

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farms Interest

Halton Juniors Winners at District Competition

Halton Juniors made an excellent showing in the District Public Speaking and Amateur Entertainment Contests held at the Waterdown High School on Monday evening of last week. Halton's winners, namely Miss Joan Somerville, of Acton, and David Pelletier, of Palermo, met the two Wentworth winners, and the judges, Messrs. Wardlaw of the Department of English, Q.A.C., W. J. B. Kay, of Burlington; and N. Grier, of Dundas, awarded first in Public Speaking to Miss Somerville, who spoke on "Recreation".

In the Amateur Entertainment Competition, Halton again had two entries, namely from Palermo and Milton Juniors, while Wentworth had a single entry from Ancestor Junior Farmers. In this contest, Milton Juniors were placed first, and Palermo Juniors second. Miss Somerville and the Milton Juniors will now participate in the zone contest to be held in the Barton Stone Church, near Mt. Hope, on Monday, December 6th.

Our readers will join with us in extending best wishes to the representatives of Halton Juniors in the zone and we hope provincial contests. Incidentally, the finals are to be held in Toronto, early in January.

A Few Impressions of the Royal Winter Fair

The twentieth Royal Winter Fair is truly International in many respects. Your reporter spent a portion of Wednesday and Thursday at the Royal primarily to follow the judging of some of the dairy cattle classes in which Halton had a number of entries in Holsteins, Guernseys and Jerseys. Frankly, there were many departments which we didn't see but nevertheless we have no hesitation in stating it is not only a tremendous show but a magnificent one. We do not pose as a floriculturist but in our opinion the Flower Show is the outstanding spectacle of a magnificent show in all departments. Words fail us to describe adequately the beauty and the fragrance. The Flower Show has always been a highlight, but this year's effort, in our opinion, was the best yet. In brief, even though one isn't a specialist in flowers it grips you as you stand in reverence and awe on the second floor and look down on that galaxy of bloom and foliage. Don't miss next year's Royal if only to see the flowers. In the same section of the Coliseum is the Fruit Show, and here again is perfection. The same holds true up in the grain and vegetable departments. Unfortunately the awards had not yet been posted in many of the grain classes, but we did note that W. E. Breckon of Freeman, had first in white winter wheat in the International section and third on winter wheat in the Domestic section. W. O. Brownridge of Georgetown was a prize winner in the classes for field peas, alfalfa and sheaf grain classes.

Out in the main dairy cattle ring many American herds vied with the Canadian breeders. J. M. Piggot of Lazy Pat Farms, Palermo, was the only Halton Guernsey exhibitor. His herd sire, Kingholm Philosopher was second in the aged class. Other wins included second on his junior bull calf; sixth on a two year old bull; 4th on a junior yearling heifer; and third on a junior heifer calf. The big winner in the Guernsey Show was the Curtis Candy Co. of Cary, Illinois. No less than six big American herds competed in the Guernsey show in competition with some eight herds from Nova Scotia and nine from Ontario.

Thirty Jersey breeders from the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan along with four prominent American herds staged a great show, both from the standpoint of numbers and quality. Featherstone Bros., of Oakville, and M. C. Beaty of Milton were the Halton exhibitors and made an excellent showing. Featherstone Bros. had second on Avonlea Records Suzanna their grand champion winner at the Milton Show. M. C. Beaty was a strong contender in nearly all classes and according to rumour was runner-up to Don Head Farms for the premier breeder award. This is always considered the highlight of the show.

The Holstein Show brought together the entries of some 115 of the top exhibitors of the provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, as well as from the following states: Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. Frankly we did not feel that this year's Holstein Show was quite up to the standard of previous Royals or C. N. E.'s. Nevertheless nearly every class contained some top animals. J. J. E. McCague, of Alliston, won the premier breeder banner but both grand championships went to Franlo Farms from the State of Minnesota. The grand champion

female was however, a Canadian cow named Rosehill Fayne Wayne. This same animal was also grand champion at the 1948 Royal and reserve in 1947. She was and is a worthy champion.

Halton was represented by entries from the herds of R. C. Glvens, Georgetown; F. Pelletier and Sons, Milton; and Hays Ltd. of Oakville. R. C. Glvens had second Farm Network Galley Two on Raymondale Salax, their grand champion three year old bull at the Halton Show. M. G. Sovereign Ormsby, F. Pelletier and Sons' all Canadian and reserve all American bull calf in 1947 and junior champion and reserve grand at Milton Fair, was 2nd prize junior yearling bull, while their winning two year old dry heifer at Milton was also 2nd in the milking two-year-olds. Hays Ltd. were prominent throughout in the majority of the classes.

While there were no exhibitors from Halton in the Ayrshire Show we are inclined to think that from the standpoint of numbers and quality the Ayrshire exhibitors had the top show of the year. In brief, many of their classes were a source of inspiration to any lover of good livestock.

Perhaps next week we may have a few of the highlights of sheep, swine, beef and horse shows.

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Divide the Wealth

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

The idea of making life pleasant by dividing among us someone else's income has all the attractiveness of any "something for nothing" scheme. But the idea isn't realistic mainly because the wealth is limited and the shares would be many.

Here is a parable based on very simple facts. If we averaged the wealth of the 17,974 persons in Canada who in 1946 had an income of more than \$10,000, each would have received a little better than \$17,000. That, undoubtedly, is a very comfortable figure. Only the simple-minded among us however would think of it as fabulous wealth. But when Mr. Abbott has deducted the country's share — in which, presumably, we all participate anyway — the average income of these fortunate folk would be about \$9,000.

Suppose we pursue our idea of distributing this remainder. Each of us taxpayers would receive \$63.35. This is a nice little item for a down-payment on a car or a refrigerator. But think a minute before you spend it. It isn't likely to be repeated.

