

### NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

#### Newcastle Disease Menace To Poultry

Recent outbreaks of Newcastle disease in poultry are causing grave concern to poultry producers, feed dealers, hatcherymen, and agricultural officials. Previous to 1918, this dread disease had been confined to certain parts of United States. This year, however, there has been a number of outbreaks in Ont., and it is thought to have been brought across the line on crates used for marketing live poultry in United States. The disease is a new one to most people in Ontario and consequently few are able to recognize the symptoms. In young chicks, the disease appears suddenly and spreads very rapidly. It resembles bronchitis and causes the chicks to cough and sneeze and they may have a slight nasal discharge. Chicks also develop nervous symptoms such as twisted heads and necks and partial or complete paralysis will affect a small percentage. Mortality is heavy among chicks, varying from 90 to 100 per cent.

Mature birds show the same symptoms in their respiratory system but authorities state that they seldom develop the nervous condition or paralysis. Egg production drops rapidly and within a week will almost cease. The mortality rate is reported to be low in old birds and within a period of approximately eight weeks, the birds usually recover and return to full production.

Should you suspect an outbreak of the disease in your flock, it is most important that you contact the nearest official of the Health of Animals Branch. In this connection we would suggest Dr. W. Moyzhan, 366 Keele St., Toronto - phone Lyndhurst 2137.

#### Inoculate Legume Seed With Nitro Cultures

Leguminous crops, such as alfalfa, clover, peas, beans, etc. have long been known, under certain conditions, to leave the land on which they have grown in a richer condition than it was before the crop. The necessary conditions are, in addition to the soil being in good till, that there should be in the soil certain species of bacteria known as Legume bacteria. These legume bacteria penetrate the young roots of the legumes where they produce little swellings or nodules. The bacteria in these nodules fix the free nitrogen of the atmosphere so that the plant can use it as food. On old soils where clovers or other legumes are successfully grown in crop rotation, the bacteria are usually present. On fields where the legume crop has not been grown for some years a great many farmers feel it is good insurance to purchase legume cultures to apply to the seed before sowing. These cultures are prepared by the Dept. of Bacteriology, Ontario Agricultural College, and can be obtained at the Agricultural Office in Milton. Those for alfalfa and clovers cost twenty-five cents each, and in the case of peas and soybeans are two for 25c. Each culture is sufficient to treat one bushel. In recent years many Halton farmers have not been able to get the "old time" stands of alfalfa and sweet clover. While we suspect there are other reasons for this unfortunate situation, which incidentally no one has been able to solve as yet, it might be good business to try legume cultures this year. Many farmers claim they help materially.

#### Norval Jrs. Win W. I. Dick Trophy

The finals in the Halton Junior Inter-club debating series was held at the Milton High School on Friday evening last. The subject under debate was "Resolved that the embargo against the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada should be removed." The affirmative was upheld by Miss Betty Burkholder and R. P. Abbott of the Palermo Club with Miss Ismay Kean and Ward Brownridge of Norval on the negative. Mrs. Jas. McDougall and Messrs. Geo. E. Elliott and K. Y. Dick were the judges. Their decision going to the Norval Club. Mr. K. Y. Dick Trophy on behalf of his father, while Mr. Geo. Elliott presented the judges decision and criticism.

The Milton Milling Co trophy awarded to the winners in the Halton Junior Farmers Inter-club hockey series was in the absence of Dr. C. A. Martin, presented to the winning club, namely Acton by Agric. Rep. J. E. Whitelock. Bob Marshall, of Acton, was the convener of the inter-club hockey series which created a good deal of keen interest and friendly rivalry. Fyfe Somerville of Acton received the Martin Trophy on behalf of his team mates.

President Cameron Wilson of the Halton Junior Farmers was the able chairman of the evening. President Wilson in his remarks announced the annual "At Home" which is scheduled for the Braut Pan at Burlington on April 15th. Geo. S. Atkins, a past president of

#### the Halton Junior Farmers Association of Ontario also spoke briefly and with pertinent reference to the annual Junior Farmers' Conference for Ontario to be held at Guelph on April 25, 26 and 27.

It will be of interest to our readers to learn that Halton Juniors are recognized as one of the most active county units in Ontario. In this connection President Cameron Wilson and Mrs. Evelyn Pollett have been asked to discuss Junior Farmer athletic activities over Station CHL on Thursday, April 15th.

