

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

W. R. Reek to Address the Crop Improvement Association Annual

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Crop Improvement Association scheduled for the Court House, Milton, on Saturday, January 24th at 1:30 p.m. states C. L. S. Palmer, president of the Halton Association, W. R. Reek, M.B.E., former deputy minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and now president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is to be the main speaker. President Reek who has had a long and diversified experience in Canadian Agriculture is noted for his sound practical grasp of the problems of Ontario agriculture. In addition, a number of local farmers will give short reports on the following topics: Renovation of Unplowable Pastures; Liming; Grain Variety Tests; Brome vs. Orchard Grass; Reed Canary Grass; the Feed and Seed Grain Situation; and Long Term Pastures.

Another feature of the program will be the presentation of the awards to winners in the Halton Fifty Bushel Winter Wheat Club, and the Halton Long Term Pasture Competition.

In recent years the Halton Association has had the reputation of attracting the largest attendance at their annual meetings of any County Association in the Province. Judging by the splendid program provided, their 1948 meeting on January 24th should be no exception to the rule.

Halton Juniors Stage Annual Rally

Junior Farmers, to a number of approximately 200 from all sections of Halton, crowded the Milton High School auditorium on Friday evening, January 9th. This was the occasion of their Annual Rally. T. R. Hillard, Junior Extension Fieldman of the Agricultural Representative Branch, Toronto, was the guest speaker. Mr. Hillard, who was introduced by Mrs. S. Atkins, a member of the Juniors' Farmer executive of Ontario, gave a most interesting picture of

the Junior Farmer setup in Ontario and an outline of many of the projects being sponsored. Vice-President Cameron Wilson of the Halton Juniors was the very capable chairman of the evening, and incidentally on behalf of the Halton Juniors presented silver medals bearing the Halton County Crest to the winners of the County Public Speaking Competition held last November, namely to Ernest West of Acton and Joan Chester of Norval.

Another pleasing feature of the evening's program was the fifteen minute "amateur" entertainment presented by the four Halton Clubs. All were worthy of commendation but the highlight judging by the reaction of the audience, was the "Fashion Parade" presented by the Milton Juniors under the able direction of Mesdames Corrie Harrop and Lloyd Pickering. Recreation and dancing to music supplied by May's Orchestra and directed by Evelyn Pelletteria brought to a close the most successful rally yet staged by Halton Juniors.

C. F. Pickett Appointed President of Halton Holstein Club

Palemia Community Hall was the scene on Thursday of last week for Halton's Black and White enthusiasts. Dr. C. F. Pickett, former head of the Ontario Agricultural College, was in his sold time form and delighted the large audience with his dynamic address on the World Food situation. President Frank G. Stark of the Halton Club was the capable chairman of the day's program which got under way at 11:00 a.m.

H. R. McGrogran of the Federal Tax Division introduced and led a discussion on the new Basic Herd Policy of his Department. This was well received and created keen discussion among the members which was up to its usual high standard. David Pelletteria and Henk deVries, two of the members of the Milton Holstein Calf Club and who won the Provincial Championship in Dairy Cattle in competition with 52 Club teams from all sections of Ontario last October, were honored and presented with suitable gifts.

The President's, Secretary's and Sales Agent's reports all revealed that the Halton Club had enjoyed one of the most successful years

in its history. Club Sales Agent, Marley J. Watson, in his report stated he had sold over 240 head to a value of approximately \$200,000. Needless to add this is but a fraction of the total sold privately.

Geo. Drenth, in presenting six Superior Production Certificates to Messrs. Harold Dingham, Blanshard Bros., and E. J. Meagher, stated that the Halton Club received twice as many as any other Club in central Western Ontario.

J. M. Fraser, first vice president of the Halton Holstein Association of Canada, brought greetings from the parent organization and briefly explained some of the suggested changes being considered by the Dominion executive.

Harry Hays of Oakville, was unanimously elected as the candidate from Halton for the Dominion directorate.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. F. Pickett, 1st Vice President, F. G. Hunter, 2nd Vice President, H. Craig Bell, Secretary, Treasurer, V. J. Lawrence, Directors, Trafalgar Township, W. H. Biggar, M. Dearing, E. F. Ford, F. G. Stark, A. T. Woodley; Esquesing Township, W. H. Robinson; Nelson Township, J. C. Bell, A. G. Hunter, Ross Sogaworth, M. T. Watson; Nassagaweya, Wm. Mahon and F. Rinehart.