The reason is simple enough. One such experience and those 17,974 persons whose income provided the bonus, would probably have had enough. They would begin to liquidate their capital holdings and would take their special abilities elsewhere for superior abilities are always marketable.

Then look at the probable results. We beneficiaries would have to recoup the taxes that the 17,974 had laid down. That would absorb \$59.54 of our \$63.35 leaving our net bonus at \$3.81. But that would not be the total effect. Money would begin to disappear from industry. The well-to-do would hardly permit it to remain where it was in grave danger and where there was no hope of profit.

Less money to operate plants means fewer jobs. But there would be more people bidding for what there were. You couldn't expect anyone to seek executive positions that were not permitted to pay off.

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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

PARABLES IN THE BIBLE

Golden Text. — No man ever spoke like this man! Jno. 7: 46.
Lesson Text. — Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-46; Luke 15: 3-10.

Exposition. — I. Growth of the Kingdom, Matt. 13: 31-33.

The parable of the mustard seed shows the marvellous outgrowth of the kingdom from the smallest beginnings. Christ began His work with a few obscure men, and it spread until the nations took shelter in its branches. Some would take the birds of heaven here, to be evil spirits, as in verses 4 and 19, but it is not safe to take the imagery of one parable into another. Therefore seems to be to Ezekiel 17: 23, 24, where the birds represent the nations. But another growth is taking place, "leaven" (or yeast, the product of putrefaction) within. Leaven is everywhere in the Bible a type of corruption. We have an interpretation of this parable in 1 Corinthians 5: 6, 7; Galatians 5: 8, 9. The woman, the apostate Church, mixed "the leaven" of false doctrine (Matt. 16: 6, 12) into the children's bread and the whole doctrine and life of the Church was leavened. History fulfilled this prediction.

11. The Kingdom, a treasure to be sought, 44-46.

The great value of the Kingdom is brought out (v. 44). The man in this case stumbled on the treasure without seeking it. He represents the man who stumbles on the Gospel truth without his own seeking. The man had to sell all he had in order to obtain the field and its treasure; so we must give up all if we would gain Christ and the treasure that is in Him (Luke 14: 33). What we sell or give up is little indeed in comparison with what we get (Phil. 3: 1, 8). The Bible teaches that salvation is a free gift (Eph. 2: 8; Rom. 6: 23), but there is a sense in which grace is "bought" (Isa. 55: 1; Rev. 3: 8; Prov. 23: 23; Matt. 59: 9, 10). Jesus sought a treasure in us in this world and gave up all that He had in order to gain it (2 Cor. 8: 9; 12: 2).

111. The Lost Sheep, Luke 15: 3-7.

The Shepherd of the first parable is God the Son, Jesus Christ (Jno. 10: 11, 12; Luke 19: 10). The Pharisees to whom Jesus was speaking supposed themselves to be the shepherds of Israel and this given added point to the parable. He showed them how little like shepherds they were acting. They would be likely to see the point of Jesus' words and recall the O.T. rebukes of such shepherds as they (Ezek. 34: 2-10; Zech. 11: 16, 17; Jer. 50: 6). By the lost sheep is represented one who really belongs to the fold but has wandered from it. The publicans and sinners were still Israelites, and a backsliding Christian still belongs to the fold. The parable really represents us all (Ps. 119: 176; Isa. 53: 6; 1 Pet. 2: 25). A sinner is like a sheep astray, because he is away from scrutiny, plenty, care, and torn and tired and bleeding and about to die. It needs but "one" sheep to go astray to arouse the shepherd. This interest is active; he "goes after that which is lost." This going after involves labor, weariness, pain, self-sacrifice. He keeps up the search "until he finds it. Not one who is really His own will ever be lost (Jno. 17: 2, 12). The sheep once found, the shepherd lays it on his shoulders. We are kept and carried by His power (1 Pet. 1: 5; Isa. 63: 9). Christ rejoices over the sinners saved (v. 23, 24, 32; Isa. 62: 5; Ezek. 33: 11; Zeph. 3: 17).

IV. The Lost Coin, 8-10.

In the woman of this parable is God the Holy Spirit, or we may take the figure as representing the church, through which the Spirit seeks and saves (Rev. 22: 17; Eph. 5: 25). The woman of that land had ten coins in her marriage necklace, and one coin lost made the necklace incomplete. The Spirit will not rest while there is one coin missing from the necklace and the church ought not to. Every coin had the image of the emperor upon it, and everyone who belongs to Christ has His image stamped upon him. The woman takes her lamp—the Word of God (Ps. 119: 105; Phil. 2: 15, 1 c. 16), and sweeps the house. Sweeping is likely to stir up a dust, and people in the house not in sympathy with the woman's search would be annoyed. So the world feels when the church wakes up to the fact that men are lost (Ac. 17: 6). The woman sought diligently. So it is the Holy Spirit seeks. Would it were so the church sought. The woman kept up the search until the coin was found. Like the Shepherd, the woman calls her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her. Does the Church rejoice over the lost one found as Christ and the Holy Spirit do? The same application of this parable is very much the same as the former. There is joy in the presence of God.

THE LOVE OF HOME

It is sometimes remarked that many people spend a lot of time on activities and diversions outside their own homes, and do not spend the same amount of time in their homes that people used to do in the old days. This is to be attributed to the great variety of diversions and activities outside the homes in modern life, which frequently attract them for the time being.

People need the diversions, which are an essential and very helpful feature in life, and they carry on a great variety of activities highly useful to the community. This interest in things outside the home does not mean that people do not love their homes.

The home is the centre of the precious affection and love of the family circle. A pleasant and happy life goes on in the homes, to which people are deeply attached. The care people give their homes, and the money they spend on them, indicate that they love these homes better than ever before.

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