



Record Crowd at International
75,000 people is quite some crowd for any event. It even exceeds the crowds that jammed into Yankee Stadium for the recent World Series. Yet that is the number that is officially stated to have attended the big International Plowing Match at Hurford on Thursday of last week. The writer was present on one day, namely Friday last, but in our opinion it was one of the largest if not the largest event of its kind ever held by the Ontario Plowmen's Association. It may well be called a tented city. One could spend the entire week there and yet not see all of the exhibits. The machinery show was tremendous to say the least. Out in the plowing fields the same holds true. Just imagine 144 competitors in one class.

It is little wonder that in such competition the Halton competitors had not met with too much success to date. Billie Grace of Freeman took ninth in the Boys' class on Thursday and Jack Taylor, also of Freeman, was seventh in the no-hauling tractor class on Thursday. Due to the postponement on Wednesday caused by rain, many of the top classes are being held on Saturday. Harry Pickett of Hornby will be competing in the Esso Champions Tractor Class for one of the overseas trips, while in the walking plow class sponsored by the Salada Tea Company, Stanley May, also of Hornby, will be battling it out also for one of the trips overseas. Then in the inter-county tractor class open to teams of two boys under 20 years, Halton will be represented by John W. Pickett of Hornby and Earl Price of Milton. Win or lose you can rest assured that Halton will be worthily represented by these four young men.

Sail conditions in general were excellent and the quality of the work performed was high.

New Features at Halton Match

Halton's \$1100 prize list is now off the press and copies can be secured by contacting Secretary J. E. Whitelock at Milton. We understand from President C. F. Pickett that Dr. W. R. Reek, M.B.E., President of the Ontario Agricultural College is to be the guest speaker at the banquet to be held in the Norval Parish Hall on the evening of the Match, namely Thursday, October 27th. The Plowmen's Board of Directors has been working hard to maintain and if possible surpass previous record matches. Two excellent sod fields are available on the James Russell farm at Norval. Thanks to the generosity of the merchants of Milton, Georgetown, Norval, Oakville, Burlington and also firms outside the County the prize list is the best offered in the past fifteen years, states Secretary J. E. Whitelock. To give an example he informed us that thanks to the generosity of Thos. D. Luke, of Cliff Trail Farm, Oakville, a first prize of \$25.00 in cash is offered in the tractor classes for Halton boys under 18 years. Other prizes are stated to be in keeping, so it should be safe to predict a record entry.

The Machinery Committee has also been busy and local machinery agents have promised to have a display of all that is latest in farm machinery. Coupled with this will be the Junior Farmer Tractor Driving Contest; a display of custom weed sprayers available in Halton, etc.

New Lining Service Offered

The application of Agricultural Limestone in Halton has stepped up tremendously during 1944. The demand for permits at the Agricultural Office, Milton, is almost a daily occurrence. The permit enables the farmer to secure a subsidy of 3 cents per ton mile on the transportation of the limestone. In other words, if the lime is secured from Dundas a rebate of approximately 90 cents per ton is paid jointly by the Ontario and Dominion Dept. of Agriculture. The spreading of the limestone on the fields has been the factor in the past which has retarded the use of Agricultural Limestone in Halton. In short, it is a mean and slow job if it has to be done by hand with a shovel. Thanks to the efforts of some of the officials of the Halton Crop Improvement Association it would seem that trouble has been averted. A firm has been contacted which is prepared to both truck and spread the limestone at a nominal charge. We understand that the total cost of the limestone, the trucking from Dundas to the farm, and the spreading in the field, will be done at a total cost of from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per ton depending on the distance from Dundas. From this amount can be deducted the subsidy on transportation which means that the net cost will range from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per ton. Incidentally, the firm in question will have a display at the Halton Plowing Match at Norval on October 27th. This is a service

which Halton farmers have been looking for, for some years and an even greater step up in the use of agricultural limestone can be safely predicted. Needless to add, the first step before signing up for the service is to have your soil tested. Directions for taking of the samples and free sample boxes are available at the Agricultural Office in Milton.

