

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

1200 Attend Holstein and Jersey Field Day at Guelph

Twelve hundred Halton and Peel folk attended the annual Holstein and Jersey Field Day at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph on Saturday, June 12th. During the morning conducted tours were made to experimental plots, dairy barn, and long term pastures, Farm Machinery Dept., College Greenhouses, and Macdonald Institute. Following lunch as guests of the O.A.C., President Reek, M.B.E. spoke briefly extending a welcome on behalf of the O.A.C. Mr. Reek stated that while a large farm is operated in connection with the institution, the staff welcomed and required the practical viewpoint and criticism of farm operators generally, in order that many problems might be solved.

A judging competition was participated in by the entire group under the direction of Agricultural Representatives B. S. Beer and J. E. Whitelock. The official judges of the classes of Holsteins and Jerseys were Geo. Drennan, Holstein Fieldman, and Prof. Geo. E. Rathby. The prize winners were as follows:

Holstein Group

Ladies—1st, Mrs. G. Leslie Peck, Milton; 2nd, Mrs. W. N. Stoen, Streetsville.

Men—1st, Ross Segsworth, Freeman; 2nd, V. J. Lawrence, Oakville; 3rd, John Lyons, Cheltenham.

Junior Farmers—1st, Jack Graham, Georgetown; 2nd, Jas. Gray, Peel County; 3rd, Bruce Fieldhouse, Peel County.

Jersey Group

Ladies—1st, Mrs. Larry G. Donaldson and Mrs. Jean Douglas, Milton R.R. No. 1.

Men—1st, Iun Nelson, Caledon;

2nd, M. C. Healy, Milton; 3rd, Kenneth Ella, Hornby.

Junior Farmers—1st Henry Beasem, Acton; 2nd David Williams, Acton; 3rd, Don Gouland, Brampton.

The day's program also included a parade of College Livestock with explanatory comments by Prof. R. G. Knox, head of the Animal Husbandry department and members of his staff. Another interesting feature was a demonstration on sheep herding by a shepherd dog.

A most enjoyable and worth while day's visit to the O.A.C. was concluded with a program of sports which was run off under the able direction of A. T. Woodley, Milton; Chas. McKewen, Acton; J. W. Pawley, Caledon; and H. Castor of Cheltenham.

Individual members of the large group were loud in their praise of the many courtesies extended by the staff of the O.A.C., and it is little wonder that the popularity of this annual pilgrimage to Ontario's College of Agriculture increases year by year.

Oil Spray on Young Carrots for Weed Control

The use of an oil spray to kill weeds in carrot fields is now a standard practice where hand labor is scarce and expensive.

The cost of an oil spray per acre varies with the amount used. If all the soil surface is covered it will require up to 100 gal. per acre but if only the plant rows are

sprayed with suitable nozzles the quantity may be reduced to 50 gal. or less. The oil recommended is the commercial cleaning fluid or solvent known in trade as Stoddard Solvent. Most of the oil companies have their own trade name for this material. A few companies are now designating a special oil for weed spray which is a cleaning fluid with a certain percentage of Aromatic spirit content.

The specifications for a satisfactory Stoddard Solvent oil for carrot weed spray are as follows: Aromatic spirit content—12-15% by volume; Boiling Range—300-400 degrees; Flash point Above 104 degrees; Evaporation rate 1/10th; Residue Trace or low.

The oil is applied without dilution. The most satisfactory time to apply an oil spray is when the carrots have formed true leaves and before the roots are larger than a lead pencil. Complete coverage of weeds is essential for best results.

This oil is inflammable but not as dangerous as gasoline. Smoking should not be permitted when handling the oil. Wetting of the skin under clothing may cause blistering and burning.

A warm bright day with little or no breeze is considered ideal for treatment. On cool cloudy days the evaporation is slower and under some conditions slight injury may occur if the carrot foliage is moist.

Equipment required. Small plots up to an acre in size can be covered by a knapsack sprayer. For larger acreages a power outfit is required fitted with a boom of nozzles and geared so as to apply the oil at a desired rate. A pressure of from 75 to 100 lb. is sufficient for good coverage. A flat fan type spray nozzle gives best results.

