

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Agricultural Conventions Attract Record Attendance

The annual Livestock, Plovermen's, Crop and Agricultural Society conventions held in Toronto the first two weeks in February attracted record crowds. Many Halton farm leaders were in attendance at the various sessions. At the Ontario Jersey meeting, Bill Featherstone, representing Featherstone Bros., well known Jersey breeders of Trafalgar Township, was the recipient of a superior Production Certificate for their cow, Almonte Gents Fern, that has produced a total of 122,485 lbs. of milk, and 6,833 lbs. of Fat in 12 lactations, while his brother Jack, past president of the Halton Jersey Club, was honored by being appointed a member of the executive of the Ontario Jersey Club. M. C. Beaty also of Trafalgar Township, and another Halton Jersey enthusiast, whose herd has come to the forefront in recent years, was appointed as a director from the Ontario Jersey Club, on the Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association.

The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada as usual, had a crowded auditorium at their annual meeting. Harry W. Hays of Trafalgar Township, as the representative of the Halton Holstein Club was elected as one of the ten Western Ontario breeders on the Dominion Holstein executive.

Another prominent Halton Holstein breeder, E. J. Meagher, of Graymar Farm, was in the limelight with two certificates, one for his former herd sire, Armac Sylvannus Pathfinder, recently declared an "Extra" sire as a result of the outstanding records Graymar herd, and the other for the achievement of Graymar Besse Pathfinder, in producing 27,519 lbs. Milk and 1,175 lbs. Fat.

J. H. Willmott, prominent Hampshire breeder, again of Trafalgar Township, was appointed to the executive of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association, while at the meeting of the Ontario Clydesdale Association, Bert Barry, popular manager of Valley Crest Farm, Trafalgar Township, was appointed to the Clydesdale executive.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association with its 55 county or district branches scattered over the Province, had a four day convention with a program which included sessions from 9:00 a.m. until midnight daily. Two members of the Halton association, namely W. E. Breckon of Freeman, and J. E. Whitelock, Milton, were numbered among the speakers on this program. At the annual banquet of the Ontario association, Cecil Breckon of Freeman and A. T. Woodley of Milton, 2nd and 4th prize winners in the Inter-County Winter Wheat Competition open to fifty bushel club members at the 1947 Royal, received cheques for \$60. and \$40., respectively in recognition of their achievement.

Making Hay the Modern Way
One of the many addresses at the Conventions which would have been of interest to all Halton farmers was that of Douglas N. Hart, well known Oxford County farmer. Mr. Hart, who operates a large dairy farm near Woodstock, has had experience in hay-making using almost all types of machinery and methods. A few of the highlights of his address are as follows:

"The secret of making good hay is to cut it early and cure it quickly. Under modern conditions it must be done with a minimum of labor. We all want machines to save our backs particularly at a heavy job such as making hay."

"There is no doubt in my mind," he stated, "that the best hay from the first crop is that cured on tripsods. It is very difficult to cure early cut June hay any other way."

He further pointed out, "The labor requirements are too high for putting this hay on tripsods unless the reversed hay loader is used and the tripod built in a circular sheet-iron cage where it can be dropped on the ground when complete."

"This method," he stated, "has been used successfully in some places in Eastern Ontario. After the tripsods have been cured for about two weeks they can be hauled to the barn with a buckrake."

Curing hay in cocks, stated Mr. Hart, should be a thing of the past except for very small acreages. He pointed out they take moisture from the ground as well as from above when it rains so the resulting product is not good enough except in the weather, and besides the labor required is too great for the modern farm.

The hay loader and one man rack, stated Mr. Hart, possibly still has a place, where it is not necessary to put to much hay in one mow. In large mows there is great danger, he stated, from spontaneous combustion with windrow cured hay and also the

resulting product is not good enough unless it is stored loosely. He further pointed out that this method does not lend itself to mechanization but the overhead for equipment is much lower.

Mr. Hart is not too enthusiastic about the field harvester, which takes the hay from the windrow chops it up and blows it into a wagon that in turn is unloaded into another blower that cuts the hay into the mow. The main reason Mr. Hart does not like it is because his dairy cows do not like chopped hay—it is too much like stems and dust. He did, however, point out, that this method permits the highest mechanization with a low cost per ton for hauling.

The buck rake has some possibilities, stated Mr. Hart, where the distance from the barn is not too great, the gates are wide, the lane straight, and the operator a good mechanic. This method has a lower overhead than some others.

The pick-up baler, he stated, saves the leaves in better form than the blower, and puts the hay in a convenient package to transport and handle. It is nice to feed and conserving of space. The weaknesses according to Mr. Hart, who has had six years experience with this machine, are that there is a high overhead for machinery, wire or twine, and early cut hay does not bale as well as later cut. The baler tends to bale too tight with resulting spoilage when the hay is a little tough, as in the hollows of the field, and too loose


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COMMANDS REGIMENT



Lt.-Col. F. H. Chisholm, ED. of Oakville has assumed command of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment). Formerly second in command of the Regiment, he succeeds Lt.-Col. C. T. Sharpe, ED of Streetsville, who retired from the army recently.

on the high spots where the hay is dry.

Mr. Hart also has made use of the forage harvester, which cuts the hay and elevates it into a wagon in a green state. It was hauled to the silo and blown in. He is of the opinion that more of our first crop hay should go into the silo, and more of the second crop used for hay when the weather is usually more satisfactory. With some adjustment, Mr. Hart still has hopes for this machine.