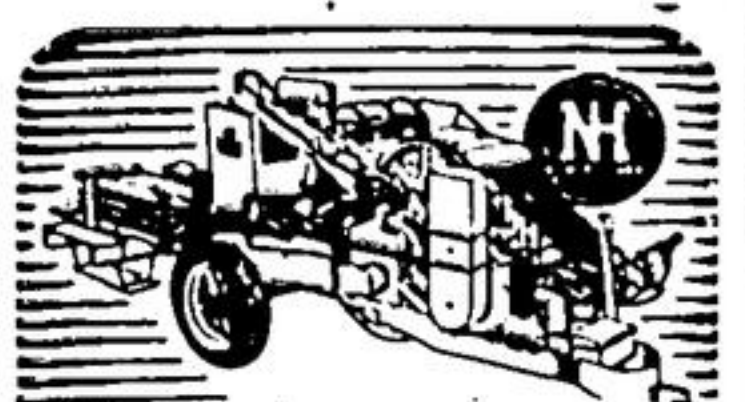
**Club Projects Announced for 1948**  
Plans for boys and girls club work for 1948 have just been announced by the Milton branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. These include the organization of three Calf Clubs, one at Acton, sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society. This will be a dairy calf club with Ayrshire, Holstein and Jersey calves. The second club will be with Holsteins and the third club will be a mixed club with one section for baby heaves and the other will include Jerseys, Guernseys and Ayrshires. All dairy calves must be born on or after Jan. 1st of this year and may be either grades or pure bred heifers. In the case of baby heaves, they may be either steers or heifers and born on or after Sept. 1, 1947. In all cases the calves must be sired by a pure bred sire. These latter two clubs will centre around Milton and will be sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society.

**Two grain clubs are already well under course of organization. One of these centres around Acton and is a second year project with Beaver Oats. Already fifteen of last year's membership have enrolled. The other grain club is sponsored by the Halton Crop Improvement Association and is a first year club also, with Beaver Oats. To date sixteen club members have enrolled.**

It is also hoped that a swine club will materialize. This calls for each club member caring for a pair of pure bred weanling sow pigs.

All club members with the exception of the Second Year Grain Club at Acton, must be between the ages of 12 and 20 years inclusive. Further details on any or all projects may be secured by contacting the Agricultural Office at Milton.

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#### CANADIAN WROTE IT

Still one of the most popular of songs "When you and I were young 'Maggie'" was written by a Canadian, states Napier Moore in the Financial Post. "Maggie" was a real person. In 1859, George Johnson, native of Blainville, Ont., went to teach school in the neighboring village of Glandford, Wontworth County. He fell in love with one of his pupils, Maggie Clark. It was while walking with her beside the old mill on Twenty Mile Creek that Johnson was inspired to write the verse. They were married in 1861. Johnson switched from teaching to the newspaper business, took his wife first to Buffalo and then to Cleveland. Less than a year after the marriage, Maggie died; was buried near Mount Hope. Johnson returned to Canada, became principal of the Blainville Public School, principal of Central School in Hamilton, a master of Upper Canada College, professor of languages at the University of Toronto. Ultimately he went back to the U.S.; died in 1917 and was buried in Hamilton.

#### MAPLE SUGAR SEASON

This is the time of year when the sugar maples are being tapped in many regions and when the sap is running out in its sweet stream and is being collected to make maple syrup. This collection is an important industry in many localities and a highly popular product is the result. The trees have been giving this fruit since the days of the Indians. Early colonists, who knew all about the sweetness of maple sap. There are instances of trees which have yielded sugar every year for a century and are still vigorous and productive. The sugar maple tree is a wonderful feature of nature in many provinces. A good part of the magnificence of the forests in many regions in the autumn is due to the brilliant coloring of this wonderful tree.

#### DEMOBBED

One by one the developments of war are being returned or adapted to peace-time use. The latest is the Geiger counter. It tells when radio-active substances reach the danger point. It's doing just that, but in the hands of surgeons instead of technicians. Because radio-active phosphorus concentrates more quickly in rapidly growing tumor tissue than in brain tissue, the Geiger counter can quickly and definitely locate a brain tumor. Also after operation it is much more accurate than the human eye in determining whether all the tumor tissue, which looks so much like brain tissue, has been removed.

#### HANDCLASPS

The White House physician has gone on the line against what he has described as the "stupid and uncivilized practice of handshaking." Dr. Wallace H. Graham doesn't particularly object to the occasional handshake, though he states that some of his fellow physicians consider it a highly unhygienic practice. What he was campaigning against was the marathon handshaking, such as many civic candidates have suffered in recent days. The doctor points out that its one thing to shake a few friendly hands and another to stand at the end of a receiving line of a thousand or more persons and face the ordeal of giving each a hearty handshake. A few of those bonecrusher handshakes must indeed add a hazard to the wisdom of facing a thousand or so of the outstretched palms. The doctor suggests that the President should follow the practice of the King and let a friendly word of greeting replace the paralyzing grip.

