



Show and Auction Sale of Beef Bulls

Ninety pure-bred beef bulls have been entered for the Show and Auction Sale to be held in the Sheep and Swine Arena at the Royal Winter Fair Buildings, Toronto, on March 15th. This event is sponsored jointly by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Ontario Beef Cattle Associations in an effort to improve the quality of beef cattle in Ontario. A premium of one-third of the selling price of each bull but not exceeding \$150.00 per bull will be paid by the Ontario Live Stock Branch to all parties who reside and operate farms in Ontario.

All animals passing through the Show and Sale must first pass an inspection committee to ensure that all of the bulls are up to standard from the viewpoint of type, quality and condition. Included in the entry are 18 Aberdeen Angus bulls, 18 Herefords and 50 odd Short-horns. Numbered among the Halton breeders who have made entries are Gordon Brecken, Bronte, Grant Campbell, Moffat, S. E. Griffin and Son, Acton, and W. H. Merri of Oakville.

This should be a splendid opportunity for Halton Beef Cattle Breeders to secure an outstanding herd sire at a price range within their pocket book. Incidentally judging will commence at 9 a.m. on March 15th and the auction sale is scheduled for 12:30 noon on the same day.

Court Decision in Favour of Live Stock Shipper

An extremely important and far-reaching court decision has recently been given by Judge Ian McTear of London when he decided that 34 farmers in the counties of Perth, Middlesex and Oxford should be paid in full for hogs that they marketed through a drover in that district.

This drover made a carload of the hogs to a packing plant where they were slaughtered and graded according to Dominion Government Hog Grading Regulations, each hog carrying the required tattoo mark identifying the producer. The packing plant paid the drover for the carload of hogs with one cheque which the drover deposited in his local bank and issued his own cheques for payment to farmers. When these cheques were presented at the bank payment was refused on the grounds of non-payment. It seems the drover was in arrears at the bank and the proceeds of the carload of hogs was seized by the bank to reduce the drover's indebtedness. The Chairman of the Township Hog Producers' advised the Central Office of the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Board as to the situation and the Central Office immediately took action to recover the money for the farmers claiming that the money was not the property of the drover and was only to pass through him (in trust) to the farmers. In the meantime the drover made an assignment in bankruptcy and some time thereafter the bank turned the proceeds of the cheque

over to the Trustee in Bankruptcy. Before the Bankruptcy Court the farmers argued that since Dominion Government Regulations required that all hogs must be shipped, slaughtered, and graded in a packing plant before price and grade can be established then the drover was simply acting as their agent and the money belonged to them. Other creditors argued the farmers had sold the hogs to the drover and therefore were not entitled to any special consideration as creditors. A trial was ordered to determine the point with the result that the trial judge decided in favour of the farmers. It is the first time this point has been before the Courts and, since the Hog Grading Regulations are Dominion Wide, it is very important and far-reaching.

Prof. R. G. Knox Special Speaker for Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show

The prize list for the annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show has now gone to print. We understand from V. E. McArthur, president of the Halton Crop Improvement Ass'n that an excellent program has been arranged for the Milton Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 26th, at 1:30 p.m. The special speaker is to be Prof. R. G. Knox, head of the Animal Husbandry Dept. of the Ontario Agricultural College. The theme of the program will be "Soil Building by Improved Hay and Pasture Crops." An outstanding film entitled "The Living Soil" will be screened by H. S. Heatherington, National Film Board operator, and W. S. McMullen of the Federal Live Stock Production Service will discuss the Bacon Display and Market prospects for hogs in 1949.

As in former years, J. A. Elliott, well known auctioneer will conduct the sale of ten bushel lots of oats and barley.

This will be Halton's 14th annual Seed Fair, and 5th annual Bacon Show, and over the years has proven to be an ideal manner of the buyers and sellers of seed grain to meet together and also to get up-to-date information on agricultural subjects.



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Local Farmer Tells Story of Sharp Practice

The following story was received by the Free Press from a farmer of this district with a request that we pass it on to our readers. The hope was expressed that publication might save other farmers from a similar sharp practice.

Innocent Buyer!

On Monday, I, my wife and three sons were eating dinner when a report of a gun shattered the peace and stillness of our meal.

My eldest son dropped his spoon and ran out to investigate. He returned almost at once, very excited and cried, "Dad there's a man out there stuffing our rooster in a bag. He shot it! He did!"

I got up, grabbed our .22 rifle and hurried to find out the why and wherefore of such outrageous conduct. I was just in time to see a man dash by our barn, tying up a gunny sack with a piece of binder twine.

He saw me coming and waited. He didn't appear to be embarrassed at all for he took a cake of tobacco out of his pocket, and bit off a chunk, while he eyed me speculatively. "What have you got there?" I asked, pointing to the bag with my rifle.

He replied, "some sort of fowl that attacked me. I was just coming to the house to ask you to identify it. I have been after a fox which I found on the next farm. It came this way."

Just as I was passing the north-east side of your barn, this bird rushed around the corner and came at me with its wings spread out. I thought it was a bald-headed eagle and shot it in self defence.

I looked at him doubtfully, then asked him who he was.

"Well," he said, "you might call me a visiting Legionnaire. I live on the mountain. Just came down for a holiday. I'm stopping at the Legion Hall for a few days."

The knowledge that only very respectable and law-abiding citizens were tolerated in this most exclusive club of war veterans, softened my righteous indignation a bit. I invited him to come to the house and bring the sack with him.

