

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show
A capacity house at the Milton Town Hall greeted Prof. J. C. Steckley of the Ridgetown Experimental Station, and W. S. McMullen of the Livestock Production Service of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, who were the guest speakers on the occasion of the thirteenth annual Halton Seed Show and Fourth annual Export Bacon Show held on Saturday, March 15th.

In keeping with the disappointing crop year in 1947, entries were down materially in the open seed classes. The quality however, was well-up to standard and the demand was keen. Fred Nurse of Ashgrove, repeated his triumph of a year ago by winning the T. Eaton Co. Special for the champion bushel in the show on his entry of Carter Oats. The same exhibitor repeated in the ten bushel oat class and in the auction which followed they brought \$2.05 per bushel. The other seven 10 bushel lots ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.90, with an average of \$1.71. In the ten bushel barley class—Austine J. A. Elliott got prices ranging from \$1.65 to \$1.95.

In contrast to the Open Seed Show, Halton Junior Farmers under the leadership of President Cameron Wilson, staged an outstanding Junior Farmer Section. Many interesting entries worthy of special mention. Acton, Milton, Norval and Delaware clubs each had a striking display. In this class Norval Club secured top honors, both for seed and their general display. The champion lot in this Section was exhibited by Floyd Bridgen, of the Norval Juniors.

The fourth annual Export Bacon Show staged under the auspices of the Halton Hog Producers was in the opinion of many, the best staged to date. This year's event was conducted on an inter-township basis, with the township directors selecting the live hogs. The Esqueving directors, R. Bruce Reid, R. Miller, Arthur Brain and Nelson Stark proved to be the best judges of the type of hog which makes the best Wiltshire. Their top entry of five hogs resulted in four first quality Wiltshires, and one second quality. Nelson, Nassagaweya and Trafalgar Township entries followed in the order named. Roy Ellenton, Nelson Township had the champion Wiltshire with the entry of Thos. Appleyard, Esqueving, getting the reserve.

Those whose entries resulted in first quality Wiltshires were as follows: Thos. Appleyard, Vernon Archer, Guy Wilson, Geo. Fisher & Sons, all of Esqueving Township; W. L. Ferguson, of Nassagaweya Township; R. E. Ellenton, Nelson Township; and Percy Merry, of Trafalgar Township.

W. S. McMullen of the Federal Live Stock Branch, stressed quality in his excellent address, as did each of the township chairmen of the Halton Hog Producers, namely R. Bruce Reid of Esqueving Township; Edwin Gunby of Nelson Township; Percy Merry of Trafalgar Township and W. L. Ferguson of Nassagaweya Township. In the opinion of these four directors of the Hog Producers' Association, and also of President C. L. S. Palmer of the Crop Improvement Association, who was chairman for the afternoon, Halton Hog Producers could materially raise their percentage of A hogs and thereby increase their returns if they would make use of the scales before shipping their hogs. President Palmer related that recently out of a group of eleven hogs which he weighed, he had secured ten A's and one B. Later he shipped eight more hogs without weighing, and secured only two A's and thereby in his opinion lost between \$40 and \$50 which he might have secured by shipping at the proper weight.

Prof. J. C. Steckley delighted his audience which packed the auditorium, with his practical, sound address on Soil Fertility and Cropping Practices. He outlined an extensive experiment conducted at the Ridgetown Experimental station over a period of years. The field in question was divided into 8 plots, one of which received an application of 20 tons of barnyard manure to the acre; applications of commercial fertilizer and in addition red clover was plowed down during the six year rotation. Other plots received one or more of the treatments in various combinations. A visitor to the Ridgetown farm on learning that a heavy stand of red clover which hid the wheat stubble on which crop it had been seeded, was to be plowed down, remarked to Prof. Steckley, "It's a good thing you work for the government." To this Prof. Steckley retorted, "The government is the only one who could afford not to turn it under, but cut it for hay instead." The field was sown to beans in 1947 and the first plot referred to, which received the manure, commercial fertilizer and red clover, yielded 30 bus. per acre. Other plots which received only one of the three treatments,

in the six year period, yielded only 15 bus. or a difference of 15 bus. to the acre. With the bean growers receiving \$6.00 per bushel for their 1947 crop, one does not need to be much of a mathematician to determine whether it pays to build up Soil Fertility.

