

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Are Halton Farmers Seed Grain Careless?

Halton's countryside has long had a reputation for beauty, among city dwellers. There is much evidence to support this viewpoint. At the same time we sometimes wonder in summer months if the prevalence of blue flowers intermingled with the delicate Queen Anne's Lace which are to be seen growing prolifically in almost every field and along every roadside, has anything to do with their exclamations of delight. Certainly, if the ancestors of some of our present day farmers were to come back, they would wonder what new crops are these that they are growing on my old farm? To the good farmer the sight of the delicate Queen Anne's Lace or Wild Carrot, is obvious and disturbing. In recent years the shortage of labor has been the general excuse. And a good excuse it is, since the farm labor situation is deplorable and the great percentage of Halton farms are greatly undermanned. We have heard much of the poor quality, weed infested, so called seed grain being sown in other

sections of Ontario, but of course such a condition does not exist in the good old hamper County of Halton. Alas, our complacency has been shattered by a report recently issued and based on a seed drill survey conducted by E. M. Rendell, County Weed Inspector for Halton. Statistics were indiscriminately collected from 45 different farmers scattered over the County. Some of these were collected directly from the seed drills while in the field — and the remainder from seed grain bagged up and ready to take to the field. That the best is not too good is revealed by the following table which gives the maximum number of weeds allowed per pound of Ontario barley according to grade.

Grade	Maximum Number Weed of Weed Seeds per Seed	No. of weed seeds per acre when the rate of seeding is 100 lbs per acre
Reg. No. 1	3	300
Reg. No. 2	10	1000
Reg. No. 3	10	1000
Cert. No. 1	10	1000
Cert. No. 2	20	2000
Com. No. 1	25	2500
Com. No. 2	50	5000
Com. No. 3	100	10000

It was astounding therefore, to learn that 31% or almost one third of the samples collected in Halton were graded rejected as unfit for seed. In short, they were too poor

to even get into the Commercial No. 3 grade which permits up to 10000 weed seeds per acre, when the grain is sown at 100 lbs. per acre. It was almost unbelievable to learn that one sample contained 1550 weed seeds per pound, which would mean that the farmer from whom the sample was collected was sowing in the neighborhood of 155,000 weed seeds per acre. Is it any wonder that such a large percentage of Halton's fields are becoming polluted with such weeds as Chickie, Wild Oats, White Cockle, Bladder Cuckoo and Couch or Twitch Grass? These are the weed seeds which caused the rejection of 14 of the 45 samples. Three of the five weed seeds can be cleaned out of our grain sample by a reasonably well equipped and fanning mill. Did you ask what percentage of the farmers were sowing Commercial No. 1 seed? 38%. It was also startling to learn that only one fifth of the Halton farmers contacted were treating their grain for smut control.

Labor is very short on Halton farms, but surely the above picture would justify the suggestion that this is the time of year to get a new screen for that old fanning mill. This is the time of year when the seed grain should be cleaned up. This is the time of year when a good sample of your grain should be sent to the Plant Products Division at 86 Collier Street Toronto, where a grade and germination test can be secured for 75 cents. Furthermore, if you are going to need seed grain next spring, this is the time of year to locate it. The canvassers in connection with the County Childhood Vaccination program also collected data concerning those with seed grain for sale. This information is we understand, now being compiled at the Agricultural Office in Milton and is available to all interested. The moral to this article is "Why Sow Weed Seeds?"

Col. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, has set an object of 50 million more bushels of course grain to be grown in Ontario in 1948. If this objective is to be achieved, good quality seed grain of the rust resistant varieties is essential. The time to get ready for next spring is NOW.

Milton Short Courses Continue to Create Keen Interest

The Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics being held in Milton are now in their final week. The attendance on the whole has been most satisfactory. Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock. Some of the highlights of the young men's class during the past week were as follows: two afternoons on Farm Machinery in J. W. Higgins' farm implement shop, where H. Coggins of the L.H.C., Hamilton, demonstrated on Mowers and Binder Knotters. On the latter subject Harry Dean of the Massey-Harris Company also co-operated. One afternoon was spent at the Valley Crest Farm, where classes on Clydesdale horses and Cures for cattle were judged. Then Dr. Henderson of the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, spent a morning with the boys, on Animal Diseases, and Prof. J. Francis, of the Poultry Department, O.A.C., gave the young men some sound, practical pointers on Poultry, on Friday morning. The day spent at Canada Packers will long be remembered by all members of the group. An excellent program had been arranged and aside from an interesting tour through the many parts of the plant while in operation, they were able to inspect on the rail, carcasses from boxes which they had previously criticized on foot. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the day's program was a cutting demonstration, in which one side of an 'A' hog and one side of a 'C' hog were cut up into domestic cuts and their relative wholesale value calculated. Friday afternoon brought their weekly literary, where in addition to numbers by the students themselves, Mr. Geo. E. Elliott, well known lawyer of Milton, followed up his initial discourse of two weeks ago on "Father and Son Agreements" by leading an excellent discussion on "Deeds and Mortgages".

Powdered tobacco and ginger-ones were ingredients in a hot spicy in China.

ERIN

Fire Chief I. G. Matthews tells us the new fire engine should be delivered in the near future.

The members and their wives of the Cedarvale Hunt Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marshall for their annual banquet. At the inaugural meeting of Wellington County Council on Tuesday, Ross' Albert McWilliams of Puslinch Township was elected Warden of Wellington County for 1948.

Wm. T. Houston quietly celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, January 21st. A native of Caledon Township, he resides with his son Ross on the Erin-Caledon Town Line, Advocate.