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### The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 11th

#### EZEKIEL'S MESSAGE FOR OUR DAY

Garden Text.—A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. Ezek. 36: 26.  
Lesson Text.—Ezek. 18: 1-4; 31: 11-16; 36: 25-28  
Exposition. I. Wages of Sin, 18: 1-4.

Employing a parable of sour grapes, God shows through Ezekiel the awfulness of sinful man's departure from the purpose of God in His creation. Unhappiness and misery, disillusionment and pain are the result of man's disobedience to God. This generation of Jews were blaming their fathers for their misery and forgetting their own inexcusable sinfulness. A stern warning was necessary. God's sovereign right over man is emphasized again and again (Jer. 19: 1-6; Rom. 9: 19-24; Rev. 1: 17, 18).

II. The Savior of Israel, 34: 11-16.

Jehovah presents Himself here as the true shepherd of Israel, the Good Shepherd in distinction from the faithless shepherds in vs. 1-10. In the New Testament it is Jesus who represents Himself as "the Good Shepherd" (Jno. 10: 11), and thus claims for Himself the office of Jehovah. The primary reference of the promise made in this lesson is to the literal Israel according to the flesh and the fulfillment of the promise in the regathering of Israel into the land. In Ps. 23: 1-4 Jehovah is set forth as the Shepherd of the individual believer; in this passage He is set forth as the Shepherd of Israel as a people. In verse 11 there is great emphasis upon the "I, even I" by which Jehovah is set forth in striking contrast with those who claimed to be shepherds but were not.

This form of expression is a very frequent occurrence in the Bible (ch. 5: 8; 6: 3; Gen. 6: 17; Deut. 32: 39; Isa. 48: 15; 51: 12; Hos. 5: 14). Jehovah's sheep were scattered; they not only had been carried into captivity but scattered far and wide throughout the world, scattered through the faithlessness of the under shepherd, and Jehovah here is represented as searching for them and seeking them out (Luke 19: 10).

The figure of Jehovah as a Shepherd is a frequent occurrence in the Old Testament (Ps. 23: 1-3; 80: 1; 119: 176; Isa. 40: 10, 11; Jer. 23: 2). Not only were the Israelites widely scattered then, but have become more widely scattered since. The time is coming when Jehovah will be a Shepherd in the midst of them and will seek out every one of His sheep that are scattered and will deliver them. The day of their dispersion is a day of judgment, "the cloudy and dark day" (ch. 30: 3; Isa. 50: 10; Joel 2: 1-3; Amos 5: 18-20; Zech. 1: 15). Having found out His sheep in earth's remotest spot, Jehovah will bring them out and all "out from the peoples", nations of every name and lineage, and "gather them from the countries" and will bring them into their own land, "the holy land" (ch. 11: 17; 20: 41; 28: 25; 36: 24; 37: 21, 22; 38: 8; 39: 27; Isa. 11: 11-16; Jer. 23: 3, 4, 8; 30: 3, 18; 31: 8; 32: 37; Amos 9: 14; Zeph. 3: 18, 19).

To try to spiritualize these passages, and make them mean anything else than the literal regathering of Israel into their land is to do violence to the Word of God. The partial restoration of Israel under Nebemiah and Ezra does not fulfill these predictions. It is a restoration that lies still in the future. Ezekiel is especially the prophet of the restoration but as it is referred to by many other prophets. This restoration is an explicit answer to the prayer of the Psalmist in Ps. 106: 47. This prayer was founded upon God's covenant promise (Ps. 106: 45). Jehovah's word cannot be broken. Someday every promise and prediction will be fulfilled to the very letter. When restored there will be great prosperity and abundance for the people of God. They shall feed in a good pasture, in a fat pasture (v. 14). Jehovah Himself will feed upon them (v. 15) and give them rest "cause them to be down." This is sure because the Lord Jehovah says it. Those times will be times of great prosperity for Israel and for other peoples because of Israel's blessing (Isa. 25: 6; Jer. 31: 12-14; Jer. 31: 27; Zech. 8: 23; Isa. 49: 22, 23; Jer. 31: 31-34; Ezek. 36: 33-38; Zech. 8: 3-5). Five things Jehovah says He will do in that coming day of blessing: (1) "Seek that which was lost." (2) "Bring again that which was driven away." (3) "Bind up that which was broken." (4) "Strengthen that which was sick." (5) "Destroy the fat and the strong." While it is to be a day of blessing for the oppressed and the down-trodden, it will be a day of judgment for the oppressors (2 Thes. 1: 7-9).

III. God's Salvation, 36: 25-28. The expression "sprinkle clean water upon you" is a reference to the ceremony of the sprinkling of

the ashes of an heifer on the unclean (Num. 19: 9-10) signifying that the cleansing blood of Christ sprinkled on the conscience and the heart brings justification (Heb. 9: 13, 14; 10: 22; Jer. 23: 8).

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