



FARM NEWS

Haltom Farmers Visit South-Western Ontario

Forty-five Haltom farmers participated in the two day bus trip sponsored by the Haltom Crop Improvement Association on May 20th and 21st. The group was particularly interested in Soil Building, Improved Hay and Pasture and Grass Silage. The first call was made at the Shub farm, near Kitchener, where 140 head of Jerseys are being carried on 144 acres of crop land plus 35 acres of rough pasture land. Grass silage is the solution and Mr. Shub has four silos which he fills annually with grass and clover mixtures without using any preservatives. An all-crop harvester is used and the chopped grass mixture is blown into the silos using an ordinary cutting box.

The Soil Erosion Plots near New Hamburg, was the next point of call. These plots were laid down by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Waterloo County Council and the Kitchener Chamber of Commerce. The plots each 1-100 acre in extent are laid down on a 6% slope. 1948 was the first year of operation and notwithstanding the dry year, the figures presented were both astonishing and amazing to say the least. To illustrate, may we give you the comparative figures for the two summer fallow plots lying side by side. On the first, which had been cultivated across the slope there had been a run off of 76 lbs per acre during the season, while on the adjoining plot, cultivated up and down the slope, there was a run off of over 1100 lbs per acre.

Harbottle farms, owned and operated by D. H. Hart, and located three miles North of Woodstock was the next point of interest. This farm carries 2 cans of milk daily and also carries a herd of pure bred Yorkshires and 650 hens. Evolving of grass silage was in progress and the Haltom group was amazed by the luxuriant pastures, indicative of high fertility and good management. A five year old pasture which according to Mr. Hart was finished and which he plans to plow up and put into wheat this year was, according to the Haltom group still an outstanding pasture.

The 150 acre farm of W. Alex Muir, just west of Woodstock, was in the opinion of many in the group, the highlight of the entire trip. This farm is carrying around 70 head of cattle, 3 brood sows, and 400 hens. Twelve to fifteen cans of milk are shipped daily. Aside from the excellent crops the group was impressed by the general tidiness of the farm layout, the excellent state of repairs, the freedom from weeds. This farm too, is highly mechanized using a combine and all crop harvester. Certainly there is no lack of organic matter on this farm—the big problem is to prevent the grain from lodging. Mr. Muir is using a short, stiff strawed variety of oats known as Valor.

Wildwood Farm, operated by the Farmer's Advocate, near London, also received a call, where I. B. Whale, the farm manager and associate editor of the Farmer's Advocate, conducted them on a tour of this well operated and practical farm business.

Kerr Farms, near Chatham, was the final point of call on the evening of the first day. Lawrence Kerr, like Alex Muir and Douglas Hart, is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. All three are an outstanding credit to that institution and it is questionable if there are three better farmers in all of Western Ontario. All three, aside from doing an outstanding job on their respective farms, are playing an active part in the various farm organizations of their respective communities and counties. However, to return to Kerr Farms, the achievement here reads like an Horatio Alger story. After serving five year apprenticeship in the Agricultural Representative service, Lawrence Kerr with very limited finances, bought in 1935 a 140 acre weedy run-down farm just outside of Chatham. Today he owns and operates 640 acres. On this he fed in 1948, 245 feeder cattle, between 250 and 300 hogs. In crops he had 20 acres of sugar beets, 10 acres of burley tobacco; 85 acres in such vegetables as carrots, beets, cucumbers and green beans for the canning factory; 120 acres of seed corn and 100 acres of grain. Mr. Kerr too, is an enthusiast of grass silage and on this coupled with by-products and grain, he feeds his steers. While Mr. Kerr is primarily a cash cropper, he does not overlook soil building and it was interesting to learn that 90% of his total acreage is seeded annually to clover and alfalfa. All plowing is deferred to spring.

On the final day of the trip, visits were made to Erieau Marsh, where hundreds of acres are devoted to onions and kindred crops; to Rondeau Park, and thence to the West-

ern Ontario Experimental Farm at Ridgeway, where under the guidance of Prof. J. C. Steckley and Jas. Neilson, they had an opportunity of seeing the excellent program carried on that station. A brief stop was also made at the Frank Silcox farm at Iona, noted for its excellent Jerseys, good pastures and grass silage. An additional stop was made in St. Thomas, where the group were kindly shown through the plant of the Elgin Farmers' Co-op, by Bruce Trudale, a Haltom County boy who is doing a great job as Manager of a two and one-half million business.