All common weeds excepting ragweed are killed in a few hours and completely dead in a day or two. Carrots and other related crops, such as parsnips, celery and dill have resistance to oil spray injury but celery plants should not be sprayed after many true leaves are formed. The oil has a tendency to collect in the heart where burning results.

Junior Farmers Sponsor Ploughing Match

Ideal weather conditions greeted the annual Junior Farmer Ploughing Match which was held recently on the farm of Robert McDowdell, Hornby. Fourteen Halton plowboys were in action and some excellent ridges were turned. A most interesting feature was the demonstration ridge plowed by Fred Timbers, internationally famous champion plowman of York County. Messrs. Clark Young of Milliken and N. G. McLeod of Gilt were the official judges. Their awards were as follows:

Class 1 Walking Plows Plowboys under 25 years 1st, Harold Ferguson and 2nd Jack Ferguson both of Nassagaweya Township.

Class 2 Walking Plows Plowboys under 20 years 1st Gordon Ferguson, Nassagaweya Township.

Class 3 Tractor Plows Plowboys under 25 years 1st Jack Marchment, Hornby; 2nd Keith Merry, Hornby; 3rd, Wm. Tallyn, Hornby; 4th Geo. Rae.

Class 4 Tractor Plows Plowboys under 20 years (Former Inter-county team members were barred in this class)—1st Earl Price, Milton; 2nd, Clarence Reid, Acton; 3rd, Sherwood Hume, Milton; Wm. Greig, Freeman; John Marshall, Milton and 6th, John Lee, Hornby.

Milton Junior Farmers won the \$5.00 special awarded to the Halton Junior Farmer group having the largest number of their members in action.

Two days following the Halton Junior Farmer Match twenty-five of the top plowing match judges of central and western Ontario held a Judge's school on the same site. This event was held under the direction of J. A. Carroll, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Ass'n in order to bring about greater uniformity in judging on the part of official judges at County Plowing Matches. According to Mr. Carroll, the site including the ridges, turned by the Halton Juniors, and the luncheon arrangements ably provided by the Hornby W.I. made the whole act up ideal from the standpoint of the visiting group of experts. Incidentally it is rumored that the official placing at the judge's school varied slightly from that listed in this article which may or may not be of some encouragement to those who did not stand as high as they had anticipated.

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• To conserve all available U.S. dollars for essential purchases, a travel ration of \$150 U.S. per person for the 12 months between Nov. 15, 1947 and Nov. 15, 1948 has been established. Be sure to get the necessary forms and details at your bank, well in advance of your trip.

This caution is given to help avoid possible embarrassment at border points.

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MILTON

Last Thursday evening the members and their families of Knox Presbyterian Church Choir, held a special supper in the Sunday School Room previous to the evening's practice.

The gathering was in honor of Mr. M. E. Nixon, one of the oldest members of the choir, who is retiring after many years of faithful service.

Many from Milton and district attended the marriage of Audrey Makine Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Harvey to Mr. Hugh John Coulter, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coulter of Milton at 21 White Birch Road, Toronto, on June 12th.

A by-law was presented for financing the High School addition. It was passed by the Department of Education and was given the third reading by Milton Council. This by-law authorized the borrowing of \$48,000 for the building and equipping of two additional rooms at the Milton High School. Milton's share of this cost will be approximately \$1670 per year but when the department grant is taken off the cost will be well under \$1,000 per year.

Nearly a hundred members of the Penneck family gathered at LaSalle Park, Hamilton, on Saturday for their reunion, the first since 1910. Canadian Champion.



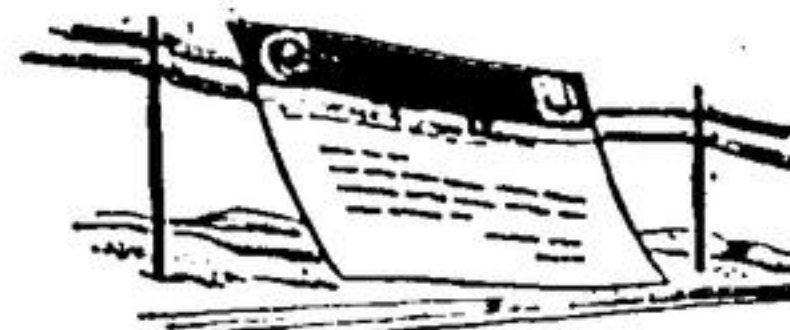
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