us from eternal death! Oh, Myrtle Union! Salutory Grace! Incarnate God our nature should embrace! That deity should stoop to our disguise, That man recover'd should regain the skies! Dejected Adam! From thy grace accept, And view the serpent's deadly malice end, Adoring Bless the Almighty's boundless grace! That gave His Son a ransom for thy race! Oh, never let my soul this day forget, But say in grateful praise her annual debt, To Him Whom, 'tis my trust, I shall adore. When time, and sin, and death shall be no more!



By H. COLES

The pessimistic outlook on the district puck follies has changed a whit since the final O.H.A. exhibition in which Mr. Howitt's "old lady" attempted a purification of the acidulous stench on importations and categories. In its place there dwells the first principle of organized sport enthusiasm. The hockey crowd can hardly wait until the first whistle to herald the curtain riser on the group 4 Int. schedule.

It's conceded that Acton will have an A1 sextette this term, in view of the O.H.A. revisions. In fact, the more optimistic are picturing another group title already. Needless to say, a club of that calibre will be a necessity in order to be stable enough to secure a play-off berth.

The computing of the district group by the O.H.A. was a masterpiece. It is much more compact than that of last year. Clubs in the snow belt are not included in its seven entries. Elton and Orangeville are expulsi and the mid-winter trips to these burghs through giant drifts can add interest although Oakville and Brampton are actually Int. A. Oakville Army are a mystery. We'll have to hear from them.

Don't be surprised if Oakville (down) carry the nucleus of last year's junior club on their Int. roster. Some of these lads could have carried an Int. puck last semester. They're big enough and rough enough. The triple A lunkers will vouch for that. But what of Brampton? Flower town devotees of hockey have had to travel far afield for their digest of the game. No O.H.A. club has operated in Brampton since the old arena had ice in it. Quite a number of years. It may be that some of the home town boys learned the game in other centres, but its doubtful they are capable of Int. A rating. Unlike Georgetown, they haven't been importing.

Last year at this time the Georgetown Herald was holding with gossamer on their proposed "penitent headed" team. This team, everything has been quiet on the newspaper front. Not a whisper has penetrated the iron curtain the paper town boys hang on their intentions. It might be another secret weapon. If it, we're laying odds that Jack Armstrong and company are seething with indignation at the O.H.A.'s "new look". Especially since a rigid observance of rulings is necessary to remain in Int. "B".

Three of their former players, Beaumont, Hurst and Bertwistle are not eligible. They have signed with other clubs and one of the fine points in the new rulings forbids the signing of two cards. Incidentally, Toronto's Mercantile and Major loops are now affiliated with the O.H.A.

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Ernest West Wins District Public Speaking Competition

The District Public Speaking Competition held at the Horton Stone Church near Ryckman's Corners on Monday, December 8th, brought together the Junior Farmer winners from the counties of Halton, Wentworth, Waterloo, Brant, Oxford, Norfolk, Haldimand, Lincoln and Welland counties. Ernest West of the Acton Junior Farmers' Club, who had previously won the Halton County competition and the Zone Competition held at Waterdown, was declared the winner. Ernest took as his subject "World Citizenship" and will now represent District No. 4 at the Provincial Finals to be held in Toronto on January 7th.

A group represented Paloma Juniors in the amateur entertainment contest and while they did not secure the first award, their skill based on "Fountain and a Fussin'" proved a crowd pleaser.

Our best wishes will go with Ernest to the Provincial finals.

Halton Plowmen Elect C. E. Pickett As President

The annual meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association was held in the Agricultural Office, Milton on Saturday evening, December 13th. The secretary's report revealed that notwithstanding rather unfavorable winter conditions which prevailed on

the morning of the match, 43 contestants competed for the \$300 prize list which was offered. Tribute was paid in the same report to Chas. Jarvis & Sons for the splendid site provided; to the ladies of the Omega W.I. and Appleby W.A. who were responsible for the catering arrangements at noon and night respectively; to the team, tractor and farm machinery owners for their splendid co-operation; as well as to the many individuals and firms who contributed to the outstanding prize list. The Association had a membership of 150 in 1947. It is anticipated that their 1948 Match will be held in Nelson Township.

J. A. Elliott, past president of the Association, who was in charge of the meeting, paid tribute to his outstanding contribution to the Association. In this connection he observed a minute's silence. The election of officers for 1948 resulted as follows: Hon. President, J. A. Elliott; president, C. E. Pickett; 1st vice-president, Arthur Diamond; 2nd vice-president, Vernon McArthur; secretary-treasurer, J. E. Whitlock. Honorary Directors: Hughes Cleaver, M.P.; Stanley Hall, M.P.; W. E. Brecken, Victor Hall, W. A. Robinson, W. H. Robinson, W. J. Robertson.

Directors: Espeuing, J. C. Cunningham, M. T. McNabb, Roy Currie, Herbert McEwelly, Nassagaweya, J. E. Ellenton, Ross Gordon, Harold Ferguson, Nelson, Glen Campbell, Ross Sogaworth, Jack Taylor, George Rendell, Trafalgar, J. A. Dixon, Jack Marchmont, Cameron Marshall, Harold Pickett.