Others who spoke briefly during the afternoon were W. E. Brecken and Stanley Hall, M.P.P., who expressed the appreciation of the gathering to Prof. Steckley, W. S. McMullen and his staff, and to Canada Packers Ltd.

The prize winners in the various classes were as follows:

Late or Medium Oats—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Woodlands Orchards Ltd., Bronte; Geo. C. Wilson, Georgetown; John Bird, Georgetown; J. E. Pearen, Acton; J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Early Oats—Fred Nurse, Georgetown; J. E. Pearen, Acton; T. Brownridge, Georgetown; A. H. McGibbon and Son, Milton; Woodlands Orchards Ltd., Bronte; W. S. Alderson, Hornby.

Rough Awned Barley—J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Smooth Awned Barley—Geo. C. Wilson, Georgetown; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; Clarence Kingston, Palermo; Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; Mansell Nellis, Acton.

Wheat—John Bird, Georgetown; Douglas Alexander, Georgetown; Floyd Bridgen, Georgetown; Stuart Alexander, Georgetown; Geo. Burkholder, Freeman; Wm. G. Alexander, Georgetown.

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10 Bus. Lots—Barley—Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; George C. Wilson, Georgetown; Clarence Kingston, Palermo; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; Mansell Nellis, Acton; Husking Corn—W. E. Brecken, Freeman; Harvey Nurse, Georgetown.

Field Peas—Gordon A. Leslie, Acton.

Timothy—Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown.

Chippewa Potatoes—J. E. Pearen, Acton.

Irish Cobbler Potatoes—J. E. Pearen, Acton.

Junior Farmer Section

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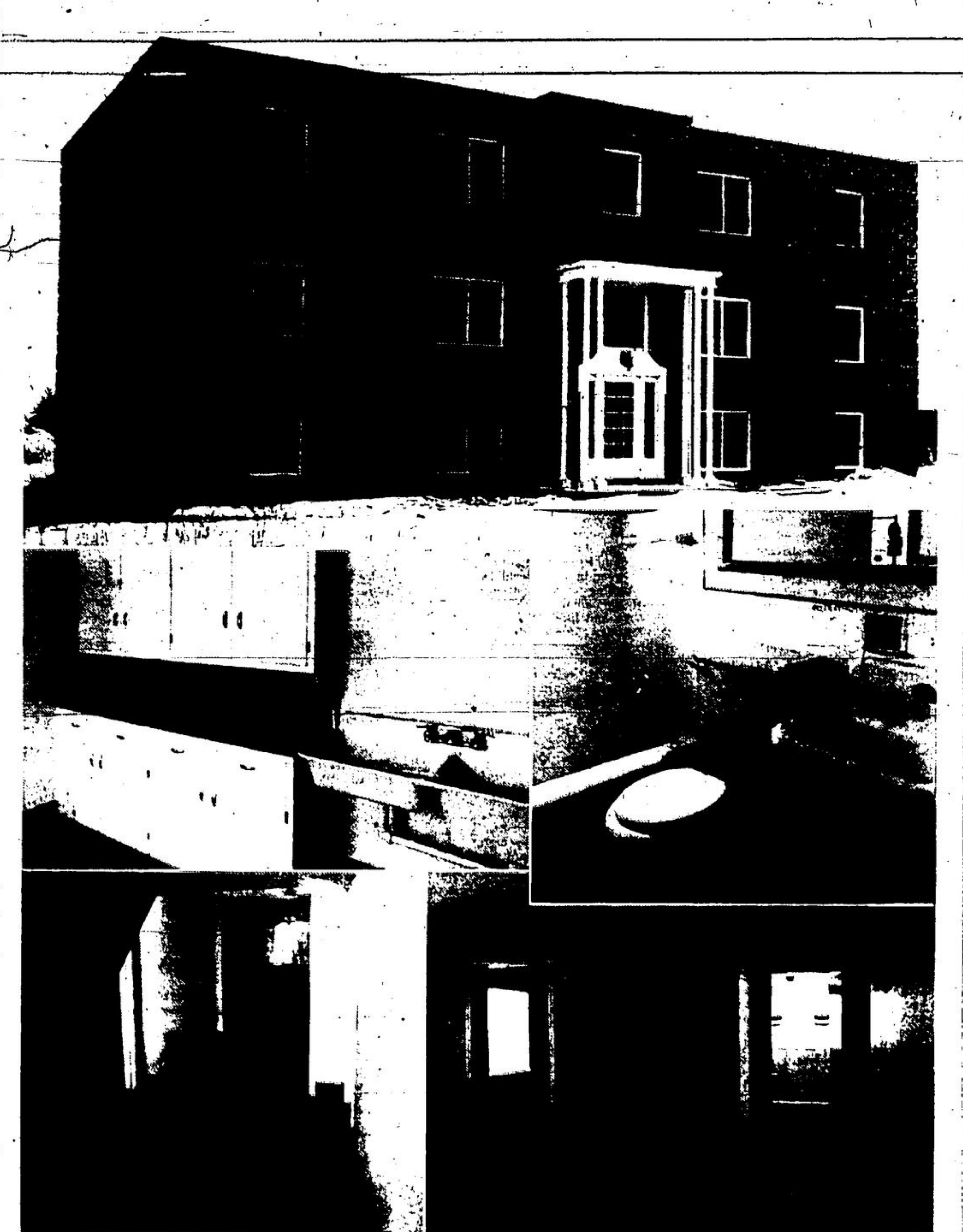
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BURLINGTON'S NEW LOW RENTAL APARTMENT