The final point in the two day program was the Frank Conklin farm near Bradford, where a rough hilly run-down farm has been converted into an excellent pasture farm.

According to those taking in the trip they had a most enjoyable and worthwhile tour, and they are already requesting a similar trip for 1950.

Noted Haltom Herd Sire Monstrous Paragon Purchased by Artificial Unit

Plans just announced by the Directors of the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association for their annual Field Day on Tuesday, June 14th, provide for the address of the day by Mr. Hyron Jenvey of Ingersoll on the subject of "Planned Breeding." Mr. Jenvey, a former fieldman of the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada, is an outstanding authority on genetics or principles of breeding whose advice is sought by several of Canada's prominent breeders in planning the blood lines to be used in their breeding program.

Last year a barn to house seven teen bulls was completed just before the field day, and a second barn the same size is now well under way to be completed about midsummer. The batteries of the three breeds of bulls will be on display including the popular Montvic flag Apple Paragon, sire of a world record hoifer, recently purchased by the Maple Cattle Breeders from Graymar Farms (Mrs. E. J. Meagher) Oakville, at a price well up in the four figures. Dr. J. T. Doyle, the recently appointed chief technician will have an exhibit of technical equipment in the labora-

tory and members will have an opportunity to see how their opinions are handled in the office by Treasurer Andrew Sinder and his staff.

A large tent will be erected and equipped with seats for the afternoon program where the guest speaker will give his illustrated address. It will be recalled that Mr. Jenvey spoke at the field day a few years ago and there have been so many requests to have the lecture repeated, the directors persuaded the speaker to withdraw from retirement to come to Maple again. The program will commence at 2:00 P.M.

Over six hundred attended last year at Exhibition time and with the change to June a larger attendance is expected. President Russell Rowntree and Secretary Manager G. W. Ketter with their executive are providing every convenience and facility for a large crowd including a refreshment booth where lunches will be available for those coming from a distance. This artificial breeding unit, the largest in Canada now serving the counties of Dufferin, Halton, Peel, Simcoe, York Ontario, Victoria and Peterborough with Ashvires, Jersey and Holsteins is regarded as a model unit and has had visitors from most of the provinces, several of the States, Europe and Asia.

The annual Junior Farmer Plowing Match was held on the farm of A. J. Huddell and Son at Ashgrove on Saturday, May 28th, with thirteen tractor plows in action. Notwithstanding the dry condition of the soil some excellent ridges were turned. Winfred Timbers, noted York County plowman and Judge was the official coach and judge for the event.

John W. Pickett, Hornby, and Earl Price, Milton, had the two best ridges by plowboys under 20 years of age and will therefore constitute the team to represent Halton in the inter-county class at the 1949 International Halton Junior Farmer Special to the Junior Farmer group getting out the largest number of entries was won by the Milton Juniors. Other awards were as follows:

Class 2, Boys 16 years and under: Earl Price, Milton; Elmer Bird, Georgetown; Bill Grace, Freeman; Bruce Hawden, Milton; Jim Beach, Milton.

Class 3, Boys 17 to 19 years inclusive: John W. Pickett, Hornby; Sherwood Hume, Milton; John McKinnon, Milton; Bruce Alton, Freeman; Ray Everdell, Acton.

Class 4, Plowboys 20 to 25 years inclusive: Alton Gunby, Freeman; Ronald King, Milton; Ernie Lilly, crop, Freeman.

GEORGETOWN

Norval has entered a team in the Intermediate grouping of O.L.A. lacrosse. While final groupings have not yet been arranged to date 24 teams have signed up and there will be at least three groups.

A new business in Georgetown has resulted from the recent merger of McNally Wood Products, operated by William McNally, and Lane's Haulage, operated by Bob Lane. The latter has retained certain parts of his business including the garbage contract with the town and his ice delivery business.

James Kenneth Cross, who spent his boyhood in the Georgetown district, died in Brooklyn, New York on May 11th. He was the eldest son of the late William H. and Isabella Cross, who formerly lived in Stewarttown and his father was at one time bandmaster in Georgetown.

