

# FARM NEWS

**H W Richardson Tops Field Crop Competition**

The results of the Field Crop Competition in Oats sponsored by the Halton Agricultural Society have just been announced as follows:

H W Richardson, Milton; J. H. Willmott, Milton; J. A. Dixon, Milton; W. E. Brecken, Freeman; Harold Burkholder, Freeman; Wm G Booth, Milton; Wm McFadden, Milton; Geo Headhead, Milton; Alex Davidson of Agincourt was the judge.

based on the weights and tests made by the supervisor. In addition, data is collected by the supervisor, pertaining to cost of production. At the end of the twelve month period each dairyman will receive official records on his cows as to total milk production and butter fat, and also figures on the cost of producing milk in his own herd.

It is anticipated that another group of 26 dairymen will get under way this fall and already a number of applications are on the waiting list at the Agricultural Office in Milton. Others who are interested should make their applications at once to J. E. Whitlock, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, Milton. Incidentally only those with grade heads or with mixed heads of grade and pure breeds are eligible under the Dairy Herd Improvement Policy. Those with straight pure bred heads are expected to enroll in Record of Performance work sponsored by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

**Match for Army Worms**

An outbreak of army worms has been reported in the Freeman district. An announcement on this was received on Saturday morning and investigation was being made immediately by Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock. Outbreaks of this pest had already been reported from South Simcoe, Perth and Oxford Counties. The army worm normally works in the evening and farmers are urged to examine their spring grain and corn fields preferably in the evening after sundown for small striped caterpillars which feed on the leaves or heads of grain. During the daytime the worm is usually found curled up at the base of the plants or under lumps of earth.

These insects can be controlled by the use of poison bran bait, the proportions being as follows: Bran 25 lbs.; Paris green or white arsenic 1 lb.; Molasses 1 quart; Water about 2½ gallons.

The poison should be thoroughly mixed with the bran first, and the molasses should be stirred into the water, and then mixed with the poison bran until it is about the consistency of damp sand.

Where the larvae are in spring grain or corn, the bait should be broadcast after sundown by men moving across the field about 6 ft apart and throwing the bait in one direction. If the larvae is moving from a grain field to corn, it may be advisable to plow a deep furrow with the straight side towards the crop to be protected and bait in the furrow.

Should other sections of the County have outbreaks with this pest they should immediately contact the Agricultural Office, Milton, or the Department of Entomology at Guelph 4300.

The outbreak reported from the Freeman district would appear to have been erroneous.

**Dairy Herd Improvement Policy Proves Popular**

The Dairy Herd Improvement Policy of the Ontario Department of Agriculture which went into action in Halton on May 1st, is proving popular with 52 Halton dairymen enrolled. Twenty-six dairymen are enrolled in each group which is the maximum number which can be serviced each month. The supervisor for the West Halton group is Geo R. McCormack of Freeman while Frank W. Chisholm of Hornby supervises the 26 dairymen in East Halton. Each dairyman is visited one day each month, at which time the respective supervisor weighs both night and morning milkings of each milking cow in the herd. A butterfat test is made and the computed record is

**MUTUAL ERROR**

Shopper "Why, Mr. Smith you are back again as floor walker! I thought you were now an insurance man."

Smith "You made the same mistake I did."

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**ON GEORGIAN BAY**

Oh boy! Is it ever fun here in the nice sand and with lots of water to play in. And dad and mum can have lots of fun too, 'cause they don't have to worry. This beach is sure swell for kids.



## Recollections of Acton

### BACK IN 1899

**Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 20th, 1899**

Rev. Father Feeney is having a driving shed added to his barn on Agnes Street.

Mrs. Allan Mann and Mrs. Arch McPherson were called to Toronto on Monday through the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. George Tuskingham, who was well known and much esteemed here. She lived for many years at Lamhouse.

The excavations are completed and the stone is on the ground ready for the builders at the new Baptist Church site.

The Free Press has pleasure in congratulating Misses Edith Nucklin, Bertha Speight and Myrtle Waskin upon their marked success at the recent Public School Leaving examinations at Georgetown.

The fall wheat harvest is in full operation hereabouts. The crop is fairly good on most farms.

A contract for leather supplies to the Kingston Penitentiary has been awarded to Messrs. Beardmore and Co.

The Editor of the Free Press and Mrs. Moore returned home on Friday evening after a delightful holiday outing along the River St. Clair and in the State of Michigan.

**MARRIED**

**CRIPPS-ANDERSON.** At the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday, 12th July, Robert Cripps to Maggie, daughter of Wm. Anderson, Esq., all of Crosswicks Corners.

**Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 27th 1899**

Acton Cornet Band attended three Garden Parties last week.

It is hinted that if the Council desires to sell the electric light plant and franchise now, it can get \$8,000 cash for it.

Mr. Watson, of Toronto, leaves next week for the Yukon district in the interest of Messrs. W. H. Storey and Son. He will take a line of Klondike gloves, moosehorns, etc.

Mr. Dan Mann, of Acton, will be president of the new company, North Star Silver Mines at Fort Steele, B.C., owned by Mann and Mackenzie and other Canadians. The work of the development will be pushed vigorously and the stock placed upon a dividend paying basis.