The old Tolbooth (town hall) at Kircubright, Scotland, where U.S.A. Navy founder John Paul Jones was born, may become an American museum.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1944

THE PURPOSE OF JESUS' LIFE
Golden Text: The Son of man came to save that which was lost. Luke 19: 10.

Lesson Text: Isa. 53: 4-6; Matt. 1: 21; 3: 17; 20: 28-29; Heb. 4: 15-16.

Exposition: I. The Vicarious Atonement, 53: 4-6. It was because He carried our sicknesses and sorrows that the Christ was a Man of Sorrows. He bore our iniquities that we might not need to bear them ourselves (Matt. 8: 16, 17). While He suffered for the sins of man, man's estimate of His sufferings was that "he was smitten of God and afflicted" because of His own transgression, but it was for our transgression that He was wounded and for our iniquities that He was bruised. All men are sinners and lost and therefore under a curse (Gal. 3: 10), but our sins were made to settle on Him and thus the curse is removed from us (Gal. 3: 12; 2: 21).

On the ground of His vicarious suffering, there is salvation for whoever believes in Him (John 3: 16). In verses 4-6 the sufferings of the Messiah are considered as coming from God; in verses 7-9 as coming from men (cf. Acts 2: 23). The death of Christ considered as coming from man was a net of oppression and injustice (cf. Acts 3: 15); considered as coming from God, it was a manifestation of infinite love (John 3: 16; 1 John 4: 10).

In the number of all the injustices heaped upon Him, He humbled Himself (cf. 7: 14; Phil. 2: 8). He was a silent sufferer (Matt. 26: 60-63; 27: 12-14; Luke 23: 8-10). In His trial every form of Jewish and Roman justice was outraged "by oppression and judgment he was taken away."

II. Salvation and Its Effect, Matt. 1: 21; 3: 17; 20: 28-29.

In Matt. 1: 21 God is naming His only begotten Son Jesus because He came to earth through the womb of a virgin, to be man's Saviour. It is a culmination of the Old Testament teaching, type, symbol and prophecy. It was that for which God prepared His redemptive history (Gal. 4: 4-5). This is the significant meaning of Matt. 5: 17. Both the law and the prophets directed faith toward the incarnation and through it to the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and a kingdom of regenerated souls.

In Matt. 20: 28-29, Jesus dealt very gently with His disciples' selfishness. "He called them to Him." He always draws us nearer to Himself when He would win us from our low lives to a higher one. The method of Christ's kingdom is utterly at variance with the method of the kingdoms of this earth. In the kingdoms of this world he that rules is great; in the kingdom of Christ he that serves is great. If any one will be to great in Christ's kingdom, he must take the place of a servant of others; and he that would be the very first must take the place of a slave of all. This though occurs again and again in a variety of expressions throughout the New Testament (Matt. 20: 26, 27; 23: 8-12; Mk. 9: 35; Luke 9: 46-48; 11: 11; 18: 14; John 13: 13-17; 1 Cor. 9: 19, 23; 1 Pet. 5: 5, 6).

The Head of the kingdom is the supreme illustration of this principle which governs it. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. His ministry cost Him all He had. He laid down His life as a ransom to purchase life for others though it took all He had (2 Cor. 5: 21; Gal. 3: 13; Titus 2: 14; Isa. 53: 5, 2 Cor. 8: 9). He gave up the highest glory and descended to the deepest shame, and thus attained to the name that is above every man (Phil. 2: 6-9). He that would attain to real greatness must tread the same path.

III. Christ's Saving Ministry, Heb. 4: 15, 16.

Not only is Jesus the sinner's Saviour instantaneously upon genuine repentance but He carries a constant ministry of intercession for him at God's right hand (Rom. 8: 34; 1 John 2: 1, 2; Phil. 1: 6). By means of this a believer is kept by the power of God (1 Pet. 1: 5). In addition, the believer is elevated to God's priesthood and is given access into His presence (Eph. 3: 12).

The priesthood of believers (Rev. 1: 6) requires that there shall be a high priest. What is meant by a priest? It signifies one who has access to God. All worship is based on a priesthood. The priestly office is an essential part of our salvation. It signifies faith in God (Heb. 11: 6); a desire to worship God and serve Him (Rev. 5: 9, 10); the acceptance of His Word and His salvation and communion with God (Ex. 20: 22; 28: 1-5; John 9: 35, 36; Eph. 3: 12). All believers are priests (1 Pet. 2: 9). In their redemption Jesus has brought them to God. They, therefore, may at any time resort to God, through Christ, and they can serve Him.

The conflict between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism is that the Roman church has the error of making the priesthood a privileged and limited company, possessed of authority over the souls of the ordinary members of

the church. This is a denial of the priesthood of believers and robs their members of the holy privilege of immediate and direct entrance into the presence of God, putting in between all sorts of inventions such as saints, apostles and the Virgin Mary. But Protestants are not better off if they do not acknowledge their priesthood in prayer and worship, depending upon God. There is no issue in believing in the priesthood of believers if they neglect the privilege; it becomes hypocrisy.

As Israel was a nation of priests (Ex. 19: 6) under the high priest Aaron and those who succeeded him, so the true church is a priesthood under the High Priest, Jesus. He is the Head of the church (Eph. 1: 22, 23). As the Israelitish high priest had special functions belonging to no other, so Jesus, our High Priest, has perfect, sacerdotal and holy services which He performs toward God for man and toward man in the will of God which He alone can do.

HALF A SHIP LAUNCHED

A tanker's bow was launched recently at Devonport dockyard, England. The other half of the vessel is being overhauled before it is joined to the bow. The tanker, a Norwegian vessel, was damaged by a mine and only the stern was saved and towed to Devonport. It is expected that the tanker now renamed Milford will be completed in the early spring.

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