Mr. Athol Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Malcolm Stewart, Georgetown, has been appointed copy chief of Walsh Advertising Office in Montreal and he will also act as director of a newly formed radio department in the same branch.

EXPLORATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

A small United Kingdom expedition which intends to explore a little-known part of British Columbia during the next four months has just arrived in Canada. The party of four led by Captain C. H. Polham-Burn will establish a base camp between Sifton Pass and the headwaters of the Skikine River, some 300 miles north of Port St. James and carry out plant collecting, map making and mountaineering, geological, meteorological and zoological studies will also be undertaken.

Backing for the expedition comes from the Royal Horticultural Society, the British Museum, and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and Edinburgh. A comprehensive series of colour photographs will be taken to help their work.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.



MISS SYBIL BENNETT

Recently in this space was sketched briefly something of the background of Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C., who is running as the Progressive Conservative candidate for Halton in the June 27th Federal Election. Knowledge of the background of the candidate is necessary but even more important is to know what the candidate stands for, what she believes a government should do, and what she believes her fellow citizens want and need.

It is Miss Bennett's firm conviction that a government should make and administer the law and regulate and guide the business of the people.

She uses the words "guide" and "regulate" advisedly. Miss Bennett says, "I believe that we should be allowed as much as possible to lead our own lives without constant government interference."

Compulsion and choking out tools have no place in a democracy.

Miss Bennett asserts too that a government should at all times maintain the autonomy of parliament and see that laws are made openly after full and free discussion on the floor of the House of Commons.

During the regime of the Liberal government she points out orders in council were more and more often resorted to and now four years after the war this practice is still in vogue.

Laws are put into effect without the representatives of the people having a chance to defeat them if it is not their will.

As for the socialists who are seeking power, Miss Bennett wants the state more than ever would interfere in the private lives of Canadians. "No field of activity be it agriculture, labour or business, should be safe from the prying fingers of government from the grasping clutch of bureaucrats."

A government should give and maintain the greatest amount of freedom and liberty in all phases of the life of its citizens. Miss Bennett continues, "but at all times, this freedom must be consistent with the good and welfare of the people as a whole. In other words, freedom should not be confused with license."

There must be free enterprise with full opportunity for the great individual development possible, but there must be protection against monopoly and unfair competition. This is the only sound basis for personal liberty.

Miss Bennett also takes exception to the growing practice of a government being divorced from its citizens, the people who are in actuality the government itself.

A government must be close to those it represents, it must know the needs of those it governs, it must know what people want socially, economically, and morally. And it must never act for one class of society to the exclusion of any other class.

The Haltom Progressive Conservative candidate also feels strongly about the need for foreign trade and the importance of using Canada's natural resources to the full.

These natural resources must be developed and preserved by the government, she says, in order to guarantee full and continuous pay envelopes, a better and better standard of living.

She points out that Canada's resources are not enough, however, if at the same time foreign trade is allowed to continue falling as it is at the present moment.

Without foreign markets for surplus products the country must inevitably meet depression times, for three out of every eight persons in the Dominion live from the revenue of products sold abroad.

In addition, Miss Bennett believes the government must encourage and help men and women to establish their own small businesses or farms for it is through such initiative and independence that a country becomes strong and prosperous.

The Progressive Conservative government would give pensions at the age of 65 without a means test. Miss Bennett says, and it would provide accident, sickness and disability benefits. In addition the party is pledged to bring in a health insurance plan, including medical and hospital care. It would give extended unemployment insurance and it would take a direct hand in housing, home ownership and reduced housing costs.

These basic needs would be looked after by a Progressive Conservative government, Miss Bennett concludes, "but never would there be tax for mere sake of taxing as is being done now, never would we take billions of dollars from the people over and above the sums needed to run a nation's vital services."

Inserted by Progressive Conservative Ass'n of Halton.—Advt.

NEW FORM OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Britain is establishing air corridors ten miles wide. They will form a system of aviation highways at heights of between 5,000 and 11,000 feet. This will ensure safer flying and prevent collisions between aircraft even in poor visibility. Both civil and military planes will be expected to conform to this new form of traffic control. The movement of the aircraft will be organized from ground radio stations which will transmit instructions to the pilot.

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