No Hand Milking Necessary When Hydro Goes Off

Recently when visiting a well-known Western Ontario farmer, we learned of a simple way of taking care of the milking problem when the hydro goes off. According to our informant all that is necessary is to drive the car up beside the barn and hook an ordinary garden hose on the valve of the intake manifold. That is the intake which operates the windshield wiper. The other end of the hose is attached to the milking line in the stable. Step on the starter, and away goes your milk. Oh yes, there's one exception, it does not work if you have the magnetic type of milker. If the garden hose is too large for the intake valve, the size of the opening can be reduced by using the inner liner of the cup. This was a new idea to us, so we pass it on. It should be worth trying in the coming winter months should there be an interruption in hydro service at milking time.

Bone ice skates, 1,500 years old, have been unearthed on a Baltic island.

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

It's a weary woman I am—having just done the last of the dishes after a Monday thrashing. Not only that, but we had visitors here over the week-end, so I couldn't get any thrashing meal preparations done ahead of time and had it all to do this morning. Fortunately we had the men for only one meal. But who am I to grumble? In fact as I went about my work this morning I thought how much more easily one can deal with a thrashing with a few modern conveniences around. For instance, a pressure cooker looked after my carrots, electric warming oven kept meat hot without drying it out, hot water on tap was ready for the men to wash, an electric kettle boiled water for tea after the thrashing machine had stopped and the kitchen wasn't overheated and uncomfortable. "Sweet," I said to myself, "you don't know you're living. Think back a few years. Remember cooking your meals over an oil stove arranging things so that you had a burner free to heat the water for the men to wash with? Remember how you used to scheme and worry to have things cooked on time and then how hot it was, you had to have the kitchen range going too. And nearly always you asked someone to help you, because even one meal in those days was quite an ordeal?"

"Yes, I know," I admitted to myself. "But now I don't need any help because it is quite possible to do the job myself."

Yes, it is possible, but tiring nevertheless and the variety of aches and pains that one develops at the end of the day is indicative of the passing of time. Ah well, no more thrashings this year and we can worry about next year when it comes. However, there is still one thing that bothers me when making these comparisons. I realize that there are still plenty of women all over Ontario who must still wade with things the old way, endure the heat of a cookstove in summer or do the best they can with some sort of outstove for thrashing. I can only say I hope the time is not too far distant when you too will have the conveniences that have come to mean so much to me. That is an objective to keep in view, an end to work for.

Well, our lovely mild weather still continues and although the glorious autumn coloring is almost a thing of the past, Nature has been giving us other treats to delight the eye. Did you notice the beautiful sunrises last week and the wonderful display of Northern Lights, often quite early in the evening? The other night the sky was like an inverted bowl spilling out cascades of green and old rose always changing, never two minutes alike, and very beautiful and fascinating to watch—but a little chilly unless one remembered to put on a coat before running out to watch the display! Brilliant Northern Lights usually indicate a change in the weather, but so far it hasn't come—except for white frost at night.

Do you know, last week I re-trail all over again, that there is always some new experience coming up in connection with farming no matter how long you are at it. This time it was a barn raising. New to me, but I must confess it was not new to Partner or Bob. This barn raising was over on the next occasion so of course I had to go over—so as to be sure not to miss anything! It is positively a huge barn our neighbor is building, stabling for 50 head of cattle, besides box stalls, horse stalls and pig pens—and enough barn room. I would think, to hold all the hay in the district. When I got there the men about 30 of them were in the middle of raising the heavy timbers by means of ropes, pulleys, and a derrick. It was interesting to watch but I was even more interested in the conversation that went on around me—about the old-time barn raisings; how the men would divide into teams with a captain for each team, whose job it was to put each man to the task he was best fitted for—and of course there was great competition between the two teams. Natur-

ally all the work was done by hand and there were not many idle moments. The proof of how well the work was done is in the old barns on old family homesteads today that have defied wind and weather throughout the years. Modern methods speed up the work, and I imagine there is less danger than formerly, but there must have been suspense, drama, initiative and courage—yes, and in some cases tragedy—in those barn raisings of yesterday. Now they are like a tale that is told, pretty soon we shall only know about them from old history and folklore. Truly, "the old order changeth."