Over 400 citizens of Acton and vicinity entered Mr. James Barry's spacious grounds, which were artistically decorated with large lights and Chinese lanterns to enjoy a splendid garden party under the auspices of St. Joseph's Church and Rev. Father Feeney. The proceeds were \$78.00.

Inspector Howe of the Underwriters' Association inspected the fire apparatus last Friday. In a test of the steam fire engine, Engineer Grindell had steam up and throwing a stream in 7 and a quarter minutes.

Mr. George Frick and Miss Frick of Newark, N. Y., were guests of their brother, Mr. W. D. Frick, for a couple of weeks.

**BACK IN 1929**

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Acton L.O.L. participated in the Orange Walk and celebration at Georgetown last Friday. The Acton Loyal True Blue Lodge also partici-

ated with the Fife and Drum Band. Mr. Wm. J. McDonald arrived home on Tuesday from a month's tour to British Columbia and the Western provinces.

The Leslie clan were favoured with beautiful weather on Saturday for the reunion held at Stanley Park Inn. About 225 were present and enjoyed meeting relatives from different parts of Canada and the United States.

**LAWDLAW.** On Saturday, July 13, 1929, at his home, Toronto Robert Lawdlaw, a native of "The South Block," Halton County, in his 91st year.

**From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 26th, 1949**

Quite a number from Acton attended the dance at Edgewood last evening when the Corn Huskers provided the music.

Mr. Angus Kennedy has taken possession of the Prudham Drug Store in Galt which he recently purchased.

Andrew Buchanan Jr., a local boy swimmer, has entered in two swimming races at Toronto.

Mrs. Wm. McPherson and Miss Jean who have been visiting relatives for the past month returned to their home at Hartney, Manitoba this week.

On Friday afternoon the house and barn on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. John Eakins were burned. The farm is better known as the Gibson farm. Mr. Eakins had bought the farm about three years ago. The loss is a heavy one.

**DIED.** At the home of his sister Mrs. Thomas Scott, Lake Avenue, Acton, on Friday, July 19th, 1929, Ronald McDonald, in his 71st year.

**HARDER TO SELL**

A year ago, homebuilders in almost any Canadian city were selling houses in many cases before digging cellars, in most cases months before completion.

To-day, selling is slower. But not much. There's little or no evidence of sag in demand for low-priced houses. Winnipeg and Vancouver are soft spots.

A cross-country survey by The Financial Post reveals:

1 The unshod new houses below \$15,000 is still a rarity in most key cities, except in isolated instances where located out of its price class.

2 Builders of larger houses at \$15,000 to \$25,000 aren't getting their price and in many cases must wait weeks or make generous concessions to clinch a sale.

## Farm Review Now, And Year Ago

In the June issue of Current Review of Agricultural Conditions in Canada, a publication of the Economics Division Dominion Department of Agriculture, the agricultural situation is reviewed for the early months of the year.

Indications on April 30 were that western farmers planned to increase wheat by about three million acres over that of 1948, and to reduce the area seeded to coarse grains and flaxseed. In Ontario, farmers intended to reduce their 1949 wheat acreage and to increase the area seeded to coarse grains. Rains followed by warm weather during the latter part of May and early June made good growth in the Prairie Province. However, moisture reserves were relatively low this spring so that continued satisfactory growth will depend on timely rains. Parts of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario are urgently required rain by the middle of June.

Cattle marketings increased while marketings of other kinds of livestock declined sharply during the first five months of 1949 as compared with the same period in 1948. Toronto prices for steers and for calves in May and June were three to four dollars above those of a year ago. Hogs were selling about one dollar a hundred pounds more in May 1949 than a year ago. Lambs averaged seven dollars a hundred pounds more at Toronto in May 1949 than in May, 1948.

Total milk production during the first part of 1949 was greater than for the comparable period of last year. The production of cheddar cheese and concentrated milk products during the first quarter of 1949 increased considerably over the first quarter of 1948. Fluid milk and cream sales, as well as butter production, were slightly higher this year, although it is not likely that an increased percentage of the total milk production was diverted to these uses.

Egg production during January to April, 1949 was 11 per cent below that of 1948 with prices averaging slightly higher. Dressed poultry was moving into domestic consumption and storage at firm prices but exports to the United States have fallen off sharply in recent weeks.

Growing conditions in Nova Scotia apple areas are reported to be better than average. In Ontario and Quebec late frosts as well as cold and wet weather have caused some damage. Crop prospects vary in British Columbia.

Farmers intended, at April 30 to plant a smaller acreage of potatoes this year. The largest percentage reductions are occurring in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

Farm wages continue at a high level with rates paid during May 1949 at the highest level in farm labor are expected to be sufficient to meet needs, with organized inter-provincial movements filling peak demands.

**DISCOVERED CONGO**

The Congo River in Africa was discovered by the Portuguese navigator Cao eight years before Columbus discovered America.

The world's largest chandelier is not in a palace, but in the Centre Theatre in New York City. It weighs six tons.

**AGREED**

Three very deaf old ladies were riding on a bus. The windows were open, and the three old ladies couldn't hear them.

"Windy, isn't it?" said one.

"No, it's not Wednesday. This is Thursday," said the second.

"I'm thirsty too. Let's all get off and have a soda," said the third.

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