Another machine used on the Hart farm this past year was the haymaker, which cuts the hay and then runs it through a pair of heavy rollers to break the stems and permit faster and more uniform drying. The hay cut with this machine, he stated, was decidedly better than the rest of the field that was cut with the conventional mower. With a haymaker, an automatic baler and a bale elevator, hay can be handled quickly with a minimum of labor, but there is, stated Mr. Hart, a capital investment of over \$5,000, that will require a large acreage to justify.

Mr. Hart concluded this informative address by stating, "Some day our hay-making problems will probably be solved."

Halton Juniors on the Air
The second broadcast of the Halton Juniors for the 1947-48 season will be over CHML on Saturday, February 21st, at 8.45 p.m. The subject of their broadcast is to be "Is Price Control What We Want," and the members of the panel participating under the direction of Cameron Wilson and Ismay Keen will be as follows: Doris Brownridge and Douglas Currie of Esquesing Township, Jack Marchmont and Lloyd Pickering of Trafalgar Township.

The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

ALL ONE IN CHRIST
Golden Text. — There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. Eph. 4: 4-6.

Lesson Text. — Ac. 2: 37-47; Eph. 4: 1-6.

Exposition. — I. Truth That Convicts, Ac. 2: 37-40.

The "therefore" in v. 36 refers back to Peter's argument in vs. 14-35 by which he proves the certainty of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This proven resurrection proves also that God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ (i. e., their Divine Master and anointed King prophesied so often in the O. T.). Peter told his hearers that Jesus had been exalted by God to be both Lord and Christ. This fact carried home by the Holy Spirit produced the deepest and sharpest conviction of sin. These convicted Jews cried out to know what they were to do. Peter's answer was very plain.

(1) "Repent," i. e., change their minds about Jesus. They were to change from that attitude of mind that crucified Jesus to one that accepted Him as that which God had exalted Him to be, Lord and Christ. This, of course, involves renunciation of sin, i. e., renouncing all sin. It involves the absolute surrender of our wills to Jesus as our Lord. (2) "Be baptized."

There was to be outward water baptism. But there must be more than outward symbol—there was to be the great inward fact for which the outward symbol stood, the renunciation of sin, faith in Christ and the putting on of Jesus Christ (Gal. 3: 26, 27; Rom. 6: 3, 4).

The gift of the Holy Ghost is the blood bought birthright of every believer in Jesus Christ. If one does not have the gift of the Holy Spirit experimentally it is either because he does not claim his birthright by simple prayer and faith (Ac. 4: 31; 8: 15, 16), or else because he has not really made Jesus Lord and Christ by the absolute surrender of the will to Him and by identification with Him in His death and resurrection by a real baptism of which His water baptism was a symbol. "The promise," i. e., as the language used and the context unmistakably demonstrate (ch. 1: 4, 5; 2: 33, 38), the promise of the baptism with our gift of the Holy Spirit—was for them as well as for the apostles, and not only for them (i. e., Jewish believers of the apostles' day), but for their children (i. e., Jewish believers of generations to come); and not only for them, but for all that are afar off even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him" (i. e., for Gentile believers of every coming century of the world's history). In other words, by God's own most explicit statement, the baptism with the Holy Spirit is for every child of God, Jewish and Gentile in every age of the church.

II. God's Pattern Church, 11-17.

Peter's sermon has a tremendous effect 3,000 were saved by it. No such effect had followed Jesus' own preaching, and His promise that they should do greater works after His ascension that He Himself had wrought during His humiliation (Jno. 14: 12) was thus fulfilled. The inward reception of the world was outwardly expressed in baptism. These 3,000 baptisms in a day were the outcome of ten days of waiting upon God in prayer (ch. 1: 14). The work proved lasting, "they continued steadfastly." The four things in which they continued were: (1) "The apostles' teaching." There was no running away after every new religious fad that came up. (2) "The apostles' fellowship." Fellowship is one of the necessities of healthy Christian growth (Eph. 4: 13, 16). The one who seeks to grow in seclusion, separated from the brethren is doomed not only to disappointment, but worse still, to sad distortion of character. (3) "In the breaking of bread." They did not neglect regular observance to Jesus' commandment to show His death and to feed upon Him in the communion service. (4) "In prayers." Just here is the point where the average Christian of to-day departs most lamentably from the example of the apostolic church. The apostolic church was a praying church and hence a constantly victorious church.

III. Nature of the Church, Eph. 4: 1-6.

"There is one body (the church,

the body of Christ, of which the Spirit has made us all members, Rom. 12: 4, 5; 1 Cor. 12: 12-27, R. V.) and one Spirit (the Holy Spirit whom all believers have alike received) — one hope of our calling, one Lord (Jesus crucified, buried, risen, ascended), one baptism (this as the context clearly proves—vs. 7-12 — when compared with 1 Cor. 12: 13, R-11, 28-30, is the baptism with the Holy Spirit), one God and Father of all." All believers have these things in common, how then can they be separated from one another. What are our differences compared with these things in which we are one, made one by the Holy Spirit?

UNITED KINGDOM JET ENGINES IN U.S. FIGHTERS

Following the recent announcement that the Rolls Royce Nene turbo-jet engine was to be made under license in the U.S.A., preliminary details are now available of performance figures resulting largely from the use of the Nene in the U.S. Navy's newest carrier-borne fighter, the Panther. The fighter has a top speed approaching 45,000 ft. and the first two prototypes will be powered with Nenes imported from Great Britain. Aircraft going into squadron service will have Nenes built under license by Pratt and Whitney Co.

Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

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