Dr. F. W. Schofield Addresses Jersey Annual

The Annual Meeting of the Halton Jersey Cattle Club was held in the Hornby Hall on Tuesday of last week. Jack Featherstone, president of the Halton Club was in charge of the meeting, which opened at 11:00 a.m. Eighty-four were in attendance for the banquet ably served by the ladies of the Hornby W. I. The Secretary's report revealed a paid up membership of 59 in 1947, the largest in the history of the organization.

Other features of the report was a meeting on herd classification, Field Day at the O.A.C. County Show, which brought together 68 head of Halton Jerseys, second prize County Herd at the Western Ontario Championship Show at Simcoe, the winnings of the M. C. Beatty herd at the 1947 Royal, and the long distance record made by Fary Raleigh Zana in the herd of Featherstone Bros. of Oakville. This cow at 15 years of age has

produced over 148,000 lbs. of milk and nearly 8,000 lbs. of fat, which make her the new long distance producing Jersey Cow of Canada (living or dead).

Dr. F. W. Schofield of the Ontario Veterinary College was the chief speaker at the afternoon program, and his humorous and philosophical address delighted his audience. Others who spoke briefly included Col. Bartley Bull, of Brampton; Ford Pappie, Brantford, President of the Ontario Jersey Club; Harold Butcher, Secretary of the Ontario Jersey Club; and H. R. McGrogran, of the Federal Income Tax Division, who outlined the new Basic Herd Policy of his department.

The McKenrick Trophy for the Champion Jersey Calf Club member, was presented by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, to David Clarke, of Milton.

The 1948 Board of Directors elected are as follows: Trafalgar Township, M. C. Beatty, W. H. Devlin and Jack Featherstone; Esquesing Township, F. D. Charles, Gerald Graham and F. W. Ruddell; Nelson Township, W. H. Davies and Robt. Hayward; Nassagaweya Township, Duncan Moffat and Art. Padbury; Erin Township, Charles McKeown; Eramosa Township, Kenneth Ellin.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the election of the new officers was laid over until the first meeting of the new board. This concluded one of the most successful years in the history of the Halton Club.

Junior Farmer Hockey Series Opens

Four teams representing the Acton, Milton, Norval and Palermo Junior Farmer Clubs are competing in the 1948 hockey series. The opening games were played on Thursday, January 8th, when Acton Juniors who took the Palermo team to the time of 10 to 3. In the second game of the double header Norval and Milton, this latter game threatened to develop into a real doozy, however, referee Eddie Robertson of Hornby ruled with an iron hand and the game finished with Norval on top 6 to 5.

On Thursday, January 10th, the same four teams met at the Milton Arena with Acton again indicating they are out to retain the Dr. Carl Martin Trophy, when they took the Milton team to the time of 15 to 1. In the second game Norval again entered the win column by defeating Palermo 4 to 4.

Princess Elizabeth's wedding gown will go to the Victoria and Albert Museum.

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Canadian Plowmen to Compete in Ireland



Russ Hays, Glen McFadden, John Capton, Alfred Brunton

A 20 year old Cayuga Indian boy, John Capton, from the Six Nations reservation near Brantford, is one of the team of Ontario farmers which will represent Canada at the International Plowing Match to be held at Saint Field, County Down, Northern Ireland on February 11.

In addition to Capton, who is a Saladin Ten horse plowman of last year's International match at Kingston, Ontario, the party includes Glen McFadden of Millbank