When we got there, dinner was still on the table so he was invited to eat, which he did, showing a vigor and endurance which surprised us.

After he had lit a cigarette and got it going properly I opened the subject of the shooting and requested that he open the sack and bring what was in it to the light of day.

"Now," I said, when he held up the big rooster, "that is a very valuable bird and it is all nonsense your saying you thought it was a Bald-headed Eagle for you know as well as I do that Bald-headed Eagles don't live around barnyards and much as I regret it, I'll have to call the police in to investigate. You assassinated that bird on purpose and so far as I can see you are showing no signs of repentance about it. That bird has won prizes."

"You misjudge," he said, "it is clear you weren't in the last war—too old I suppose?—if you were you would know what 'reflex-action' is."

"I was among the first batch of men to be trained as Commandos. They trained us good too. Shoot first! Hit first! Maybe there won't be a second chance was drummed into us day after day until it became second nature. I guess I haven't unlearned it fast enough now. I'm a civilian again."

"Your reflex-action is going to be expensive," I told him. "It is going to cost you \$500 and I'll trouble you to hand it over now or else we'll let the judge settle it."

He readily agreed to pay up but explained he couldn't do it at once because he had left his billfold containing three one dollar bills, two fives, and one ten in the bureau drawer in his room at the Hall.

Having indicated his financial stability he said he would go forthwith to get the money.

"Hold hard a minute," I exclaimed, "what is your name? And let me have your address before you go."

"Oh!" he said, "I thought I'd told you. My name is Dow O'Keefe. Everybody knows me at the Legion Hall and my address is the Mountain RR 2. Anything else I can tell you to prove I'm an honest man?"

I let him go then. Now it is Friday, five days gone, I haven't heard from him yet.

I enquired at the Legion Hall if anybody knew him. Nobody did. They said no one so named was on the Legion's records and that no rooms were there for anybody to stop in.

"I'm afraid I'm one of those persons said to be born every minute."

TRAVELING HEAVY

A husky mechanic had a small safe in his home. One day the combination got out of order, so he lifted it in his brawny arms and carried it down the street to the local locksmith. On the way he nearly bumped into the mayor.

"For heaven's sake, young man," snapped His-Honour, "why can't you carry a wallet like everybody else?"

FATAL TO FREE PEOPLE

Dean Acheson, newly appointed to succeed General Marshall as U.S. Secretary of State has been subject to much criticism. His critics have seen him as a friend to a policy of appeasement with Russia. They have suggested that his appointment suggested a reversal of the firm attitude toward the Soviet.

Dean Acheson then could hardly be called an unfriendly witness in his estimate of communism. This is what he said of it:

"It is my view that communism as a doctrine is economically fatal to free society and to human rights and fundamental freedoms. Communism as an aggressive factor in world conquest is fatal to independent governments and to free peoples."

Iodine in Salt Is Easily Lost

Study by scientists of the Dominion Department of Agriculture shows that iodine in salt can be easily lost. They found, for instance, that all iodine in salt blocks had disappeared in two months after exposure to pasture and that there was no chemical method of preventing this loss. The answer is to only put out at a time as much iodized salt as the animals will lick up in a few days.

When fed in the stall, salt loses its iodine less rapidly, but no more than can be consumed in two months should be used at a time.

Iodized rock salt will keep well for about nine months if stored in a dry place in its original container. Loose salt containing iodine will remain stable up to 15 months if kept in tightly closed glass jars.

BURLINGTON

At a meeting of the Public School Board on Wednesday evening last it was agreed that the contract for the addition to the Central School should be let to the Brennan Construction Company, with Woodram Bros. awarded the plumbing and the Glenwood Electrical Contracting Company, the electrical work. Acceptance of the contracts were contingent upon the granting of \$150,000 by the town council and the approval of the Municipal Board being received.

Two sailors from the H.M.C.S. Star, Hamilton, Able Seaman Lorne Kenyon, Hamilton, and John Edmonds, returned last week after a month in southern waters.

Burlington Council gave three readings to a by-law to set the tax rate at 40 mills. It was made up as follows: County rate 3.005 mills, \$15,000; public school board, \$48,001.58, separate school board, \$1,830.35; both 11.642 mills, High School Bd., 2.385 mills, \$14,000; library board, 1.043 mills, \$4,339.25; relief, 434 mills, \$18,000; local improvements, 700 mills, \$3,321.72; general debentures, 374 mills, \$1,555.46. The 1949 assessable property was shown as \$4,160,100 and a 40 mill rate will collect \$168,404.00.

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Regulations 4, 5 and 6 (under the heading "Part III Lighting") of the Regulations Respecting the Use of Electricity in Ontario Put Into Effect September 14, 1948, and Amended October 13, 1948, Are Suspended Between the Above Hours.

Continued improvement in water conditions, coupled with unusually mild weather, now enables the Commission to meet normal demands during night hours and on weekends. In view of this, the lighting restrictions set out in regulations 4, 5 and 6 (under the heading "Part III Lighting") of the Regulations made by the Commission under the Power Commission Act, are suspended each night from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, and from 7:00 p.m. Friday to 7:00 a.m. Monday. However, during the daytime from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, resources are still inadequate to meet power demands fully. The Commission therefore requests that the Regulations be strictly observed during these hours and that voluntary conservation be continued.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Municipal Systems wish to express their sincere appreciation to all Hydro users who were affected by these Regulations. Your splendid co-operation provided invaluable aid during the critical period of the power emergency.

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