You'll feel at Home



OUT WEST
It's great to have a reputation for hospitality but it's better to deserve it. That's why the West is so proud and so glad to extend the warm hand of friendship to visitors from far and near. Let's prove it to you this year.

YOU'LL ENJOY GOING BY BUS

FARES ARE LOW	
VANCOUVER	\$85.05
WINNIPEG	43.40
CALGARY	73.35
REGINA	54.20

Round Trip (Subject to Change)

TICKETS AND INFORMATION
HAROLD WILES
PHONE 58

E. P. HEAD OPTOMETRIST

Eyes Examined Scientifically
HEARING AID BATTERIES
QUICK REPAIRS TO Glasses — Bisculars Field Glasses, etc.
55 St. George's St. PHONE 1330 GUELPH Est. 26 Years

ORDER RESERVED SEATS NOW! ROYAL Agricultural WINTER FAIR NOV. 15-23

As the supply is limited, reserved seats must be obtained immediately by out-of-town visitors.
RESERVED SEATS AFTERNOONS Friday, Nov. 18 to Wednesday, Nov. 23 \$1.00 including general Admission
Reserved Seats \$1.50 - 1.75 - 2.00 including general admission
Enclose a self-addressed envelope with your cheque or money order to: ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR Royal Coliseum, Toronto, Ont.

KITCHENER UPHOLSTERY

It doesn't matter how badly your Chesterfield or Chair are worn. We can make them look like new. 3 Piece Re-Upholstered for as low as \$89.00. 1 week's service.
FREE PICK-UP AND DELIVERY
PHONE 103 - ACTON

WANTED! Dead Animals

We are paying the highest prevailing prices for dead or crippled farm animals.
HORSES -- CATTLE -- HOGS
Telephone Collect for Immediate Service
Laing Cartage
OPERATING FOR GORDON YOUNG LIMITED
Phone Guelph 3364

WM. R. BRACKEN

REAL ESTATE AND GENERAL INSURANCE
Mortgage Loans Arranged
Representative of Mutual Life Assurance Co., Ltd.



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

by *Don Graham*

It is a human tendency to blame everything and everybody but ourselves for our failures.

Jack complains about his working conditions, his boss and everyone he deals with on the job. Somehow it hasn't occurred to him that, although his environment is not perfect and should be improved, the main cause of his trouble lies within himself.

Reports show that the commonest cause of job failures is not lack of technical skill, but poor personality qualities—particularly a non-cooperative attitude, unreliability and lack of initiative.

Those who have the opposite

qualities—cooperativeness, dependability and driving initiative—are not blind to the defects in their environment. But instead of criticizing, you will find them trying to improve those defects through their own efforts.

Above all, you will find them trying to correct their own personal shortcomings. To such men the world offers the highest rewards!

Most men who have won success because of their initiative also like to provide for their own and their families' future by their own efforts. Life insurance offers the most dependable way to do this.

Make Your Selection of New Wallpaper

FROM THE LARGEST STOCK IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Priced to suit everyone
You'll find it at **CHAPPLE'S BOOKSTORE** 123 Wyndham St., Guelph
ANGUS KENNEDY, Proprietor

It's Easy once you start...



Like so many things in life—you never know how easy it is until you give it a try.

Everyone wants to save but some never seem to get around to it. Buying Canada Savings Bonds through your Company's Payroll Savings Plan makes saving easy but you can also buy them through your banks or investment dealers for cash or

in instalments. Hundreds of thousands of Canadians in every walk of life are saving part of their income by the regular purchase of Canada Savings Bonds. These savings are always available in emergencies because you can cash Canada Savings Bonds at full face value, plus interest, at any time at any bank.

save as you go with

Canada Savings Bonds 4th Series

NOW ON SALE

Everyone has something to save for

Skinny men, women gain 5, 10, 15 lbs.

Get New Pop, Vit, Vigor
What a thrill! How much do you weigh? Do you want to gain weight? Get New Pop, Vit, Vigor. It's the only product that guarantees you'll gain 5, 10, or 15 lbs. in 30 days. It's made from natural ingredients and is safe for everyone. Get it today!