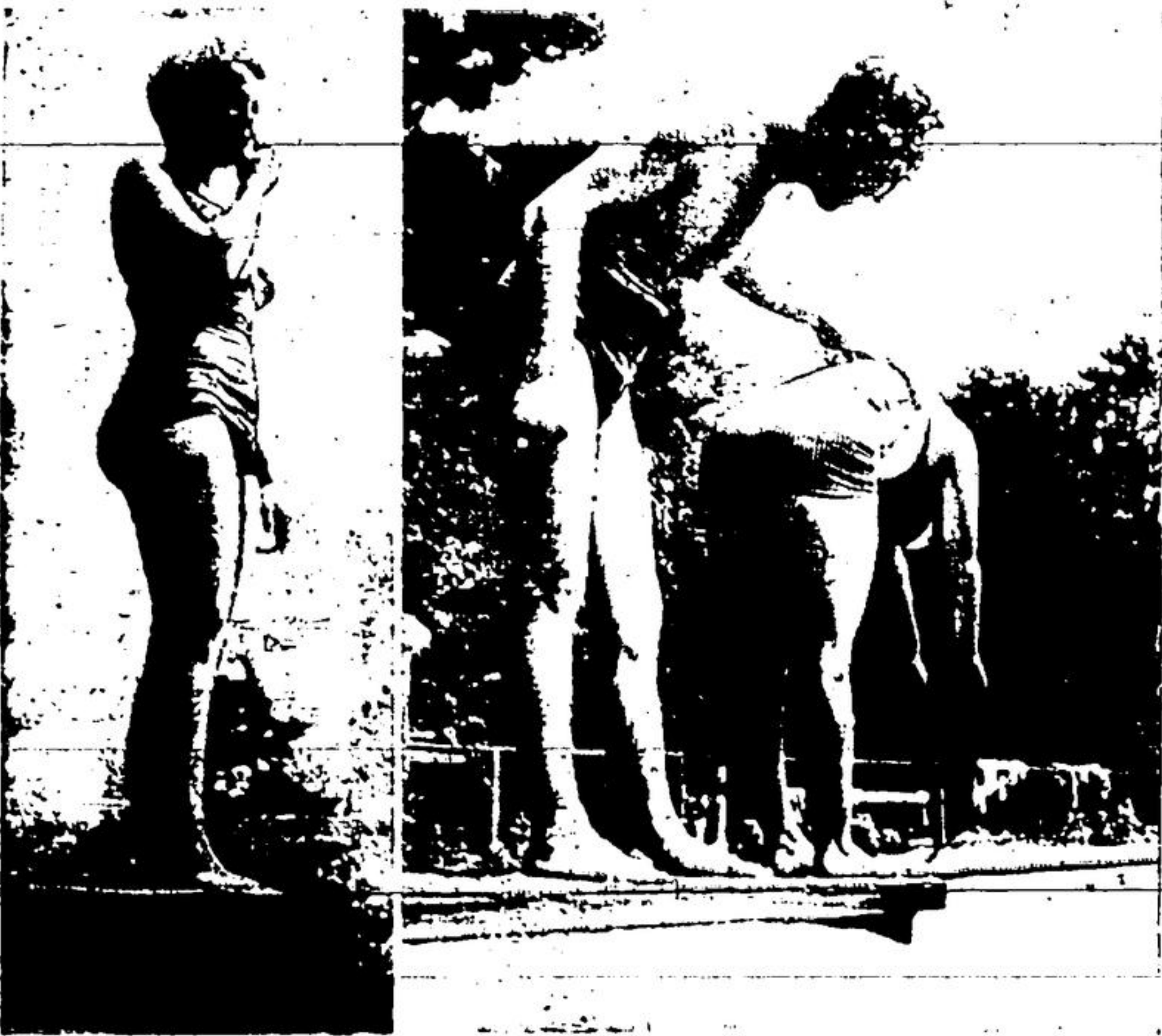
and Russell Hays of Nanticoke, Essex Tractor Champions; Alfred Brunton of Tara, also a Saladin Ten Champion and W. L. Clark of Gormley, president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The men are sailing from New York on the Queen Mary, January 17 and plan to be in the British Isles a month. In addition to the Irish International Match, they expect to participate in a match at Warrington in England. Although this is the second group of plow-

men to visit Britain since the war, they will be the first to participate in a plowing competition because last year's unusual weather resulted in cancellation of the matches planned for 1947.

John Capton is the third generation of the Capton family to win top plowing honors, according to records of the Six Nations Plowing Association. One of the highest awards in the match of 1882 was won by Wm. Capton, John's grandfather.

Local Pictorial Review of 1947



Acton Children Enjoying Y.M.C.A. Pool at Norval



O. B. A. Intermediate B Baseball Champions 1947 after the Delhi Game



Last Year's Semi-Finalist Intermediate Hockey Team



G. A. MacDonald Catch's Season's Largest Trout



Cadet Inspection in Acton Park Last Year