Associate Directors: Espeuing, Fred Ruddle, Nassagaweya, Jack McPhail, Lloyd Crawford, Clark Armstrong, Nelson, Featherstone Colling, Roy Ellenton, John Richardson, Trafalgar, George Hall, Leonard Lister, Lloyd May.

Auditor: John Irving.

Wm. Booth Wins Pasture Competition

The results of the Long Term Pasture Competition jointly sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society and the Halton Crop Improvement Association have just been released. Wm. Booth of Trafalgar Township was the first award with Gerald Graham, the 1946 winner, in second place. Other award winners followed: J. A. Dixon, Milton; H. W. H. Reid and Sons, Georgetown; 5th, Fred Nurse, Georgetown; 6th, V. J. Lawrence, Oakville; 7th, J. E. Tremble, Streetsville.

It was most interesting to learn from the report of Wm. Booth that his four acre demonstration plot seeded in 1944, carried 23 milk cows and 3 dry cows a total of 28 days during the season. In other words, this 4 acres of improved pasture provided a total of 672 pasture days. During this period they produced milk to the value of \$546.87. In contrast to this, his 4 acre check pasture, also seeded in 1944 to 6 lbs. alfalfa, 4 lbs. of red clover and 8 lbs. of improved timothy per acre, a total of 18 lbs. per acre, provided 480 pasture days and the same herd during this period produced milk to the value of \$342.03. In short, Mr. Booth's 4 acres of improved long term pasture produced \$204.84 worth more milk than a similar acreage of the mixture given above or \$51.21 more milk per acre of improved pasture. Mr. Booth is indeed to be congratulated on his success much of which is due to the excellent management given to this pasture which is located on Highway No. 25 approximately 4 miles south of Milton.

Calfhood Vaccination Program Launched in Nassagaweya Township

On Friday of last week a public meeting was held in the Nassagaweya Township Hall. President Ed Davenport of the Nassagaweya Township Federation of Agriculture, was in charge of the meeting which while not large was most enthusiastic regarding the county wide program on

calfhood vaccination for the control of Bangs disease. R. S. Heatherington, National Film Board operator, screened an excellent film entitled "Fighting Brucellosis", following which Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitlock led a discussion on the subject and the canvass is to be made under the direction of M. J. Carter, W. L. Ferguson, Robert Laking and Frank Blount. While all organization work has not been completed, the following have expressed their willingness to assist with the project: Jack McPhail, Harvey Blacklock, Ivan Richardson, John Robertson, Arthur Diamond, Lester Miller, Van Gozen, Stanley Robinson, Wm. Milton, Lloyd Chisholm and A. R. Service. The meeting was unanimous in feeling that this campaign for calfhood vaccination offers possibilities of great value and importance to the people of Halton County than even the T.B. Free Area project of a few years ago. Few people to-day in Halton would not be willing to admit that this latter campaign was a great forward move and one which has given real results both from the standpoint of health and economic aspects.

W. E. Brecken, well known farm leader of Nelson Township, gave an excellent address on the Seed and Food Grain Situation. As a result of Mr. Brecken's address the canvassers on the calfhood vaccination project will at the same time make a survey in the seed grain situation. Paul A. Fisher, president of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, also addressed the meeting, briefly and offered the support of his organization in the program under way.

WORLD FOOD DEFICIT

Due to a considerable extent to bad weather in several important food producing areas in 1947 the serious world food deficit was "greatly accentuated". The report on "The World Agricultural Situation" made to the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa during the first three days of December. While the world population in 1947 will be nearly 200 million or 8 per cent above 1946, food production during 1947 will be appreciably lower. The supply situation for bread grains is particularly serious, the report stated. No substantial increase in fat nations is probable. Severe drought in Europe in 1947 caused a reduction in the yields of potatoes and sugar beets.

The world in its dependence is commensurate by the lack of purchasing power of what are termed "defeat countries".

Advertisement for SHOCK ABSORBER EXCHANGE SERVICE, DISTRIBUTORS AGENT FOR CLE-DRAULIC & GABRIL. Includes contact info for Prop. C. Ledwidge, King St. E., Georgetown.

Advertisement for Barr's Quality Grocery, MILL STREET, ACTON. Includes a small illustration of a grocery store.

Advertisement for Thompson Motors, MILL ST. ACTON. Features a large illustration of a vintage car and the text 'Season's Greetings'.

Advertisement for PEP UP, Take C. C. and B. Tonic Tablets for low vitality, nervous and general debility. \$2.00 and \$1.00 at your Drug Store.

Advertisement for DON'T DO THIS! Tone-Lite Lenses absorb harmful rays and glare. Because they are deliberately tinted they blend with the complexion and at the same time keep annoying and harmful glare from your eyes. Ask us about Tone-Lite Lenses.

Advertisement for CECIL A. CARR, Savage Optical, Guelph, Ont. Includes illustrations of eyeglasses.

Large advertisement for bus services: 'You'll Enjoy Going by Bus'. Includes a table of routes to London and Toronto, and a list of fares to various cities like Halifax, Quebec, and St. John.

Large advertisement for Coca-Cola: 'WORLD'S BUSIEST MAN KNOWS WHERE TO PAUSE'. Features a large illustration of Santa Claus holding a Coca-Cola bottle and a glass. Includes the text 'Coca-Cola Coke' and 'Ask for it either way... both trade-marks mean the same thing.'