Above are shown views of the new low rental apartment house opened recently in Burlington. Shown with the buildings are the kitchen, bathroom, hallways, and room. At the opening ceremonies, Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P., who has been back of the plan, gave many facts that were interesting.

Mr. Cleaver said every municipality has a few unfortunate folk who, on account of old age, ill health or misfortune, find themselves practically destitute when they become too old to work. The apartment building will in part meet this need. No one lives in unsatisfactory living quarters as a matter of choice. People live in slums because of economic necessity.

The rents in our new building will be \$16 and \$21 per month for a modern apartment suite with tiled bathroom, well equipped kitchen and the building is built of the most modern type of construction. The floors are all concrete covered with mastic tile; the partition walls are masonry. The roof is concrete covered with 3" of cork. The walls are insulated by a dead air space.

The total cost of the property including land, building and equipment is about \$33,000. The project has been financed with 90 per cent. of the cost contributed by the federal government by way of a mortgage at 3 per cent. interest.

On account of the permanent type of construction used the mortgage principal has been amortized over 47 years. A total payment of 4 per cent. of the mortgage annually pays the mortgage in both principal and interest, in 47 years. In 47 years when the mortgage is paid off the property will be transferred to the Town, clear of encumbrance and from then on the town will manage it. At that time the rents could be lowered to \$5 or \$6 per month, the cost of the fuel and caretaking. In return for this the Town has agreed to collect annually from the property, not more than \$100 in taxes. The remaining 10 per cent. of the cost has been raised locally as a gift and without interest. All of these things contribute to make the low rentals possible. I hope that what we have done here in Burlington will take place in other municipalities and in my opinion this is the best type of slum clearance possible. If you make good accommodation available at as low a cost as slum rentals, you will empty your slums. Then the owners would tear down their own slums without cost to the municipality.

The occupation of the building is restricted to old age pensioners, widows on Mother's Allowances and part time pensioners. These are the most needy classes and with this restriction the normal rents in the community will not be affected.

EMPLOYERS MUST OBTAIN NEW UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOKS

All Unemployment Insurance Books now in use expire on March 31st, 1948.

New books will be issued by the National Employment Office to employers, but only when old books are completed and turned in to the Office.

Employers are urged to exchange Unemployment Insurance Books promptly at March 31st.

Penalties are provided for failure to comply.

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